

Group of greenkeepers who braved the elements at Mid-West's annual demonstration

club and a prominent figure in Green Section activities. Of special interest was the experimental turf garden which has recently been instituted by the Green Section at this club. Various species and strains of grass seeds and stolons are under test in this experimental garden, under varying conditions of tillage, care, etc., all with the object of determining their reactions to extreme sandy soil and the best methods of handling turf under the sandy soil conditions prevalent at Atlantic City. This is a cooperative affair between the Green Section and the Atlantic City club from which the golfing fraternity will ultimately reap an appreciable benefit. It is characteristic of H. Kendall Read and his club, that this experimental work will go on until the results desired are obtained, with the club footing a large proportion of the expense and Mr. Read giving a lot of his time and personal attention to the work. Turf enthusiasts are born, not made.

The evening was devoted to a discussion of various turf problems including the ever pressing Poa annua problem.

On the morning of the 5th the meeting transferred its activities to the Pine Valley This course also is built on very club. sandy soil in the Pine Barren section of New Jersey. Those present made a tour of the course under the direction of Norman Mattice, manager of the club, and the opportunity was presented of seeing a de luxe course, with greens, fairways, etc., all growing in soil treated with arsenate of lead. There have been some remarkable changes in this course during the past year mainly characterized by the present splendid condition of the turf thruout the course.

Some of those present left after luncheon for Washington for an inspection of the turf gardens at Arlington Farm.

## Mid-West Holds First Demonstration

WITH customary perversity Jupiter Pluvius dealt himself a hand in the affairs of the Mid-West Greenkeepers' association when he permitted the first rain in weeks to fall on the day chosen for the organization's first annual demonstration and exhibition of golf equipment.

June 5 found a comprehensive array of equipment from the leading manufacturers assembled at the Sunset Valley Golf club at Highland Park, Ill. Greenkeepers from the Chicago district and as far away as Rockford and northern Indiana looked over the demonstrations which were conducted in a cold drizzle, which was not bad enough, however, to dampen the ardor of the greenkeepers and exhibitors.

Edward M. Laing, superintendent in charge of the course, arranged for exhibitors who wished to make private demonstrations to prospective purchasers at the conclusion of the set program. The club, which is an excellent conducted municipal course, was host to the greenkeepers at lunch.

The day's program:

- 9:45 a.m. Pneumatic Air Cavity Machine.
- 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.—Fairway and Rough Mowers.
- 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.-Power Mowers.
- 11:30 to 12 m. —Green Mowers.
- 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.—Top Dressing Equipment.
- 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.-Hand Tee Mowers.
- 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.-Lunch Hour.
- 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.—Compost Shredders and Fairway Fertilizer Distributors.
- 2:30 to 3:00 p.m.-Worm Eradicators.
- 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.-Sprinklers-All Classes.
- 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.-Tractors.
- 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.—Greens Construction by Turf Method.

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In preparing topdressing I am using a large rotary screen run with a belt to the Fordson tractor; the finest goes to the green; the coarser to the tees.

## Labor Practice

Some greenkeepers give each laborer three greens to care for, and give some premium for competitive excellence. I don't fancy seeing the men trailing off across the fairways with putting green mowers, and leaving heaps of cutting to bleach bare spots in the rough.

I have an excellent foreman who helped me to construct the course and he uses great care in adjusting the mowers, and judgment in cutting the greens with no turning marks or oil spots.

In addition to the foreman, I have two assistants. I send all three out with the Fordson tractor dump cart and 3 section light wooden rollers behind the cart. One man drags a "welcome" mat over the greens leveling any worm casts, and picking up mouse-eared chickweed. The foreman and assistant, follow with two super Pennsylvania green mowers followed by the light wooden rollers, which leaves the swollen bent greens plenty fast. All clippings are dumped into the waiting cart and taken finally to the compost heap. These clippings are mixed with earth or they make a black, unmanageable glue.

Then they move on to green No. 2 and give it the same treatment. Ordinarily they can finish three greens in a forenoon and all greens get the same careful care. Every other morning a lawn mower is taken along and the driver mows the edges of the green. In this way the green mowers are not dragged across the fairways by hand, but ride rapidly from green to green and do not require readjusting. Tees receive the same treatment only not so often. I am rapidly changing them to stolon bent tees.

Wherever possible on 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 and 9 greens, we have constructed these greens so we can run the fairway mowers right around the greens; on Nos. 3 and 7 right up to the green and right around the back of bunkers on the others, saving

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an enormous amount of scythe work that increases labor costs very rapidly.

The only scythe work is among the blueberry bushes where the course skirts the swamp, and on the side of tees where visibility necessitates raised tees.

## Making Course Look Good

About bettering conditions of the looks of the course, here the architect can so adapt his course to the face of nature that there is as little artificiality as possible.

Here I was most fortunate as Mr. Van Buren spent a great deal of time, thought and comparative study in planning the layout and it was only necessary to build two deliberately artificial bunkers on the home hole, the rest fit into the natural scenery in a way that Robert Hunter and George Thomas approve of.

I was able to make an added lake on No. 2 and juggle the brook in and out among brakes and bayberry bushes.

Our hastily improvised green wooden benches blew over and were eyesores, so after the season I scouted around in the rocky swamp and unearthed and split out eight great stone settees, one weighing four tons for the hole in front of the clubhouse. They are rustic, solid and permanent, and look comfortable and natural.

I dig out brakes, clematis and wild geraniums to put in cosy but conspicuous corners where they please the artistic eye.

A word about bunkers.

On a certain course I know of, an architect excavated immense, obscure quarries, wide, deep and invisible at any distance; some square across the fairway, some just right to penalize a good drive and most of them as much a hidden danger as the sunken roads in France. Having played over, around, in and out of these atrocities, I did not put any such archaic errors on our course. Ours are built to obscure a cemetery, guide the play and are made in natural places generally as like sand dunes as possible and sweeping up with the prevailing wind. After reading Robert Hunter's excellent book, "The Links," I sand flashed them as high as possible, making them visible at 200 yards. When in the sweep of the wind, long bunkers were divided, to avoid losing sand. We were careful to cut up the inside edge with a sweep so the ball would roll back to playable tee, particularly in deep bunkers; this also decreased, say, the work and weeding in the inside of bunkers.

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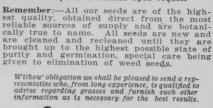
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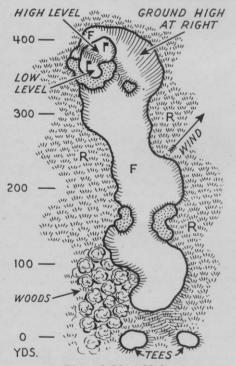
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# New Los Angeles Course Is Thomas Triumph

C INCE the publication of Golf Architecture in America, by George C. Thomas, Jr., there has been considerable attention given to the design of holes affording great diversity because of arrangement of several tees to each green, each tee calling for a different manner of playing the hole

Inspired by descriptions of such holes in Golf Architecture in America some have constructed new holes, or revamped old holes, with the idea of putting in something of the Thomas type, and fallen short of achieving their aim because they have



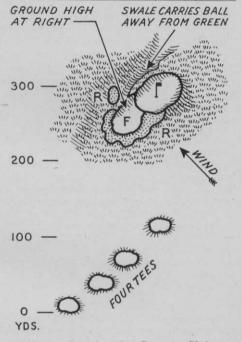
#### Plan of Ideal Hole.

Plan of Ideal Hole. Mr. Thomas contemplated using this design on No. 10 at Los Angeles Country club, but available space was too narrow. The diversity of a green having two en-trances, each to a different level, is valuable. One shot may be a pitch and the other a run-ning shot nursed by contour, to green. Tees of same yardage provide variety by shots with different angles; in this case the left tee demands placement and hook, the

s with different angles, in this book, the tee demands placement and hook, the right tee, carry or slice, around trap.' shots are up-hill.

relied too much on simple difference in distance.

Mr. Thomas, in connection with the design of the new north course of the Los Angeles Country club has been giving spe-



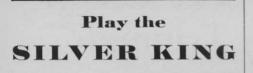
No. 11, Los Angeles Country Club.

In this case four tees supply variety of shots because tees and axis of green provide dif-

because tees and axis of green provide un-ferent angles of play. The short tee requires pitch; the long tee, pitch and run with wood and the intermediate tees give choice of shot. The shot is down-hill; green slightly cupped and banked at back. This plan supplies distances from 165 yards to 300 yards. Ground slopes from left to right. Entrance marked "F" provides shorter carry from all but shortest tee which is out of line. from all but shortest tee which is out of line.

cial attention to this problem of playing a hole from two tees, one of which is a oneshot hole and the other a two-shot hole, or with some other variation of distance which makes it necessary to supply diversity in the green for the acceptance of two different shots.

The Thomas sketches, which are shown herewith, give clear ideas of the problems JULY, 1928



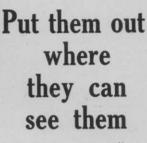
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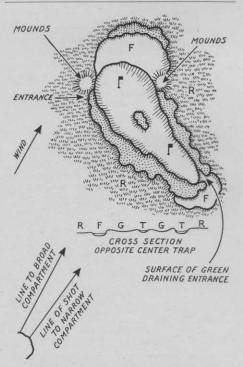


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and solutions. Mr. Thomas tells GOLF-DOM:

"I find it is necessary to have considerable room to accomplish this diversity and the best way to secure the result is to make a higher level of smaller size for the shorter shot and the trapping can be arranged very easily for the drives from the different tees. In this connection the point which should be stressed is that by making two tees in the same line of play so that the shorter one will provide lesser distance from tee to green is *mot* the solution of the problem.

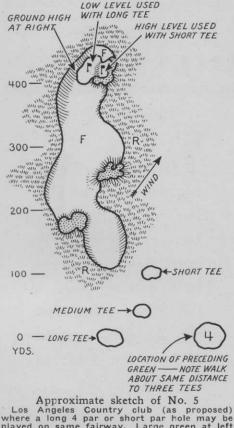
"In addition to this I have gone into the matter of having a green divided by a trap so that it is in two sections, but not necessarily of different levels, and I find that this matter is entirely dependent on the



No. 15. Los Angeles Country club. Green divided by trap into two compartments

The shot may be to either part of green—a rather short mashie niblick pitch with traps short and over a fairly long mashie with safety just beyond by reason of fairway. By raising green at sides and elevating trap in green it is possible to putt from any part of cither continue to our in other continu

By raising green at sides and elevating trap in green it is possible to putt from any part of either section to cup in other section. Slant from side of green near tee should be slight to avoid skidding forward of pitch. Slant at far side may be bold to help hold pitch except where green is wide. One tee gives proper diversity.



where a long 4 par or short par hole may be played on same fairway. Large green at left provides room for long wooden shot. Small green at right gives fine pitch, while traps as arranged in fairway require carries or placements from all three tees. Center tee to large green is an easy par, the other tees furnishing fine second shots to proper green sections. Shot from back tee to small green is unfair and must not be used.

axis of the green and that the trap should be long and the green be long, and the trap rather narrow so that one may putt from any part of either section of the green to the other with the putter. Furthermore, it is practical to have one shot come in with the length of the green and have this a running shot of some length, and have the other shot come in with the breadth of the green with the trapping front and back.

"At the Los Angeles Country club course I found it practical to make a shorter course with a different routing and in some instances play a green from one direction and from an entirely different direction as another hole, and from these various angles of the situation you will see that the proper routing of a golf course