

# 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.

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### *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,

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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