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Keep Seeds Down

One of the principles of using the chemicals is to limit the seeding of the weeds. If you can control seed production, eventually you can control the weeds because they have to regenerate, most of them, by the seed they produce.

You are going to have to do some more thinking on the method of application used in the early experiments that were reported in the Green Section bulletin, on both dry and liquid applications. And there is still room for a great deal of discussion and experimental work that is going on at some of the other state agricultural experimental stations.

The spray application has an advantage in that it is rapid; it is easily controlled as to the rate of application—because if you are running a sprayer at a definite pressure with a certain amount of chemical in there, per 100 gallons, or whatever you have, you can control the rate of application simply by increasing the speed of your outfit, and there is where calibration enters into the picture. You should calibrate your equipment before you

start out to do a large area, and certainly, if you are not accustomed to using materials—go slow, and put it on a plot on a trial basis for some time before you go on a large scale operation. It is impossible for anyone to tell you exactly what the results are going to be.

The spray application is more economical of material with sodium arsenite; it takes about half as much per unit area, principally because with a dry application the material comes in contact with the soil and it is fixed much more than with a spray treatment. With a spray it sticks to the leaves and therefore, it is more efficient.

Rates of Application

The rate of application is something rather difficult to give you any definite suggestions on. However, we do know that a maximum safe rate of application is going to depend on the types of turf. For Kentucky bluegrass, as a spray, 3 to 4 oz. to 1,000 sq. ft; dry, approximately twice that. For fescues, that comes down, probably 2 to 3 oz. maximum, twice that dry. For bents, much less, and there again it is going to depend upon the type of bent. Some of them are much better adapted to withstand that shock than others, and you are going to have to determine that pretty largely for yourself.

I am not going to say much about sodium chlorate because it is so little used on golf courses, but the rates grade downward from about 2½ lbs. to 1,000 sq. ft. as a maximum application, and you get a severe discoloration at that rate.

Sherwood Heads PGA Seniors.—W. C. Sherwood, pro at the Memphis (Tenn.) CC, has been elected president of the PGA Seniors' organization. Alex Cunningham was elected V. P., W. H. Way, hon. VP., and Charles Clarke, sec. "Sherry" is one of the liveliest of the veterans and you have to look twice at the guy to make sure that he qualifies for the 50-year minimum age qualification. The time-defying seniors will hold their 1942 championship at Fort Myers, Fla.

The scores of the sprightly elders fool you, too. Gil Nichols and Jack Campbell as leaders in B class of the 1941 Seniors' tournament knocked around in smart figures. Bertie Way, shortly after Mayfield CC had tossed a party celebrating his 40 years with the club, won the PGA Seniors' Class A championship with 88-82.

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Maintenance and the Rules

By JACK FULTON

This article continues the discussion begun last month on the Rules of Golf as they affect course maintenance practices. The previous installment dealt with the teeing ground, hazards and casual water.

Purpose of the series is to point out how the green committee, in cooperation with the golf committee can make it easier for players to understand and

comply with the Rules and for the golf committee to enforce them.

According to Definition 8 of the Rules, out-of-bounds is all ground on which play is prohibited. Players have no difficulty in understanding this but they have a world of trouble deciding in close cases if a ball is in or out of bounds, unless the club has taken the trouble to mark its course limits accurately.

In some cases the marks needed to indicate the line are already present (as for example, a line of fence posts) and it is only necessary to announce on your scorecard that these posts are the line; in other cases, a line of white stakes will have to be placed; but in either case the greatest care should be taken that the marks extend well beyond any adjacent green, not leaving the golfer to guess where the out-of-bounds line projects beyond the last marker.

If posts or stakes are used, the USGA recommends that their inner faces at ground level be the dividing line. Whether you follow this recommendation or not, remember a post is usually a great deal thicker than a golf ball and so your score card should specify which face of posts

or stakes marks out-of-bounds.

Greens Same Shape and Size

What is a putting green? To most golfers, it is the area at the end of each hole which is carefully mowed several times a week. They believe that greens differ considerably in size and shape. Actually, every putting green in the world is a perfect circle of the same size, except where hazards happen to bite into it. Definition 10 explains this; the putting green is all ground except hazards within twenty yards of the hole being played and results from the fact that, in the early days of golf, such things as mowers were unheard-of, and a carpetlike surface was not necessarily available around each cup. Players simply played toward the hole and were on the green when they were within twenty yards of it, no matter how high the grass or how bare the spot (not a hazard) where their ball lay.

Today we have mowers, but the age-old rule still holds and a putting green continues to be all ground within a circle of 60' radius (except such hazards as may be present). The green shifts with every cup change. If the cup chances to be located rather near to the back edge of the mowed area, it is quite possible for a golfer to overshoot the clipped surface, end up in high rough beyond the pin, and yet, in the eyes of the Rules, still be on the green!

The green-committee would do well to keep in mind this circular conception of a putting green and give golfers a break to the extent of not allowing the rough and shrubbery behind and to either side of the specially moved putting surface to

grow too heavy.

Watch Green Aprons

To a lesser extent, aprons and collars of greens should be watched. These strips get a great deal more fertilizer than fairways receive and a great deal more water from the overlap of the greens sprinklers, even at clubs with fairway watering systems. As a result, the turf on collars and aprons grows rapidly, yet on only the most carefully manicured courses is it mowed any more often than the fairways.

The hole, under Definition 11 of the Rules, shall be 41/4 inches in diameter and at least 4 inches deep. Cups or linings must be of metal not exceeding 1/16 inch thick, not counting the thickness of the paint, and should be cylindrical for the first 3 inches of depth and then taper or curve for an additional inch to the flagstick hole. They are to be sunk approximately one inch below the putting surface, unless the nature of the soil makes it impractical to do so, in which case 3/4 inch is the minimum accepted depth. Cups may be of any color, but linings other than metal may not be used.

Never locate the hole (according to USGA recommendation) closer to the edge of the specially-mowed surface than one-quarter the width of that surface.

This is commonsense; to locate the cup any nearer annoys your golfers, raises their blood pressure, and increases the number of off-line approach shots. Play is slowed up, a factor of particular importance on week-ends and other days

when heavy traffic is expected.

Within the center half of the putting surface (farther out being too close to the edge for a cup) any spot is okay for the hole in the eyes of the Rules. Custom, however, dictates that a spot be picked that has a reasonably level zone of turf for a vard or so all around-one free of all but the gentlest of rolls, dips and undulations. Golfers don't mind taking two putts, and some golfers accept three tries rather calmly, but if you are a green-chairman and value your peace of mind, don't allow the grounds crew to cut the cups on slopes where gravity is stronger than the resistance of the grass blades. Nothing annoys a golfer more than to have his ball slide past the cup and then gather momentum.

One more point and we will be finished with consideration of the hole. Change cup-locations on a definite, regular schedule. Whether to plan changes daily, every other day, twice a week, or weekly depends on the texture of the putting surface, the amount of play the hole has had, and to a less extent on the importance of the events being played over the course. Whatever frequency your course requires, the standard should be that cup edges remain sharp and the surrounding turf not unduly worn.

Help Players to Find Balls

A ball is lost if it be not found within five minutes after the player's side or his or their caddies have begun to search for it. (Definition 20). The five minute span is all right, because some limit must be placed on the period a player may look, but for practical maintenance purposes and for meeting the wishes of your players, there should be the minimum of spots on your course where a ball can become so thoroughly lost that more than a minute is required to find it. No useful purpose is served (other than healthy ballsales volume in the pro-shop) by allowing a fairway to be bordered by a wilderness of underbrush and weeds, or by kneehigh rough.

In the case of woodlands and groves of trees, all (or almost all) underbrush should be removed, because the hazard of





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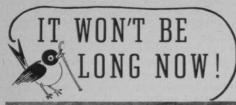
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LYON GOLF LOCKERS the trees is punishment enough for an offline shot. In the case of plain rough, keep the tall weeds chopped down and vegetation not over three inches high; then a golfer has a chance of locating his ball while still some yards away and of playing it out promptly. At the same time, he is not likely to get a "fairway lie."

Why Heavy Rough?

One fee-course operator with whom the writer talked recently said 2-inch rough was high enough for him. "I'm in business to sell patronage at my course," he explained. "I want players to enjoy themselves and come back again. They will, if they are not prevented from scoring reasonably well, if they don't lose too many balls, and if I can keep traffic moving fast enough to get them around 18 holes in less than four hours, even on a busy Sunday."

His view, of course, is tempered by commercial considerations, but even at the most exclusive of private clubs there is no advantage to "ball-traps" anywhere on the course. Your member may not mind loss of a ball, but it gripes him to have to add that penalty stroke to his score.

Keep the vegetation cleaned out of the ponds and streams of your golf course. It is a maintenance touch often overlooked. True, the Rules do not require a player to find the exact ball he drove into the water, but there seems to be very little excuse for denying a player the right to find his ball and recover it, especially when, at many layouts, every water hazard on the course can be cleaned of vegetation in a day's time by a workman armed with a rake and hoe.

Next installment of this series will discuss obstructions, loose impediments and ground under repair.

SHORT COURSE CALENDAR

March 4-5—Iowa State College, Ames, Ia.

> 5-7—Minnesota Greenkeepers, Nicolett Hotel, Minneapolis.

13-14—Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.

14-16—Recreational Conference and Exhibition,
Massachusetts State
College, Amherst, Mass.

Buffalo Ready for Managers' Convention

CLUB Managers Assn. of America has completed planning the program for its 15th annual convention which will be held at Hotel Statler, Buffalo, March 9-14.

The New York State chapter of the association, headed by President Franz Bach and convention chairman Ruth Jones, has planned a program of entertainment that is expected to set a new high in the famous demonstrations of how to present club parties. This pleasant educational feature of the Managers' conventions invariably brings forth food and drink service ideas that soon are generally in evidence at the nation's better clubs.

Highlights of the CMA Buffalo convention program:

Sir David Young, president of the Piccadilly club, Kent, Eng., will make an address during the opening session.

Prof. H. B. Meek, founder of Cornell university's hotel course, will speak on "The Club Manager of Tomorrow", during the Monday afternoon session.

Edward J. Tobin, University of Syracuse, will speak on meats; John N. Horwath, club and hotel accounting authority, will talk on "Essentials of Budget in Club Operation", and Harold Grossman of Julius Wile Sons & Co. will talk on "Wines" during the Tuesday afternoon session.

Wednesday's session will be devoted to round-table divisional conferences of managers of country clubs, town clubs, university clubs, and beach and yacht clubs.

Purdue Short Course Draws 80 Turfmen

A NNUAL greenkeeping short course held at Purdue University Feb. 25 and 26 drew about 80 from courses in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

The conference was intensely practical and broad in its service inasmuch as the program addresses were used as leads to discussions bringing out the experiences, observations and opinions of the attending greenkeepers, and the appraisals of such expressions by the lecturing authorities and greenkeepers.

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Short course registrants visited Purdue's interesting 18-hole course now under construction, with Wm. Diddle, architect of the course, piloting the group and explaining architectural elements and con-

struction problems.

Dr. W. V. Lambert of Purdue spoke on scientific research, and C. H. Robertson of Purdue spoke on golf history and its world growth, at the banquet held Tuesday evening.

Sarazen Syndicate Takes Over Mount Vernon CC

GENE SARAZEN heads the organization that has taken a long-term lease with option to buy on the former Mount Vernon CC in the New York Westchester district. The club is now known as the Lakeview CC.

Membership will be on a \$60 a year basis for men; \$100 annually for families. Each member pays \$1 each round played. Membership is limited to 250 regular members and 75 associate women members.

The clubhouse will be operated by a well-known and successful restaurant company.

The club is in excellent physical condition, but will be given a thorough touching up and some clubhouse remodeling prior to the opening of the season.

Membership applicants are subject to approval by a committee that adheres to the private club standards. Numerous applications for membership have been received and approved.

The Sarazen plan of operation is receiving considerable attention in the New York metropolitan district, with the probability of the success of the Lakeview operation extending this principle of financing.

Heart Attack Fatal to

Elmer Biggs, Peoria Pro

LMER BIGGS, for 16 years pro-greenkeeper at the Country Club of Peoria, Ill., and prior to that time in the service of Illinois, Missouri and Indiana clubs, died of a heart attack at Sarasota, Fla., Feb. 1.

He had not been in good health for about 6 months, but continued active. He suffered an attack of flu in Florida, but recovered sufficiently to play a round two

days prior to his death.

He was president of the Illinois PGA for two terms, and was active in national PGA affairs. He was a native of Elkhart, Ind., and came into golf via the caddie route at the Skokie CC (Chicago district). After war service he became a pro.

Biggs was widely known and admired as a gentleman, sportsman and businessman in golf. An indication of the character of the man was a wreath from his club's caddies among the many floral tributes at his funeral.

He is survived by his widow, his mother,

two brothers and a sister.

Alex Law Suicide Laid to Auto Mishap

A LEX LAW, one of Scotland's fine contributions to American pro golf, was found dead from a self-inflicted wound, Feb. 1 on the Elmhurst (Ill.) CC course, to which club he was pro.

Alex normally was a genial, high-hearted fellow of exemplary habits and rejoicing in a happy family life and in his work at a club where he was held in highest regard. An automobile accident he suffered a few days prior to his death is believed to have resulted in a head injury.

46 Attend Denver Conference—Fortysix greenkeepers from Colorado and states as far away as the Pacific Northwest attended the greenkeepers' short course held as one of the departmental sessions of the educational conference of greenkeepers, florists and nurserymen at Park Lane Hotel, Denver, Feb. 18-20.

Dr. John Monteith, jr., of the Green Section, was among the speakers at the

greenkeepers' conference.

O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, was unable to attend, but the paper he had prepared was read in his absence.

Amateur Ruling (Continued from Page 22)

period. Such an application shall be deemed to have been received either as of the date on which it shall actually have been received or as of the date thirty days prior to the expiration of the applicant's probationary period, whichever of the two is the later.

SECTION 5. Amateur Golfers in Exhibition Matches. An amateur golfer may take part in an exhibition match for which admission is charged provided that the exhibition has been arranged primarily for the benefit of and the net proceeds actually are to be paid to a recognized charitable institution. Professionals appearing in such matches may be paid appropriate amounts for their services, and the sponsor may be reimbursed only to the extent of its actual expenses. The expenses of the sponsor must be certified by one so empowered by the sponsor.

SECTION 6. Professionals as Club Members. Any club may include in its membership a professional golfer or one who for any reason is ineligible to play in amateur competitions, and the Amateur Classification of its other members shall not thereby be affected.

Stag Parties Help Winter Lull

A spaghetti dinner was the method Miami Valley GC (Dayton, Ohio) used in mid-February to "pep-up" club interest and keep the membership intact at a time when thoughts of golf are often allowed to lag—unfortunately—at many Northern clubs. At the suggestion of Gene Marchi, the popular Miami Valley pro, the club staged a dinner with spaghetti and all the trimmings, that was attended by over 100 members. Members and their guests were invited free.

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BEFORE A GROUCH IN

SAND TRAP

McARTHUR GOLF TOWELS Send Him Home Smiling

Men. especially golfers, are likely to lose their tempers... but here's a good way to temper them after the game. Send them home smiling by providing McArthur Super-Turk Towels in your shower rooms. Super-Turks are two-sided, one side for a soft, comfortable "pat-day", the other side for a "brisk athletic rub". A favorite with schools and institutions for years. Write for complete information and prices on Super-Turks, Grommet Tee Towels, and Hand Towels.

GEO. McARTHUR & SONS



PROS: here's Profit for you. SELL'EM

"Doctor E-Z Golf"

Whether they're top flight, average or beginners, they'll appreciate the advantages of this comfortable innovation.

DR. E-Z GOLF is tailored from specially prepared leather, so light in weight they won't realize that it's on their hand...but they will notice a new ease in using the correct grip and a new comfort to their hands and fingers.

WRONG

POSITION

With Dr. E-Z Golf they naturally hold the club

as well as enjoy cool comfort, better club control, less hand perspiration and lack of sore hands.

Sells 50¢

... a nominal price to any golfer and a big profit for you.

DR. E-Z GOLF is packaged with complete instructions for use in a cellophane envelope ... all securely fastened, one dozen, to an attractive counter display card . . . it sells them for you.

DR. E-Z GOLF is sold direct to you by the manufacturer. If you have not already received details on this attractive, big profit offer, write to . . .

"Doctor E-Z Golf"

NOTE—When writing Dr. E-Z Golf please state your connection with your Club as it is our wish that Dr. E-Z Golf be sold only at golf course.

WHAT'S NEW

For quick action when writing manufacturers, mention GOLFDOM, and give your official club title.

Pictorial Scorecard Co., 26 Broadway, New York, will have its first annual Pictorial Scorecard national handicap tournament during August.

Players at any course using a minimum of 1,000 Pictorial Scorecards during 1941 are eligible. Prizes will be in pro-shop merchandise. There will be 51 prizes in the various handicap classes. A course must be at least 5,000 yards long to have its players entered in the tourney. An interesting arrangement is provided to adjust for course lengths and to avoid ties.

The Pictorial Scorccard has been getting a big play from clubs. The low cost and the helpful feature of having a golf lesson from one of 14 outstanding pro stars have made the card a service item at many of the exclusive private clubs as well as at the private and public courses in small towns.

More persons are going to play golf this year than in many years, according to John W. Sproul, sales manager of U. S. Golf Balls, who has just completed a coast-to-coast trip of six weeks. "If we can judge by sales of our U. S. Royal line, and the general interest shown by pros and other retail outlets, this should be an unusually good year." Sproul said. "Larger payrolls and more people at work will make it possible for many people to return to the game or to take it up for the first time.

"Increased growth of interest also is sure to result from the combined promotional efforts of the National Golf Foundation, the PGA and the manufacturers of golf balls and playing equipment among students in high schools and colleges, and young people employed in industrial concerns. Regularly scheduled group lessons and extra curricular activity in golf are creating much interest in the game."

During his trip Sproul called on the company branches and pros and dealers in Florida, Chicago, Kansas City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Spokane, and Denver.

Klearflax Linen Looms, Duluth, Minn., manufacturer of the Klearflax rug, urges managers and club officials to write for a sample swatch of this all-linen floor covering. The maker wants officials to test the rug for its ability to stand up and give long service under all manner of clubhouse floor-covering abuses.

For example, Klearflax suggests as a burn test that a lighted cigarette be laid on the swatch and allowed to burn out. Other than surface charring, easily brushed away, there will be no damage. Step on the rug with spiked shoes