

From The Viewpoint Of Local Associations

What District Associations of Greenkeepers are Doing

Greenkeepers Association of Southern California (Annual Meeting, August 20)

OUR secretary, Mr. Marzolf, passed on the minutes of our annual meeting and as publicity man for our local organization I will give you what I can.

The annual meeting of the greenkeepers of southern California was held at the Indoor Country Club. Climatic conditions permit our holding meetings outdoors all the year round but this being entirely an executive affair the centre of Los Angeles was considered more suitable.

Open session was held until lunch time to permit members from distant clubs getting into town. But right after lunch the boys got right down to business. After all any business, and more especially the convincing of a man of his ability to hold office, is more easily accomplished after a hearty meal.

The following officers were duly elected: president, W. W. Stewart; vice president, R. S. Greenfield; secretary-treasurer, E. B. Marzolf; directors, W. C. Langton, C. H. Cavanaugh, K. Kretzschmar, G. Post.

Clubs as far south as San Diego and as far north as Santa Barbara were represented.

Mr. Langdon offered San Gabriel for our next meeting.

Following this offer up, a month later we sojourned at the above club and true to form our worthy host emulated his club's namesake and blew his horn. The music proved soothing to our thirst for knowledge as he spoke on the formation of soils in general and his beloved San Gabriel's soil in particular. His paper was all the more convincing because of its lack of flowery language, just one greenkeeper talking to another. Technicalities were nevertheless precise as his son is a student of geology.

San Gabriel's greens, tees and fairways were good to look on and although none of us had brought any clubs it was very obvious that golf there would be a pleasure.

Mountain Meadows, near Pomona, through invitation of their greenkeeper, Mr. Thompson, will have us look around their lay-out next month, when the subject of the relative value of peat humus and manure as fertilizers will be discussed.

Although a long way from the National Association we know and appreciate what you are doing and in consequence are with you.

If at any time you want any information on what is happening on the coast here just drop me a line.

JAS. A. LYON,
Flintridge Country Club,
Pasadena, California.

Mid-West Greenkeepers Association (Minutes—August 8, 1927)

A MEETING of the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association was held August 8th at the Northmoor Country Club, Ravinia, Ill., and the Lake Shore Country Club, Glencoe, Ill., at 10 a.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary and approved. A discussion was held regarding the best means of informing the clubs as to the service the Mid-West Greenkeepers would be in position to render and it was decided that a form letter would be printed and mailed to all the golf magazines, presidents and chairmen of all clubs in the Chicago district and territories within a near radius of Illinois which would tell in detail the reasons for organizing the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association, how it is functioning and how it will be in the position to assist the greenkeepers by offering them the service and advice of a committee of qualified greenkeepers who would be pleased to visit their club and report course conditions.

The next order of business was the formation of an experimental station and it was decided to take this matter up in particular at a special meeting to be held on August 16th at the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago at 7 p.m. Plans will be formulated for this experimental station and the results of this meeting will be reported to the U. S. Green Section of the Chicago district at their next meeting. No cards will be sent out for this meeting. The next meeting of the Green Section will also be a joint meeting of greenkeepers and U. S. Green Section chairmen.

The members were then taken around the course of Northmoor and the visiting greenkeepers found Mr. Sherwood's course in excellent shape and his greens as fine as any of the best greens in the district. Mr. Sherwood is to be congratulated as he shows that he has his work very much in hand.

The members also visited the course at the Lake Shore Country Club and were taken around by Mr. J. L. Strauss, the chairman of the greens. This course was also found to be in very fine condition.

The next meeting will be held at the Bunker Hill Country Club, August 22nd at 10 a.m. and at the Tam O'Shanter Golf Club at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. B. DEARIE, JR.,

Secretary.

Minutes of Meeting Held August 22, 1927 at Bunker Hill Country Club

MINUTES of previous meeting read and approved. Manufacturers' Day was discussed and it was recommended that it be observed September 15th at

Briergate Country Club from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The following members were appointed as a committee to make arrangements: Mr. John MacGregor, president; Mr. Edward B. Dearie, Jr., secretary; Mr. Robert Farmer, and Mr. William Matthies.

The Mid-West Greenkeepers' Tournament to be held this fall was put before President John MacGregor who appointed the following members on a committee to make further plans: Mr. Alex Binnie, Mr. John Mills and Mr. Fred Ingwerson.

A letter concerning the welfare of our organization was read and it was decided to have it published in all leading golf magazines in the Middle West and to have a copy of it mailed to the presidents and chairmen of the greens committees of all clubs within a radius of fifty miles of Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,

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Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents

THE regular monthly meeting of the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents, was held at the St. David's Golf Club on Monday, August 8, 1927.

Most of the afternoon was occupied by heavy showers

of rain, but nevertheless a few of our members succeeded in playing eighteen holes of golf, while others sought the shelter of the golf house.

However, the spirits of the twenty-four present were rejuvenated when we sat down to a delicious dinner at 6 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m., with President Evans in the chair.

Mr. Howard Toomey, one of our distinguished members, was called on for a short talk, at the conclusion of which he introduced Dr. John Monteith, of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Monteith addressed the meeting for a period of approximately one hour. In the course of his talk he described conditions prevailing on golf courses in different sections of this country. He spoke particularly on the brown-patch situation. He mentioned that calomel has been developed to ascertain just what mercury compound is most effective against this disease.

To control large brown-patch he recommended that a full dose be used, namely, one ounce of Bi-Chloride of Mercury with two ounces of calomel, but as a preventive use only half of this dosage.

He also told us Uspulun and Semesan contains about sixteen per cent of mercury and Calogreen about eighty-four and nine tenths per cent mercury.

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The Market Place

FOREIGN buyers for American made golf course equipment have been more numerous than ever this year. During the past few weeks the Pennsylvania Lawn Mower Works has shipped mowers to the Philippine Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Africa, Dutch Indies, Germany, the Hawaiian Islands and Cuba.

One of the Pennsylvania Super fairway mowing outfits was installed some time ago on the grounds of the Oahu Country Club in Honolulu, and the Staude tractor is furnishing the power.

MANUFACTURERS in general are reporting excellent business for this year, which is only another proof that golf is becoming an industry in this country. The American business man has no time for a noon-day siesta, and little for afternoon tea, but he always finds time for a game of golf.

THE Peerless Lawn Mower Sharpener, manufactured by Fate-Root-Health Company, at Plymouth, Ohio, is undergoing some important changes in design, and their new model will sharpen both hand and power mowers. The feed of the machine is to be increased,

and it will be equipped with a rapid reverse feeder and a complete new mower support for holding putting green mowers and gang units of the roller type.

These new improvements are of vital interest to our members, and inquiries relating to them will be cheerfully answered if letters are addressed to J. S. Seville, in care of the company. Have your name on their list for one of their new circulars to be mailed to you as soon as they are printed.

"IT is an ill wind that blows nobody good"—according to K. E. Goit, Sales Manager of the Toro Manufacturing Company.

In a recent letter Mr. Goit reports that while fairway mowers were not used very much this summer on account of the hot dry spell, the sales of fairway sprinklers showed a great gain over previous years.

He also states that the most pertinent subject before practically every 18-hole country club today is the need of a fairway watering device, and the inquiries on this class of material are running heavier than at any time during the past several years.

Unless present indications fail, it looks very much like every new club in the future will have provisions made for a fairway watering system at the time of laying out the course.

ONE of the most prominent firms of golf architects in the British Isles is Colt & Alison, one of the partners, Captain Alison, being particularly well known among our readers. Mr. Colt devotes practically all of his time to the designing and building of golf courses in Great Britain, and is considered an expert greenkeeper, as his work includes the establishment of turf and regular inspection of his golf courses for a long period after completion. He writes us under date of August 25, "I have to thank you for forwarding to me some copies of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER, which I have read with the greatest interest. Not only have the articles such as the ABC of Turf Culture, Golf Course Irrigation, etc., been of great value, but the advertisements have interested me very much. I am by this post writing to some of your advertisers for particulars about their machines."

assisted several neighboring greenkeepers in bringing their courses up to a degree of perfection.

A letter recently received from Wilhelm Peters, manager and greenkeeper of the Highlands Golf and Country Club, of St. Joseph, Missouri, states, "I am very busy at the present moment, as there are several courses around Kansas City I am undertaking. I intend to send a story for the magazine, and if I can will do so within the next couple of weeks." Mr. Peters has had many years' experience as a gardener and a greenkeeper, and our readers will find some good advice in what he has to say.

TO be of service to mankind is one of the paramount reasons why we are placed upon this earth. Many times the editor of THE NATIONAL GREENKEEPER has been asked how it is possible to secure such articles as appear in our magazine. It is no secret, and is growing to be less and less of a problem as time goes on.

No organization is any stronger than the interest of each individual member thereof. No member of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America is spending his time in pulling bricks out of the foundation. Instead he is laying them carefully in line, and cementing them into place with a material you will not find on sale at any price. No amount of money will buy it, and no man on earth can do without it. It surrounds him in life, and lives after Death. It is a privilege, and a debt. It is Brotherly Love.

We repeat that the reason why our members write their stories for this magazine, for other members to read, is no secret.

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He answered various questions put forth by the members on various turf and soil conditions.

The meeting then, on motion, adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

E. T. YOUNG,
Secretary.

The Cleveland District Association of Greenkeepers

(Meeting, September 12)

A HOLIDAY spirit prevailed among the greenkeepers and chairmen of Green committees of the Cleveland district, when they started from Number 1 Tee of the Kirtland Country Club, Willoughby, at 2 o'clock on September 12.

The question, should greenkeepers play golf, was answered by a unanimous yes. Hitherto unsuspected prowess on the part of some of the Cleveland district greenkeepers was exposed at this tournament. Kirtland is what is known as a difficult course, with a par of 70, and many champion players have acknowledged its challenge to their skill.

Following the tournament, dinner was served at 6:30, and during and after dinner an informal discussion was held covering some of the problems of the clubs represented. One of the most interesting discussions was started by L. M. Latta, a member of the N. A. G. A., who owns and keeps the course of the Braeburn Country Club at Copley, Ohio. Mr. Latta said that when he bought the land for his daily fee course at Copley, he had considerably more courage than knowledge of what a golf course ought to be.

He has had plenty of advice, some of which he followed, and much he later found to be subject to correction. He asked as a particular favor if THE NATIONAL GREENKEEPER would kindly publish the correct method for building a putting green, in ABC language, working from the unbroken ground up to the finished product. Greenkeepers present volunteered to get together and contribute to this magazine an ABC talk on putting green construction, so that not only Mr. Latta, but others uninformed will derive benefit from the information.

A report of the Greenkeepers' Convention held by the U. S. G. A. Green Section at Washington on August 29 was given by M. H. Wilson, Jr., chairman of the local Green Section, which was intently followed by all present. The item of most interest was the experimentation now in progress at Arlington covering the application of metallic mercury in the control of brown-patch.

A vote of thanks was tendered the officials of the Kirtland Country Club for the courtesy extended to the assembled group. The chairman of the Green Committee, E. P. Bruch, the greenkeeper, M. D. LaMoreaux, and the superintendent, Arthur Boggs, were heartily congratulated upon the splendid condition of the Kirtland course.

Say you saw the ad in The National Greenkeeper