

the criticism I took from some because of an article "Softening Hard Greens" I wrote for GOLFDOM I might have shied away from expressing myself in print any more. But the results of the "816" sanding continue to bring only one complaint from our players—"Too much grass on the greens"—and the practice has been adopted with satisfaction by some of the earlier critics in course maintenance work, so can I doubt the wisdom of a practice that again has been successful during a very harsh season?

The results, this year, of the sanding procedure:

Up to 425 players a day on greens as small at 2500 sq. ft. Cups changed four times a week. No worn spots from heavy traffic.

Greens are washed and mowed seven days a week.

Sprinklers were on our public course greens (which is built on gravel) fewer than 10 nights, up to Sept. 12. Sprinklers were used on our private course greens fewer than five nights. On the savings in labor and water the "816" sanding has had a cash value to us this year of \$36 a ton.

Greens held even the lofted approaches of the 100-shooters. The customer satisfaction on our public course has been recorded by the cash register. On our private course the members are bragging about "our greens."

Soil samples show water is getting down and so are the grass roots.

Superintendents Plan for Atlantic City, Feb. 10-12

Details of exhibition space for the 24th National Turf Conference and equipment and supply exhibition of the Golf Course Superintendents' Assn. of America, have been released by the organization's sec., Agar M. Brown, PO Box 106, St. Charles, Ill.

The convention will be held at Ambassador hotel, Atlantic City, Feb. 10, 11, 12. Booths range in price from \$90 to \$216. Allotments are made on first-come, first-served basis.

The program committee, headed by Ed Casey, Supt., Baltusrol GC, Short Hills, N. J., and Brown, is working out a schedule to balance turf technical subjects and matters of golf course management. The GCSA during its 27 years has mainly devoted its formal programs to technical phases of turf development and maintenance, even when no conventions were held during some war years.

Results have been highly satisfactory to all concerned in improving standards of golf course maintenance. But of recent years the labor supply, financial, officials' and golfers' relations, and other executive

and management problems have become so pressing that a timely division of program subjects has been dictated.

As is very plainly shown in this issue of GOLFDOM the technical problems of the superintendents are as much under control as well organized research and its intelligent application permit, but the problems of management which depend on understanding and cooperation of officials and members are urgent and serious puzzles which must receive attention.

SE PGA Combines Play with Work; Cochrane Re-elected

Southeastern PGA, holding annual meeting at Memphis showed club-wielding skill in tournament played over Chickasaw's beautiful course. After being rained out first day the tournament proceeded with slim Charley Harper, Ft. Benning, Ga., with 11-under par, 277, leading the circuit star Cary Middlecoff by 6 strokes. Doc turned over his second place check of \$400 to the charity which sponsored the tournament. Joe Taylor, Pat Abbott, Broyles Plemmons, Dick Beckman, and Scuddy Horner, followed the leaders.

George Dawson, Spalding's VP in charge of sales, spoke on pro business operations; Robert Bruce Harris, golf architect of Chicago, talked on course design for interesting playability and economical maintenance; and Harold Sargent, national PGA treas., discussed pro problems in the business sessions.

Election of SE NGA officers was held.

Johnny Cochran, Greenwood, Miss., was renamed pres. Leo Beckman was re-elected sec.-treas., and Harold Sargent, treas., national PGA, was re-chosen honorary pres.

Vice-president from each of the six states in the SE PGA are: Tom Lundy, Mississippi; Denny Champagne, Florida; Joe Harper, Alabama; John Livingstone, Georgia; Charlie Danner, Tennessee, and Everett Nelson, Louisiana.

CORRECTION

A serious error in the table listing cost of materials used in connection with the article "Overseeding with Bent Helps Solve Texas Greens Problem," which appeared on page 46 of the September, 1952 issue is called to your attention to prevent possible serious damage. Third line from the bottom of the table which reads, "30 lbs. Calo-Clor Fungicide @ 4.95 /lb. \$188.50" should read, 3 lbs. of Calo-Clor Fungicide at \$4.95 per lb. or \$14.85. — The Editor.