

## Seventeen Years Ago

New York, February 8, 1915.

Percival Schmuck, Esq.,  
26 Foster Avenue,  
Mount Vernon, New York.

My Dear Percy:

I am delighted to learn that you have taken up the Royal and Ancient game and that you are holding so important a post as membership on the Green Committee.

At Baltusrol the total expenditure by the Green Committee varies from \$7,000 to \$9,500 each year, this including, however, construction of new bunkers, of which no separate account is kept. The cost of each bunker of course varies, but I should think the outside limit for new construction would be \$500. May I venture a suggestion which, if you accept it, the members of your club will bless you for many a generation? Pipe the fair green so that a system similar to the Boston system may be used in watering the fairway in summer. Do it at once, and you will save the club money in seed, which, as you know, is one of the largest items in the Green Committee's budget. We have such a system at the National and at Garden City and the pleasure one has in playing over both courses in the summer time is as great as that one has in the spring or fall. Baltusrol is impossible in the summer, and I have no doubt yours is as well.

I hope to see you at the Amherst dinner on the 24th.

Yours always faithfully,

(Signed) CORNELIUS J. SULLIVAN.

The able, eminent J. C. Healy, manager at Siwanoy C. C., Mount Vernon, N. Y., sent us a copy of a letter from the late Cornelius J. Sullivan to Percival Schmuck, more than 17 years ago. This letter is reproduced in the accompanying box.

Shrewd Sullivan! If that suggestion of yours about fairway watering had been adopted earlier by golf clubs their members would be debtors to your memory.

As many will recall, Cornelius Sullivan was a golfer of keen enthusiasm and in his home club official capacities, as well as in his official connection with the USGA, he had ample opportunity to study the needs of the game. It's the game's own tough luck that it took at least 13 years for his advise on fairway watering to be generally appreciated.

Healy comments that Siwanoy's experience has checked perfectly with the advice in Sullivan's letter. He remarks: "The dry summers we have been experiencing in recent years have made everybody realize that at last we have come to the necessity of piping our fairways. At Siwanoy we went to this expense 2 years

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