

Annual Greenkeepers' Convention

As announced in the last number of *THE BULLETIN*, the annual greenkeepers' convention of the United States Golf Association Green Section will be held at Atlantic City June 4 and 5. Mr. H. K. Read, of the Country Club of Atlantic City, has extended an invitation of his club for the meeting to be held there on June 4, and he has received a similar invitation from the officials of Pine Valley Golf Club for a visit to that famous course on June 5.

On Monday morning, June 4, the course will be open to play for all greenkeepers and green committee chairmen. Mr. Read is planning to conduct a special tournament, and all are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity to determine for themselves the full meaning of Atlantic City Country Club's extensive display of sand. After lunch the visitors will assemble and be shown about the course. Mr. Read will explain the numerous interesting features in construction, the elaborate water system, sewage disposal system, and the numerous problems met with on his course. One of the new Green Section experimental plantings will also be shown and explained during the afternoon. Dinner will be served at the club and will be followed by an informal discussion, which will be open to all.

Tuesday morning we shall meet at Atlantic City and go from there to Pine Valley. A general inspection of the course is planned, and ample opportunity will be provided to gain some appreciation of the beauties of Pine Valley and to learn something of the specific problems that must be faced in such a location.

On Wednesday there will be an informal meeting at the Arlington Turf Garden, near Washington. Our Green Section staff will be at the garden all day to explain any phase of the experimental work being conducted there.

If anyone is unable to attend the meetings on all three days he will be welcome at any one of the three meetings he wishes to attend.

To aid the staff of the Country Club of Atlantic City in making preparations, we request all who plan to be present at the dinner on the evening of June 4 to notify the Green Section office as soon as possible.

Pine Valley is located on the Reading Railroad. Through tickets should be purchased accordingly.

The Factor of Unfairness in Comparing Maintenance Costs

By Spencer M. Duty, Canterbury Golf Club, Cleveland

For some time figures on golf course maintenance in the Cleveland district have been published, and there is no doubt that a considerable effort has been made to have them accurate. It happens, however, that the club of which I am green committee chairman has the highest, or nearly the highest, maintenance cost, per hole, among the clubs in the association. A comparison with the detailed figures of at least one club shows that to a large extent differences in accounting practices is responsible for differences in the comparative cost figures, there being no uniformity in handling certain general expenses. Furthermore, our higher relative cost is also due, in part,