

change their greens. It is just too bad that this club got Virginia instead of Washington bent, because it is a sweetheart of a golf course.

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After eating all of Alex's pretzels we went across the way to Meadowbrook, Minneapolis Municipal course number four. Mr. Byrne is greenkeeper and he has certainly done well with his problems. Here are some of them—shortage of help, heavy play, cracks in peat fairways, poor drainage and reconstruction work to do beside maintenance. The course is interestingly laid out and the greens well shaped.

The bent is cut closely every other day with a power mower. The cracks in the fairways have been filled with peat most likely because lots of peat is available and because peat will expand and fill cracks well. There is a difference of opinion on this and it will be educational to watch Byrne's success.

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This course has a tee problem like every other public course. The players pay no attention to markers and shoot from the front of the tee until the grass is all gone. They continue to shoot from bare ground rather than sacrifice a yard of length by moving on to good turf. Byrne keeps improving the course all the time and works hard keeping it in good condition.

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They have reduced playing rates on his course and he is getting plenty of sand green golfers. The first Sunday after rates were reduced nine divots were taken out of a green. That is hard on a greenkeeper and adds to upkeep.

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Byrne and Repin are fine hosts and the meeting was very worthwhile. The next meeting will be held Monday, June 13, at Woodhill Country Club.

## Oklahoma News

By MERLE ZWEIFEL

**B**IGGER and better golf courses are in prospect for Oklahoma golfers if the intentions of the Green chairmen and greenkeepers are carried out.

Sapulpa, Oklahoma, has just started construction on its new nine-hole municipal layout—work on two new municipal courses was started last month in Oklahoma City—C. S. Avery is building greens for an 18-hole commercial course northeast of Tulsa, and the Tulsa park board have laid plans for the construction of an 18-hole course at Mohawk Park with greens to be planted to bent grass to replace the sand greens on the course now in use.

And the new Woodlawn Park course at 36th and Lincoln Streets at Oklahoma City will be opened for play within the next few days with brand new Cocos bent grass greens.

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The Capitol Hill Golf Club of Oklahoma opened last week with a nine-hole grass green course which will be operated on a fee basis by Pard Wood, owner of the club. Jake Veal, veteran Oklahoma greenkeeper, will have charge of maintenance.

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That the older clubs of Oklahoma have shamefully neglected their fairways during the last few years was "plain talk" at the recent meeting of the Tulsa District Association and greenkeepers which was held at Indian Hills last week. It was estimated that 95% of the clubs in Oklahoma never allow one cent for fairway fertilization and turf development when planning their future budget.

Last year a prominent club in central Oklahoma built a club house at a cost of approximately \$90,000.00. The services of a well-known golf architect were obtained to lay out a beautiful golf course. Thousands of dollars were spent on the soil structure and proper drainage of the greens and other thousands were spent in an effort to obtain a soft, velvety putting surface. But the directors of that club seemed to forget that the average golfer spends a considerable portion of his time on the fairways.

Since the opening of that course not one cent has been spent on the fairways except for mowing and general maintenance. Such conditions prevail at almost every club in Oklahoma and it seems that in the majority of cases fairways are never given a thought. When club chairmen realize the fact that good fairways are as important as greens or tees to members who play a good game of golf, then will Oklahoma courses be running a close second to those "up north."

*Elizabeth, Ill.*

Golf enthusiasts of this town and vicinity recently formed a golf organization in the K. P. hall. Plans are being made now for building of links here, to be located on the Burl J. Reed farm.

*Kent, Wash.*

Considerable improvements are under consideration on the Mountain View Golf course, and Francis L. James, famous golf course builder has been engaged to make plans at once. This is an 18-hole course.



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