

and I have yet to get any but a first-class caddy. No one questions this man's selection when he gives them a caddy. He takes a pride in his job and I am sure his club pays him a good salary. The caddies are always clean and most courteous. He is Jim Britt, and he is at the East Lake CC, Atlanta, Ga. If every club could afford a caddy-master of this type the players would enjoy their game much better.

In this article I am referring to the Southern colored caddies because I know the better clubs throughout the North and the West have good caddy-masters and the proper training. I don't want to offend anyone, but to help a situation which I know could be a lot better.

Check on Equipment Before Winter Storage

As machinery is stored for the winter it is advisable to check and estimate the cost of repairing or replacement.

Fairway and Rough Mowers: Measure the adjustment available and determine if new reels are required. The gears and bearings should be checked and the total cost of repairs estimated. Compare this figure with the cost of new units. Sometimes the cost of repairs will be greater, and your club will save money if new units are purchased. Check the hitch for cracks and defects, and weld or replace.

Putting Green Mowers: Unless a club has spare mowers, power putting green mowers should be in perfect shape at the start of the new season. All grease seals and gaskets should be replaced to prevent the leakage of grease and oil.

Tee and Edge Mowers: Check for bent and damaged knives, replace or straighten where necessary. Wood tees are hard on reels and bottom knives.

Sickle Bar Mowers: Check pitman rod and bearings for wear. Bent guards should be replaced and new sickle sections installed if needed.

Tractors and Trucks: Miles or hours of operation will help you determine the amount of repairs necessary. Trucks and tractors to be used during the winter months should be serviced for cold weather operation.

Hand Tools and Other Equipment: Hand tools should be cleaned and oiled to prevent rusting. Hand sprayers should be cleaned and drained. Dry out as much as possible to prevent corrosion. Power sprayers should be cleaned and drained. Be sure all drain plugs are removed. Inspect valves and pistons for wear. All hose should be drained and condition checked. Sprinklers should be checked for wear and damage.

—Heart of American Greenkeeping Assn.

It's a \$50,000.00 Purse for the 1950 World Championship

George S. May has added another \$14,000 to Tam O'Shanter's World Championship purse for 1950, boosting next year's currency crop for the event to \$50,000. Or, shall we say—a total of one-twentieth of a million bucks. Starting with \$12,000 for the winner, 31 others who finish best in the pellet planting will harvest checks, ranging down to \$200 for last place. Entry fee for men professionals will be \$100, with women and amateurs still riding free. Contestants must play in Tam's All American events to become eligible for the World Championship and every contestant must wear a number. Ties will be decided by "sudden death". The dates are Aug. 3 thru 13, 1950 with events scheduled as follows: All American Professional—56 from qualifying rounds of Thursday, Aug. 3, 14 top money winners of the year, and 6 to be named by sponsor, a total field of 76. All American Women's Open will consist of 12 who qualify Friday, Aug. 4, and 8 pros and 8 amateurs to be named by sponsor, a total of 28. All American Men's Amateur to consist of 16 who qualify Friday, Aug. 4, and 8 to be named by sponsor, a total of 24. All American event starts Saturday morning, the entire field of 126 playing 18 holes a day Sat., Sun., Mon. and Tues.

World Championship fields will be made up as follows: Men's Professional section—14 top money winners of the year, 6 named by the sponsor, and the 12 low scorers in the All American Professional event not otherwise included, a total of 32. Each Women's section will be composed of 8 players selected from the All American field on the basis of their performance through the year. Men's Amateur section to consist of 12 players selected from All American events on the basis of their merits through the year. The World Championship tees off Thursday, Aug. 10th; the entire field playing 18 holes daily, Thurs., Fri., Sat. and Sunday. Admission tickets will be \$2 plus 40c tax—total \$2.40 each day.

ANNUAL TURF CONFERENCES

- Sept. 26-27—Turf Field Day and Golf Tournament, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.
- Oct. 19—National Turf Field Day, Beltsville Turf Gardens, Beltsville, Md.
- Nov. 28-30—Oklahoma - Texas Turf Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- Feb. 27-Mar. 2, 1950—19th Annual Turf Conference, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.
- March 6-8—Midwest Regional Turf Conference, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.