

Clean Up During Construction

Clean up as you go along and, in addition, have a thorough clean-up campaign prior to the opening of the course and regularly thereafter. If you remove leaves, small stones, roots, etc., all through your course boundaries, the caddies, small boys and even some players with whom I am familiar will not be tempted to litter the course with them and many a fairway mowing blade will not be ruined. Heavy rains, too, will pile up the refuse unless you yourself carry it all away once.

Trim all the deadwood out of trees bordering the course while construction is going on. You can haul away ten loads of it at this time cheaper than you can one after the course has been opened. Insist, too, on a serviceable road for you to move your maintenance equipment and, last of all, don't recommend the purchase of any kind of equipment unless it is of the best.

Volunteer Member Labor Cuts Costs at Lakefield

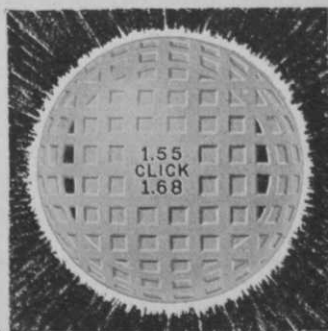
THERE are close to 6,000 golf courses in the United States, among which can be found layouts of all degrees of pretentiousness from the million dollar establishment, with luxuries and services on all sides, to the humble little cross-roads club whose links consist of little more than nine tin cans spotted about a pasture. Yet one fortunate thing about the game of golf is the fact that the elaborateness of the layout has little to do with the members' enthusiasm for the game. Be it ever so humble, there's no game like golf.

As an example of how inexpensive yet satisfactory golf can be, consider the Lakefield (Minn.) Golf Club with its 9-hole course laid over 40 acres of rather rolling and hilly terrain. Lakefield charges its members only \$10 annual dues, \$5.00 for women, and manages to meet all expenses without serious assessments. The answer lies in the fine co-operation the members give whenever there is work to be done about the club. In a letter to GOLFDOM, George A. Payne, secretary of the Lakefield club, tells of this, as follows:

"We hire a man to work afternoons only for \$50 per month. He keeps our grounds mowed and finds time also to take care of our sand greens. We rigged up an old Ford and have a 3-section mower.

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hind in his work on the greens, etc., he notifies the chairman of the grounds committee, and the chairman of the grounds committee in turn issues a call for members to help. He tells them to be on hand at a certain hour, generally after supper.

"For example, last year we decided to build a new green. So the chairman asked the members to turn out at 6:30 p. m. on a certain evening with shovels, rakes and other tools. About twenty of us responded to the call and the green and an accompanying bunker were finished that evening. It is surprising what a bunch of men can do in a couple of hours—besides having a mighty good time doing it!

"In like manner we cleaned off all the rocks and stones one evening with a bunch of men and a truck. You can figure up for yourself how much this donated labor

saves the club in even one season. We haven't the best course in the country, *but we have as much fun as though we were sane.*"

Many a reader of GOLFDOM, particularly those who are officials in clubs where the more done for the members the less the members seem to appreciate the management's efforts, will envy Mr. Payne's last sentence above.

Rhode Island Greenkeepers' Day, May 25 at Kingston

ENTHUSIASTIC support given last year to the Rhode Island experiment station's "Greenkeepers Field Day" has prompted T. E. Odland, agronomist of the station, to repeat the demonstration this season. The date set is Monday, May 25, at Kingston, R. I.

The morning will be devoted to an inspection of the experimental turf plots, a number of which have been added since the meeting last year, including several new bent grass strains and varieties. The visitors will also inspect the old lawn plots established almost thirty years ago and the plots on which different methods of fertilization are tried.

Following the inspection tour, greenkeepers will lunch in the dining hall of Rhode Island State College, where they will be addressed by Daniel A. Clarke, local nurseryman and landscape architect, on "Trees and Shrubs for the Golf Course." This talk, which promises to contain much of practical value, will be followed by a general discussion of golf course problems, in which everyone present is invited to join.

The balance of the day will be given over to exhibits and demonstrations on the college campus by manufacturers of golf course equipment, who as last year have been invited to display their wares.

All interested greenkeepers, green-chairmen and other club officials are urged to attend.

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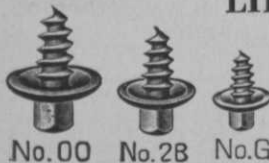
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