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BOB POLLOCK

In the 36 years Bob Pollock was superintendent at Llanerch Country Club, Manoa, Penna., he helped build the original club, plus three separate nine-hole courses. In 1920, he also helped build the Grosseisle Country Club, Wyandotte, Michigan. His leadership brought better insect and disease control and new strains of grasses to Llanerch. Retired in 1956 on pension, Bob now serves the club as consultant.



BILL BASKIN

During his 32 years of experience, Bill Baskin was superintendent of the Manufacturers Golf and Country Club, Oreland, Penna., for 16 years and of Cedarbrook Country Club, Cheltenham, Penna., for 10 years. Bill also spent six years helping build many courses, some with architect Donald Ross. Retired in 1956 on pension, Bill is now consultant for the Manufacturers Golf and Country Club.



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In his 35 years of service, Joe Ryan was superintendent of the Rolling Green Golf Club, Philadelphia, Penna., for 31 years and of the Town and Country Club, Bethesda, Md., for four years. He served the G.C.S.A. as a director and a president, and also the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents as president. Joe was retired on pension from Rolling Green Golf Club in 1956.



JOE VALENTINE

For 50 years, Joe Valentine has been superintendent of Merion Golf Club, Merion, Penna. During that time he has introduced improved insect and disease control practices, sound management procedures and better equipment. Because of these advances, the turf at the club today is in better condition for normal play than it was in 1916 for the U.S.G.A. championship tournament held there.

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Dedicate Caddie Scholarship House

Carleton Blunt (right), pres. of Western Golf Assn., proudly points to the Ryan House, Milwaukee, latest college dormitory established by the Evans Scholarship Foundation. Named after Dan Ryan, pres. of Cook County Board of Commissioners, Chicago, the house accommodates more than 30 caddie scholars who attend Marquette University. With Blunt at the recent dedication ceremonies of Ryan House were (from left) Walter A. Moynihan, Miller Brewing Co., which contributed to the house fund; Frank H. Hoy, Milwaukee, WGA vp, and E. P. (Ned) Allis, Milwaukee, who is a primary figure in the development of the caddie scholarship program in Wisconsin.

PGA Tournament Committeemen

Dow Finsterwald and Bob Winninger have been elected new "player members" of the PGA Tournament Committee, and Jackson Bradley has been elected PGA member at large. Finsterwald and Winninger succeed Bob Toski and Fred Hawkins and Bradley succeeds Warren Orlick. Bradley is pro at the River Oaks CC, Houston, while Orlick is chmn. of the PGA Rules Committee.

Holdover members of the committee are: player members, Jack Fleck and Jay Hebert whose terms have one more year to run, and Harry L. Moffitt and Harold Sargent who are automatically members.

\$66,434 from Golf Day

Latest report from the PGA indicates that the 1957 National Golf Day grossed \$66,434 with more clubs to be heard from. Through July 22nd, it was reported that 7,574 men, or about 12 per cent of those who participated in Golf Day, defeated Cary Middlecoff while 593 women, or about 11 per cent, scored better than Mrs. Kathy Cornelius. A total of 116 caddies also claim victories over Middlecoff.

WGA Awards 120 Scholarships

Through mid-July, Western Golf Assn. had awarded 39 of the 120 caddie-college scholarships that will be granted by the organization this year. Further awards are to be made at screening sessions to be held in Detroit, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Golf, Ill., before Aug. 5. Twenty-eight of the 39 awards already made have gone to caddies in the Chicago area. Other recipients were from Erie, Pa., St. Louis, Cincinnati, Oklahoma City, Indianapolis and Tucson, Ariz. According to Carleton Blunt, WGA pres., the program provided tuition and room rent for 304 caddies in 1956-57. Well over 200 scholarships went to boys accommodated at Evans Foundation chapter houses at Northwestern, Michigan, Michigan State, Illinois, Wisconsin and Marquette universities.

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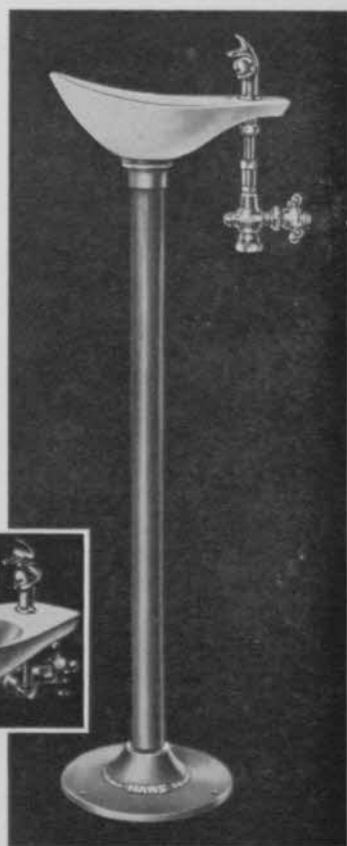
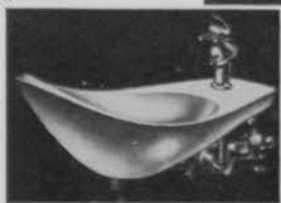


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The 13th tee at the new Morristown, Tenn. club is roughed out (foreground) while in the background the sixth green site is being surveyed. (Inset) Alexander McKay (right) and Ralph Doyal, pres. of the Morristown club.

McKAY He Brought Bent Greens to Tennessee

By TOM SILER

ALEX McKay isn't Irish, but his favorite color is green, particularly the green of bent grass.

Old Alex, a fugitive from Scotland (where else?), is an acknowledged expert on bent greens.

As such, his contribution to golf in the Southeast, especially the hills of East Tennessee, has been tremendous. He has just completed a brand new 18-hole course at Morristown, a city of 20,000 east of Knoxville. The greens are C-1 and huge and undulating.

"I built them the way Bill Langford (Chicago architect) wanted them," McKay says. "Langford claims he knows only two men who can build the sort of greens he likes . . . me and a fellow who lives in Chicago."

Bumpy Bermuda

Until McKay came along every course in East Tennessee, except Holston Hills in Knoxville, had Bermuda greens, and

pretty bumpy Bermuda at that. Despite the success of bent greens at Holston Hills the belief was firmly held that Tennessee nights were too hot for bent grass.

McKay changed all that. He refurbished the Holston greens with Washington in 1945, later put in bent greens (C-1 and Washington — not mixed) at Cherokee, the oldest club in Knoxville and at River-view (C-1 and C-52 — not mixed), the oldest club in Chattanooga, and then began building new courses all over the area.

Alex, who will be 64 before the year is out, built a 9-hole course at Greeneville, Tenn. (with C-1 greens), an 18-hole course in the Smoky Mountains near Gatlinburg (also with C-1), the 18-hole layout at Morristown — which he says will stand as his best — and he is currently engaged in turning the Maryville, Tenn., course from a 9- to an 18-hole route.

McKay's theory is simple enough. He points out that bent of many strains will stand up equally well if greens are properly built.

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over from Scotland "without any sort of job." But he quickly obtained employment at East Marion, Mass., later moving to the Audubon club in Louisville, Ky., for 10 years. "I put bent grass in most of the courses there," he says. McKay spent another 10 years at Meadow Brook in Charleston, W. Va.

After World War II he went to Holston Hills as supt. Meanwhile, the doughty Scot began to wonder why only Holston Hills had bent grass greens. This eventually led the other clubs in the area to challenge him. He gladly accepted the challenge and he's been making golf more enjoyable in Tennessee ever since.

At Morristown — where the club financed its golf course by selling housing

kept after me. Riverview finally offered me an expenses-paid trip to Scotland. That did it. I had a wonderful time visiting my old friends. I hope to go back again some day and this time I want to take Mrs. McKay with me."

Meanwhile, he's still building courses, remodeling old ones, offering expert advice to supts. in the area. As for favorite theories, "Bent grass can 'go' overnight, you know," says Alex.

There's only one drawback to McKay's way of life — he's kept so busy that he hasn't played 18 holes of golf in the last four years.

Landscape Maintenance Is Supt's Responsibility

Sherwood Moore of Hollywood GC, Deal, N. J., one of the panelists who spoke on the responsibilities of the superintendent at this year's GCSA convention in Louisville, declared that course landscape maintenance is just as important as the care of greens, tees and fairways. Only, Moore added, not nearly enough supts. are taking this into account.

"Year after year," Moore said, "trees and plants at hundreds of courses are being lost because of abuse, insects, disease, storms and drought and little is being done to replace them. As far as I am concerned, supts. who allow this to go on are showing an indifferent attitude. As a consequence, many courses that could be real beauty spots have a sort of rundown look."

The Hollywood supt. pointed out that time, or the lack of it, plus insufficient funds in the budget account for the indifferent attitude that some greenmasters are taking in regard to the landscaping phase of their operations. To counteract this, he suggested starting at least a small scale program for the maintenance of or reclamation of flowers, shrubs and trees and then seeking a budget appropriation for it by showing members how their course can be beautiful through the expenditure of relatively little time and money.

Starts A Nursery

Describing his own experience, Moore told how after a Northeaster depleted his course of many fine trees and shrubs, he persuaded his greens committee to make a small appropriation for replacing them. After poring over nursery catalogs and some forgotten books on landscaping, the Deal supt. found that he could establish a small nursery with a quite wide variety of shrubs and trees even though he had

The McKay Formula for Greens

Before planting I use 300 lbs. of Milorganite, 150 lbs. of Golden Vigoro, 50 lbs. of potash, 50 lbs of phosphate and 50 lbs. of sulphate of ammonia (per 5,000 sq. ft.) raked in to approximately 2 ins. Fertilizers are mixed before spreading and watered in. When greens have been planted for two weeks, I apply 10 lbs. of sulphate of ammonia per 5,000 sq. ft. One week later greens are topdressed. The topdressing is washed in with another 10 lbs. of sulphate (liquid, of course) per 5,000 sq. ft. After that, you should see them grow! Usually, they are ready for play in six or seven weeks.

lots around the layout — McKay put grass on his greens in 10 weeks time. He used 45 tons of fertilizer as a starter.

"When the greens were two weeks old I put 10 lbs. of sulphate of ammonia per 5,000 sq. ft. on each green," McKay explains. "A week later I cut and topdressed them, and washed each one with 10 more lbs. at the same rate of the same thing."

He repeated the process, or variations of it, every two weeks.

"The greens were ready for play at the end of seven weeks," he adds.

At one time McKay became so much in demand in East Tennessee that several clubs began bidding for his services. Finally, the choice came down to Cherokee of Knoxville or Riverview of Chattanooga.

"I was having a devil of a time deciding," says McKay with a chuckle. "I thought the bidding business was bad, but they