



Better Turf for Better Golf

TURF MANAGEMENT

from the USGA Green Section

WORK OF A CLUB GREEN COMMITTEE

The Green Section Committee of the United States Golf Association conducted an Educational Program at the Williams Club, New York, N. Y., on January 25, 1957. The coordinator was Edwin Hoyt, of the Wee Burn Country Club, Darien, Conn., and the program proceeded in three parts:

1. An introduction to green committee work by Allan Brown, Chairman of the Green Committee, Montclair Golf Club, Montclair, N. J.
2. A panel discussion of the relationship between the Green Committee and the Club administration, moderated by Dr. Marvin H. Ferguson, Mid-Continent Director and National Research Coordinator of the Green Section.
3. A panel discussion of the relationship between the Green Committee and the golf course superintendent, moderated by Alexander M. Radko, Eastern Director of the Green Section.

A transcript of the proceedings follows:

Analysis and Planning of Green Committee Work

By ALLAN BROWN

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THERE are approximately 5,000 golf courses in the United States, and nearly 3,000 of these are private clubs.

The chances are that somewhere today, at this very moment, the president of one of these clubs is trying to enlist the services of a club member as Chairman of a Green Committee. The member probably knows very little about agronomy or the

normal problems of golf course maintenance. Furthermore, it would be rare indeed if he had any written record of the previous Chairman's plans. This is due to the fact that most clubs do not have a long-term program of golf course maintenance.

The handicap of not having a permanent record of such a plan is best illustrated by an incident that occurred a few