

# "Green Section" Is A Misnomer

*Millions of golfers have only a vague idea of what the term actually means. Why wouldn't "Golf Course Section" be better?*

The Green Section, a function of the USGA, is of immense value to golfers and golf clubs. For almost 40 years the Green Section has been closely associated with progress in course maintenance. It has been responsible for a great deal of the improvement in course condition throughout the U. S.

The Green Section has overlooked very few opportunities for adjusting to new conditions except in one important respect: its own name.

"Green Section" as a descriptive label is as out-of-date as "jigger," "stymie," and the horse-drawn fairway mower.

## **Covers Entire Course**

As a matter of fact, "Green Section," was a misnomer when it was first used. In the Definitions of The Rules of Golf "through the green" is defined as "the whole area of the course except: (a) Teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played; (b) All hazards on the course." The Green Section committee concerns itself with the entire course with no areas excepted.

The Green Section very clearly is the Golf Courses committee of the USGA. That is why millions of golfers have only a vague idea of what's being talked or written about when the Green Section is mentioned.

## **Junked Outgrown Term**

Years ago American greenkeepers modernized and improved their public relations by identifying themselves accurately and clearly as golf course superintendents. The outgrown term, "greenkeepers," sometimes appears in print as "greenskeepers."

There is a rapidly growing trend to changing the name of Green committees at clubs to Golf Course or Grounds committees and changing the title of the chairmen from that of Green chairman to that of Golf Course or Grounds chairman.

In 1961 the USGA Green Section expenses were \$149,897 and accounted for incalculable benefits to golf. Not many golfers are aware of the benefits of the Green Section's work for the simple reason they don't know what the Green Section is. They would know what a Golf Courses Section of the USGA is.