

ANNOUNCEMENT

Bulletin and Service of Green Committee of the United States Golf Association

The formal announcements of the formation of a Green Section of the United States Golf Association to be conducted by a Green Committee are appended, and this is intended to announce the Committee's Bulletin and service, which may be obtained by golf clubs in the United States and Canada whether affiliated with the United States Golf Association or not.

It is pointed out in the other articles that the Bulletin and service may be obtained by any club in the United States and Canada appointing some member of its green committee as delegate to the Green Section of the United States Golf Association and paying the annual fee, namely \$15 for member-clubs of the United States Golf Association or \$20 for other clubs, fixed by the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association to cover the cost of the Bulletin and service.

It is estimated that American golf clubs spend annually in the maintenance of their golf courses between \$15,000,000 and \$25,000,000. Figure it out for yourself. There are many more than two thousand clubs, which on the average spend not less than \$7500 a year. Some a trifle less and a great many several times as much.

The melancholy fact is that at least a third of this amount is wasted through ignorance and the use of ineffective methods.

If the money wasted was applied in a proper direction better results and a higher standard of maintenance throughout the United States would be accomplished.

The aim of the Green Committee of the United States Golf Association is to remedy this situation.

It is intended that the Green Committee shall serve nationally as the local green committees serve locally, to the end that the interest and coöperation of local committees may be aroused.

If the information and experience possessed by local committees, local green keepers and others who can contribute something in a practical and scientific way are made available to all, the results can not be otherwise than beneficial.

The Committee is composed of amateurs—amateur green committeemen—who will serve without financial recompense and will feel amply rewarded if they are able to stimulate the interest of local green committees.

The Committee will keep itself perfectly free from entangling alliances, either real or implied, so that its ideals can be accomplished. The Bulletin will contain no advertisements and the Committee will neither favor nor disfavor anyone who is interested commercially or professionally. The Bulletin will not seek to occupy the field of the golf journals, golf architects, construction men or the like, and it will contain no golf news or stories. It will carry nothing more than articles and information of interest and benefit to local green committees.

The Bulletin will be issued monthly, with perhaps an occasional special Bulletin, and the service and aid of the Green Committee of the United States Golf Association will be available at all times. Any question relating to green keeping or the duties of a green committee may be submitted at any time and will be answered to the best of the ability of the Committee. All information of a technical nature will be obtained from qualified persons.

In every issue of the Bulletin will be printed the more important questions and answers handled by the Committee during the interim between the publication of Bulletins.

It is intended that the service and aid of the Committee in the way of answering questions shall be personal. In other words, the Committee will make the same effort to give a complete and satisfying answer to inquiries that would be expected if the green committee of any club asked a question of the committee of another club.

It is believed that if the interest of local green committees can be aroused and if they will come to seek information as to what others are doing and as to the best methods and practices, a coöperative spirit will be induced that cannot fail to produce good results. Everyone can contribute something of value to the others and so that this may be accomplished it is hoped that green committees will make the freest possible use of the service and aid of the Green Committee of the United States Golf Association.

The purpose of this first number of the Bulletin is to acquaint all golf clubs in the United States and Canada with the names of the Committee and to seek coöperation.

It is hoped that clubs will sign the blanks enclosed and send their remittances promptly so as to save the Committee the work of drumming them up and urging coöperation that should be voluntary.

The cost is trivial in comparison with the possible benefits, and one useful piece of information obtained from the Bulletin or with the aid and service of the Green Committee may save many times the cost.

The character of matter to be contained in the Bulletin hereafter is indicated to some extent by the second number, which will contain the following:

“The Turf Grass Seeds to Buy and How to Buy Them”—C. V. Piper and R. A. Oakley.

“Winter Work for the Greenkeepers”—Dr. W. S. Harban.

“Spring Work at Inverness”—W. J. Rockefeller.

“Experience and Experiments”—C. V. Piper and R. A. Oakley.

“Questions and Answers.”