

has been repeatedly demonstrated that constant daily supervision over and above the supervision the architect normally provides is required from an experienced man. By hiring a golf course contractor, the club gets the advantage of his experience and that of his crew. Likewise, when the club handles the work on its own or lets it out to a general contractor it hires an experienced supt. For this purpose the future supt. is the logical man and his presence during construction results in his ideas being incorporated into an installation for which he will be responsible.

10. What costs other than those of construction are to be considered in planning stages?

Frequently clubs in the earliest planning stages set yearly dues with no thought to annual maintenance costs. These costs should be estimated in advance. Perhaps the best way for a new club to obtain the required information is from established clubs of similar quality, taking into account that certain features of older courses were designed for hand maintenance.

Eighteen hole courses, with which I am familiar, cost from \$15,000 to \$50,000 annually to maintain. At the former figure, courses are playable; while the latter represents perfection in grooming. Modern design streamlines the course for efficient power equipment maintenance and more thought is given during construction to the supt.'s future problems. Thus many super de-luxe layouts built today can be maintained for about the same as more modest courses built years ago.

416 Courses Benefit from Regional Turf Service

At the meeting of the 1955 Green Section committee of USGA held at the CC of Virginia, Richmond, Joseph C. Dey, Jr., executive director, reported that there are 404 subscribers to the Regional Turf Service and 416 courses are benefiting from it.

Among suggestions made at the meeting was one by B. P. Robinson advocating establishment by USGA of a seed foundation program to provide pure seed stock to clubs for nurseries and other purposes. It was also suggested that turf development exhibits be arranged at USGA championships such as Southern Golf Assn. has been holding in connection with its amateur championship tournament since 1953. Stronger support for the Regional Turf Service program also was advocated.

PATTY COMPLETES GREAT YEAR



Patty Berg finished her 22nd year of competitive golf and her 15th as a member of the Wilson Pro advisory staff by being top money winner (\$16,492) of women pros in 1955 and winner of the year's Vare trophy for low scoring average, 74.47. Patty's the first woman golfer to lead in purse winning and scoring average for a year. She won six events last year — St. Petersburg Open, Titleholders, Western Open, All-American, World's and Clock Open. With Wm. F. King, Wilson Executive vp (l) and Fred J. Bowman, Wilson pres., Patty appears with trophies she won last year. The trophies and the number of times Patty's won them (l to r): World's (3). All-American (4), Western Open (5), Titleholders (6).

Thanks Superintendents' Wives in New England Bulletin

A graceful job was done by Homer Darling, editor of the Newsletter of the Golf Course Supts. Assn. of New England for the organization's members. The Newsletter, in announcing a party honoring the supts.' wives, thanked the girls, per the following statement:

"The deepest tenderness a woman can show a man, is to help him to do his duty."

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"Dear Ladies, God Bless You. Your menfolk in this organization are appreciative of your faithfulness, patience, and encouragement shown them during the past Summer's trials and tribulations.

"They needed your comfort and understanding more than ever when the pressure was the greatest—and you were not found wanting. Many times they were late for dinner, late for supper, and out in the middle of the night with emergencies.

"Maybe you did scold a bit but down in your heart your sympathy was theirs."