

# The Grass Roots

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## President's Message: Through The Green -

It is very important that the Golf Course Superintendent know the rules of the game which is played on the property he manages. You can only achieve this knowledge by constantly studying the USGA Rule Book. The USGA publishes many

new decisions on the Rules each year, which may be obtained from Golf House, Far Hills, New Jersey 07931. A Superintendent should know the Rules of Golf well enough to make rulings in tournaments. Lateral water, water hazards, out-of-bounds

## What is Golf?

Golf is a form of work made expensive enough for a man to enjoy it. It is physical and mental exertion made attractive by the fact that you have to dress for it in a \$200,000 clubhouse.

Golf is what letter-carrying, ditch-digging and carpet-beating would be if these three tasks had to be performed on the same hot afternoon in short pants and colored socks by gouty-looking gentlemen who require a different implement for every need.

Golf is the simplest looking game in the world when you decide to take it up, and the toughest after you have been at it ten or twelve years.

It is probably the only known game a man can play as long as a quarter of a century and then discover that it was too deep for him in the first place.

The game is played on carefully selected grass with little white balls and as many clubs as a player can afford. These little balls cost from \$1.25 to \$2.00, and it is possible to support a family of ten people (all adults) for five months on the money represented by the balls lost by some golfers in a single afternoon.

A golf course has 18 holes, 17 of which are unnecessary and put in to make the game harder. A "hole" is a tin cup in the center of a "green". A "green" is a small parcel of grass costing \$1.98 a blade and usually located between a brook and a couple of apple trees, or a lot of "unfinished excavation".

The idea is to get the golf ball from a given point into each of the 18 cups in the fewest strokes and the greatest number of words.

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and ground under repair should all be clearly marked and/or staked.

We know or have heard that the Superintendent should play golf on his or her course to fully appreciate the conditions of playability. Even if you are not a low handicap player, you will most likely spot something that should be done or changed that you would not have noticed if you were not playing golf. A non-golfing superintendent can roll-a-ball across the putting surface to check for smoothness, speed and trueness. The putter and golf ball should be as important to the Superintendent as the soil probe.

Wayne Otto -

## A Special Invitation -

Golf Course Superintendents Jeff Bottensek and Bruce Worzella of Waupaca Country Club and Bull's Eye Country Club respectively have extended a special invitation to WGCSA members to play their two outstanding golf courses on either Sunday, June 11th or Tuesday, June 13th in conjunction with the Stevens Point meeting. Please, no walk-ons. Contact Jeff at 715-258-5435

or

Bruce at 715-423-2204  
no later than June 10th.

What is Golf cont.

The ball must not be thrown, pushed or carried. It must be propelled by about \$400.00 worth of curious looking implements, especially designed to provoke the owner.

Each implement has a specific purpose and ultimately some golfers get to know what that purpose is. There are the exceptions.

After each hole has been completed the golfer counts his strokes. Then he subtracts six and says, "Made that in five. That's one above par. Shall we play for 50 cents on the next hole, too, Ed?"

After the final, or 18th hole, the golfer adds up his score and stops when he has reached 87.

He then has a swim, a pint of gin, sings "Sweet Adeline" with six or eight other liars, and calls it the end of a perfect day.

-Anonymous



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