

What Every Greenkeeper Should Know!

THE National Greenkeeper is your own magazine, published in your interest, and for the exchange of valuable information between greenkeepers all over the country.

You can offer no greater support to The National Association of Greenkeepers of America than to contribute to this magazine detailed notes of what you are doing and how you do it on your own golf course.

Every day we receive letters from young greenkeepers, thanking us for the help The National Greenkeeper is giving them. This is the principle underlying all the work of the National Association, to help the other fellow.

No matter what you have, whether vegetatively planted or seeded greens, sand greens, good or bad greens, write and tell us your story. There is sure to be some good information in it, and if you need help, do not be afraid to ask for it. We want to get acquainted with you, whether you ask questions or give information. Tell your story in your own way, and we will use your name or not, just as you say. The National Greenkeeper breaks no confidences with its contributors, you may be sure of that.

Have you a good picture of a bird house you have constructed yourself? Have you built a good looking bridge anywhere on your course? Have you found a good method to exterminate ants, or moles, or earthworms? Did you install the water system you use, and have you drawings of this system? How are your bunkers built and drained? Do you have any natural bent on your course, and have you made use of it? Have you conducted any experiments which have proved something of value for the other fellow to know? If you have charge of the clubhouse grounds, what varieties of shrubbery and perennials do you grow, and what is a good selection of flowering annuals to plant this spring? Have you some good tips on the care of machinery and tools?

All of the foregoing questions, and hundreds of others besides, need answering. A greenkeeper in Iowa may be getting results that one in New England could get if he knew what the Iowa man was doing. We know of two golf courses located only ten miles apart, where if one of the greenkeepers had known what the other man was accomplishing, hundreds of dollars and a considerable amount of time could have been saved by both.

Will you take just a little time and write us a story for your own magazine, and send us good clear pictures of yourself and the items you write about?

The National Greenkeeper gives every greenkeeper an opportunity to express himself, to give of his knowledge for the benefit of other greenkeepers who are grateful indeed for the information they read in this magazine.

We want every word in The National Greenkeeper to represent the sound advice of practical experience, and if you, as a practical greenkeeper, wish to see each succeeding number of your magazine filled with information of practical value, sit down and write us *now*. Let us have your story, and we will use it just exactly as you direct.

Don't forget that we need good clear pictures, and plenty of them! Pictures tell a story that no man can put into words. Get better acquainted with the purposes of The National Greenkeeper, to the end that the golfers of America may recognize and appreciate the men who make possible the true enjoyment of the game of golf. If you will but do your bit, the day is not far off when no longer will it be true of the playing member of a golf club that

*You swing along oblivious to him who holds the key
Of Fairyland for golfers, where every perfect tee
Unfolds a scene of beauty to the city-wearied eye,
A smoothly rolling fairway, stretching out to meet
the sky.*

*Where the distance holds a jewel, softly shining in the
sun,
Cut with love and understanding by the skillful
hand of one,
Who with cunning and precision, and devotion in his
heart,
Has shaped a green of loveliness, high tribute to his
art.*

*And every spring he turns the key, unlocks your Fairy-
land
And lets you in, half hoping that you'll somehow
understand
The pride he feels, but you walk on, unheeding and
serene,
For the only man who knows him is the Chairman
of the Green.*