

Around the Office Desk

Fairway Irrigation for LaFayette

The National Greenkeeper,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I received a letter from our worthy president asking me to write and tell just what we did to overcome this exceptionally dry summer and I am sorry that I didn't get time to write you sooner, but we installed a fairway sprinkling system.

Our Green committee chairman, Mr. Fred Holmes, made the suggestion which passed the Board of Directors and the system, that is the Buckner Valve system, is now installed on numbers one, three and four fairways.

As I did not employ any extra help to do this work it only cost the club \$795.00 for material. This includes a plumber's outfit, so we could cut all the pipe on the job, but it does not include the valves and sprinkler heads which cost about \$150.00.

Mr. Holmes suggested that travelling sprinklers be used on numbers five, seven and eight fairways, but I am in hopes that this will also be taken care of by valves as the cost of installation is so small and the operation of the sprinklers so much more satisfactory that I have no doubt at all that the Board will give us sufficient funds to complete our system as started.

VICTOR GEORGE, *Greenkeeper*,
Country Club of LaFayette, LaFayette, Indiana.

Obituary

ALEX ROSS

ON Saturday, September 27, 1930, Alex Ross, of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, passed on to that perfect course where troubles fail to exist. Mr. Ross was a charter member of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America, having joined when the organization was in its infancy.

Mr. Ross was born February 21, 1866, at Nairn, Scotland and when still quite a young man went to Glasgow to enter the employ of Andrew Forgan, professional at

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one of the Glasgow clubs. In 1899 he came to the United States and became employed in the Chicopee Falls factory of A. G. Spalding & Bros., where he worked until 1904 when he was transferred to the Nassau street store of the same company. He began his greenkeeping career in 1910 when he became attached to the Excelsior Springs course. He was also the professional at this club.

When he took over the management of the Excelsior Springs course it was still in the construction stage as a nine-hole course. He has superintended every detail of its enlargement and development for the past twenty years and has seen it grow from nine holes to thirty-six. It is one of the outstanding courses of that section of the country and was kept in faultless shape.

The greenkeeping profession lost a valuable man when it lost Alex Ross, and his place will be hard to fill. He was a veteran who made good and using the words of a regular visitor to his course, "The course will stand for a long time to come as a fitting monument to the personal efforts of Alex Ross."

The National Association of Greenkeepers of America extends to the family and their friends our deepest sympathy and condolence in the loss of one so near and dear to them.

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