

the plan you will find very little money outstanding after Sept. 1st.

To prove the value of the plan as explained I will take my own club for an illustration. We formerly billed our members quarterly—January, April, July and October. On Oct. 15, 1931, I found over 25 per cent of the membership had not paid their October billing which meant letters, etc., with threats of suspension. Before we knew it we were ready to send out the January billing. That is when the resignations or suspensions started; the members forgot all about those beautiful days they had enjoyed during the playing season. The situation worried me so much that I called a special meeting of our Board of Governors and presented my plan. They could hardly refuse to accept it and give it a trial and it was decided to adopt the idea for the ensuing year.

A letter was then sent to the entire membership even including those who thought they wanted to resign and had signified their intentions of so doing. Good comment was heard from all directions and the plan was put into effect. It proved itself worthy from all angles for we retained many of the old timers and on Sept. 15th of this year our treasurer reported that there was *not one dollar outstanding for dues in the club*, which meant no bills again until the next March 1st.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. If you are having trouble collecting dues and are suffering serious loss of members, think over what I have written and give it a trial this year.

How to Care for Awnings

AWNINGS, given care and consideration, should, under normal conditions, last for years.

Mildew to a great extent is one of the most destructive agencies. It rots the canvas and causes unsightly black spots and streaks.

Naturally, a few simple precautions that help to prevent mildew should be practiced by all concerned with prolonging the life of their awnings.

Should it start to rain while your awnings are raised, lower them as soon as practicable. Otherwise water collected in the pockets will cause dirt and streak stains as well as mildew. If your awnings have become damp from any other causes, such as heavy dew, let them down until they are thoroughly dry.

It is very necessary in order to preserve the color and life of awnings that they should be taken down every fall and stored in a dry, cool place.

Awnings can be cleaned by a special process which will not harm or shrink the fabric. There are no chemicals used in the process that will attack the color.

Clean them by this process every year before installing, and your awnings will always look fresh.

Awnings that have been up for two seasons or more without a cleaning are apt to have been spotted by grime and dirt to such an extent that cleaning will do no good.

Who Is Liable for Fee Player Injury?

Question: I am about to open a 9-hole daily-fee golf course and would like to know if I should take out liability insurance, and how much. Some of the fairways are very close together. Would I be liable for any accident to a player or sightseer should they be hit with a ball or fall and injure themselves?—J. R. M. (Penna.)

Reply: The question of whether or not you would be liable for accidents on your new public course, like all other phases of the law, depends entirely on the circumstances surrounding the accident.

The nearest approach to definite information on this subject is contained in an article which appeared in the June, 1931, issue of "Golfdom," on page 70. If you will refer to the article you will get the views of a lawyer who investigated this question of liability pretty carefully.

The conclusion reached in the article is that a golf club will not ordinarily be liable for injury to a person playing the course through being struck by a golf ball. In a case of injuries to employees or to passers-by upon an adjacent highway, liability would depend upon the degree of negligence responsible for the accident.

THE FAIREST way to assign caddies is to hold a drawing by numbers at a stated time each morning. While a premium should be awarded for punctuality, it is unfair to the boys and useless to the club to assign the boys in the order of their arrival on the grounds; there is no sense in a boy arriving at 4:30 a. m. in an effort to head the list. Hold your drawing at 8:00 a. m., and place all caddies who arrive afterward at the bottom of the list.