

BALLAD OF THE BIG STRONG PROS

(An earful of close-up on the boys at the PGA National course)

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There's winter of rest for the worn,
weary pro

At Dunedin fair on the Gulf Mexico
Where the moss-draped trees and
the tall palms sway

And the pro after summer can joy-
ously play.

In the northland he labors at home
club toil

On tee and course where a chop
would broil.

There his every aim is his mem-
bers' fun;

No play for him 'til his work is
done.

Then comes welcome winter down
Dunedin way

Where I listen to him, hoping he'll
say

That he's found the secret to make
my golf great.

But that I've not heard, most sad
to relate.

Each gorgeous morn each relaxing
brother

Will come to the club and all to
each other

Will recite a long list of pitiful ills,
Too bad for a surgeon, too bad for
pills.

An athlete confesses in accents for-
lorn

"I'm not very fit this beautiful
morn,

"Painful bursitis is killing my
shoulder,

"It really is hell when a fellow gets
older."

Then the keen competition really
gets hot

And each pro will relate the ills
that he's got:

"I've phlebitis real bad in my
only good leg;"

"Each finger I grip with is merely
a peg."

"I'm woefully ailing from a hor-
rible hook;"

And all other maladies found in the
book;

Slicitis, topitis, missitis, rhinitis,
arthritis,

Shankitis, neuritis, St. Vitus, putti-
tus!

Through the medical catalog I hear
them cry

And I wonder why they don't lie
down and die.

Yes, and so help me, that's just
how it goes

As they moan of themselves as the
broken-down pros.

But hold, my good friend, shed not
your hot tears

For these sportsmen famed, these
poor aching dears,

Feast and they sing and gay stories
they tell

And play their sick rounds remark-
ably well.

All summer long no pains have
they had

But in winter at rest they get ill-
ness bad;

All are seven aches up on each
other one

And enjoying themselves in the
Florida sun.

SOIL CONDITIONER SOLVES

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good structure and porosity of this soil were stabilized.

Meanwhile, we aerified the green, using plug-type aerifier with hollow tines. Aerifying in two directions we put a ½-in. hole, 4 in. deep, every 8 in. all over green.

The soil treated with chemical conditioner was then applied to the green at the rate of one cubic yard per 5000 sq. ft. and matted in with a commercial metal

foot-scraper mat so all "aerified" holes were well filled with treated soil.

In practice we found that this procedure actually entailed less labor than the older methods in which we had prepared and transported mixtures of soil, sand, peat, manure and other additives.

Improvement in 60 Days

Watering and fertilizing were then carried out regularly, as the green demanded, based on periodical soil tests.

What happened?