

1953 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

- 5-8 —EL PASO (TEX.) OPEN,
 12-15—TEXAS OPEN, San Antonio
 13-15—BASEBALL PLAYERS' CH., Miami Springs, Fla.
 17-22—NAT'L CH. OF GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONS,
 Ponce de Leon GC, St. Augustine Fla.
 19-22—MEXICAN NAT'L OPEN, Chapultepec GC,
 Mexico City
 24-28—DIXIE AMATEUR, Miami (Fla.) CC
 26—Mar. 1—HOUSTON (TEXAS) OPEN, Memorial
 Park GC
 27-Mar. 1—WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL OPEN, Sara-
 sofa Bay (Fla.) CC

MARCH

- 5-8 —BATON ROUGE (LA.) OPEN,
 12-15—WOMEN'S TITLEHOLDERS GA OPEN, Au-
 gusta (Ga.) CC
 12-15—ST. PETERSBURG (FLA.) OPEN
 15 —AMER. SENIORS GA CH., Ponce de Leon GC
 St. Augustine, Fla.
 16 —LA GORCE PRO-AM., Miami Beach, Fla.
 17-18—SEMINOLE PRO-AM., Palm Beach, Fla.
 18-23—51st WOMEN'S NORTH & SOUTH INV., Pine-
 hurst (N.C.) CC
 20-23—JACKSONVILLE (FLA.) OPEN,
 25 —AIKEN (S. C.) PRO-AM., Aiken, S. C.
 27-29—GREENSBORO (N. C.) OPEN,

APRIL

- 2-5 —WILMINGTON (N. C.) OPEN,
 3-5 —BABE ZAHARIAS OPEN, Beaumont (Tex.) CC
 9-12 —THE MASTERS, Augusta (Ga.) National CC
 11-12—WOMEN'S TRANS-MISSISSIPPI OPEN, Arizona
 CC, Phoenix
 14-19—WOMEN'S TRANS-MISSISSIPPI AMATEUR,
 Arizona CC, Phoenix
 16-19—CHARLOTTE (N. C.) OPEN,
 20-25—53rd NORTH & SOUTH INV., Pinehurst (N. C.)
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 Davie Divot. . . .**

More of Davie Divot's Antics in the March Issue

TURF ROUNDUP OF 1952

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discussed this subject before and at length and we intend to spend very little time with it here. We want to say only that this problem is a real one and in 1952 green chairmen in some cases were responsible largely for the loss of turf. The reason back of it was the fact that they felt it their place to issue orders regarding the management of the turf rather than to assume their role of mediator and the representative between the board of directors and the golf course superintendents. We sincerely hope that this problem concerning the yearly changing of green committee chairmen can be solved on many courses.

No "Miracle Grasses"

The tendency of some writers to make it appear that there are "miracle grasses" is one greatly to be discouraged. We take the opportunity here to state our position clearly and unequivocally that there are no "miracle grasses." Each grass, regardless of how good it is, will fail unless it is handled properly. It is true that some grasses can tolerate more mishandling than can others but each has its specific requirements which must be met if it is to be used successfully on golf courses and other turf areas. Each grass has its advantages and its disadvantages and its limitations beyond which it can not go. These limitations may be due to geographical distribution and climate. The Green Section hopes to be able to conduct national surveys on every turf grass so that it can have an accurate picture of the advantages, disadvantages, and limitations for the guidance of the people who sell the grasses and for those who use them.

Most golfers do not want to be educated particularly with respect to green-keeping matters. It becomes a highly desirable thing, however, in most cases to

inform the golfer as to the reason why certain things are being done on the golf course. Primarily they are being done for his convenience and enjoyment. Occasionally, however, the golfer is inconvenienced temporarily and that is a signal for the less stable golfers to "blow their top." The bulletin board in locker rooms is used far to little for timely notes informing the golfers of operations on the course and why they are being made. In many cases they object to aerifying, for example, because it temporarily disfigures the surface and they think that it



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interferes with their putting. If the job is done properly their putting should be exactly the same after the job as before the job. It is important to tell the golfer about what might happen, especially at the beginning of a season such as the one we have just had. Some superintendents were forewarned and posted on their bulletin boards what was likely to happen to their *Poa annua* fairways or to their *Poa annua* greens. Some were not so wise and the loss of turf during the summer caught the members quite surprised and literally speaking there was "hell to pay."

A golfer doesn't want to spend a lot of time being lectured to about greenkeeping — he wants to enjoy the course, but by the same token there are many of them who are sufficiently interested to want to know what is going on. Remember too that among the millions of golfers there is a very high percentage of those who own their own homes and have lawns which they would like to have as good as the best fairway turf. The Green Section hopes to make a determined effort to provide a central clearing house for lawn information as well as for golf course turf information. This is in recognition of the fact that most golf courses most golfers also, have lawns.

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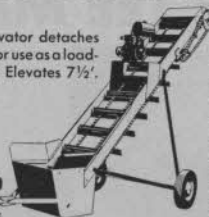


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an awareness to other turf interests of the benefits that have been gained over years by golf clubs which have supported a large part of the work done for them. A significant development has been the attention given to athletic fields. On the West Coast there is an association of athletic field superintendents. On the East Coast in 1952 there was the Second Annual East Coast Athletic Field Tour. This has been a remarkably successful thing, pointing up the do's and don'ts of athletic field management. Coming into the picture more and more are the cemetery superintendents, the park superintendents, and finally the home owner. There is a great deal of information available to all of these allied turf interests, some of which can be given to them undiluted but in other cases it must be adjusted to their particular environments. It is rather difficult to put different turf interests together in the same room and then have a speaker talk about nothing but bent putting greens. This quickly loses the interest of people who have other types of turf to maintain. A concerted effort is being made to so organize conferences and educational meetings so that all turf inter-

ests can be served with the minimum of confusion.

Industry Support

We wish to recognize here the tremendous support given to the National Coordinated Turf Program in all its phases by manufacturers of materials and equipment necessary in Turf Management. Nearly every research point in the United States has been the recipient of gifts or loans of equipment and other items from manufacturers which have helped in no small way to further the turf program. Without bequests such as these the Green Section, for example, would have been hard put to it to maintain its plots at Beltsville. Mowing equipment, aerifying equipment, and fertilizers, insecticides and seed have been given freely by the people who make or raise them. We want to express our deep appreciation, not only for ourselves but for the entire turf research field, for the help that has been given by you folks.

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6. Turf Research in the United States is the strongest and best organized in history.

7. Resident Teaching and Extension Services need to be strengthened in order to keep the National Coordinated Turf Program in balance.

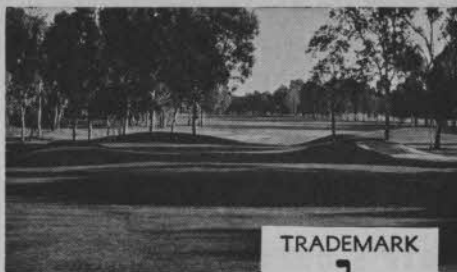
8. National coordination on a continuing basis urgently is needed.

9. Increasing specialization and "multiple choice" in the tools of the profession make good training and adequate compensation mandatory.

10. Power caddie carts are marching forward inexorably. Turf to meet the new type of traffic is needed.

11. Weeds are being met head-on with chemicals, better grasses, and better management.

12. The Green Section reaffirms its faith in the future with the Third Turf Research Fellowship at Penn State.



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16. Poa annua wasn't much of a "friend" in 1952.

17. Cultivation and combing are important aids in producing high-quality turf.

18. Other turf interests are beginning to appreciate golf for its contribution to their turf problems.

19. Without Industry Support the turf program would lag.

20. There are no "miracles" in the business of producing Better Turf.

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Mar. 2-3 — Turf Conference, Midwest Regional Turf Foundation and Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

Mar. 9-11 — 19th Annual Superintendents and Turf Assn. Short Course, Iowa State College, Ames.

Mar. 11-13 — Minnesota Short Course, Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mar. 13-14 — Michigan Golf Turf Conference, Michigan State College, East Lansing.

Apr. 22-23 — Southeastern Turf Conference, Abraham Baldwin Agri. College and Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station, Tifton, Ga.

Oct. 21-23 — Central Plains Turf Foundation Conference, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Ks.

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The committee will work with the PGA's committee of Graham Ross and Lou Bola, and with the National Golf Foundation, in aiding those who are interested in establishing new golf courses.

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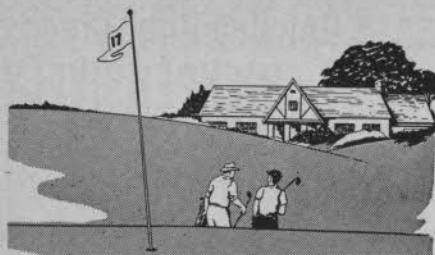
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The superintendent might well be expected to play golf on his own course once in a while so he may see the course from the player's viewpoint.

(More of these sound, course management principles and authoritative observations by the men most qualified to report will be presented in the March issue of GOLFDOM.)

Jack Mackie, Pro Pioneer, Dies

Jack Mackie, 74, a founder of the PGA, and in the capacities of sec. and treas. of the pro association long a constructive factor in pro golf, died Jan. 13, at Inwood, L. I., N. Y. He suffered a stroke three years ago and steadily declined.

Mackie was born at Earl's Ferry, Scotland, and came to the U. S. in 1899 to build and be pro at Roseville, N. J. Following that work he became pro at Yountakah, N. J. and at Dunwoodie in the NY Met dist. prior to becoming pro at Inwood CC on Long Island where he remained 32 years until his retirement several years ago.

He is survived by his widow, a son, Jack,

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Noted Golf Architect Dies

Stanley Thompson, 58, died suddenly January 5, at Guelph, Ont. He was one of the world's noted architects. He'd done many courses in Canada, among them Jasper, Banff and the Catalino course at Vancouver, courses in Brazil, Argentina and Jamaica and in collaboration with Robert Trent Jones, excellent courses in the U. S. The Thompson-Jones association on U. S. jobs was mainly during the 1930s. Thompson had planned to leave for a trip to the U. S. and South America the day he was fatally stricken.

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Turnesa won the PGA crown in Louisville last summer. He will devote most of his time to tournament golf during 1953. Harmon and Williams, both home pros will see limited action on the championship golf tour. DeVicenzo, a colorful Argentinian, has captured the fancy of the American golf fan during the last several years.

Other members of the MacGregor Advisory Staff are Tommy Armour, Herman

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