

turned out exactly the opposite, for after the pictures were shown the discussion was of a very friendly nature. Needless to say the pictures were shown several times, for when a point could not be decided, on the picture would go again. They were shown backwards and forward time after time and the meeting adjourned with everybody happy and much wiser at 12:30 A. M. to resume the discussion, I am told, in their rooms till the wee sma' hours.

To Examine Applicants

Tuesday afternoon was used for an open forum. There it was decided to form an Examination Board to pass on new applicants, the form of examination to be determined by the Examination Board and the Board of Directors. Other matters that came up were more or less of the usual nature except that of whether we should accept an offer of a scheme to guarantee our own member's accounts with the particular manufacturers who put the plan before us. It is curious to note that all the manufacturers approached on this scheme, which did not originate with us, did not seem to agree that we needed to do this, claiming that any manufacturers who lost money on bad accounts were themselves to blame.

Naturally being told this was pleasing news indeed, more especially when it is considered how often the argument of poor pro credit was used against us to excuse higher prices charged us. This matter is at present in abeyance until we find out just what the manufacturers want us to do.

Jack Mackie of the Metropolitan section visited us on the Monday and he kindly gave us a little talk. Jack, as we all know, has done as much for the pro as any man alive, and we naturally appreciated his visit. Jack mentioned in his talk that New England is setting a pace that the other sections would likely follow. If this should happen, New England will gladly offer to do anything to help out in this respect.

President Hall's letter to the conference was read and you may be sure was loudly applauded. Even though our efforts are confined locally to New England, it pleased the boys a lot to know that our president was thinking of us.

Plan Greenkeeping Session

We did not have time during the two days to discuss greenkeeping and a whole

day has been set apart for this purpose. This will be held on April 4th. We did not think many of the boys would be interested in this phase of the business but they pleaded for a day on this alone and a day it shall be. Some thought these conferences should be held monthly but I am of the opinion this would be a mistake. It is my belief that conferences should be held from time to time, but not so often that they become a bore. Much more could be accomplished I am sure through visiting plants that make steel shafts, wood heads, forge shops, golf balls and so on, at least this will be tried out in the very near future.

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Later information from Ogg states plans are maturing for New England PGO greenkeeping conference at Worcester, April 14. Special attention will be given cost-keeping systems. Ogg mentions opening up of so many retail outlets for golf goods as making profits precarious for all concerned. Pro name reduction of pro shop overhead, new work and more sales as activities necessitated by prevailing conditions.—Editor.

Midwest Handicap Annual at French Lick April 8

MIDWEST MEDAL play tournament with three flights will be inaugurated at French Lick, Ind., April 8. Tourney will run April 8, 9 and 10, with the championship flight determining "midwest champion." Flights are in 1 to 10, 11 to 20, and 21 to 30 handicaps. Eighteen holes will be played each day. Joe Davis, sec. of Chicago District Golf assn., will be in charge of handicapping. There is a fine prize list for the tournament.

A women's event will be played on the lower course and a women's bridge tournament also will be held during the weekend of the Midwest championship.

Early reservations indicate a field of more than 200 players. Arrangements made with French Lick Springs hotel and Monon railroad provide for an "all expense" rate of \$39.50. This rate includes round trip railroad fare from Chicago, round trip Pullman lower berth, room with bath and meals at French Lick Springs hotel. Railroad tickets are good for 2 weeks returning. Special train will leave Chicago Thursday night, April 7, at 9 P. M.

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