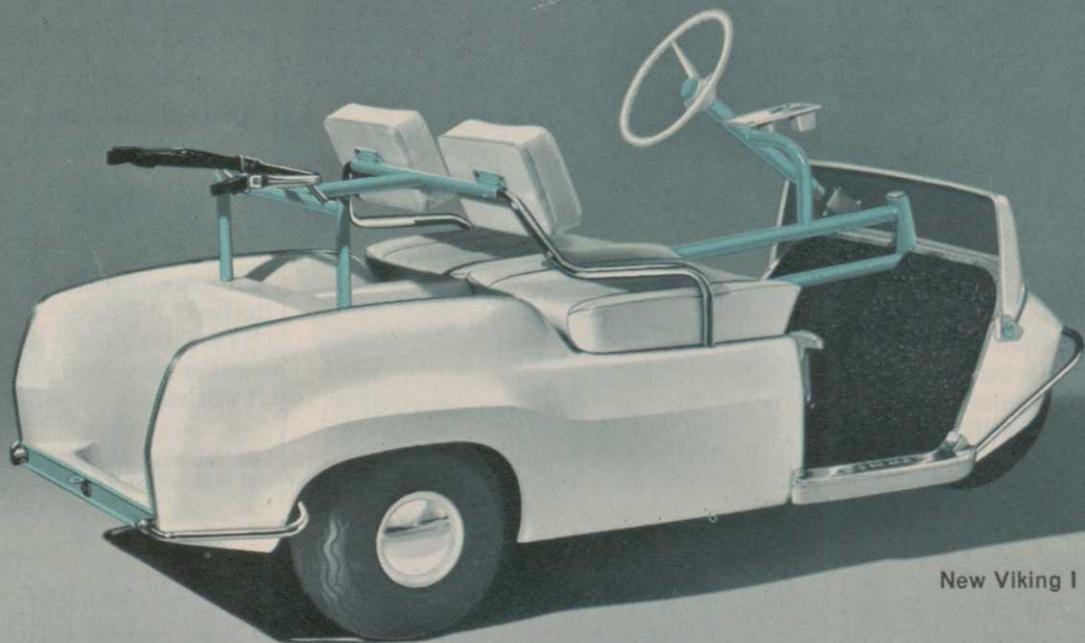




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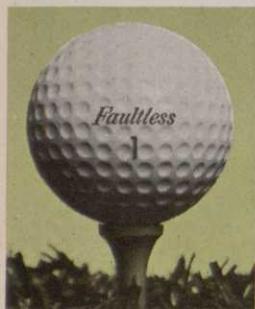
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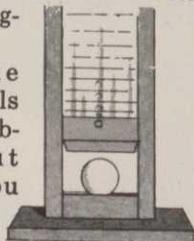
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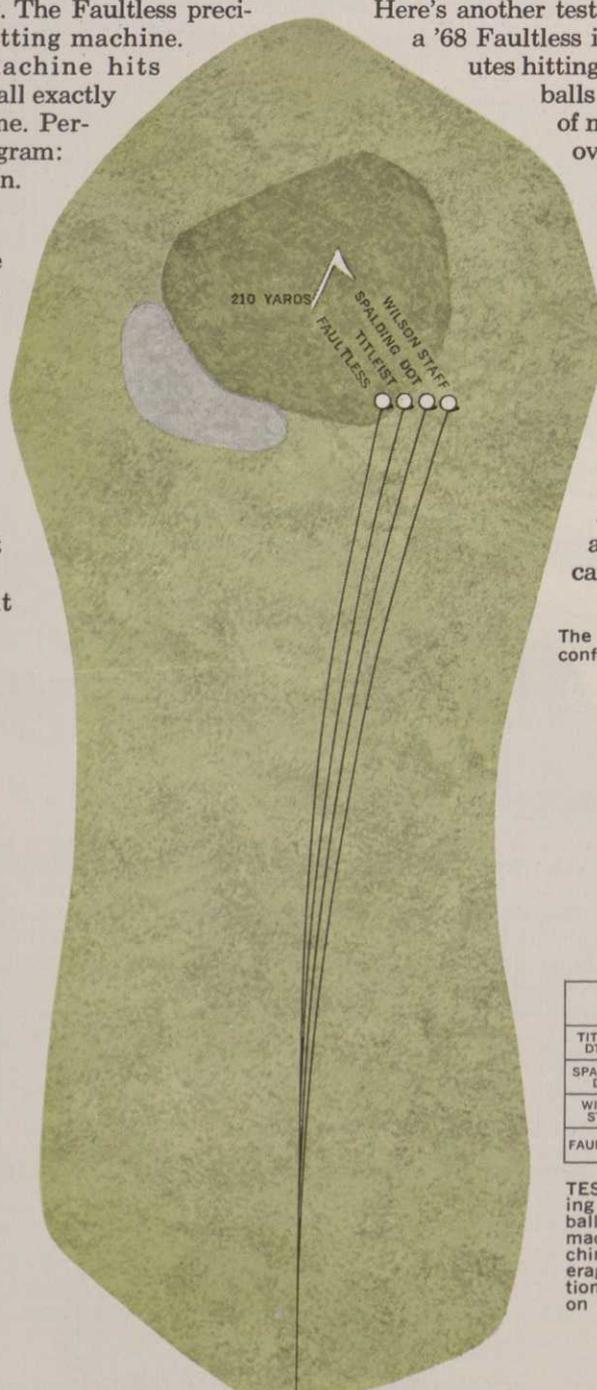
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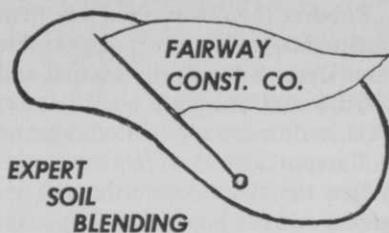


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Putting green

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in spring and fall, but didn't think it necessary to do it every year. He does it, he said, when he feels the greens need it—don't just aerify for the sake of aerifying. Craig said he used the spiker every other week from June through August to keep the green center (cupping area) in good condition. Benegayfield cautioned against aerifying too early in spring or late in the fall. This, he said, let the *Poa annua* in.

Mr. Fulwider then discussed topdressing. This practice is very important, he thought. He topdresses regularly to keep the putting surface good. On prepared mixtures, Fulwider emphasized the importance of quality and consistency. He conceded that such mixtures are expensive.

Fulwider tries to topdress every three or four weeks in the growing season. The amount of topdressing varies, depending on the grass, but light, frequent applications work out well. Don't forget care of the mowers, he said, when you topdress often.

Fulwider uses steel drag mats after topdressing, then the green is raked over and watered by hand. Proper watering in is most important, he thought.

If you are going to do a lot of topdressing, Fulwider said, take the time and money to do it properly, including having adequate storage facilities. He also recommended that the superintendent should have one day a week to play golf—it's the only way, he said, to appreciate the course from the member's point of view.

Roberts asked how much play Fulwider had on his course, observing that he (Roberts) had too much play on his course to topdress as much as Fulwider does. Fulwider replied that he had little play during the week. Also, that this practice had been going on for years, and his members were used to it!

On the subject of fertilizing, Fulwider said that, although it was a very common practice, it was still not standardized. Research was still needed in this area.

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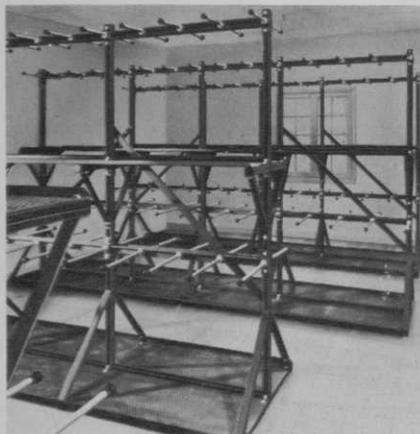
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Putting green

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intendents had found there was less trouble with "hungry" turf than with over-fertilized turf. Fulwider thought a "happy medium" was necessary somehow.

His own program called for using fertilizer in a 3-1-2 ratio at 3/4 lb. per thousand sq. ft. in April and mid-September. He uses five lbs. of nitrogen per thousand sq. ft. total for the year. However, he advocated the use of soil tests as a guide to the proper program at any course.

Craig commented that he was on a "potash kick" right now, especially in high traffic areas. Roberts stated that his biggest problem was *Poa annua*. By decreasing phosphorus, he takes away just what poa likes. He uses eight pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft. per year. Benguefield added that too many older superintendents ask, "What have they done to ammonium sulphate?" This points up the necessity of changing your source of nitrogen occasionally. Use one type all the time and you get diminishing

returns, as time goes on.

Roberts then described his own particular preventive program. He uses Dyrene during the second and third weeks in May at weekly intervals, with more applications against dollarspot and *Helminthosporium*. When the thermometer hits 80 degrees, and it's humid, he stops Dyrene and uses thiram and PMA, and stays through the summer on this. If there's a possibility of copper-spot, he uses Cadminate. He also said he changes drastically to other products once in a while.

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As regards insects, Roberts said he used heptachlor three times a year—let the birds tell you the right time to do it. His biggest weed, he stated, was *Poa annua*. The most



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effective control of poa he had found is good cultivation practices. Also, in the latter part of winter, he applies an arsenical and inhibits the early growth of the poa.

Craig commented that he adds a little iron to his fungicide applications. It costs little and he has enjoyed very good results. He then turned to the subject of irrigation.

"Application of water," he said, "should be done as the grass needs it—not when the superintendent wants to do it! Above all, don't leave the amount of water to be applied to your watering man. Don't laugh—I've heard this!"

"How much water and when, I can't tell you, but you—the superintendent—must decide."

Craig warned against the effects of wind, and to remember that you can always add water, but you can't take it off!

You have to look at every green, Craig said. Get out early in the morning and look at the pattern of dew on the grass. If there are dry spots here or there, then go back in the afternoon and look for stresses or strains in the grass. Take a soil probe and educate the fingers to remember when soil is wet or going into wilt. "Feel" is most important. While he had tried moisture gauges, he had found there was no substitute for "poking" it.

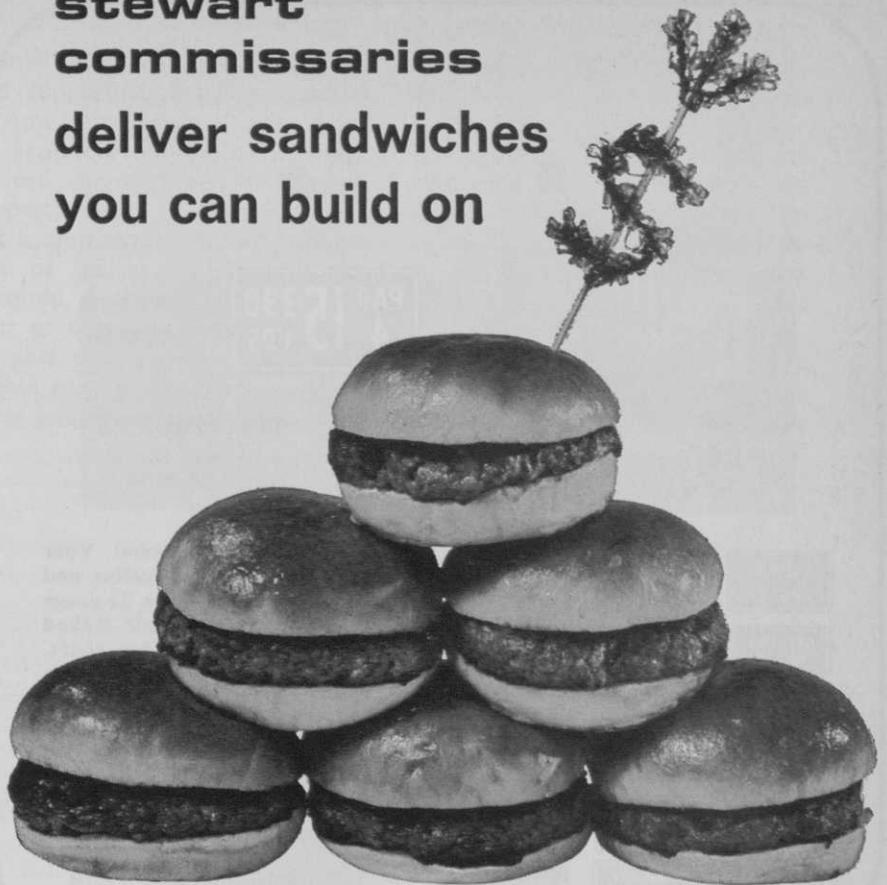
Craig tries to keep a even depth of moisture in his soil, say, in the top six to eight inches. He only syringes when it is windy—he finds it is not necessary otherwise with good soil. To get depth of moisture, use a low volume sprinkler such as the pop-ups. Their use, he said, had never given him any problems with wet spots.

There's no substitute for hand watering on old greens, he said, where there are narrow aprons and tree roots under the green. These will go dry faster and, if you use automatic watering, you will make the area too wet.

Fulwider then talked about ball mark repair. This is the most difficult task on a course, he said. If only a player would fix it right away, there would be no problem. The only thing to do here is to get the point over to the members somehow, and through cooperation with the greens chairman.

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Underwriters are reluctant to provide replacement cost coverage on dilapidated storm shelters, maintenance equipment sheds and battered outbuildings.

Basically, the purpose of insurance is to transfer the possibility of serious financial loss to an insurance company. Many country clubs overlook this concept when they insist on insuring low-valued structures of no real consequence.

The premium required to cover old frame storm shelters in the open, for example, is comparatively high. The premiums would be better spent to equip the storm shelters with lightning protection rods, thus safeguarding the welfare of the membership.

Country clubs are accorded a substantial discount in the premiums charged when property is insured for 80, 90, or 100 per cent of its value. However, no country club should attempt to insure its buildings or contents under this discount method unless it can authenticate the values by the support of a certified appraisal that has been kept up-to-date by a professional appraisal company.

Arriving at values by applying the formulas employed to construct a financial statement for tax purposes will not constitute the certified values that must be presented to insurance companies in settling a loss under a fire insurance policy.

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*Year-round attention to upkeep can reduce
the confusion and expense of
this annual headache.*

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Spring may mean robins and crocuses to the general public, but it can bring headaches to the country club manager and the house committee. Nearly every club is faced with an annual springtime rehabilitation and spruce-up project for the clubhouse interior—at a time when there are also stringent budget demands for the reconditioning of the golf course, tennis courts, pool, and parking areas.

With wise planning and judicious use of funds the springtime interior rehabilitation confusion and expense can be reduced to a minimum, if the program is phased for general, year-round attention to the up-keep of facilities.

The importance of maintaining and redecorating the interior facilities of a club on a *twelve-month basis* cannot be too strongly stressed. Lounges, dining rooms, ballrooms, and cocktail areas, attractively decorated, not only serve the day-to-day needs of the membership, but offer inviting surroundings for large private parties, weddings, charity affairs, and similar income-producing functions, which are frequently the backbone of the clubhouse economy.

Increased general usage of all facilities by the members also will produce additional revenue. If card rooms, lounges and cocktail lounges are relaxing and hospitable in appearance, members are more likely

to consider the club as a social center during cold and rainy weather—not as just a place to go for out-of-door recreation.

Remember, a well-designed dining room will always out-draw a poorly designed one of equal service. Also, don't overlook ballrooms. They often are so dreary that prospective hostesses, knowing that a fortune in floral decoration would be required to create a pleasant atmosphere, will book their major receptions and parties into a local hotel. Well-maintained, tasteful, and well-planned areas for all-season activity will create a spiral of increased revenue, year after year.

Facilities for teenagers also tend to be neglected. Teen rooms should be seriously considered for an attractive treatment. All too often, these future adult members of the club are relegated to dingy basement areas, where there is an understandable lack of pride, among the users, in the decor or in careful treatment of the furnishings.

Built-in maintenance, and the top value of every dollar invested in club properties depend on a few basic considerations:

First, whether a club is considering new quarters, remodeling of existing quarters, or merely redecorating rooms, the services of experts in these fields are of prime importance. In any situation, de-