

the interest in them of the members. Club teams, both senior and junior, can be formed for games with neighboring clubs or teams of equal ability.

In this short sketch I hope that I have been able to clearly state the advantages to be gained by a club and its members, and that this will induce more clubs to provide the needed facilities. In this way a modern winter playground can be provided at one's own door and no longer will it be necessary to forego these sports and their attendant benefits if one is unable to spare the time for trips to Lake Placid or Switzerland.

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Leipzig, Germany

United States Golf Association Green Section,  
 Pennsylvania Avenue Station, Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: There is considerable interest in Germany in the work of the Green Section of the United States Golf Association, as well as in the booklets issued by this corporation. For this reason we would beg to ask if it is possible for German clubs or perhaps for the German Golf Association to become a member of this Green Section so as to receive the publications on greenkeeping issued. Should this be possible, we, the publishers of the only German golfing magazine would be grateful to know if you would grant us permission to reprint articles of special importance to German conditions.

We hear that a French club has become a member of your Section, so that it would, perhaps, be possible for Germany likewise to enjoy the results of your researches.

Very faithfully yours,

(Signed) "Deutscher Golf Verlag,"  
 Limburger, Manager.

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## The Green Section Appreciated

By Edward J. Poor, Salem Country Club, Salem, Mass.

An appreciation of your efforts to aid golf clubs in establishing better courses and superior turf, with consequent increased pleasure to the members, is decidedly in order as a result of what has been accomplished at our club by strict adherence to a policy of following the advice of the United States Golf Association Green Section, as published in THE BULLETIN.

The Salem Country Club's new 18-hole golf course was constructed during the summer of 1925; fairways were seeded, and creeping bent stolons planted on greens and tees in September of that year. The course was opened for play on August 1, 1926, and has proved very popular—the number of players on some days running up to two hundred.

Naturally, the fairways are not yet covered with seasoned turf, but with the exception of a few holes, they are in very fine condition. We have every right to expect that after topdressing and fertilizing this fall we will have first-class fairways next summer. The greens (the backbone of every course) have been a genuine surprise and delight, and our tees are in every way as good as our greens. We have been told by most every skilled golfer who has played the course that they are superior to any they have played on. We have repeatedly

been asked by those in charge of other courses how we produced and how we care for the greens. Our reply has been that we have simply carried out to the letter the program outlined by the Green Section.

Our most difficult problem was to organize in such a way and with such personnel that your recommendations would be carried out in regard to close, daily cutting at all seasons, frequent topdressing, and the use of ammonium sulfate, only, as a fertilizer. Our observation of other courses having bent greens that are extremely slow, fluffy, rough and with a grain that causes the ball to jump when putted, is that they do not cut closely enough, especially in hot weather, and that they simply will not topdress often enough. Our only trouble has been from chickweed, which we have dug out by hand, and brown-patch, which has not yet harmed the quality of the putting surface, although raising havoc with the uniform green color that we enjoyed at the start of the season. We intend to tackle the brown-patch problem next year with whatever mercury compound you advise is the best, as the result of your experiments.

You will understand from what we have said how eagerly we look forward to the receipt of your Bulletins. The fact that they are conservative, and are written from an engineering viewpoint, containing no half-baked suggestions, gives us great confidence in what you advocate as the best practice. We feel sure that you can not do better than to continue to hammer home the superiority of creeping bent greens, and the necessity of caring for them in the manner that you recommend.

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Address at the Atlanta Athletic Club, Atlanta, Ga., by Mr. James D. Standish, Jr.,  
Member of Executive Committee and Chairman of Public Links  
Section of the United States Golf Association

Mr. Standish's opening remarks touched on the early history of golf and its slow development to its present form, the recent tremendous increase in its popularity among all classes and in all sections of this country, and after referring to the organization in 1920 by the United States Golf Association of its Public Links Section, he continued:

"The last time I was in Atlanta was in 1918. I enjoyed myself very much then. I didn't have any idea then I was going to become connected with municipal golf, because, at that time municipal golf was very little known; it was confined to a very few cities. The principal cities at that time that knew golf in a public course way were Chicago, New York, Boston, and Toledo. The game originated in Boston. Mr. George Wright, whom you know was one of the founders of the sporting goods firm of Wright & Ditson, came from the old country in the 90's. He brought some clubs and a few balls along with him and secured the permission of the city to play the game in Franklin Park and he gathered around him a number of friends who played the game also. After playing two years they were barred from the park because it was dangerous. Later the game became known all over the country and they got permission to play again. That was the origin of the game of golf as a municipal course game in this country. It developed next at Van Courtlandt Park in New York and went on to Chicago. Chicago at the present time has upwards of 20 public courses to my knowledge. There are probably 30 by this