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S. California Greenkeepers Hold Second Show

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SECOND ANNUAL turf equipment exhibit sponsored by the Greenkeepers' Assn. of Southern California was held again this year at the grounds of the Bel-Air C. C., Monday, April 11. Greenkeepers and course officials from as widely divergent points as San Diego and San Francisco came to Los Angeles to view the very latest in golf course equipment. The 20 exhibitors had a group of 300 enthusiastic prospective buyers present to see the demonstration of their wares, which ranged from gang mowers to hose menders.

Being a demonstration as well as an exhibition, the show was of particular value to turf growers because they were able to view machinery and equipment under actual working conditions and were able to compare working abilities of various brands of one type of machine. Furthermore spectators were able to operate the equipment themselves and thus get a first hand idea of the value and workability of each device. Exhibitors themselves

felt the benefit of the display because they were able to show their wares to best advantage before an interested audience and thus were saved the trouble and expense of making possibly fruitless excursions to many outlying golf courses.

This year, in addition to greenkeepers and estate managers, there were also present heads of park departments from many Southern California towns. The Los Angeles city park board came in a body which included Dr. George Finley Bovard, president emeritus of the University of Southern California.

The finances of this event were met partly by donations from exhibitors and mostly by the sponsoring organization. The greatest single item of expense lay in providing a barbecue dinner for every one of the spectators and exhibitors. However, it is felt by members of the local greenkeeper's organization that the goodwill generated by this picnic meal more than justified the expense. No money was demanded from anyone in connection with the whole affair. Exhibitors merely were asked to help pay the expenses by contributing any amount that they desired.

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keynotes of the day. No one was required to do anything except obey the rules of courtesy. Each exhibitor was assigned a certain time during which to demonstrate his equipment. When his time had expired the master of ceremonies announced

the next demonstration. There were no speeches by the heartfelt consent of everybody concerned. Joshing and good-natured rivalry was an amusing undercurrent during the day's activities, but not one harsh word was overheard.

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