



Much of the appeal of the country club in the smaller cities and towns depends on the location and appearance of the clubhouse. Here is the clubhouse of the Fairview GC at Keokuk, Ia., where Harry Ogden is pro-supt. A beautiful natural setting and well-groomed grounds set off the clubhouse most attractively.

quently in the stretches between a given green and the tee of the following hole, and at either end of bridges over hazards. Generally speaking, the greenkeeping department need pay no attention to paths, allowing them to wear in naturally and grow with the traffic over them. Of course, if the paths are slopes, ruts may develop after rains, due to surface runoff. When this happens, you can depend on your players registering loud complaints over the lies they get and it will be necessary either to re-turf the path, apply a binder to the soil to combat erosion, or erect some sort of barrier to force the players to detour permanently around the ratty area. This can sometimes be done with shrubbery.

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This discussion of the Rules of Golf as they affect maintenance will be continued next month.

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CASUAL notes from Golf Monthly of Edinburgh and London:

"British golf ball manufacturing is restricted by government order to 25% of sales from Dec. 1, 1939, to May 31, 1940.

"There are 116 bomb holes on the golf course at Folkestone.

"Wally Marks is the first British pro golfer to get rank of flying officer.

"Lees Hall GC, Sheffield, Eng., has 'adopted' two trawlers and is keeping their crews supplied with essentials and comforts."

And the British are battling to beat hell and not complaining. It makes us Americans who are complaining about every little thing feel rather ashamed, doesn't it?

How I Topdress Greens

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IN the latter half of February and early March we have a lot of light freezing that honeycombs the soil. During that time I put on my arsenate of lead. For the last 3 or 4 years I have been using around 5 to 10 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. I use this amount mixed with enough topdressing to make it spread even.

I first mix the arsenate with 100 lbs. Milorganite to each 5,000 sq. ft.; then mix enough topdressing with it to cover the green. I use a steel mat to rub the material in.

I make my own compost piles from barnyard manure, which I am lucky to get from farmers close by. I use old sod taken from the edging of traps and soil into which I plow soybeans and rye each year, to make up the pile.

Last year I had a 25-acre field in fair hay. I tried to give it to farmers, but they were all too busy with their own work to take it—so I cut it with our cutter bar and hired a farmer to rake and haul to my compost area. I would say that I got around 15 tons and I put it in a long flat rick and left the center low so it would take water. I had a farmer put 15 truck-loads of rotted manure on top of this pile. The rains will wash the strength down through, and in a year or two I will have plenty of rotted manure to make most compost piles. I have always said that a green needs plenty of compost and I see that I keep plenty of it aging ahead for my use.

After that first topdressing in late February or early March, I follow in April

with another topdressing of about a cubic yard to 5,000 sq. ft., and another 100 lbs. of Milorganite. I maintain this program for each following month until July. In July and August I reduce the fertilizer to around 75 lbs. and back up in September and October to 100 lbs. I have never missed this treatment of my greens since we replanted them over to Washington bent three years ago.

One man can start my compost plant and grind and screen enough to keep the other men busy putting it on. We always try to get all of our 20 greens topdressed in around 15 hours, and they all respond to the treatment together.

Champ of Champ Event Lengthens Miskell's Season

STEADILY the golf season in central and northern states is being lengthened. Less than 15 years ago the season in the larger part of the country generally began formally on Memorial Day and ended formally on Labor Day.

Smarter planning of club programs has been responsible for much of the season expansion to make use of available good weather.

Jack Miskell, pro at Poland CC, Youngstown, O., points out that the season extension is a district problem as much as that of the individual clubs. Jack tells how the Championship of Champions tournament at Youngstown has been a highlight of the fall tourney schedule and keeps golf interest keen in drawing hundreds of spectators.

Jack gets the prizes contributed by local merchants and politicians. There are no entry fees. There are classes for men amateurs, women, caddies, pros and assistants in the tourney with each district club's champions being entered. He is considering boy and girl champion classes for the 1941 event.

The event at Youngstown has been so popular Miskell believes the next step will be a tournament bringing together champions of neighboring districts, with regional and possibly national championships eventually.

The Championship of Champions tournament conceived by Ray McCarthy as a Florida East Coast winter resort attraction has been a magnet for many players, indicating the champions' competition has a sound appeal.

N. J. Caddie Supt's Are Organized for Service

THE New Jersey Caddie Superintendents' Golf Assn. was organized in June, 1940. President is Jerry Sesso, Essex Co. GC, West Orange. Vice-pres. is Joseph La Ponte, Forest Hill CC, Bloomfield, and secy.-treas., Michael Sesso, Montclair GC.

There were 15 charter members. Dues now are \$5 per year. The caddie supts. hold frequent meetings to discuss ways and means of bettering caddie training, service and morale. John A. Weising, member at Crestmont GC, and chairman of the special caddie committee of N. Y. Metropolitan GA, sits in with the boys at all meetings.

The Caddie Supts. Golf Assn. is completing a program to be given in Jersey high schools. Prospective caddies hear talks in school gyms on caddying for health, profit, and privilege of playing a course on caddie day. Caddie trainees are given a course in caddying requirements, and receive golf lessons, etc., in school classes at night. Those completing the courses get certificates of merit, and they can go to any club with their certificates, entitling them to employment preference. The caddie course includes a round of caddying, rules of the game, do's and don'ts, attention to course care, and some ways to pass the time while waiting to go out with a player.

Charter members of the organization are: Joseph La Ponte, Jerry Sesso, William Torlucci, James Andiola, John Smith, Michael Sesso and Michael Serino.

Also Michael Minto, Edward Williamson, Michael Zachrella, Salvatore Mosco, Thomas O'Hara, Nicholas Corby, John Garchio, Steven Werback.

Among the association's other activities are tournaments. A dinner held by the association sold 600 plates, the profit from which goes for operation, prizes, cost of running caddie school, etc. At Montclair GC, where Michael Sesso is in charge of caddie supervision, prizes for 1940 were given to caddies for best disposition, best attention, most willing, most tickets saved, most improved, most outstanding, and most helpful to greens department. Supt. Carl Treat put up the latter prize. All others were given by club members. In addition, four bank accounts of \$5 each were given to A honor caddies, and 6 bank accounts of \$5 each to B honor caddies. All caddies received \$6 worth of clothing.