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## AT LITTLE COST

... any club can send its greenkeeper to the NAGA convention, Cleveland, Feb. 4-7, and gain back many times its investment in the late greenkeeping information its man will acquire.

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assigned and delivered his certificate of membership. Until the transfer of the certificate of membership on the books of the corporation, or until the date of the expulsion of a member, the record owner of each membership shall be and remain liable for all dues, fees or other charges which have accrued or which may thereafter accrue."

The court concluded that by paying his dues and turning in his certificate the plaintiff had done every substantial thing required by the by-law and that for defendant to hold him as a perpetual member on its mere fancy or caprice would be obnoxious to the spirit as well as to the clear meaning of the statute. The court refused to consider the contention that an assignment of a new candidate for membership was required by the by-law. Accordingly so much of the by-law as permitted the club to deny the right of resignation on the ground that it had merely withheld its consent or declined to make the necessary book entries was held to be invalid because unreasonable and arbitrary.

In a New York workmen's compensation case, a caddie was injured by climbing a tree on the grounds while waiting to be called. He was paid by the members who employed him, not by the club, and that day had not been employed at all. It was held that the claimant was doing something for his own amusement, and hence the accident did not arise out of or in the course of his employment.

Up in Massachusetts, a caddie stood on the first tee, one Monday morning, watching two other caddies who were preparing to tee-off. One of them took a practice swing without looking, and struck the claimant in the head with his club, inflicting injuries to the nose and right eye. It was shown that caddies were permitted to use the course on Mondays.

The court pointed out that the claimant's employment did not require him to be on the first tee and that he was not engaged in any of the duties for which he was engaged. Therefore, since he was injured while waiting for an opportunity to

play golf for his own pleasure, the claim was not allowed.

A total of \$19,660.63 will be available for Green Section activity during 1936. Fifteen thousand dollars of this is the 1936 allotment and \$4,660.63 is unexpended balance from 1935. There may be certain additional funds made available through donations from those not connected with the Association; \$405 was so donated during 1935.

Gross income of the USGA for 1935 amounted to \$47,315.85. Expenses of \$34,683.40, plus a \$82.82 loss on sale of bonds, leave a net income of \$12,549.63 for the year.

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## Badminton Boom Going Strong At Golf Clubs

**B**ADMINTON this winter has taken a strong hold at golf clubs. Where there are fairly large rooms with high ceilings the racquet game with the feather duster birdies has been getting a lively play from men and women.

Badminton came into the United States from Canada. It's a cousin to tennis with a court 20 ft. by 40 ft. long and a mesh net 5 ft. high. The shuttlecock, batted back and forth on the tennis plan, is a piece of cork one inch in diameter with a circle of feathers stuck into its top.

One of the attractive features of the game is that experience is not necessary to provide a good workout and fairly close competition although the badminton experts can make the cork birdie do tricks with finesse and control that are amazing to the uninitiated.

With the indoor boost the game has received with golf club members this winter it is certain to get a fine play from club members on their own lawns or at club outdoor courts the coming season when the members want a quick workout.

There is a wide range of cost in badminton equipment. There are complete outfits ranging in price from \$10 to \$22.50 and including from 2 to 4 rackets, net, posts, tape and shuttlecocks. The better rackets in the Spalding badminton line cost \$10 each.

It looks like badminton equipment is due for a pretty fair sale at pro-shops next season, inasmuch as the equipment is an extra-profit line for the pro and does not conflict with his golf interest. Spalding branches will furnish pros with complete details.