

ly used throughout the country. The United States and Canadian Open and the United States Amateur tournaments of 1933 will be on courses with creeping bent greens.

The putting test does not itself determine for all clubs, which is the best putting green grass.

Unless the greens on a course are made up of some inferior species or strain of grass in cultural qualities, a change to a grass which rated higher in the putting test might not be a wise move as there is the climate adaptability of the grass and other cultural factors to consider. Also it is quite evident that the care of the putting green has much to do with its putting qualities and the same grass might provide either excellent or very inferior turf under different management.

The Green Section has information, from demonstration garden reports, regarding the suitability of the various grasses from a cultural standpoint from a great number of widely separated golfing districts and is thus in a position to assist golf clubs to decide regarding the type of grass most likely to provide a satisfactory putting surface in different parts of the country.

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Fee-Course Greenkeeper Cites Necessity of Constant, Experienced Care

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IT IS AN accepted fact that any position is filled better by its holder having a practical knowledge of his duties than it is by one who did not get his knowledge from practical experience. Constant study of the subject admittedly is necessary for both men.

Maintenance of an 18-hole golf course is equal to the operation of a 240-acre farm. Would anyone wish to trust such management and operations to an inexperienced man? A pro's job demands that his time be taken up with the duties of the game and for him to be an efficient greenkeeper is out of the question because he cannot be associated with greenkeeping duties close enough.

I am inclined to believe that some pros have the idea they can perform the duties of a greenkeeper by the use of a golf club and a run around the course twice a day. However, you will find in nearly all places where this is being done, there is a man on the course who probably cannot be classified as a greenkeeper because he is working along with the rest of the employees but at the same time this man knows the job so well that the pro is considered a great greenkeeper.

A greenkeeper, to be an asset to his club, must know and be ready to go into any proposition that comes up pertaining to the course. When we hire our help by the hour and, at the end of the season, let them off to make a living the best they can, we can expect those fellows to do only what they are told to do. So there must be a man to take the lead, from early morning until late in the evening. If the work is supervised by a pro, he must have a man of this kind. This man is the vital factor in course maintenance and is valuable even if his pay check does not signify it. So much for mud-slinging, if you wish to call it that.

Now I think we are all aware that there is need of a pro, a greenkeeper and a manager.

On a public course, being operated for profit, bills should be paid every thirty days. No detail of this business can be run in a haphazard way. There must be especially close co-operation between the management and greenkeeper. Expenses must be curtailed at certain seasons; so it is up to the manager to keep a close inspection of his books, keeping the greenkeeper informed as to what the income will or will not permit. If the manager is a playing manager, he should get the complaints of players about different things that can be remedied on the grounds and pass them to the greenkeeper. The greenkeeper can then remedy the conditions at his earliest convenience. It saves a lot of grief for the greenkeeper to get complaints from one person instead of many.

Now I am sure when an organization is functioning nicely and everyone gives credit where credit belongs, we need not be antagonistic toward one another about our jobs. The greenkeeper does his best with what he has and the pro-manager does all he can in a business way to please the members and players. Only then have we a chance to show a profit.