

GSA to Expand in Turf Field at N. Y. Convention, Feb. 10-14

Membership of the Greenkeeping Superintendents' Assn. will act upon a proposed revision of by-laws to enlarge the scope of the organization when the 18th annual turf conference and equipment show is held at Hotel New Yorker, New York City, Feb. 11-14, 1947. Executive committee of the GSA has asked for suggestions of a new name for the association. The new name desired is one that will indicate the broadened activities the organization has been acquiring as the one national outfit specializing on turf improvement.

Men responsible for park, cemetery, airport and other large turfed areas, in increasing numbers, have been participating in educational and research projects which greenkeepers have established in collaboration with various colleges, national and state golf associations, and government departments. Consequently greenkeeper leadership has become the nucleus of a strong national movement for turf improvement and betterment of maintenance methods.

Turf Improvement Assn. has been suggested by several as embodying the general idea of the proposed expansion of membership scope. The GSA executive committee has authorized a prize contest in hope of securing a name that may be better suited in identifying the organization as a national body, and in describing the function of the organization to the general public as well as to golfers.

One objection to the Turf Improvement Assn. proposed name is that it does not bring in the idea that the association's aim is that of improving the professional standing and earning capacity of turf experts as well as that of improving turf. Originally the association was known as the National Association of Greenkeepers. The greenkeeper term has a long and honorable tradition in golf but there was a tendency of the golfing public to consider the greenkeeper in his pioneer status merely as one who sowed, fertilized, watered and mowed. The vast development of the work, its requirements and problems brought about by

the driving ambition of greenkeepers has the interesting but not altogether satisfactory result of educating golfers to expect constantly improved turf conditions but without expecting to pay greenkeepers according to more exacting qualifications and responsibilities.

Emphasize Supt. Status

Change of the organization's name to the Greenkeeping Supts.' Assn. was made a public relations move in bringing out the parallel between the greenkeeper's job today and the job of the superintendent of any other important manufacturing plant concerned with complex operations.

Just before the war the GSA and district organizations of greenkeepers were in increasingly close association with men in fields outside of golf who had problems of turf management. This was natural development of the greenkeepers' vigorous leadership in turf culture and maintenance. During the war the impressive demonstration of greenkeepers' advance and capabilities as shown by airfield and camp turf installations further indicated the need of organization expansion.

The next step in the greenkeepers' progress and drive toward deserved and solid recognition will be outlined, it is hoped, in the new name to be chosen by the organization. Whoever first submits the name to be selected at the membership meeting Feb. 12 will win an all-expense trip to the New York meeting, or the equivalent in cash. Deadline for entries will be Jan. 20. Entries should be sent to A. L. Brandon, sec.-treas., GSA, P.O. Box 106, St. Charles, Ill.

Program for the conference has been worked out by Pres. Marshall E. Farnham, vp John Darrah, Brandon, and the association's directors and convention committee. It will highlight the acute problem of the dwindling buying power of the course budget dollar in its relationship to the aims of improving the standards of course maintenance without putting golf back again into the "rich man's game" status.

Equipment and supply exhibition space is sold out. New items that could not be

shown during the first postwar year because of manufacturing difficulties that made marketing efforts inadvisable will make their initial appearance.

It is believed that the New York convention will have a record attendance, partially because the national convention

expense now is regarded by experienced chairmen and other officials as a profitable allocation of part of the course budget. In view of expected large attendance the association urges that members make hotel reservations quickly on forms the GSA will supply on request.

GSA CONVENTION PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 10

Symposium of District Organizations and Turf Short Courses.

FEBRUARY 11

Delegates' Meeting

FEBRUARY 12

USGA Green Section Program—Fielding Wallace, Chmn, USGA Green Section

What's Ahead for Turf Supt.?—Herb Graffis, Editor, GOLFDOM

Sports Turf for the Public—George H. Hollister, Supt. Parks, Hartford, Conn.

Turf Usage at Military Installations—Ed B. Cale, War Dept., Office Chief of Engineers

Golf Pro's Interest in Playing Conditions—Speaker to be selected

Conditioning Course for Tournaments—Malcolm McLaren, Oakwood CC and Edward B. Casey, Baltusrol GC

FEBRUARY 13

Section Meetings

SECTION 1

Golf turf; Southern Section leader, T. M. Baumgardner, Sea Island GC

Turf Grasses in the South—Dr. Glenn W. Burton, Georgia Experiment station

My Impressions of Bent Greens in South—Alex Repin, Tulsa CC

Fairway Management — John K. Hane, Yeamans Hall

Summer Maintenance of Bermuda Greens—Doyle Smith, Mountain Brook CC

Crabgrass Control and Bermuda Fairway Renovation — John Price, Southern Hills CC

Care and Seeding of Winter Greens—O. S. Baker, Indian Creek CC and Frank Maples, Pinehurst CC

SECTION 2

Lawn Management for Landscapers, Estates, Public Institutions and Home Owners—Dr. Gilbert H. Ahlgren, N.J. Experiment station, leader; Speakers to be selected by Dr. Ahlgren and Warren Lafkin.

SECTION 3

Golf turf; Northern Section leader, Prof. L. S. Dickinson, Mass. State college

Our Fairway Improvement Program—Bruce Matthews, Green Ridge CC and Wm. Mellon, Lancaster CC

Tee Maintenance (public courses)—Homer Whitson, Bethpage GC and Stanley Graves, Indianapolis; (private courses) Ted Booterbaugh, Milwaukee CC and Al Linkogel, Westwood CC

Snow Mold and Winter Injury—J. H. Boyce, Central Canada Experimental farm

Topdressing vs. No Topdressing—Joe Valentine, Merion GC, affirmative; and Bob Williams, Ohio State University GC, negative.

Watered Fairways vs. Unwatered Fairways—Jack L. Counsell, Salem CC, affirmative; and Charles Baskin, Waterbury CC, negative.

Fungicide Trials in Philadelphia District—M. E. Farnham; Philadelphia CC

FEBRUARY 14

General Session

Turf Improvement Clinic—Charles Halliwell, County Agent, Philadelphia Grasses for Fairways, Parks and Cemeteries—Dr. Fred V. Grau, Director USGA Green Section

The Role of Lime and Fertilizer—Dr. Thomas Longnecker, New Jersey Experiment Station

Soil Sterilization — Dr. Jesse DeFrance, Rhode Island Exp. Station

Herbicides for Weed Control—2, 4-D by Dr. Paul C. Marth, Hormone Project, USDA; and Arsenicals, Chlorates, Dinitro Compounds by George Harrington, Ass't. Director, USGA Green Section.

Golf Course Architecture and its Relationship to Agronomic Principles — Present Trends in Golf Course Architecture by Robert Trent Jones, NYC. Design and Its Relationship to Maintenance by Robert Bruce Harris, Chicago. Soil Mixtures and Soil Structures for Specialized Areas by H. B. Musser, Penn State College.

General Conference Discussion

REGISTRATION FEES

Member—\$5.00

Non-Member—\$10.00 (Five dollars of this fee may be applied to first year's dues, should individual desire and qualify for membership. Dues are \$10.00 yearly.)

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Greenkeepers Meeting

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