



Uniforms for Maintenance Crew

San Jose CC, Jacksonville, Fla., has outfitted each member of its maintenance crew in forest green uniforms which carry the name of the club and the employee over the shirt pockets. Dan L. Hall, Jr., supt., who suggested the idea to his green committee, feels that the uniforms help distinguish maintenance employees from caddies, gives members the opportunity to call employees by name and creates the right eye appeal.

Motorist, Struck by Golf Ball, Awarded Damages

A decision that deserves careful consideration by every club with a course bordering closely on a public highway was handed down recently in the New York Court of Claims. The driver of a car on the highway, who was passing the Battle Island GC, was awarded damages when she was hit on the wrist by a golf ball. And, it was no mere private club that was held responsible. Battle Island is owned and operated by the sovereign state of New York.

The 18th hole of the Battle Island course parallels Route 48 between Oswego and Fulton. The driver of the car, Sylvia Farley Townley, was hit on the wrist by a wildly driven ball while she was signalling for a right turn. She brought suit against the State contending that the driving of golf balls on or across the highway, something that was fairly frequent during more than 25 years that the state had operated the course, constituted a public nuisance to travelers using the highway. "With this the court agrees," says the opinion.

Pointing out that the public is entitled to "free and unmolested use of the highways," the court continued, "the game of golf, itself, is not inherently dangerous. In the case at bar, however, the evidence established that the state had notice of golf balls landing on or across the highway. It

was surely within the realm of foreseeable possibility that golfers might drive a ball into the stream of traffic along the highway. This possibility presents the element of danger."

State Should Recognize Danger

The court further observed that the state's failure to erect protective devices to eliminate this element of danger "created a hazard of which the state in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have been aware."

Although holding the state liable for injuries to persons lawfully using the highways and decreeing that an award should be made, the reported decision fails to satisfy the curiosity of those who would like to know what a blow on the wrist from a golf ball is worth in cold cash. It does not mention the amount awarded.

Gowanda CC Is Model of Small Course Construction

Superintendents and professionals in western New York are commenting with high favor on the excellence and economy of the job done in building the new 9-hole Gowanda (N.Y.) CC. Al Schardt, supt., Wanakah CC, Hamburg, N. Y., designed and supervised construction of the layout. W. Peters is construction supt.

Schardt is a veteran who started as one of the lads under Rockefeller at Inverness in Toledo.