

Coarse sand is much better than fine for the reason that it is much easier to maintain in satisfactory condition, and it does not blow away in the wind, or wash away so badly in case of rain.

In order that bunkers be absolutely fair, they should be raked regularly, in order to remove footprints, and so that after a rain the player does not get a perfect lie. One of the best rakes for this purpose is one made with teeth like a saw, and of such a size that they leave grooves in the sand about two inches apart and about an

inch deep. This will insure, that wherever two players go into the bunker or trap, they will both get exactly the same lie.

Grass hollows and mounds should be kept cut, if anything, a little closer than the ordinary rough. This is particularly true of the grass hollows, the reason being that they are in most cases used back of greens to catch a shot that has been too strong, and where the penalty should only be one half a stroke instead of a full stroke.

Unity of Purpose for Greater Progress

THE United States Golf Association, Green Section has for six years carried out a program of scientific research and experimental work covering the selection, growth and maintenance of golf grasses, as well as the protection of golf turf from destructive insects, grubs, animal pests and turf diseases.

Organization for the betterment of the profession of greenkeeping throughout the United States and Canada is the educational program of The National Association of Greenkeepers of America, and this program will be carried out through the pages of The National Greenkeeper, publishing contributions received from practical greenkeepers of experience.

Having a full appreciation of the value of the experimental work conducted by the U. S. G. A. Green Section, and its direct benefit to the greenkeepers of America, the following letter of congratulation was delivered to Mr. Wm. C. Fownes, Jr., President of the United States Golf Association, at their annual meeting held at the Pittsburgh Athletic Club, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on January 7:

January 5, 1927

Mr. Wm. C. Fownes, Jr., President,
The United States Golf Association,
110 East 42nd Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Fownes:—

I wish to congratulate you upon your message to the member clubs of the United States Golf Association which appeared in the December 1926 Green Section bulletin.

The establishment of a \$30 yearly membership fee, which includes the Green Section service, is conclusive evidence that the U. S. G. A. wishes to do the greatest amount of good for the greatest number of golf clubs throughout the country.

The new program as a whole is a stroke of genius which will set apart the 1926 Executive Committee in the history of your association.

It gives me the greatest amount of pleasure to know that the work of the Green Section, so ably started and carried on by Dr. C. V. Piper, Dr. R. A. Oakley, and their assistants, will go forward with the support and protection it so well deserves.

If at any time the Green Section requires any information or assistance this organization can give, I am sure that the greenkeepers of America will co-operate to the fullest extent.

Sincerely yours,

John Morley, President.
National Association of Greenkeepers of America

Mr. Fownes' reply follows:

Mr. John Morley, President,
The National Association of Greenkeepers,
407 Caxton Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear John:—

I duly received your letter of January 5th at the time of the Annual Meeting of the U.S.G.A., and I must apologize for not having made acknowledgment of it earlier. It was a great pleasure to me and to my associates in the Association, to know that you personally, and the National Association of Greenkeepers of America, heartily approved of the action which was taken by the delegates in consolidating the membership of the Association, and bringing the work of the Green Section more directly under the control of the Executive Committee of the U.S.G.A. I think we all believe that the Green Section work is of the greatest importance and should call for the best attention which we are capable of giving it, and I am quite confident that under the present lineup we shall see its sphere of usefulness extend further each year.

Best regards.

Yours very truly,

Wm. C. Fownes, Jr., President, U.S.G.A.