

Indiana Greenkeepers Organize

By JOHN MACGREGOR, President
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DURING the greenkeepers' convention at Detroit last February, Mr. Carl Bretzlaff informed the writer he would like to get some information about organizations, as the Indiana greenkeepers had come to the conclusion that they wanted to get together, become acquainted with each other, exchange ideas and have regular meetings.

The writer talked the matter over and gave Mr. Bretzlaff a copy of the by-laws of the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association, but did not hear from Indiana until three weeks ago when Mr. C. E. Griener of Indianapolis a staunch friend of the greenkeepers came to Chicago. He told me of the intention of the Indiana greenkeepers to organize and that they wanted to know if the writer would come to Indiana and help them out. Needless to say I was very glad to accept the invitation, so the meeting was called for



VICTOR GEORGE
New president of
the Indiana Green-
keepers' Association

November 10th at 6 p. m. at the Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind. After getting acquainted with all the boys we sat down and did justice to a wonderful dinner which Mr. Griener generously supplied and who deserves great credit for his interest in helping the boys out.

Mr. Victor George opened the meeting and spoke at length on the object of the meeting. He thereupon introduced the writer who reviewed the progress of the Mid-West greenkeepers from the time the organization started until the present time. After a vote of confidence that the men present wanted an organization the writer proceeded to the election of officers and roll call of the men present. Following this the president, Mr. George appointed his committees on by-laws, membership and executive committee as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Victor George, president, LaFayette Country Club, LaFayette, Ind.

Carl A. Bretzlaff, vice president, Meridian Hills Country Club, Indianapolis, Ind.

Edward Updegraff, secretary, Indianapolis Country Club, Clemont, Ind.

George Hawkins, treasurer, Avalon Country Club, Indianapolis, Ind.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

John Barkdull, American Legion Golf Course, Kokomo, Ind.

Louis Barkdull, Kokomo Country Club, Kokomo, Ind.
O. L. Roberts, Noblesville Club, Noblesville, Ind.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Ross Hollingsworth, Connersville Country Club, Connersville, Ind.

Fred Shopp, Woodstock Club, Indianapolis, Ind.

Robert Hall, Lake James Country Club, Angola, Ind.

Howard Owens, Huntington Country Club, Huntington, Ind.

Basil Miller, Blue River Country Club, Shelbyville, Ind.

C. D. Stafford, North Vernon Country Club, North Vernon, Ind.

Albert Esterline, Delaware Country Club, Muncie, Ind.

L. A. Wright, R. R. E.-Box 20, Terra Haute, Ind.

The affairs of the association being wound up, Mr. Herb Graffis, editor of *Golfdom* who happened to be in the city with his family at a football game was called on to say a few words to the boys which he did in his usual interesting manner and gave a very impressive talk.

Mr. Griener was then called upon. He gave a review of the work done in connection with forming the green-

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keepers of Indiana into a local organization, which had culminated successfully at that particular time. He also spoke of the fact that he had done all of this for the boys as an individual and only wished he was a greenkeeper.

After Mr. Griener's talk the president adjourned the meeting, which is to meet one month later at which time the committees will report. Thus we add another link to the National Association of Greenkeepers of America. Many friends attended the meeting.

The Low-Down On Bent Grass (Concluded from page 6)

a day for labor and buys all his implements in a protected market. At present he has to ask a higher price than that for which German bent sells and rely on the superiority of his product.

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Greenkeepers Hold Clam Bake

The Cleveland District Association of Greenkeepers of which Fred A. Burkhardt of the Westwood Country Club is president, held a clam bake, October 15 at the Brae Burn Golf Club near Akron, Ohio. The host, L. M. Latta, owner and manager of the Brae Burn Links had everything in preparation and according to all reports the boys all had a great time.

The large attendance is evidence of the good fellowship which pervades this organization. They came from far and wide to partake of the appetizing viands which Frank Ermer the secretary had provided. Needless to say there was no business transacted as the event was entirely one of pleasure without restraint. The following greenkeepers were present:

Frank Ermer, Ridgewood Golf Club, Cleveland, Ohio; Chris Bain, Oakwood Country Club, Cleveland, Ohio; Bert Sheldin, The Country Club, Cleveland, Ohio; C. Zink, Highland Golf Club, Cleveland, Ohio; M. M. Parsons, Wooster Country Club, Wooster, Ohio; Walter Knowles, Cleveland, Ohio; A. J. Fovargue, Westbrook Country Club, Mansfield, Ohio; H. Simmonds, Highland Golf Club, Cleveland, Ohio; George Bauer, Ridgewood Golf Club, Cleveland, Ohio; Chas. Spencer, Fairlawn Heights Golf Club, Akron, Ohio; L. M. Latta, Brae Burn Links, Copley, Ohio; Stanley Aldrich, Madison Golf Lakelands, Madison, Ohio; Fred Burkhardt, Westwood Country Club, Cleveland, Ohio; Arthur Boggs, Kirtland Country Club, Willoughby, Ohio; Wm. Smith, Silver Lake Country Club, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; J. Nickoloff, Oberlin Golf Club, Oberlin, Ohio; Ralph Rodgers, Elyria Country Club, Elyria, Ohio; M. D. LaMoreaux, Kirtland Country Club, Willoughby, Ohio; F. P. Dunlap, Hawthorne Valley Golf Club, Solon, Ohio; R. Zink, Shaker Heights Country Club, Cleveland, Ohio; Percy J. Bolitho, Portage Country Club, Akron, Ohio; G. Duncan, Rosemont Country Club, Akron, Ohio; W. I. Kennedy, Bunker Hill Country Club, Medina, Ohio; J. A. Singler, Bunker Hill Country Club, Medina, Ohio; G. Kennedy, Fairlawn Heights Golf Club, Akron, Ohio; C. F. Miller, Orchard Hills Country Club, Canton, Ohio; John Sheridan, Chagrin Valley Country Club, Chagrin Falls, Ohio; Frank Shubie, Elyria Country Club, Elyria, Ohio; M. Lawrence, Hill Top Country Club, Wooster, Ohio.



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