

# Here Are Turf Short-Course Dates

**G**OLFDOM urges club officials to arrange for the attendance of the club greenkeeper at one or another of the greenkeeping short courses and conferences to be held before the 1941 season begins. Expense of your greenkeeper's attendance should be considered an investment which will be more than repaid in better operating knowledge—and consequent improved course condition—in the months ahead.

## Massachusetts

The fifteenth annual winter school for greenkeepers at Massachusetts State College was scheduled to get under way January 6, and to continue through the recreational conference and golf course maintenance exhibition, March 14-16. For the convenience of those who cannot take the full 10 weeks' instruction in one year, the course is divided into two terms—the first from Jan. 6 through Feb. 7, and the second from Feb. 8 through March 14. A certificate is given only at the completion of the full 10 weeks' course, and no one is permitted to take the second term if the first has not been completed. The two terms need not be taken consecutively, however.

The course is under the personal direction of Prof. Lawrence S. Dickinson, chief of the MSC section of agrostology. He is assisted by members of the college staff, and Carleton E. Treat, superintendent at the Montclair (N. J.) CC. The total matriculation fee for the course is \$16.50. For further information address R. H. Verbeck, short course division, MSC, Amherst, Mass., or Prof. Lawrence S. Dickinson, care of the college.

## Maryland

The third annual short course for greenkeepers at the University of Maryland will be held January 27-28. Further information and application blanks can be had by writing Prof. Ernest N. Cory, state entomologist, U. of Md., College Park, Md., or by writing the secretary of the Mid-Atlantic Greenkeepers Assn.

## Rutgers

Rutgers University's 13th annual one-week course in turf management will be held February 17-21. The 1941 program is different from any presented at a Rutgers greens short course heretofore. A new set of topics is listed for discussion, and several new speakers have been added.

The method of conducting the course will also be different in that the speaker will present his subject in an hour period and this will be followed by 30 minutes of open discussion between the speaker and the audience.

There will be only two topics presented each half day, which gives considerable opportunity for applying the subject matter presented, to practical problems which the various men may have in mind. Tuition for the course is free but a charge of \$5.00 is made for registration. A fee of \$1.00 is also charged for outline of lectures.

Speakers for the course include Howard B. Sprague, J. S. Joffe, E. R. Gross, S. J. Toth, F. E. Bear, H. R. Cox, S. A. Waksman, R. L. Starkey, J. W. Shive, Miss J. G. Fiske, E. R. Biel, T. C. Longnecker, C. C. Hamilton and P. P. Pirone. Applications for registration in this course should be sent as soon as possible to F. G. Helyar, director of resident instruction, College of Agriculture, New Brunswick, N. J.

## Penn State

Pennsylvania State College's 13th annual Fine Turf Conference will be held Feb. 19-21. General chairman of the course is Prof. H. B. Musser, associate professor in experimental agronomy at the college. Fred Grau, of Penn State's department of agronomy, will assist Prof. Musser in conducting the course. Further information regarding the conference may be obtained by writing either Prof. Musser or Grau at PSC, State College, Pa.

## Iowa State

Dr. S. W. Edgecombe of Iowa State College has announced the ISC short course for greenkeepers will be held March 4-5. The course will again be held in cooperation with the Iowa Greenkeepers Assn. Further information may be had by writing Dr. Edgecombe, ISC department of agriculture, Ames, Iowa.

### Michigan State

Michigan State College has scheduled its annual greenkeeping conference for March 13-14. The conference is designed to give instruction in the classification, nature and properties of soils, and the suitability of various soils for greens construction and maintenance. Director of the course is Prof. James Tyson; registration fee is \$1.00. For further information write Prof. Tyson, care of Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.

### Purdue

Annual greenkeepers short course at Purdue University will be held Feb. 25-26. All educational sessions will be held in the field house, with the annual greenkeepers banquet to be held on the 25th (7 p. m.) in the Memorial Union building. A program somewhat similar to other years is being arranged, and the list of speakers is expected to include Dr. John Monteith, USGA Green Section; O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission; A. L. Brandon, secy., GSA and editor, The Greenkeepers Reporter; plus several members from Purdue's agricultural and horticultural staff. Complete details on the Purdue conference may be obtained from M. L. Clevett, Recreation Dir., Purdue U., West Lafayette, Ind.

### Denver

Greenkeepers short course in the Denver (Colo.) district will be held February 18-20 at the Park Lane Hotel in Denver. The conference is being held in conjunction with the florists and nurserymen's annual short course. Speakers tentatively lined up for the session include O. J. Noer of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, and Dr. John Monteith, Jr., USGA Green Section. Further information on the Denver conference may be obtained by writing J. L. Haines, supt., Denver (Colo.) CC.

**USGA To Re-Elect 1940 Officers**—The USGA nominating committee, Findlay S. Douglas, chairman, presents for re-election in 1941, the same officers and executive committee who served the association in 1940. The report of the nominating committee thus proposes the election of Harold W. Pierce, The Country Club, Brookline, Mass., for a second one-year term as president. The nominations, which are tantamount to election, will be presented for final action at the USGA annual meeting this month.

John G. Jackson, a former president of the USGA, heads the 1942 nominating committee.

## Double Tees Lend Variety to Nine-Hole Course

**NINE-HOLE** courses that want to increase their member attraction without undue expense should give careful study to the possibilities of two sets of tees. Competent architectural advice frequently will give the 9-hole course with an additional set of tees much of the interest of an 18-hole layout.

One of the most interesting two-tee 9-hole courses in the country is that of the Country Club of New Canaan, Conn. Mike Buckley, pro at the club, tells of the additional tees and their effect in expansion of the course's interest:

"The double set of tees at our course has given us shots that we've never had before, and has had the value of giving our members a mastery of shots that stands them to good advantage when they visit other courses. One of the instruction problems of the pro is that of teaching the member how to study a course and plan shots accordingly and I have found that the emphasis on shot-planning provided by different tees for the same green has been educational, both for the members and myself.

### Added Maintenance Cost Is Low

"James Scott, our greenkeeper, says that the additional maintenance cost of the extra tees is not much. He points out that division of tee wear by the addition of an extra set of tees reduces the expense of keeping one hard-used set of tees in the first-class condition our members want—and get.

"We were careful not to place the additional tees too far from the preceding green, so the walks from greens to tees are not tedious, nor do the new tees' locations appear to be merely an afterthought.

"Tees of the first 9 holes have white markers; the second, red.

"We have only one tee for the first and tenth holes. The second green is

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Press book of the LA Open, published and circulated by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County in cooperation with LA Junior C of C, is the most complete job of compiling pre-tournament information GOLFDOM has seen. Among other information the booklet records that \$193,880.96 has been the total cost of the LA Open, 1926-40 inclusive.