

Jacobsen Power Putting Green Mower and Greens Brush Making Friends Everywhere

These letters contain noteworthy evidence regarding the practical economy and efficiency of America's most popular Power Putting Green Mower. The Jacobsen Greens Brush Attachment keeps the grass from matting, aerates the turf and helps prevent brown patch.

Hawthorne Valley Golf Club

November, Twenty eighth, Nineteen hundred twenty eight.

Jacobson Manufacturing Co., Pacine, Visconsin.

Gentlemen:-

To brought our third eighteen hole course into play last June. It was equipped with three Jacob-sen mineteen inch power mowers. From watching results this past season the writer is inclined to believe we will equip our other new course next soring with the same lind of machines. If they continue to perform as they did his season it is quite evident that we will have to equip r six courses with these devices for the reason men like work with them at any time, while with the old type cush er men hate to handle them, particularly on hot days of

It is the writer's belief that our new bent ns are as good as the best in the country and they were in wonderful shape with this new type nower, and I we a just share of the credit must go to the nowers, at our workmen say so.

Yours truly, HAWTHOPNE VALLEY COLF CLUB

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J. a Burkhardt

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One of the leading manufacturers who is widely known in the pro field picked out one bond of sympathy with the pros that he considers well worthy of pro thought. Let's have his own words:

Penalty of Reputed Riches

"A serious handicap to the pro is the public belief that his annual income ranges from \$10,000 to \$50,000. There is no need detailing to the pros how this erroneous impression is cramping his chances for financial growth. The manufacturer in the golf field suffers from the same mistaken idea and strange to say the professional is the one who is most vehement in picturing the manufacturer as one who rolls in huge stacks of his gains.

"Golf is a grand and growing business but it is by no means of the vast dimensions it is loosely credited with. Golfdom's survey showing around 1,600,000 active golfers I believe is the soundest estimate of the golf market, not the four million figure frequently heard. There are no fabulous fortunes being made in the manufacture of golf goods. There may be some day, I hope, but during the past ten years the story has read the other way for a good many. In our own case, were it not for the volume we have on one of our popular products we would lose money on it. You hear the wild statement that "a fellow on the inside told me straight that it costs only a dime to make the best golf In some golf balls there are approximately 70 operations. In making highest quality clubs the manufacturing process steps run up around 100. facts don't jibe with the fairy tales about the long profits in golf goods manufactur-Still you hear claims made that collective buying would save the pros 20%. I don't see how in the hell it could when that is double what we make and we pride ourselves on being as thrifty and fair as is humanly possible and maintain the superior character of our merchandise.

"We've all progressed in this business so the pros and manufacturers can pat each other on the back for our work in getting a new business quickly and correctly grounded, and now what we all need most of all is intensive and intelligent market development that will increase our sales to present golfers and promote the continuously rapid growth in the number

of players. The way the outlook seems to me, none of us have any idea of the tremendous size the golf market will reach in the next decade. Look what it has done since the close of the war when it really got going, and then plan for the bright future by being better prepared to sell."

You can take it or leave it. This man simply offered the statement as his contribution to getting the pros and manufacturers thinking together for combined advancement.

Pro Credit Rates High

Now here is one of the strange aspects of the group buying proposition that was presented to Golfdom's editor. One manufacturer said any pro group's guarantee of credit would not be such a great inducement for reduced price from manufacturers for the simple reason that proceedit right now is so nearly 100% O. K. that if any manufacturer gets stuck on a pro account it is either his own fault or an act of providence. That was one of the best backhanded tributes to the pro business standing this writer ever has heard but it is absolutely in accord with the facts.

One manufacturer who probably known personally by more than a third of the established professionals in the U.S. told Golfdom that the credit loss on the last \$5,000,000 of pro business done by his company was only \$18,000. Of this amount practically a half was accounted for by three pros who were discounting their bills for five or six years prior to their tail-spins. Two of them went broke on the market and the other dropped his in an unfortunate speculation. Of the remaining half of the credit loss this man believes that a greater part will be paid to the company eventually.

Another maker whose company ranks high in its volume of golf goods business said that the pro credit loss percentage was well under the general percentage for his company which is one of the country's giant institutions and does business with a widely diversified list of retailers.

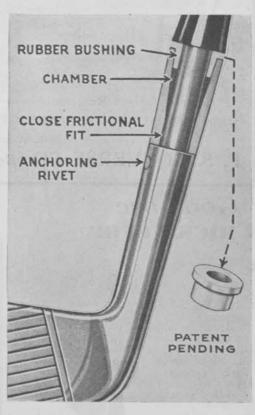
So the old credit curse that used to be laid on the pros is entirely bunk in the light of the present day. The manufacturers give the P. G. A. a lot of credit for this and now generally express the hope that the P. G. A. will jump into the development of pro selling with the same sagacity, thoroughness and success.

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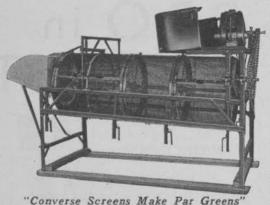


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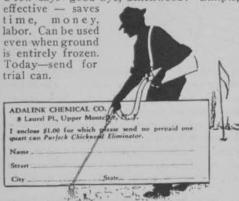
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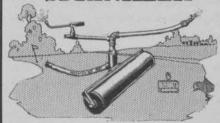
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Summary of Turf "Eras"

SHOWS NEED OF SCIENCE GUIDE

By Wendell P. Miller

I DEAL fairway, tee and putting green turf is rarely ever developed merely by letting nature take its course. The main effort in large scale turf production and maintenance is toward keeping the turf plants in the same stage of growth throughout the year—a procedure in direct opposition to nature—for nature has intended that her plants shall pass gradually through cycles, from the seedling and active vegetative stage, to seed production and maturity of the plants.

On this side of the water we have gone a long way from the original spirit of the game as it was played on Scottish heaths where every player expected, and even now still expects, to play the ball as it lies, whether the lie be good, bad, or on bare ground. Today, our players demand weedless fairways, perfect brassie lies, dry fairways in spring, and soft springy turf in August.

The Greenkeeper's Burden.

The demand for perfection is made on every greenkeeper regardless of whatever turf situation he has inherited from the golf course builder and previous committees, regardless of soil types, soil fertility, drainage, water supply and distribution, kinds of turf plants on the courts, or what not. Naturally, every greenkeeper has struggled to supply this demand and overcome the untoward conditions existing on his course.

This has resulted in various remedies, some of which, successful where originally tried, have swept through the land in cycles or waves of cure-alls or panaceas. Within recent memory we have enjoyed four or five of these cycles, a nice but expensive game of following the leader.

Some fifteen years ago most golf courses were white-washing their fairways and greens with lime and applying no fertilizer to replenish the plant food supply which was rapidly exhausted by the high rate of availability induced by the liming.

This paneacea proved a failure and it was decided that liming was the cause of all turf troubles, and especially the cause of weeds. About that time some experiments in Rhode Island showed that certain fine turf grasses thrived best in acid soils and that the weeds which usually accompanied these particular grasses did not thrive in acid soil.

This was widely advertised and the result was an epidemic of heavy applications of ammonium sulphate.

The Stolon Era.

A few years later the difficulties of securing pure seed of the bent family in practical quantities caused the discovery that pure strains of creeping bent could be propagated by stolons and in the next few years after this discovery thousands of putting greens were torn up and planted to stolons. The stolon cycle is lasting well but it has brought on difficulties in the form of brown patch, matting, high cost of maintenance, and difficulty of securing a uniform putting texture. Under the method of using German mixed bent seed, the weak strains and those susceptible to disease are gradually eliminated by natural causes, but when greens are planted with only one strain, the entire green is at the mercy of the fungi which attacks the particular strain. Where a particularly weak strain of bent is planted by the stolon method, the ultimate complete loss of the green turf is not unusual.

The Mercury Era.

In the five years from 1922 to 1927 stolon greens were planted in every State in the Union and to a considerable extent in Canada, with a result that the use of mercury compounds for the control of fungus diseases became the chief topic wherever turf problems were discussed. Stolon bent greens are particularly susceptible to disease and, of course, as long as we have these greens with us, the greenkeeper must carry in stock a supply of highly poisonous chemicals to combat

situations in which it is possible to lose an entire green in one or two days.

The Arsenate Cycle.

Several years ago the lead arsenate treatment arrived as the result of discoveries made in New Jersey that the lead arsenate treatment had other merits besides killing the grubs of the Japanese This year, perhaps half of the Beetle. clubs of the United States have used more or less lead arsenate for worms. grubs and weeds: and here again we have an increase in the cost of golf up-keep dictated by the relentless effort toward perfect conditioning.

Liming Returns.

The last plunge has been made this last season in the return to the use of hydrated lime or ground limestone on both fairways and greens, in the hope that its use will reduce brown-patch and other troubles; this trend has been accompanied by frequent expressions during the year that maybe we have been using too much fertilizer for the good of our golf course turf.

Irrigation.

Recently there has developed a pronounced trend toward fairway irrigation. There is no question as to the efficacy of fairway irrigation, but it is quite certain that fairway irrigation is not a cure-all and that the application of artificial irrigation to large turfed areas must be accompanied by careful attention both to fertilization, seeding and, of course, to drainage, which is prerequisite to irriga-Unless fundamental conditions are favorable for artificial irrigation of the fairways and the factors mentioned have been properly cared for, the steady dosing of the fairways with water may produce weeds and clover instead of maintaining the proper turf plants.

A Changing Art.

These cycles or general application of cures and remedies have been mentioned to show that while the growing of golf course turf is an old art, that it is also a changing art.

A given treatment seldom shows identical results on two different golf courses because conditions of soil, climate and other numerous factors are seldom the Further, a given treatment frequently does not show the same results on all of the areas of a single golf course. But very few clubs have the personnel, the money, or the patience to do the experimenting that is necessary under trialand-error methods to find out what program will produce and maintain the maximum quality of turf at minimum of cost. These same clubs which perhaps could not be induced to do any experimenting deliberately, nevertheless, carry on, from year to year, large experimental operations, not realizing that their turf program is based on opinions rather than

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facts and hence is experimental in its

The establishment of experimental turf gardens in the larger centers of golf, under the control of trained scientists, is helping to answer the question of what constitutes proper turf mainfenance procedure more accurately than this question has ever been answered. But how can the golf course located even twenty miles from the experimental plots be sure that it is proceeding wisely in using over the entire course the methods that appear to show results on 10x10 plots in the test garden?

The answer to a large extent lies in knowing how definitely all of the facts about the particular soil and grasses and comparing them with the same definite facts obtained from the experimental plots or from other courses where positive results have been obtained under known similarity of conditions.

Nowhere in the literature of golf course maintenance has there appeared specific or authoritative programs giving the treatment which is necessary for the course located on the sand dunes as compared to the course located on clay soil or the grasses, fertilizers, fungus control methods, irrigation and other remedies to all alike, with a result that most of these methods are incorrect when applied to particular situations and with the definite result that most clubs have difficulty in securing any material improvement from year to year.

We know of but few clubs which have a definite history of past treatments, and analyses of the factors which control the turf growth for each individual green, tee and fairway. Practically every club treats all of its greens alike and all of its fairways alike, and it is not uncommon to find two golf courses situated on entirely unlike soils using exactly the same methods and wondering why the results are not the same.

Wide Soil Variations.

To show how widely the soil conditions vary between putting greens on a single course, and why, for instance, the use of lime on all eighteen greens of this course might prove injurious, the following analyses of soils on the greens of Sunset Ridge C. C. Club is given:

	Available % Or-			Re-	
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Green No. 3. Green No. 4. Green No. 5. Green No. 6. Green No. 7. Green No. 9. Green No. 10. Green No. 11. Green No. 12. Green No. 13. Green No. 14. Green No. 15. Green No. 16. Green No. 17. Green No. 17.	0.23 0.24 0.24 0.24 0.18 0.25 0.20 0.26 0.24 0.19	Medium High High High Medium Low High Medium High High High High High High	6.8 5.0 6.8 3.9 4.7 4.8 4.8 4.9 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0 4.0	7.3 7.0 6.9 7.0 6.9 7.2 7.2 7.2 7.2 7.4 7.2 7.4
Green No. 18	0.24	High	4.9	7.3

These analyses were made by Professor George McClure, soil technologist at Ohio State University, from accurately collected composite samples taken by him of the top-soil of each green.

The above soil survey also included mechanical analyses of the top-soils and subsoils on all of the greens, which threw considerable light on the drainage characteristics and the water-holding capacity of each green. While the top-soil on all of the greens was classed as sandy loam, there was still a considerable difference in texture between the different greens, which was enough to account for the difference in rapidity of drainage and water requirements, and in the varying putting qualities of the greens.

What the Survey Showed.

Only two of the greens contained an adequate supply of nitrogen, while twelve greens had sufficient available phosphorus. Five of the greens were just slightly acid, four were neutral in reaction and nine were fairly alkaline. Prior to the survey the opinion was positive that the greens were being maintained in an acid condition. However, at the time of the survey, clover and chickweed were present in large quantities on five of the greens which proved to be particularly alkaline.

As a result of this particular survey, this course has been able to make material improvement in its fairways and greens and has been able to eliminate the chickweed and most of the clover from the greens. These improvements in the turf have been secured on a very tight clay soil—there being a number of different kinds of soil on this course—without irrigation of the fairways and where there is not any too much drainage.

The soil survey is the fundamental basis for a continuing program of turf development. When the program is started on the basis of definite knowledge of existing conditions, the old urge to try every new fertilizer or panacea, and to keep in step "The Talk of the Golf World"

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Arming the Greenkeeper.

The greenkeeper who is armed with a complete knowledge of all of the factors he is dealing with is able to dispense with opinions and deal in terms of facts. The greenkeeper in this position is able to anticipate his difficulties and forestall them with proper methods. He is able to carry on the development of his turf under a definite continuous program which outlines in advance what the requirements are and how to deal with every factor.

Golf clubs which are operating under definite turf programs are able to keep down the high cost of up-keep and at the same time secure definite, positive results from all their efforts devoted to the development of the turf.

Club Managers Plan New York Convention

I T is expected that the report of the standardized accounting committee will be one of the features of the annual convention of the Club Managers' Association of America which is to be held at Hotel Astor, New York, November 12-13.

This committee has the job of working out a system that can be adopted with modifications by any club and permit a close watch and comparison of operations. It took the Hotel Managers' association five years to work out the standardized system of accounts now so generally and profitably in use in that field so the task undertaken by the Club Managers' organization is by no means a small one. The managers' convention will be held while the Hotel Exposition is on, November 11-16, so the visiting managers will have an opportunity to inspect and study the

exhibits of hotel equipment suitable for club operations.

The convention program is being handled by the Metropolitan Club Managers' association and the Association of Club Managers of the City of New York. John L. Keenaghan, Beach Point club, is chairman of the convention committee of the New York managers' group and William Norcross, Garden City C. C., chairman of the Metropolitan's committee. These committees, working together, have decided upon the following program:

Monday, November 11th

Hotel Exposition opens. Grand Central Palace.

1:00 P. M. Luncheon to visiting Hotel men, Hotel Pennsylvania, courtesy Hotels Statler Co., Inc. Registration—Booth No. 462, Hotel Exposition.

Tuesday, November 12th

9:00 A. M. Registration—Foyer Convention Hall. Hotel Astor.

11:14 A. M. Convention called to order, Frank H. Murray, President.

11:30 A. M. Reading of minutes of last meeting. Appointment of Special Committees.

1:00 P. M. Buffet Luncheon. Hotel Astor. 2:00 P. M. Meeting called to order.

Address.

3:00 P. M. Discussion of General Business.

8:00 P. M. Theater and Supper Party.

Wednesday, November 13th

10:00 A. M. Group Meetings.

(a) Town Clubs.

(b) Country Clubs.

GENERAL CONVENTION SESSION

11:00 A. M. Meeting called to order. Addresses, subjects and speakers to be announced.

12:00 M. Buffet Luncheon. Hotel Astor.

1:00 P. M. Meeting called to order. Shop Talks.

2:00 P. M. Election of Officers.

Selection of meeting place for next convention.

3.00 P. M. Open Forum.

8:00 P. M. Dinner and Dance. Hotel Astor.

Thursday, November 14th

Luncheon and Golf, Winged Foot C. C., the scene of the last National Open Championship. Courtesy of William Austin, Manager.



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