

Bell Heads Architects



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William F. Bell of Pasadena, Calif. was elected pres. of the American Society of Golf Course Architects at its annual meeting at the Boca Raton Hotel and Club, Boca Raton, Fla. in February. Other officers elected were: Howard Watson, vp, Lachute, Quebec, Can.; David W. Gordon, secy-treas., Doylestown, Pa. Robert F. Lawrence of Indian Creek CC, Miami Beach, Fla., is retiring pres. of the architects' organization.

farmer — while a good soils man, he is anything but a course supt. in his appearance, dress, action, and position in social life. And let me alarm you further, will there appear a central figure who will take over X number of courses? He is the man who lays out plans, programs, and budgets, etc. for these courses which he visits and checks periodically. We know that equipment manufacturers have slated courses in turf work for their salesmen and personnel. These are mentioned more as a possibility than a probability. We do not question their legitimacy, but it must be impressed that we must produce true sons from true parents. Our self-taught, trained personnel are such.

All golf has advanced. Clubs, balls, bags, styles, swings, theories, turf, management and equipment all have moved forward. The pros and managers have kept pace and profited. It seems all have progressed except the supt. and his ability to supply greenkeeping artists. It's time we got in step.

You will find a trainee an excellent comrade to discuss and understand problems and burdens. It is surprising how much more one can see with another pair of eyes. You will find him capable of accepting responsibility and one who can fill in for any job. The amazing and grand paradox is that you will learn far more from him than he will learn from you. Your reward will come back many times over.

Now for some advice! Teach the social aspects as well as the practical. Prepare trainees with the proper outlook as regards prestige, appearance, gentlemanly qualities and the social graces.

Another Set of Rules for Golf Cars

GOLFDOM receives numerous requests for "standard" regulations governing golf car ownership, operation and charges at clubs.

There are no "standard" regulations. Almost every club seems to have different regulations. Opinions as to whether private ownership of golf cars, ownership by the pro or club with rental to players, or leasing arrangement by pro or club, with the lessor providing maintenance, is the most generally satisfactory arrangement vary widely and according to many conditions. Not the least of these conditions concerning ownership and operation is that of being able to yell loud and tough.

Kinks are being eliminated in car construction and design. Maintenance and operating costs are being reduced. Frequently, though, the charges pros make for maintaining or renting cars leave a narrow margin.

Western Golf Assn., Golf, Ill., and Metropolitan New York Golf Assn., 40 E. 38th St., New York 16, have booklets containing compilations of golf car operating regulations and charges.

Golf cars are here to stay. Their use will increase, so you might as well consider the development calmly and for the good of all.

GOLFDOM'S observation is that any set of golf car rules is "subject to change without notice."

Among regulations that have come to our attention are those of Oak Hills CC, San Antonio, Tex. This club's rules for "scooters", as announced last fall, are:

1. Any member desiring to purchase a privately owned scooter and use it on Oak Hills CC course must first obtain permission of the board of governors and approval for his use of this scooter.
2. He must provide a place to keep the scooter at the club according to specifications set up by the club.
3. A charge of \$5.00 per month will be made for electricity, gas, etc.
4. A liability policy as specified by the club must be provided for any private scooter used on Oak Hills CC golf course.

We would also like to call your attention to the fact that as of Jan. 1, 1957, no more privately owned scooters will be allowed. The club will operate all scooters used on the course.