

Long Island Supt. Enlists Clubs' Aid in Blight Fight

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While millions of curious folk from all parts of the world converge on the New York World's Fair on Flushing Meadow Park, the men who maintain the more than 100 golf courses that surround the extravaganza conceived by Bob Moses are expressing concern over the prospects of the invasion of bugs, pests and disease that annually plague Long Island courses.

The Long Island GCSA, headed by Jim Manka of Inwood CC, scene of Bobby Jones' first National Open triumph, is enlisting the help of top agronomists of Cornell University and others in the educational field to help head off the invasion.

"Long Island clubs are prepared to shell out more than six million dollars to maintain turf during 1964," said Manka in revealing a bold, realistic plan in which the clubs, both private and public, are participating in an all-out attack on the bugs and fungi that attack the courses.

Five Per Cent for Control

"Over five per cent of the total spent by clubs will be expended toward the prevention or control of turf diseases," Manka continued. "As the demand for high quality turfgrass from tee to green increases, so will the monetary funds budgeted for chemical usage. And, of course, with the building of another 20 new courses in our section, the amount will be greatly increased next year."

In order to underwrite the cost of a program, launched by the Agriculture Department, Nassau County Extension Service Association, with the full cooperation of allied interests, the LIGCSA is appeal-

ing to all clubs to raise combined a total of \$5,000 annually for the next four years to initiate and continue this essential program.

It is obvious the clubs will be the essential benefactors of the program. The LIGCSA is asking each club for a donation of \$50 for four years. Early responses to Manka's appeal have been most encouraging, he reports.

Manka has indicated that the project has the solid endorsement of all the district associations, including the pro, amateur, Senior and women's.

Professor M. B. Harrison of Cornell's plant pathology department is conducting the investigations relative to the cause and control of diseases of turf grass in the Long Island sector.

The funds, Manka pointed out, will be used to defray costs of an assistantship stipend, travel expenses, supplies and small equipment required for the research of turf diseases.

An annual report of progress will be submitted to all clubs participating. Results of the investigations under the grant will be available for publication by the New York State College of Agriculture.

Officers of the LIGCSA, in addition to Manka, include Mel Lucas, Piping Rock Club of Locust Valley, v-p; Ed Kuhn, IBM CC of Port Washington, secretary, and Maurice Spillane of Wheatley Hills GC of East Williston, treasurer. Directors are Larry King of Deepdale GC of Manhasset, Ben Zukosky of The Links Club of Manhasset and Henry Fabrizio of Peninsula GC of Massapequa.

Car Manufacturers Meet

The American Golf Car Manufacturers Association will hold its first annual meeting at the Drake Oakbrook, Oakbrook, Ill., July 21. Prospective members, car manufacturer and suppliers, not now members of the association have been invited to attend along with regular and associate members. Complete information about the meeting can be obtained from Harold K. Howe, executive secretary of the AGCMA, Walker Bldg., 734 15th st., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. A golf tournament is on the entertainment program.