



# How We Overcame

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Statement of Conditions.*

## Colonel Morley Asks About Depression

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To the Officers and Members of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America,

Greetings:

Dear Sir and Brother:

We have now arrived at the time of year when we can pause and do a little thinking and realize that the season just passing was one of entertainment and pleasure to some, but a year of hope deferred to others.

Never in the history of greenkeeping have greenkeepers been forced to the acid test as they have for the season of 1932. Most of us have been compelled by necessity to trim expenses to the bone, both as to labor as well as materials. We are very anxious to learn what effect it has produced on the general condition of the golf courses throughout the country along the present economical lines, and especially if these conditions must prevail during the season of 1933.

Won't you please take a little time and send, in your own way, to our official organ, the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER, Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio, a brief outline on "How You Overcame the Depression of 1932." Do this now so it may appear in the next issue, which goes to press September 15.

Don't throw this request into the waste basket. Write and mail your experiences at your earliest convenience.

I personally know our members will be as glad to read what your experiences have been as you will be to know the experiences of others.

Trusting that you will comply with my request and with best wishes, I remain,

Cordially yours,

JOHN MORLEY,  
President.

P. S. Now is the time to commence to lay your plans for our 1933 Convention and Golf Show at Chicago. We are going to open the World's Fair, and we want the support of all members to make it another grand success.

—J. M.

## Depression Played Havoc

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THE depression certainly played havoc with maintenance budgets during 1932. The loss of members has made it difficult for many clubs to operate at all. According to the best information, every club is working under a reduced budget, some drastic, others slightly reduced.

There is no question about the hardships worked on many greenkeepers; on the other hand it has been the means



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of the greenkeeper finding himself. It has made him a better executive, he has had to reorganize his system of maintenance and he is today a more capable man than he was a year ago.

In most cases the golf course is in just as good condition now as it was previous to the depression. This shows that the greenkeeper can be a good business man when put to the test. Now that he has shown what he can do under adverse conditions he will be expected to continue the methods with which he has been so successful.

Citing my own experience I will say that old man depression is grovelling in the dust. To accomplish this partly I changed our system of fairway watering. We had previously used the Boston Park sprinkler as our means of distribution. This sprinkler did excellent work but it was slow. We required three of them and our hose was 2-inch. You can easily understand how slow and laborious the task of irrigation was. It required six men to operate this system, that is, three men worked twelve hours,