

Chicago Park District awarded a contract recently to the A. L. Buckland Co. to fish all the lost balls from water holes on park courses. Company guarantees the Park District 1,000 balls a week for use at its practice driving course. The company gets to keep any balls it recovers over the first 1,000.

Summer players play almost entirely between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and 5 o'clock in the afternoon; while local players play either early in the morning or in the latter part of the afternoon and on Sundays. Our local membership has lengthened the season from ten weeks, so to speak, to a five month season.

This year we have put into operation a program we think is very sound as regards the Brooks' course. It is a long range setup that we feel will supply us with future members. We are keeping the clubhouse open until midnight every night during the summer season, so that our members can come and bring their guests and friends, play cards on the screened porches and dance in the lounge.

Clubhouse Is Adequate

Our new modern designed clubhouse, while not elaborate, is quite adequate to meet all members' needs. A large dining room is kept open constantly and our meal service is considered excellent. An open stone fireplace in the main lobby is surrounded by lounge chairs for the comfort of guests. Balls, clubs, haberdashery and other golfing equipment are sold from space just to the right of the lobby. The Brooks CC also boasts one of the finest practice putting greens in the district.

We have a badminton court on the clubhouse lawn which is lighted at night, as well as the 9-hole practice green which is also flooded with lights for night use. There is no charge, of course, for these facilities. We are installing a night driving range on our golf course, are using the best of equipment, and we anticipate good results in a financial way. We also look upon it as being very helpful in creating future golfers for our course. In addition a tennis court that will be lighted at night is being constructed. There will, of course, be a charge on the night driving range and on the tennis court.

We are initiating a "guest star" program this year that we think will have good results. We will have Horton Smith and Jimmy Thomson through the courtesy

of A. G. Spalding Co., and as our guests for a few days, if not a week's time, Patty Berg of Minneapolis and Johnny Goodman of Omaha. We also are trying to obtain at least two nationally-known big time pros for one week each. An exhibition by Walter Hagen and Joe Kirkwood, as well as having Marian Miley of Lexington, Ky., for a week's time are other possibilities. There will be no gallery charge for any of these exhibitions.

It is our thought that, after giving members one month's free instruction, if we are able to bring in guest stars so they can see these stars in action, it will prove to them that the instruction they have been given during the month of May has been correct. By having a chance to see all of these stars play, it will not only increase our members' interest in golf, but will also improve their games, which as stated before, will result in added golf enjoyment."

Green Section Bulletin—Spring issue of the USGA Green Section "Bulletin" is in new form, an attractive 12-page booklet in which some of the subjects treated are: Service of the Green Section, Effect of Watering on Brown-patch, Spread of the Japanese Beetle, Use of Arsenate of Lead, and numerous practical Questions and Answers.

Dr. John Monteith, jr., technical head of the Green Section, did his customary competent job in compiling the publication. Green Section service continues to increase in value and represents to most clubs a decided profit on the \$30 annual investment in USGA membership.

Details regarding receipt of the Green Section Bulletin may be secured from Frank M. Hardt, chairman, USGA Green Section, 135 S. Broad st., Philadelphia.

Booklet Tells British Work—British Board of Greenkeeping Research has issued a 12-page booklet on its "establishment, aims and achievements," to be circulated among golf club members. The book presents convincing evidence of the value of the Board's services. Fourteen items of the Board's achievements are detailed. In the brief history given early in the booklet, credit is given to American pioneering in turf culture research.

The British Board held its annual greenkeepers' conference and equipment demonstration at St. Ives Research station, June 16.