

golfers use municipal courses; 39 percent semi-private and 16 percent private." Public courses are semi-private — privately owned but open to the public on a daily fee basis—and municipal courses which are open to anyone.

In heavily populated areas, playing conditions have become so extreme on weekends that local radio stations broadcast the waiting times for tee off as a public service, Eckhoff stated.

He said public courses, however, are increasing, indicated by the following growth factors:

—In 1968, public operations were up 11 percent over 1958: 65 percent of all new golf courses open for play were public, a gain of 4 percent over 1967.

—In the ten-year period ended December 31, 1968, semi-private courses increased 115 percent; municipal courses, 45 percent; and private clubs, 42 percent.

Houston has been selected as the site for the organization's 41st International Turfgrass Conference & Show, which will be held February 8-13, 1970, at the Albert Thomas Convention & Exhibit Center. GCSAA's last appearance in Houston was in 1960.

GCSAA president James W. Brandt, Danville (Illinois) Country Club, said the Rice Hotel will serve as Conference headquarters.

John Spodnik, golf course superintendent, Westfield Country Club, LeRoy, Ohio, was elected new president. Elected vice president was Norman W. Kramer, Point O'Woods Country Club, Benton Harbor, Michigan. Re-elected as a director was Robert V. Mitchell, Sunset Country Club, St. Louis, Missouri. New directors include Warren A. Bidwell, Philadelphia Country Club, Gladwyne, Pennsylvania and Keith Nisbet, Westview Golf Club, Aurora, Ontario, Canada. Reappointed to the board for a one-year term was Clifford A. Wagoner, Del Rio Country Club, Modesto, California.



New officers elected at the January session of the Virginia Turfgrass Council, left to right: Sheldon Betterly, president; Charles K. Curry, first vice-president; Lee C. Dieter, 2nd vice-president; R. D. Cake, secretary-treasurer; William P. Mooney, newly elected director; and Darryl McCabe, director elected last year.

Ninth Conference Staged By Virginia Turf Council

Turf management, both the techniques of managing grass and the economic aspects of a well coordinated program, was stressed at the ninth Virginia Turfgrass Conference held recently at Richmond, Va.

More than 200 members and guests of the Virginia Turfgrass Council attended a 2-day session. Sponsors along with the Council was the Cooperative Extension Service of Virginia.

Officers elected for the new year are: Sheldon Betterly, president, sod grower at Nokesville;

Charles K. Curry, Eastern sales representative for Ryan Equipment Company at Manassas, 1st vice-president; Lee C. Dieter, superintendent at Washington Golf and Country Club, Arlington, 2nd vice-president; R. D. Cake, George Tait and Sons Seed, Norfolk, secretary-treasurer; B. K. Powers, Weblite Corporation, Roanoke, director; and William P. Mooney, superintendent at Langley Air Base, director.

J. F. Shoulders, Extension Turf Specialist, served as program chairman and Roy Watson superintendent at Richmond Country Club and past president of the Council, handled local arrangements.



John Shoulders, left, program chairman, and Roy Watson, a past president, and in charge of arrangements visit during conference.