

system has many obvious advantages, but unless the barebacked players want to ruin their epidermis, it behooves them to make tracks for the nearest shelter when one of the local sand storms is in evidence. This is said at the risk of bringing down the wrath of the chamber of commerce of the desert health resort.

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The current business depression, even if it is as the statesmen say, "a figment of the imagination," has been such as to make the Del Mar club close its gates for the time being and throw in its lot with the Rancho Santa Fe Country club. Kenneth MacLean, formerly greenkeeper at the Del Mar course, has returned to Bonnie Scotland in the meantime.

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This may not enter into the realm of greenkeeping, but it is a safe bet that greenkeepers have had to supply the labor: Now is the time when local golf courses with lakes attached are draining them and restocking them with fish.

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A Southern California greenkeeper asks any Eastern contemporary to think of him as he snuggles up under warm blankets at ten o'clock in the morning. Out here the turf expert has to be up with the sun to see that the night men haven't flooded the greens for the annual tournaments.

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## West Penn News

By John Quail

**T**HE Greenkeepers' Club of Western Pennsylvania held their annual meeting on December 8, 1930. The election of officers took place and the results were the same as before. All re-elected. John Pressler of Allegheny Country Club was elected for his sixth term. Fred Jacobs is vice-president and John Quail, secretary-treasurer.

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The club presented Fred Jacobs with a solid gold watch-chain and knife, and would have made the gift complete with the watch only Fred is going to Switzerland to have his old one repaired. He says his watch is like his motorcycle. When it's gone there will never be another one like it. The club wishes Fred a pleasant journey and a safe return.

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Bill Key of Longvue is still trying to figure some way to spend the club's money. Bill says if we have over a quarter in the treasurer we should go out and buy apples with it to help out the unemployed. Noble thoughts, Bill, but we have some Scotch members.

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The greenkeepers are beginning to think about the Penn State College Course. Quite a few are going to attend. It has done a lot of good for the boys and they appreciate the advantages of getting some scientific knowledge.

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It looks like a sell out at Columbus as far as the Western Pennsylvania boys are concerned. All of them have expressed their intentions of going.

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Kenny Goit, the long-coupled Sales Manager of Toro, was in town to introduce the new Toro representative in Pittsburgh. He threw one of those well-known Toro parties and a good time was enjoyed by all. Kenny knows his piano like he knows Toro products. And he knows both of them pretty darn good.

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Charley Nuttall of Fox Chapel says the only thing that was missing was Scotty McLaren. We all agree with him but it was impossible for Scotty to make the trip at this time.

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The Greenkeepers' Club went on record as having instructed the secretary to wish Col. John Morley a speedy recovery and send flowers to him. Col. Morley is our next door neighbor and we always feel that he is one of us.

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