

HOW PRO SHOP SOUNDS IN JAPANESE



Japanese Golf picked up a full page cartoon from Golfing magazine on "The Pro-Shoppers" and had the English translated into Japanese in the balloons.

Conversation in Japanese pro shops is just about as it is in pro shops in the U. S. as you will discover when you read aloud the type in this cartoon.

Pocono Turf Assn. Soil Tents Pay Clubs

AL WILFONG, supt., Wyoming Valley CC, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and sec. Pocono Turf Assn., tips off clubs to what valuable work their supts. are doing in regional meetings of supts. such as the recent meeting and soil testing program of the Pocono organization.

Wilfong writes:

"A total of 130 soil tests (for PH) were run compared with 160 last year. I attribute the lesser number this year due to the weather, rain, cold and windy. A number of fellows couldn't get out in the rain to gather their samples in time to prepare them.

"The results this year were certainly gratifying. Out of 130 tests only a few ran as low as 6.0 and none lower. Most ran around 6.3 to 6.5. The results of tests run last year and this year at many clubs tell a big story of improvement.

"There is one thing I would like to emphasize, and that is the lack of interest from clubs on having a complete analysis made of their soils. A sound fertilizing program can only be based on exact knowledge of the soil.

"I would like at this time in behalf of the Pocono Turf Assn. to give thanks and full credit for running these tests to our good friend Prof. Al. Cooper of Penn. State University. Cooper was assisted this year by Lackawana County Agent Jess Landenberger.

"Prof. Higbee's talk at our September meeting was confined to the formation, composition and textures of soils from their origins to the present time, and their uses from trees to grass etc., down to no practical use such as deserts. The colored slides illustrating all known type of soils were interesting and actually amazing. Higbee's narration with the slides explained why the need for lime and fertilizers and organic matter, and why some soils need more or less of these materials. Soils containing plenty of organic matter or humus need more lime but once a balance is struck the soil will remain more stable with less leaching.

"We had 70 present at the meeting despite the weather, and 32 played a round in the rain. Some members have to drive 100 to 120 miles, play a round of golf, attend the business meeting at 5:00 p.m., sit down to dinner approximately 6:45 p.m. after which we have the speaker and then have the long drive home, a great deal of it through the Pocono Mountains. That in my book is interest.

"Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 19 at Shawnee-on-the-Delaware when we have Prof. Burton Musser as our speaker. This will be our last meeting of the year so we will make our selection of clubs for all our meetings next year, the first of which will be in April. The speakers usually are all arranged by February."

TEE TREES APPRECIATED

I planted some good-sized trees behind each of our tees that had no shade and my members very much appreciated this contribution to their comfort on hot days. Try it yourself if you have several tees out in the open.

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