

# "Forgotten Men" Remembered; Goldoni Latest to Be Honored

**O**SCAR GOLDONI, greenkeeper at the Lido CC (New York Met. district) has been honored with a silver plaque given by the Lido golf committee in recognition of the excellent work he has done in course maintenance.

Lately it has begun to appear that clubs are recognizing the ability, performance and fidelity of their greenkeepers. Frank

his club with a gold watch and a formal expression of thanks for his long service at a ceremony GOLFDOM described several issues back.

Now Goldoni joins the charmed circle of the honored ones.

The Lido executives and players will tell you that the reason for Goldoni's success and high standing at the club is because he handles his job like a business man in charge of an essential department of a big business should, and without being conscious of making an impression of his responsibilities lets the members know by his works, reports and appearances, that he is the right executive for their course operations.

Let Goldoni tell you something of his operations:

"The course is situated on an island surrounded by ocean and channel and has a very unique layout. It is built on beach sand and clam shells and is one of the most natural golf courses in the country.

"Most of the members have courses in their own neighborhood but still they travel the distance of 25 to 40 miles to play at Lido. Members come from New York and New Jersey and I know that they take great pride in the excellent condition of the course. Naturally, knowing that, I do my very best to please them. They in turn appreciate my services.

"The green-chairman and club officials from the very start have shown great confidence in me and have given me free rein in managing the course. They are men of great imagination and are always making constructive suggestions. Their aim, I know, is to make this course the best in the country, therefore, I am doing my best in accomplishing that.

## Gets Right Budget

"Even in these days of depression, I have never had any difficulty in obtaining funds required to run a first grade golf course, and I use the best of material, seeds and equipment.

"I also require the very best of workmen; men who are absolutely trustworthy, intelligent and industrious. I have no fore-



Oscar Goldoni, Lido greenkeeper, with plaque club presented him.

Wilson, prominent in New England as treasurer of that territory's Greenkeepers' club, has been made an honorary member of his home club, Charles River. This is the first time, so far as we know, that a greenkeeper has been made an honorary member of the club he serves.

There are several cases of greenkeepers having been appointed general managers of clubs, among them being the appointments of D. W. Danley at Glen Oak CC (Chicago district) and Marston Burnett at Wyantenuck GC, Great Barrington, Mass. Charles Erickson, veteran greenkeeper at Minikahda, has been honored by

man, therefore, I cannot use men who have to be told to work. Workers who bear watching are not the ones for this job. I pay them decent wages and give them the best of treatment.

"It is essential that the greenkeeper be in sole control and give orders to his men individually. During the hot summer days I do not force my men to work under a blazing sun, because they can work in the cool of the morning and evening.

"I have 6 greensmen; to each I have assigned three greens. Each one is responsible for his greens and traps that are about. Each man must know how to regulate the hand mower and he alone must mow these greens and water them when necessary. Then I have laborers who work on the fairways, patching divots, raking traps and doing odd jobs on the course.

### Up Early, Thinking

"From April to October, I believe that it is necessary that the greenkeeper be up and about very early in the morning to detect any symptom of disease that the greens are subjected to, so that he may take the proper precaution. Also, to instruct his men to mow the greens according to temperature and state of the grass. There are days when it would be disastrous to the greens, if mowed, because of the delicate condition of the grass and weather conditions. Even during tournaments I forbid my men to mow greens if conditions are not satisfactory.

"Among the members there are those who prefer the greens fast while others want them slow. This places the greenkeeper in an unpleasant position, but I generally use my own judgment because I know I please most of them by keeping the grass as I see fit so that they may enjoy it longer.

"I consider greenkeeping one of the best and most interesting of professions. In summer the keeper's job is not very pleasant, with all the responsibilities attached to it, but then in winter he isn't bound by so many duties and can take the pleasures that have been denied him in summer. I always keep in mind that the green-chairman and club officials share the praise with me, if the course is in perfect condition, but if it is not, the blame will be all mine, as it should be, because I am paid for doing the work. That is the reason that I take the suggestions of the chairman in the spirit in which they are given only. But, I believe that the ones who

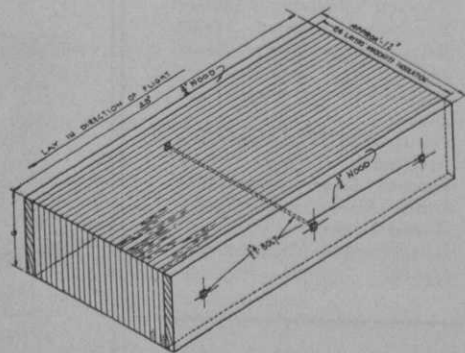
should take orders literally are the greensmen from the greenkeeper.

"In summer my duties are many, as this is one of the largest summer resorts on the coast. The recreation grounds cover an area of 108 acres. The beach is one mile long and on it are hundreds of Cabanas. We have also magnificent gardens and seven tennis courts. All work must be done in morning, because the officials are most anxious to have the members enjoy the club's facilities to the utmost degree."

## Building Insulation Material Used for Tee

**A** NEW TYPE of tee has been designed by Chris Larsen, of Rawlins, Wyo., especially for golf courses which have difficulty maintaining grass tees.

The tee consists of 24 pieces of half-inch Masonite wood-fiber insulation board each 4 ft. long and 6 in. wide and two pieces of  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. lumber of the same size. The insulation boards are placed surface to surface between the two pieces of lumber to form a platform 6 ins. deep, 4 ft. long and ap-



proximately 2 ft. wide, and are held together compactly by long bolts extending through the 26 pieces. The tee is sunk so that the top is level with the ground and the boards are pointed in the direction of flight.

To tee up the golfer simply inserts a tee in the edge of the insulation board. Because of the construction of the wood fibers in the insulation board, the holes tend to heal themselves. However, when the tee becomes worn, it can be turned over and used on the other side. When both sides are worn, all that is necessary is to saw off an inch or so of the top surface to put the tee into service again.

The cost is less than \$3.00.