

California Greenkeeper Sends Greeting

Editor's Note:—This letter is printed because of its general interest to our readers, and because it represents the attitude of appreciation shown in hundreds of such communications received at Association Headquarters during the past seventeen months.

Alameda, California
January 3, 1928

The National Association of Greenkeepers of America
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Your letter of December 17th received.

I wish to apologize for not answering sooner but have delayed doing so in order that I might be able to give you definite information regarding my appointment by President John Morley to serve on the committee on Permanent Organization at the coming annual convention in Detroit, Michigan, in February.

While I greatly appreciate his choosing me on this committee I find that owing to the very unsettled conditions and changes being made on our golf course at the present time, it will be impossible for me to attend this coming convention. I hope that at some future date I may be able to meet all greenkeepers of our organization in person.

I have always had a desire to meet Mr. Morley, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. McPherson, Mr. McNamara and Mr. MacGregor of Chicago, my old home town. I hope my friend, Joe Mayo, of the Pebble Beach Country Club will be at the meeting. He is the greenkeeper in California that I know of that is on the Executive staff. The last time I saw Joe he was playing at the Olympic Club at San Francisco in the California Northern Open Championship. I would like to hear from more of the California greenkeepers through the magazine, but I guess they are a great deal like myself, pretty busy.

We have golf twelve months of the year here and we leave home these days before the sun is up and get home again when it is just about dark. One of the things that interest me most is the brown-patch problem. Some of my greens have bad spots and heal up very slowly. I use Uspulun and I have wondered if there is anything that would be quicker acting. Another thing that seems strange to me is that the brown-patch appeared while we had cold dry north winds last month, and it also appeared last summer during a few hot days. I had promised long ago to write about my course but it seems that on a new course it is all work and never enough time to even write a few lines or take a few pictures or let you know how the Oak Knoll Golf & Country Club is coming along. By the way Oak Knoll is located in Oakland while I live in Alameda about ten miles away.

Regretting my inability to be with you in February, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Oak Knoll Golf & Country Club

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By JOHN MACGREGOR
Chicago Golf Club

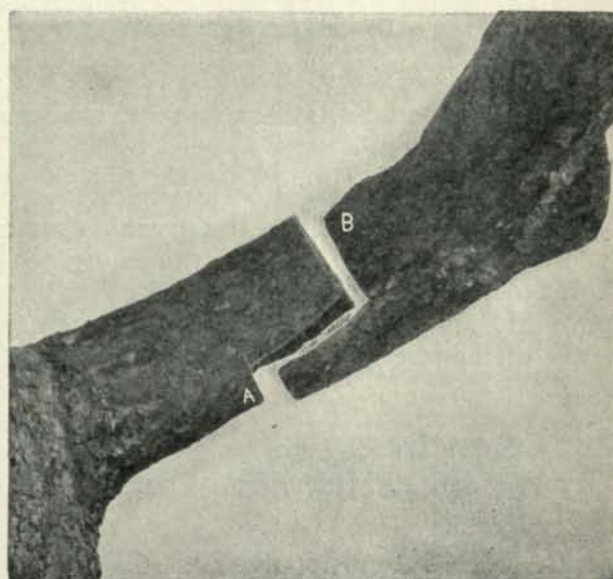
KEEP after the machinery. Replace bottom knives on mowers where necessary, grind the reels, give everything a coat of paint after the necessary repairs are done.

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Now is a good time to get your maintenance budget ready to submit to your chairman.

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For the states which have enough frost, this is a good time to move trees. Dig around the tree, cutting all roots, then let the ball freeze solid, move on the snow or frozen ground with a stone boat and tractor, or horses. Trees moved in this way seldom die.



Method for preventing splitting down when removing large limbs in sections. The stub is easily handled when making the final cut. Make cut at A first and then at B

Tree trimming is still part of the program, fruit trees can be pruned now if a mild day appears. Spray for San Jose and Oyster Shell scale. "Scalecide" is very effective.

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About Washington's Birthday get ready to attend the annual meeting of the N.A.G.A. and Golf Show at Detroit. We need you.

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While at the Show, look over the equipment and supplies, and make your selection of new and standard makes of machines with your chairman if possible.