

son events which in some clubs have stirred interest more than the usual season schedule.

One event that always goes well is to draw partners out of a box so the line-ups are arranged "blind." Another that calls for pro-greenkeeper cooperation is playing the course backwards with temporary tees being employed. Shocks of corn sometimes are used to mark the location of the temporary tees. A variation of this event calls for playing the holes in other than normal routine. Many of the events are played on a nine-hole basis because of the shorter days.

There are a number of smart managers who regard the football season as a great boon for house business. Millions of dollars are spent by football fans for cocktail parties and dinners in celebration or for consolation. The background for spectacular parties, at no undue cost for decorations, is one that allows the manager a chance to show his ability as a party arranger.

The leaf problem is the one that the greenkeeper has to handle. If there is to be a fair amount of play during the autumn, leaves must be kept cleaned up. It may cut into the budget somewhat but not to a point that will rule it out, because increased house income will more than offset the cost of gathering leaves. Greenkeepers want to employ their good greensmen as long as possible in the fall, so the general "policing" of leaves and cleaning out of the rough is partially an answer to a greenkeeper's problem.

A chance to close out shop stocks, give some lessons even late in the season, and establish valuable close contacts with the club's most active members give the pro ample reason for taking a diligent and thoughtful part in extension of the season.

Whether each manager, pro and greenkeeper realizes it fully at this time, it is plainly apparent that lengthening the season is one of the important parts of their work and a job that is becoming more widely expected by club members.

Inter-Club League Boosts Golf Interest at Kansas City

OPERATING under the name of the Intra-Private Club Competitive Golf League, seven clubs in the Kansas City district have banded together for bi-weekly team events this summer. Clubs in the league are Indian Hills, Ivanhoe, Blue

Hills, Oakwood, Mission Hills, Milburn and Hillcrest with W. B. Silberman of Oakwood acting as chairman. Competition will extend into October, thus helping to extend the Kansas City golf season, which ordinarily is inclined to die out shortly after Labor Day.

The league is an offshoot of a 16-man team play event, started earlier this season, which was not competitive but solely for the promotion of good fellowship among the membership of the seven clubs entered. A fee of \$2.00 per player was split \$1.00 for dinner and \$1.00 for prizes, bought from the pro at the host club.

Whenever possible, clubs were expected to select a different group of 16 players for each meeting and special effort was made to interest the high-handicap golfers. The event has proved most popular, as it gives golfers a chance to play other local courses. Play rotated to each club.

The league developed when a need was felt for a competitive inter-club event. Tournament chairmen of the seven clubs met on July 20 and formulated a playing schedule and rules to govern play. Schedule is a round robin, with each club playing its 8 best golfers against the 8 best golfers of each club in turn. In order to prevent congestion, since the events are played on alternate Sundays, 4 men of a given team visit the opposing club's course and 4 men remain at their home course to take on 4 players from the opposing club. Thus the Sunday traffic is no higher than if no event were being played; the four visitors merely take the place of the four home-club players who are away.

Scoring is by the Nassau system—each player and his opponent competing for points, one point for the winner of the first nine, one point for winner of second nine, and one point for winner of total 18-holes. The team winning the most points is the winner of a scheduled game.

ANNUAL FIELD DAY of the Midwest Greenkeepers' Assn. brought out almost 100 greenkeepers and supplymen for an afternoon of golf and a prize dinner at Glen Eagles CC (Chicago District) August 2.

Majority of prizes for the affair were bought from the Glen Eagles pro-shop, a friendly gesture the greenkeepers make at their events and a polite rebuke to "buy it wholesale" tournament prize buyers.