

Minnesota Gossip

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ents.

THE July meeting of the Minnesota Association was held at the Town and Country Club, Saint Paul. Seventeen enthusiastic members were present. Al Schoenbeck, the greenkeeper, greeted us and treated us to good coffee and lunch before we surveyed the course. He took us to his nursery which is mostly Cocos sod. He has had some difficulty in transplanting this sod, so he cuts it at least an inch and a half thick. One would think that he got below the roots but seemingly not because new sod comes back where it has been cut. That leads to prove that Cocos is a deep-rooted grass. He has considerable velvet bent which has been picked up here and there on the course. It would be interesting to see a green made up of this fine turf.

We walked over the course and admired the fine fairways. He has good tees and keeps enlarging them. Being a Californian, Al likes flowers and plants them around the tees and in out-of-the-way places where they add to the beauty of the course.

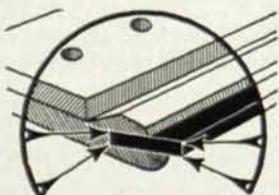
His greens are true and closely cut. You can tell by his greens and fairways that his mowers are always cutting perfectly.

One green has become infested with a small grub which has been eating the roots of the grass. Several parts of the green have had to be resodded. Corrosive sublimate and arsenate of lead are saving the rest of the green. Al's new No. 9 green of Cocos sod is a fine piece of work and is getting better all the time.

The course is well-groomed and will soon be the scene of the Ladies' Championship tournament. Al Schoenbeck came here from California where he did much work under William Watson, golf course architect.

Town and Country club claims it is the oldest club in the country on its original site. It will celebrate its forty-fifth birthday this year.

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Golf News

Medford, Wis.

Medford will have a nine-hole golf course ready for play in 1933. Meeting was held last week, at which time Mr. Walter Newburg was elected President.

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Lackawanna, N. Y.

The Women's Lackawanna Golf Club was organized a few days ago, electing Mrs. H. H. Sylvester President. This is the second women's golf organization in the Buffalo district and it will be affiliated with the men's Lackawanna Golf Club.

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Clare, Mich.

The Twin Elms Golf Club was opened here May 31st, after years of agitation for a course in this section; a nine-hole course.

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Aneta, N. Dak.

At a gathering held here last Friday evening it was decided to go ahead with the plans for construction of a golf course on the old Fair Grounds here. The name decided on was "Queen City Golf Association;" electing Mr. Henry Forberg, President.

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Pontiac, Ill.

The Pontiac Community Golf Club, which has been in course of construction for some time, will be opened to the public at once. This will give Pontiac two golf clubs.

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Albany, N. Y.

The new 18-hole municipal golf course was opened for the season the latter part of May. Mr. Edward Smith has been appointed superintendent.

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Shawano, Wis.

The Shawano Lake Golf Course, which has just opened, announces a number of improvements, including shelters along the course, telephones, etc.

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Chippewa Falls, Wis.

The Riverside Golf Course, located near the Eau Claire Country Club, has been leased for the season by O. L. Darwin, former manager of the Lake Hallie Course.

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Cambridge, Ill.

The Cambridge Golf club was opened recently and is reported in fine shape, after considerable additional work, just completed.

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California, Ohio

Plans for an 18-hole golf course at Waterworks Park, in California, have been approved by a number of golf experts. Tom Deering, director of recreation, is in charge.