

MEMBERS WANTED

USGA Outlines Green Section's Value In Campaign for Club Cooperation

Club officials reading the report of Green Section work recently circulated by the USGA can check over this summary of achievement and feel explanations and apologies are due if their organization is of any first class pretensions and remains outside the USGA membership fold.

That the Green Section is up against it for money and must stop experimental work with an irremedial loss of many years investment is something that alarms all knowing ones interested in the maintenance of good turf on golf courses and in the continuance of the battle for sensible thrift in maintenance budgets. USGA officials have stated that they will increase the Green Section budget if increased membership support is forthcoming from golf clubs.

On Green Section performance alone the USGA can make a great case for membership. The case is presented to golf club boards for action at their next meetings. When the club authorizes USGA membership the association should be promptly advised at 110 E. 42d st., New York City. In soliciting co-operation for the continuance of the Green Section's valuable services, the USGA presents its strong case to prospective member clubs as follows:

Let us state that membership in the United States Golf Association costs only \$30 per club per year. On the basis of an average membership of 200 members per club, this represents the small outlay of fifteen cents (15c) per member.

The Green Section, through years of experimentation, has done the following for you:

1. **Grasses:** Developed superior grasses for putting greens. Defined adaptability of various grasses for fairways and tees. Determined economical seeding rates and methods.

2. **Fertilizers:** Determined the relative values of various fertilizers for turf production by tests on different soils.

3. **Diseases:** Devised remedies (including corrosive sublimate and calomel) for control of brown-patch, dollar spot, snow mold and other turf diseases.

4. **Insects:** Sponsored tests leading to arsenate of lead treatment for control of

grubs and earthworms. Tested other remedies for insect pests.

5. **Weeds:** Demonstrated several effective means for reducing weed problems on golf courses.

6. **Soil Improvements:** Developed methods for improving soil conditions to make them more suitable for golf course conditions.

7. **Mowing:** Determined favorable and unfavorable effects of mowing turf at different heights; thereby modifying unfavorable mowing practices on golf courses.

8. **Watering:** Demonstrated advantages in improved methods of applying water and removing excess water.

9. **Advisory service:** Advised clubs on all types of questions concerned with materials and methods used in golf course construction and upkeep, including soil and seed analyses. (This service has not been connected with purchasing bureaus.)

10. **Bulletin:** Published 13 volumes, constituting the most authoritative and useful reference work on turf culture in existence.

11. **Educational Work:** Conducted educational work which has raised the standards in greenkeeping in every part of the country.

12. **Interpretation:** Served to interpret related agriculture science so that it might be applied to modern greenkeeping.

From the above brief summary the green-chairman or greenkeeper, who is a keen student of his duties, can readily appreciate that the services rendered to his club have been of inestimable value.

It might be well for us at this juncture, to correct an erroneous impression in the minds of many, to state that no member of the executive committee of the USGA receives, or has received, any remuneration for his services or expenses either for travelling or otherwise.

The USGA in the last fourteen years has spent over \$335,000 in research and development work for the benefit of its member clubs. We have been compelled to reduce the budget for Green Section work because of operating deficits of the Association in 1931, 1932 and 1933. Our present budget, however, is sufficient for us to do a great deal of constructive work for the clubs both by helping them to correct erroneous practices of greenkeeping and to avoid mistakes which may be very expensive. In other words, our

tremendous investment in research and experimental work has brought us a fund of knowledge which will be lasting benefit to our clubs, and which, we believe, you cannot afford to be without.

There are in this country approximately 5800 golf clubs. We had at our peak 1129 member clubs, which has now been reduced through resignations to about 800 member clubs. This alone accounts for \$9,000 less income which previously was used by the Green Section in experimental work.

A fact that should not be overlooked is that the research results of the Green Section not only have saved thousands of dollars for golf clubs, but sports fields, tennis courts, bowling greens, lawns and ball parks have been able to benefit as well.

This brings us to the main question. In view of the fact that all this has been done for you, what are you doing to help? In other words, are you doing your part? The question has many times been asked of a United States Golf Association official—What does the United States Golf Association do for my club? It seems to us that the shoe is most certainly on the other foot.

United States Golf Association,
By Harold W. Pierce,
Chairman, Green Section.

ARLINGTON'S THRU! Philly Supts. Shocked At Birth Party by News of Garden's End

NINETY men prominent in greenkeeping in the Philadelphia district attended the tenth anniversary dinner of the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents held at Penn Athletic club, March 18.

What was slated to be a celebration of progress and rejoicing in deserved recognition was blasted by the announcement that the Arlington turf garden of the USGA Green Section was being discontinued due to shortage in the association's budget. This blow was handed the Philadelphia district superintendents by John Monteith, jr., director of the Green Section and one of the featured speakers at the dinner. Loss of the Arlington garden after 15 years of operation and the irreplaceable character of the Arlington investment was recognized by each superintendent present as one of the most serious injuries course maintenance progress has suffered since the USGA took the leading part in course maintenance scientific work.

Frank M. Hardt, secretary of the USGA,

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