

## Announcement from the Secretary of the United States Golf Association

Realizing the importance of aiding in every way the proper upkeep and maintenance of American golf courses, the United States Golf Association has created a Green Section, to be conducted by the Green Committee of the United States Golf Association, as more fully appears in the resolution, a copy of which is appended.

It is confidently believed that this section will by means of timely letters or a regularly published journal, provide information of great value regarding the supplies of seeds, the qualities and use of fertilizers, soil preparation, and scientific matters, besides providing the means by which the experience and practices of green committees and green-keepers throughout the United States will be made available to all; that the result will be a distinct improvement in the standard of maintenance and an avoidance of waste and useless expense.

Through lack of knowledge, it is safe to say, much needless delay is occasioned and many thousands of dollars are wasted each year by golf clubs, especially new clubs, in their endeavors to establish good turf. The utilization of existing knowledge and experience will, it is hoped, not only reduce this useless waste but insure turf of good quality.

We have secured the assurance of full assistance from practically all the scientists of the country who are actively investigating the various factors that determine quality in turf. Among the men referred to are Messrs. Piper, Oakley, Hillman, Walton, and Carrier, all of whom have secured results of high value in connection with turf problems.

We have been fortunate in securing Messrs. C. V. Piper and R. A. Oakley, of the United States Department of Agriculture, to accept, respectively, the chairmanship and vice chairmanship of the Green Committee of the United States Golf Association. This committee, which will conduct the Green Section until the first annual meeting, will be composed of the following:

C. V. Piper, Chairman, Washington, D. C.; R. A. Oakley, Vice Chairman, Washington, D. C.; E. J. Marshall, Vice Chairman, Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio; George W. Adair, Druid Hill Golf Club, Atlanta, Ga.; W. A. Alexander, Old Elm Club, Fort Sheridan, Ill.; Sterling E. Edmunds, St. Louis Country Club, St. Louis, Mo.; Wm. C. Fownes, Jr., Oakmont Country Club, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dr. Walter S. Harban, Columbia Country Club, Washington, D. C.; Frederic C. Hood, The Country Club, Boston, Mass.; Norman Macbeth, Wilshire Country Club, Los Angeles, Cal.; W. P. Stewart, Audubon Golf Club, New Orleans, La.; James L. Taylor, Ekwanok Country Club, Manchester, Vt.; Wynant D. Vanderpool, Morris County Golf Club, Convent Station, N. J.; Alan D. Wilson, Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, Pa.; Frank L. Woodward, Denver Country Club, Denver, Colo.

Ultimately it is planned to enlarge the committee so that every section of the country will be represented and its local problems considered.

It is hoped that future development of the Green Committee will include a system of sectional sub-committees which will hold frequent meetings attended by delegates of clubs in that section for interchange of information; to illustrate, a sub-committee might be formed in Chicago.

which would include the surrounding region and would consider local problems.

One-half of the members of the Green Committee will be elected at the time of the annual meeting by the delegates and permanent members of the Section. The other half, and its officers (chairman and two vice-chairmen), who shall be members *ex officio* of the Committee, shall be appointed by the president of the United States Golf Association.

Every golf club in the United States and Canada which is a subscriber to the Green Section is invited to nominate a delegate to the Green Section, preferably a member of its green committee and one who is interested in the subject and can contribute something to the fund of information intended to be made available by the creation of this Section.

Each club nominating a delegate to this Green Section will be required to pay annual dues to support the Section; the dues for the first year will be \$15.00 for members of the United States Golf Association and \$20.00 for other clubs, and the fund thus contributed will be used solely to pay expenses. There will be no salaried officers.

There will also be a permanent membership (without dues) composed of individuals who are interested in this subject and who have done valuable work in a scientific or practical way. Such members shall be elected by the Green Committee.

If consideration is given to the annual cost of maintaining golf courses, these dues will seem trivial, and the savings and benefits derived from membership in this Section should amply justify their payment.

The Green Committee has prepared an announcement of its aims and plans, which follows.

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*Secretary, United States Golf Association.*

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## Program of the Green Committee of the United States Golf Association

The Green Committee of the United States Golf Association appointed for the purpose of conducting the Green Section submits the following as an outline of the aims and purposes of the Section:

1. *Bulletin.* It is expected that bulletins will be sent to member clubs at least monthly, giving information on matters of interest, such as methods of maintenance and upkeep, with amount of labor involved, and comparative costs, green keeping detail, budget systems, what seed to use and how to buy it, seed analysis, how to determine the percentage of germination and impurity, methods of seeding and reseedling, proper soil composition, comparative values of various fertilizers and relative cost, topdressings—how and when to apply them, grass diseases and their treatment, weeds, pests, etc., and methods of eradication or control, and all the various subjects in which green committees are or should be interested. A loose-leaf binder will be provided so that these bulletins may be preserved for future use. It is contemplated that the committee will send out a number of questionnaires covering subjects of interest, for the purpose of ascertaining the present practices throughout the United States in respect to seeding, fertilizing, the use of equipment, methods,