

strategic positions in which players of this cut-throat brand of "gaming" can find themselves.

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Add to Life's Mysteries; Why Should Mower Last Forever?

FOR THE LAST three months GOLFDOM has been studying maintenance cost records and consulting greenkeepers, chairmen and manufacturers in an effort to get some information on length of economical life of fairway mowers.

It must be confessed that difficulty of getting enough figures has defeated us, although records on about 25 clubs obtained to include the 1931 season show 3 to 4 years is the longest span of thrifty operation that ordinarily can be expected. Apparently, regardless of care and operating conditions, repairs and the blind item of time paid for during repairs on the course, make mowers due for replacement after 4 years' service anyway, as a matter of decided thrift. However, it is not unusual to see fairway mowers that are operating in their eighth year.

In commenting on the struggle we made to get enough definite figures to arrive at a conclusive statement, one of the well known men in the mower business said:

"It surely is a cinch that if you can convince any number of golf clubs that it doesn't pay to run along for years with a lot of old junk you are doing a noble job for budget economy.

"I could tell you of any number of places where we have sold equipment that has been in hard use not merely the 3 years you strike as an average, but sometimes 4 and 5 years, and when it comes to replacements the buyer puts up a terrible howl, seeming to be of the opinion that a mower should wear indefinitely.

"The man who thinks he ought to have a new automobile about every second year will buy mowers for his club with the idea that 8 or 10 years' life is not too much to expect from such machinery."

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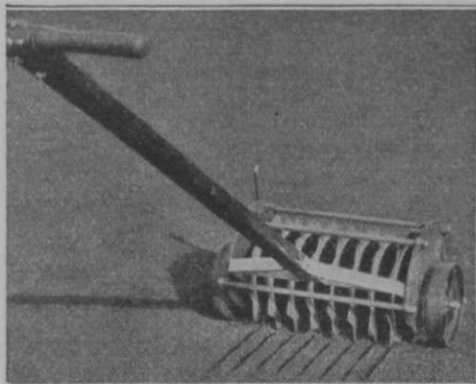
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