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Green Section Plans National Tournament At Clubs

A GREEN SECTION tournament is in prospect as a result of the planning done during the two sessions of the Green Section committee of the USGA held during the National Open at Philadelphia.

The national tournament idea which helped Green Section financing considerably in former days, calls for each entrant at the clubs holding the event to pay small entry fees, and the winners receiving official emblems. It is believed that the Green Section tournament idea, properly advertised on club bulletin boards and by other publicity of the clubs, will help to acquaint the golfing public with the tremendous extent and value of Green Section work. As it is now, many clubs receiving rich benefits of Green Section work are paying disproportionately small sums, or nothing at all, in return.

Cooperation of various regional amateur organizations, greenkeeper sectional organizations, the GSA and the PGA was pledged for making the Green Section tournament successful.

Wisconsin Greenkeepers Name Rolfs '39 President

RAY ROLFS, North Hills CC, Milwaukee, Wis., was elected pres. of Wisconsin Greenkeepers' Assn. at the well-attended annual meeting held June 5 at the Watertown (Wis.) CC. Other officials elected: Lester Verhaalen, Brynwood CC, Milwaukee, v.p.; O. C. Williams, Maple

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Bluff CC, Madison, sec.-treas.; Fred Peters, Merrill Hills CC, Waukesha, director.

July meeting will be at Waupaca CC, on the tenth of the month. The invitation was extended by Griffith Williams, Waupaca genl. mgr. Williams, a lusty youth of 73 active years, played a competent round in the tourney that preceded the meeting at Watertown. Williams has at his course an ingenious alarm clock arrangement that turns water to the greens sprinklers on and off. Sprinklers are set when the men leave work, and the alarm does the rest.

Raritan Velvet Seen As Ideal Putting Turf

A DOPTION by golf courses of Raritan velvet bent as a means of minimizing putting green complaints is envisioned at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Rutgers U., New Brunswick.

Nor is optimism regarding the outlook for the new turf grass limited to its birthplace. Favorable comment was offered by nearly 200 greenkeepers at the recent Eastern Educational conference after viewing plots of the Raritan velvet bent grass, produced by Howard B. Sprague, agronomist, during 8 years of painstaking plant selection.

"This grass is the most valuable aggressive strain of the velvet bent species which we have had under observation here at the station," Sprague commented in reply to queries for further information on the development. He added that "there will be approximately 4,000 lbs. of Raritan velvet bent seed produced in 1939, and perhaps another 10,000 lbs. of other im-

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Raritan velvet is a superior strain of the species *Agrostis canina*, which produces the finest greens turf of any grass now available, Sprague states. It is very leafy and makes a dense, velvety turf, rich green in color, capable of enduring considerable wear; is drought resistant, rather tolerant of shade, and endures limited soil fertility.

64 Attend June Meeting of Iowa Greenkeepers

DESPITE a heavy rain, 64 greenkeepers and persons concerned with growing of fine turf attended the June meeting of the Iowa Greenkeeping Superintendents, held June 13 at the Des Moines G&CC. W. F. Keating, the host greenkeeper, arranged for and put on successfully, a large golf course equipment exhibition, and representatives of the various companies demonstrated products between showers.

The greenkeepers luncheon turned out to be a wide-open clinic on grasses. Dr. S. W. Edgecombe, extension horticultur-

ist at Iowa State College, reported on a paper by J. A. DeFrance, of the Rhode Island Agricultural Experiment Station, entitled "The Effect of Different Fertilizer Ratios on Colonial, Creeping and Velvet Bent Grasses." The paper caused considerable comment, and Edgecombe was kept busy answering many questions from the floor.

Officers of the Iowa group for 1939, elected at the meeting, were: J. A. Benson, Cedar Rapids CC, pres.; C. J. Yarn, Woodside GC, v-pres.; Glen Fletcher, Hyperion Field Club, sec.; W. F. Keating, Des Moines G&CC, treas. July meeting of the association will be held at Council Bluffs, July 11.

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