

"Those Hillcrest Greens"

"Everybody around Los Angeles is talking about the excellence of the greens at Hillcrest Country Club. They only recently were reopened with their new bent grass covering and now offer as fine a putting surface as one could imagine.

"The splendid improvement was brought about in an unusual way. About two years ago Mr. Baruch, chairman of the green, sent to Washington for a sample of a certain strain of bent. The sample came in a single envelope. It was duly planted. The growth was rapid. The grass on all 18 greens came from this one sample.

"Enough grass for the 18 was developed in one large bed, and then the turf was taken bodily and placed atop the greens. In a very short time it was all connected up and the present perfect surface is the result.

"There seems to be no further doubt that bent is the proper grass for California greens. Wherever it is tried it is giving better results than anything experimented with in the past. There are many different strains. All of them appear to produce a fine surface to begin with, but it is asserted that only one or two varieties will stand up over a period of years. Golf clubs should remember this in selecting seed or stolons, and choose the variety that gives best results over an extended period."—*The Country Club Magazine and Pacific Golf & Motor*, November, 1926.

Activities and Accomplishments of the Green Section

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For some time the green section workers have recognized the necessity of acquainting the golfing public, and especially the supporters of the Green Section, more thoroughly with the various phases of work which it has undertaken in an effort to aid the clubs in the development and maintenance of better golf courses. Many articles discussing the various accomplishments of the Green Section have been published, but as yet nothing has been published that would give any definite idea as to the actual extent of its activities. Consequently there are comparatively few who are familiar with the many phases of work involved or the extent of the efforts put forth in an attempt to solve the numerous golf course problems. It is therefore believed that a brief review of the Green Section's activities and accomplishments will be helpful toward furnishing this information to a greater number of people, and, in turn, probably result in a wider interest in the Green Section.

The activities of the Green Section, as the work has been conducted, are divided into two branches, which will be treated here under the terms "research" and "service."

The research branch involves all the different phases of experimental and investigational work which are being conducted for the purpose of obtaining all the information possible pertaining to golf course construction and maintenance, while the service branch involves the work of dispensing information to the clubs in such a manner as to give them the greatest amount of assistance possible in the solution of golf course problems.

The experimental work with turf has been and gives promise of