

An Appeal for Co-operation

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How much money does your club spend each year on its golf courses? Is it one-third or more of the total revenue? Do you wish you could have more money so you could do more work or have things nicer? *What do you know personally about the work and materials on which you are spending the club's money?* If you had the practices and experience of others available for your study and use, do you think you could save money or get better results for the same outlay?

If you are not interested in your work on your green committee, you ought to resign, and if you are interested any proposal that offers you information and assistance should appeal to you.

Do you spend \$25,000 or only \$2500 a year? In either case the cost of the service of the Green Committee of the United States Golf Association, is trivial. If the way is pointed to but a single economy, you have your money back. If you are able to secure better results for the same money, the expense is justified.

Would you like to know the methods and materials used on the famous golf courses in the United States? Would you like to hear how some of the really fine, though small, nine-hole courses are kept up?

Would it be helpful if you could ask and get an answer to almost any question you wish to ask concerning green-keeping?

Would you be interested in the opinions and experience of men situated as you are, who have nothing to sell and who do not care whether you like the answer or not?

These questions have been asked by a great many men who are serving on green committees and trying their best to get results, and the frequency of the questions has resulted in the formation of the Green Committee of the United States Golf Association.

This committee is designed to create the contact between all those interested. It is the "liaison officer," so to speak, correlating the green committees of the United States. It is to be the channel or clearing house through which useful information can be passed and the means by which coöperation between those interested can be induced.

As a business man you keep in touch with your competitors. You study their methods and watch their prices and costs. If one gets out something new, you strive for something better. Why not apply the same practice to your work on the green committee of your club? Let us have our trade bulletin and our trade association in our business of green-keeping.

The problems are common to all, and the desire, we believe, is keen to get results. The study of the practices and experiences of others is the only way the problems can be solved and the desires satisfied.

The Green Committee of the United States Golf Association has nothing to sell and no one to favor or disfavor. Buy where and of whom you please. The service of the committee is offered to you for the use you think it merits. The cost to you will be the cost of the service—no more, no less; no salaries, simply actual expense.

Do not understand that the members of the Green Committee con-

sider themselves omniscient. They do not. They are situated exactly as you are and wish and need this service as it is believed you need it.

The Green Committee does not intend to compete with the golf journals, which contribute so much to the pleasures of the game, nor does it wish to detract from the activities and influence of those interested commercially or professionally in the construction or maintenance of golf courses.

The plan contemplates the coöperation of members of green committees and those interested in the interchange of information that should be helpful in their work.

This appeal is for coöperation among the men in the United States who are serving on green committees, in the belief that all will benefit far beyond the annual cost.

Your active aid is solicited. Others need the benefit of your experience— or even your questions.

Will you help yourself and help others by taking a part in this work? Help by sending in your subscription today, and then help by your suggestions. Ask questions. Avail yourself of the service. The aim is to gain the coöperation of all interested, whether the clubs are affiliated with the United States Golf Association or not, in the betterment of American golf courses.

The Service Bureau

The functions of the Service Bureau are to furnish or to secure as promptly as possible information about any problems that confront a green committee or green-keeper, including seeds, fertilizers, weeds, turf insects and diseases, commercial sources of supply, identification of grasses, weeds, etc. It has the assurance of support to fill this function from a goodly number of scientific specialists. The more important questions, together with concise answers, will be published regularly in the Bulletin.

The bureau will at all times endeavor to have up-to-date information on sources of supply of seeds, fertilizers, and other materials used by green-keepers. Such information will be supplied only by letter, so as to avoid anything resembling advertisement.

First Meeting of the Green Committee

The first meeting of the Green Committee was held in Washington on Saturday, January 22, when all necessary details were completed to carry on its activities. In the afternoon the members of the committee were entertained by Dr. W. S. Harban, at the Columbia Country Club. Subsequent meetings of the committee will be held whenever deemed desirable.