

the amateur status rulings said: "It is necessary to look upon the intent of the player rather than to emphasize the letter of the law."

Public links players whose clubs belong to the USGA will have to confine their national tournament play either to the Public Links tournament or the National Amateur. The USGA has ruled they can't play in both.

Unusually large during 1936 was the number of inquiries about golf rules. The rulings on golf law and clarification of involved cases draw heavily on the committeemen's time of the USGA. An all-star troupe of veteran golfers, legal notables and commercial experts form the USGA rules of golf committee and their work probably results in the elimination of assault and battery and tart words between golf club members of far greater nuisance cost than the entire sum collected annually in dues by the USGA.

Stymie Up Again

Hearings were held on the stymie controversy. Intriguing arguments were presented on both sides. E. B. Badger, president of the Massachusetts GA suggested a classified national poll on the matter. The suggestion is being considered as the most logical means yet proposed of finding out actually what the score is on the stymie. The stymie controversy is foggy because so many of the rank and file golfers who are strong in protests against the stymie, have played the stymie little or not at all.

Substantial evidence of the value of the Green Section's work was shown in the report of Frank M. Hardt, chairman. Green-chairmen of approximately 2,500 clubs received an index of the Section's 15 years' work in turf research. From this mailing 20 applications for USGA membership directly resulted. Activities of the reorganized Committee on Sectional Affairs in broadcasting news of the Green Section's work also is beginning to have an effect in letting club officials know that through the Green Section service alone a club is ahead considerably more than it pays dues to the USGA.

Cooperative tests on chemical weed control were conducted at more than 100 courses supplementary to the work done at Arlington under the direction of Dr. John Monteith. General recommendations on chemical weed control soon will be published as a result of the Section's work.

There also will be published soon information concerning the interesting and effective use of aniline dyes in controlling turf diseases. During the year, visits were made to golf courses in 22 states and in Canada. H. F. A. North, formerly of the Rhode Island Agricultural Experiment station joined Monteith's staff in Washington, taking place left vacant when Ken Welton resigned.

Financially the USGA scored better in 1936 than in 1935, ending the fiscal year Nov. 30, 1936 with a surplus of \$62,886.75.

High lights of the financial statement:

Dues income	\$23,295.00
Tournament income	26,648.24
Green Section expense	13,418.20
Curtis Cup expenses.....	6,998.06
Walker Cup expenses.....	2,063.24
Administrative and general expense	16,200.40

Tournament net income, after deduction of prize money, badges, scoring and other expenses from the entry fees, USGA half of the gallery fees, etc.:

Open	\$13,645.55
Amateur	10,642.91
Women's	1,959.52
Public Links	400.26

How Is Club's Fire Insurance? Here Are Recent Losses

BECAUSE country clubs rarely have an adequate supply of water for fire fighting, clubhouse fires are generally complete if a fire starts. And this fact, in turn, suggests that club officials would do well to check into the amount of insurance now being carried on the club buildings.

Among recent clubhouse fires, with amount of loss, were: VanSchaick Island CC, Cohoes, N. Y., \$10,000; Cedarbrook CC, Cedarbrook, Pa., nominal; Lincoln Memorial CC, Atlanta, \$2,000; Spring Valley G&CC, Huntington, W. Va., \$25,000; Aberdeen CC, Aberdeen, Miss.; Shuttle Meadow CC, New Britain, Conn., \$10,000; Locust Hill CC, Pittsford, N. Y. \$20,000; North Birmingham GC, Birmingham, Ala., \$1,500.

Set St. Augustine Match Play Dates—March 17-21 are the days for the third annual National Amateur-Professional Best-Ball Match Play championship, to be contested again on St. Augustine (Fla.) Links. Dates have been okayed by the PGA. Purse for this new classic has been increased to \$3,000.