



Better Turf for Better Golf

# TURF MANAGEMENT

from the USGA Green Section

## FORTY YEARS OF GREEN SECTION ACTIVITY

"Resolved, That a Green Section of the United States Golf Association be and is hereby created for the purpose of collecting and distributing among members of the Section information of value respecting the proper maintenance and upkeep of golf courses."

By these words, the Green Section came into existence on November 30, 1920. This is the first paragraph of a resolution adopted by the United States Golf Association on that date.

On this fortieth anniversary of the Green Section's founding it is of interest to review some of the writings which appeared in the Bulletin of the Green Section of the USGA during the first year of its publication. Such a review reveals the aims and thoughts of some of those who guided the Green Section in its formative years.

Some excerpts from Volume I are reproduced in these pages. The reader will perceive that the Green Section purposes are still the same as in the beginning. In the short notes, he will observe that the questions being discussed in 1921 are in many cases still being asked in 1960—and in some cases the answers are the same. He will also note the areas of discussion, such as disease control, where vast progress has been made.

The letter from Chauncey to "Dear Bill" is an example of the letters written to an imaginary green committee chairman in a humorous attempt to advise chairmen of their responsibilities. (The Green Section currently has in preparation a "Guide for Green Committee Members of Golf Clubs").

Another article deals with the need for standardized accounting procedures. This problem is still unsolved and the Green Section is now conducting a study in cooperation with more than 100 golf clubs in an attempt to further the cause of standardized accounting.

Despite the fact that purposes are unchanged and that many old and difficult problems still exist, the reader will observe that tremendous progress has been made in the art and science of golf course maintenance. The photograph of a sod cutting operation and such questions as "What do you consider the best horse-drawn mower?" and "What is the best way to destroy dandelions on putting greens?" are sharp reminders of the changes that have occurred.

It is hoped that our readers will enjoy reminiscing with us.