



Remains of what once was a fine putting surface. Damage occurred under climatic conditions not found in Northern summer resort areas.

the grass on the course has to stay at home and take the weather as it comes.

What the greenkeeper needs on such occasions is the cooperation of the pro and the green-chairman in explaining to dissatisfied club members that the greenkeeper did not deliberately injure the grass and that he is taking suitable measures to get the grass back in good condition. It might also be explained to the members that sick grass, like sick golfers, usually requires a reasonable period in which to recover from serious ailments. It certainly doesn't aid in the recovery of turf to have the green-chairman pester the greenkeeper with a long list of remedies proposed by every Tom, Dick and Harry in the club and sometimes even outsiders.

Neither does it help the club spirit to have the pro on such occasions spread among the club members his theory that "nobody can putt on these ——— greens" or that every bad shot made on the course is due to the poor condition of the course. Such loose criticism simply serves to focus attention on the poorest areas on the course and it won't be long until the members start off at the first tee with the mental hazard that they will have a poor round due to the miserable condition of their course. Neither does it take long for such adverse criticism to reach the ears of prospective members or visitors, with the net result that the professional and the club itself are the victims.

On the other hand, helpful criticism may

Walsenburg, Colo.—Golfers returning from the National Open championship in Denver found vandals had carried away cups, markers and all other equipment from their course.

serve a useful purpose under such conditions. If the greenkeeper, chairman of the green-committee, pro and members take a fair-minded attitude and try to get the best information for improving the turf or preventing similar injuries in the future, something may develop which may prove of permanent value to the club. Full cooperation also requires of the greenkeeper a willingness to consider worthwhile suggestions from dependable sources.

He and his club do not gain from experience if he takes a defensive attitude and upholds every maintenance practice in detail. The welfare of the course requires the challenging of every maintenance practice on occasions when the turf is badly damaged. The greenkeeper himself should lead in the search for fundamental causes of the injury. He should not blindly defend his practices.

Lake Placid Open, Aug. 26-28—Vic Ghezzi's record winning score of 277, set in 1937, is going to be a tough one for the boys to shoot at when the third annual Lake Placid Open fixture is staged over the Lake Placid G&CC course August 26-28 for prize money totalling \$3,000.

Ghezzi's 277 was made up of two sub-par rounds of 65 and 68 and two even 72's. Gene Sarazen was runner-up last year with 281.

An entry of more than one hundred is expected by the Lake Placid committee. First-place money will be \$750, with 14 money places listed. Full information and entry blanks may be secured from H. L. Garren, executive secretary of the Lake Placid Open Golf Tournament Committee, Lake Placid, N. Y. Entries close Thursday, August 25, at 6 p. m.