

Around the Office Desk

ENTHUSIASTIC reception of the offer of the new N. A. G. A. Committee on Standards to furnish advice and assistance to golf clubs is apparent on every side.

John Morley, chairman of the committee, sent out a letter to a complete list of Green Committee chairmen furnished him by the NATIONAL GREEN-KEEPER, and he has been swamped with replies of congratulation. Chas. M. Groves, chairman of the golf committee of the Brooklawn Country Club at Bridgeport, Conn., writes as follows:

"Many thanks for your esteemed letter of the 3d instant. If at any time our Golf Committee requires the services of your Committee on Standards we certainly will be pleased to avail ourselves of your generous offer.

"Kindly permit the writer to express his keen enjoyment of your very interesting lecture at the U. S. G. A. January meeting.

"We wish you continued success in your field of splendid results."

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MANY of the chairmen are writing in for information showing the need for just such advice as the committee on Standards is able to give. Down at the Lancaster, Ohio, Country Club, J. W. Deffenbaugh is chairman of the Green committee, and here is what he says:

"I have your letter of April 3 addressed to Mr. Fulton, now president of the Lancaster Country Club. We are building No. 9 green. We are just about ready to put on the seed or sod, we expect to grow Washington bent. We are undecided whether to use seed, stolons or sod. I would like to have your advice and

where the same could be bought near here. Last fall we obtained bent seed from Scott at Marysville, Ohio to reseed Green No. 1.

"It appears to me that No. 1 will be ready to play on by the first of June; as indicated it was sowed from the seed. Any advice from you will be very greatly appreciated."

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UP AT Gorham, New Hampshire, where the Androscoggin Valley Country Club is located Dr. H. H. Bryant, Jr., is chairman of the Green Committee. He writes, "Will you kindly advise me regarding the use of poultry manure and sulphate of ammonia on putting greens."

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WAY out in Kirksville, Mo., S. W. Derby has a problem he wants the committee to solve, to wit.,

"Your letter of April 3d received, stating that you will give information regarding the care of greens. I would like a little information in regard to our greens. I am on the Grounds and Green committee and there seems to be some difference in opinion in regard to the care of the greens. We have creeping bent grass and this will be the third year since they were put in. Our soil is none too good and I feel that the greens should be fertilized, but I am not sure what kind is the best. Some of the committee think they should not be fertilized, only need a top dressing. We all agree that the topdressing is needed, but all we have to use is plain loam mixed with sand so it will not cake.

"I would appreciate it very much if you will give me some information in regard to the above. I might mention that there is quite a lot of white clover working in the greens."



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Mr. John Morley

Dear Sir:—

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(Signed) John Cameron, Sec'y

Williamson Joins Scioto

JOSEPH Williamson, formerly greenkeeper at the Guyan Country Club at Huntington, West Va., has accepted the position of greenkeeper at the Scioto Country Club, Columbus, Ohio. Speaking of his new position, Mr. Williamson writes—

"Am pleased with the change after being lost in the hills of West Va. for six years to get into the open country again, and most especially to have the association of George Sargent, who has been taking care of both ends for some time past and feels relieved at my coming.

"I also want to acknowledge your good work and sincere efforts and your wonderful success in putting over the National Association. It was a long felt want and you deserve every credit for putting it over, and though I have been very silent have been keeping in touch and watching since you gave me the invitation to become a Charter member."

We hope now that Mr. Williamson will be more active in the N. A. G. A. and we also hope he will write a story for the magazine at the earliest opportunity.

This Is Service

Recently we found that it pays to take time to write to the Committee on Standards at Youngstown, Ohio when in doubt about materials.

Chemistry tabulates about 100 elements, solids, liquids and gases of which in simple or compound form all known matter or material is composed. Knowledge of the action of any material under given circumstances comes best generally from individual

experience but the drawbacks of that is the uncertainty of and the waiting for results and usually an expenditure of money, all of which can often be avoided by drawing on the knowledge of men of long experience and aptitude for observation of the action and judgment of comparative values of materials used in their practice.

So when considering the purchase of certain material that we thought but were not sure was of special value for golf courses we wrote for the opinion of the Committee on Standards before buying it, not after.

And it was lucky for us that we did because it saved us some money and a lot of regret.

As it only takes a few minutes to write the Committee on Standards we are going to get their advice again on anything they are likely to know more about than we do. The cost of a stamp is only 2c but the cost of a wrong purchase is usually rather high.

Yours very truly,
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Walter Reed Well Satisfied

GREENKEEPERS in the northern Ohio district will remember Walter C. Reed who for several years was greenkeeper at the Shaker Heights C. C. and later at Pepper Pike. Walter is now greenkeeper at the Westwood C. C., Clayton, Mo., a suburb of Saint Louis.

"I am here," says Reed, "in a district where the greenkeepers are not organized and everybody is for himself. And as I am with one of the very best clubs in this district and am kept very busy all the time, I have very little chance to visit the other clubs. But I soon will be able to get around and visit other greenkeepers and have them join our association if I can because there are some very fine clubs in the Saint Louis district.

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nine; the second nine is called the white nine; and the third nine is called the blue nine. We have three starting places and everything goes by colors, red, white and blue flags, tee markers, direction flags, etc. I have wonderful greens of which I am certainly proud."

Obituary

Louis Ferrari, assistant greenkeeper of the Essex Golf and Country Club, Sandwich, Ont., passed away suddenly at his home, March 15, 1929. Mr. Ferrari was born in Falmenta, Italy on August 7, 1872, and came to Windsor, Canada in the summer of 1893, and immediately took up gardening which line he followed until the spring of 1913. He then went into the employ of the Essex club and worked there as assistant greenkeeper till his death.

Mr. Ferrari was a member of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America and his surviving relatives immediately received several hundred dollars from the Death Benefit Fund of the association.

Capt. Truran Speaks His Piece

NOW that time for reflection on our gathering at Buffalo has passed, I feel that it is very essential, and indeed a part of my duty to the association to respectfully tender my observation from a layman's point of view. To my mind the convention was a complete success and its organizers are worthy of all congratulation.

The chief fault and probably the only fault that commands attention is the program held on Saturday morning. This portion of the entire arrangement is no doubt the most important one of the convention, for it is at this meeting that one learns who's who, what the association is founded upon, and the various allocations that member's subscriptions are connected with.

I feel sure that many members travel from distant fields to the convention to know more of its activities—what can be gathered when the membership card is received after all requisite dues have been paid. Members indirectly (and fellow greenkeepers from the outside world to our association), have often expressed their wishes to know more of the organization, and in what way are the annual dues allocated. The obvious reply to this would be—"Come to the convention and there you will be fully informed."

Alas, on joining the meeting this particular morning (Saturday), I found but only a small gathering. Here was the most essential topic of the convention and such was miserably attended. I wonder if it could be so arranged that the program participated on the morning in question may in future be subdivided so as to be included in each day's allocation of talks.

The last day of the convention is too late for this great and important item. Many of the members have already departed, while others have their minds preoccupied in preparing for their early departure, and enthusiasm is on the wane.

No association can hope to carry on or prosper without the influx of members, there lies our greatest form of propaganda. Members may depart to the four points of the compass fully aware of the inner workings of their organization and ready to impart such knowledge to those who are knocking at the door for admission.

This is only a friendly criticism, given in a spirit of goodwill, so characteristic amongst associates I met at Buffalo, and in appreciation of that splendid old man and brother compatriot, President John Morley.

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