

The Annual Greenkeepers' Convention

Where shall it be held? May we have an expression of opinion from you?

At the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association Green Section held in New York City on January 7 and 8, 1928, Mr. H. K. Read, of the Country Club of Atlantic City, very kindly extended an invitation from his club to the greenkeepers to hold the annual meeting there this year. The generosity of Mr. Read and his club in offering such excellent facilities for the meeting is greatly appreciated. It was the thought of the Executive Committee that the greenkeepers would prefer to have the meeting at some other point than Washington, where it was held last year. The Committee furthermore felt that, in view of Mr. Read's interest in turf grass investigations, the Country Club of Atlantic City would have much of interest to show greenkeepers along this line. Moreover, a meeting at that point offers an opportunity for visiting the well-known Pine Valley course. Since that time we have received a communication from one of the greenkeepers' associations urging that the meeting be held in Washington again this year rather than at any other place, and that two or three days be devoted to the meeting. As this convention is designed primarily for the benefit of the greenkeepers it is the desire of the Executive Committee to comply with the wishes of the majority as to whether the meeting shall be held in Washington or in Atlantic City. We want therefore to urge all greenkeepers, either individually or through their associations, to write us at an early date of their preference as regards the place of holding the meeting and the time to be devoted to it. Furthermore, any suggestions as regards the program would be very acceptable.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

All questions sent to the Green Section will be answered in a letter to the writer as promptly as possible. The more interesting of these questions, with concise answers, will appear in this column each month. If your experience leads you to disagree with any answer given in this column, it is your privilege and duty to write to the Green Section.

While most of the answers are of general application, please bear in mind that each recommendation is intended specifically for the locality designated at the end of the question.

1. Kind of sand to use in traps.—We are ready to put sand in the traps on our new course and have ordinary building sand close to us. Some suggest mixing small pebbles the size of a coffee bean with this. What sort of sand should we use? (Indiana.)

ANSWER.—In choosing sand for traps the chief requirement is a clean sand—one that is as free as possible from clay, silt, or humus. It should not be so fine that it will blow about readily or tend to become smooth and compact, thereby largely nullifying the handicap that is supposed to exist where a player gets in a trap. Ordinary building sand is frequently used, although some clubs prefer a finer material provided it can be obtained white and clean. Some clubs that can afford it, go to the expense of procuring white beach sand, which is likely to be a little fine in texture although it is the color usually desired. It sets off the greens and bunkers very