

USGA Income Shrinks in 1931 But Live Work Continues

UNITED STATES Golf Assn., at its annual meeting, Jan. 9, re-elected to the presidency H. H. Ramsay of the National Golf Links of America. Robert M. Cutting, Hinsdale G. C. and Rodman E. Griscom, Merion Cricket club were re-elected vice-presidents. Prescott S. Bush of Round Hill and Charles H. Sabin of the National Links were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively.

New names among the directors: Chas. L. Dexter, Brook Hollow; and Archibald M. Reid, St. Andrews.

High spots from the report of the executive committee:

Rules of Golf.—Urged careful attention to adoption of proper local rules. Advised clubs to prescribe carefully conditions of championship play. Takes position that, in handicap matches that are halved, decision should depend on another 18 holes with handicaps.

This committee plans to publish a compilation of decisions under each of the rules of golf to spread knowledge of rules.

Membership.—On Nov. 30, 1931 membership was 1,154 clubs. During the year 62 clubs were elected to membership, 12 reinstated, and 54 resigned or dropped from membership.

Amateur Status.—Ten applicants have been reinstated as amateurs; 46 applications have been received which are not ready for action. More than 60 miscellaneous cases have been decided.

Implements and the Ball.—Club faces shall not embody any degree of concavity or more than one angle of loft. Plywood shafts are approved. Hexagonal steel shaft approved. Rubber socket joint at one point only in steel shaft club assembly is approved. Several shock-absorbing under-grips get O. K. Iron clubs with insets of metals or compounds in face are barred. Wood clubs made so head weight can be added or removed are O. K., provided this adjustment can not be made outside a golf repair shop.

New ball "not less than 1.68 in. in diameter and not more than 1.62 oz. avoirdupois" was adopted to become effective for play Jan. 1, 1932. Report commented "the first balls on the market (of the 1.68-

1.55 period) were over-size and substantially under-weight, which combined with the generally unfavorable weather, brought a storm of protest."

Selection of Courses.—Amateur, The Baltimore (Md.) C. C.; Open, Fresh Meadow C. C., Flushing, N. Y.; Womens', Salem (Mass.) C. C.; Public Links, Cherokee Park golf course, Louisville, Ky.; Women's International, Saunton G. C., England. Walker Cup international match course will be announced later.

Green Section.—Tribute paid to memory of Dr. R. A. Oakley, prime mover in Green section organization, at Monrovia, Calif., Aug. 6, 1931. His place on official roster is taken by Dr. K. F. Kellerman, associated chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. Wynant D. Vanderpool resigned as chairman of Green section executive committee, but remains on committee. Three scientists of U. S. Dept. of Agriculture were added to research committee. Hopeful comment is made on appointment of five greenkeepers to advisory committee.

Reference was made to difficult season of 1931. Heavy demands experienced for Green section service. General research, educational and advisory activities of section continue as in previous years. Extensive employment of section's services in reporting on seed, soil analyses and maintenance problems was recorded. Progress was reported in grass, disease control and fertilizer research work. Much work was done during year at Arlington and Midwest turf gardens, demonstration gardens and at universities co-operating with the section. Nearly 1,200 attended outdoor meetings of the section. April 3, 1931, at Bay Shore G. C., Miami Beach, Fla. the section inaugurated these meetings in the south and intends to hold meetings annually on Pacific Coast when finances permit.

Reference also was made to Green section staff taking part in greenkeepers' short courses at Penn State, U. of Wisconsin and Michigan State college. Increased demands on time of staff and illness were responsible for *Bulletin* falling behind publication schedule but as *Bulletin* is of technical reference value rather than news character delay was of no detriment.

Public Links.—Greatly increased development reported. Committee's book "*Municipal Golf Courses in U. S.*" has added to interest in public golf. Record entry at St. Paul for annual Public Links championship, 182 players from 41 cities competing.

General.—Two editions of the *Rules of Golf* were issued by USGA. Association makes these available to public at low price to promote observance of rules.

Financial.—Dues, \$31,770 (off \$750. from 1930). Entry fees, \$9,940 (increase of \$2,075). Admissions, \$20,140.25 (off \$33,292.15). Total receipts, \$94,923.74 of which \$12,000 was a bank loan and \$9,050 proceeds from investments (off, \$7,971.88). Administration expense, \$15,972.55 (increase of \$92.19). Tournament expenses, \$13,706.31 (off, \$6,216.15). Green section, Washington office expense, \$47,032.82 (increase of \$5,114.24). Total assets, \$87,450.98 (off, \$30,822.08).

Midwest Offers Free Loan of Course Movie

MIDWEST Greenkeepers' assn. has produced a two-reel motion picture on golf course maintenance methods which will be loaned to other organizations of greenkeepers or to golf clubs without charge, as part of the Midwest's educational program.

The film, 16 mm. in size, is called "Divots from a Greenkeeper's Day" and shows the extent and character of work in maintaining a metropolitan district golf course. John MacGregor, Fred Kruger and Ralph Johnson comprised the committee the association instructed to produce the film. Prints of the film may be arranged for by addressing requests to R. N. Johnson, pres. Midwest Greenkeepers' Assn., Medinah C. C., Medinah, Ill.

Immediately after cost of the film had been paid by the association the bank carrying the Midwest's funds closed.

LOW-PRICE WINDBREAKER IS PRO SHOP FEATURE

Chicago, Ill.—John Rissman & Son., 841 Blue Island ave., has moleskin blue and green windbreaker jackets that have met with success in pro-shop selling. Prices range from \$3.75 to \$4.50 retail with good margin of profit for pros. These windbreakers have either talon or button fastening, large pockets, and are fleece lined. Complete details will be sent on request to pros.

Traylor for Pres. Dept.

IN THIS FAMILY journal, no editorial dervish dances are whirled as part of the ballyhoo in front of anyone's tent. In trusting, and at intervals, skilled fashion, our young men labor "for the good of the game" and are fairly content with those rewards promised for the next world, "if, as, and when."

But few have the fun our gang has out of making a reasonably respectable living. Dividends, in this respect, come to us as we note how the really bright authorities are sizing up Melvin Alvah Traylor's chances for the democratic presidential nomination.

Read some of the remarks written by the Brooklyn *Eagle's* astute Washington correspondent Henry Suydam, about the USGA official, and relayed to us by Tom McMahon, top-sergeant for the golf association.

Suydam comments, in part:

"Despite the fact his (Traylor's) name means nothing to the average voter, he has made a real impression in political Washington. * * *

"Mr. Traylor is unique in that he has risen without assistance from politicians. * * *

"His greatest work, however, has been in the negotiations for relief of the American business situation. * * * He was one of the group of bankers who persuaded the President to initiate the Credit Corporation this autumn. * * * He proposed that the Reconstruction Corporation, now before Congress, should, in part, reimburse depositors in closed banks. * * *

"Mr. Traylor is a slight, youngish man, who gives the impression of life, courage and independence. * * *

"There is little of which he is ignorant concerning the realities of politics and government. Unlike some of the great Eastern financiers with inflated reputations, he has an intimate and balanced view of the Government, its possibilities, its drawbacks and its limits. * * *

"If business in general should tend to support the Democratic nominee, no more available person exists than this Chicagoan, whose domestic and foreign experience in the ever more complex field of economics is unrivalled."