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North Hempstead Turf

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areas were softer and easier to walk on. The greens would hold a shot better, and it was easier to tee-up a ball on the tees. In the latter part of August, we made a follow-up application on the greens as recommended (2 to 3 months later.) There was a continual improvement in both appearance and density of turf. This lasted into the fall.

This past year has proved to me that



Greens and putting clock (above) no longer fade with first heat spell. Members are elated to know they can play from April Through October at North Hemostead on turf that will hold up.

there are new techniques being developed continually that many of us aren't aware of. Changing characteristics of plain water and making it "wetter" is certainly one of them. Besides producing excellent turf, we estimate that we have saved 30 per cent in the labor needed to maintain our greens and tees. We have used less water and we have watered less frequently than before. Last April we examined the roots of the turf on the treated areas and found them to be nearly twice as deep as in previous years.

This year we will be using Aqua-Gro extensively. We plan to use it in treating the clubhouse lawn and other high traffic areas as well as for more general use

on the course.

Committee Studies Traps

A sand trap committee has been appointed at Beverly CC (Chicago dist.). Green Chmn. R. A. Podesta in a note to his committee says: "When it is realized that since 1940, the cost of sand has increased about 70% and in the same period our labor cost has risen over 60%, it becomes obvious that a re-appraisal of our trap situation is desirable. The program should have the following objectives: Elimination of unnecessary traps. Possible reduction in size of traps. Possible redesign and/or relocation of present traps."