

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, OF THE BULLETIN OF THE GREEN SECTION OF THE U. S. GOLF ASSOCIATION, PUBLISHED MONTHLY, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., FOR APRIL 1, 1922.

District of Columbia, ss.:

Before me, a notary public in and for the District of Columbia, personally appeared R. A. Oakley, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the business manager of the Bulletin of the Green Section of the U. S. Golf Association, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, to wit:

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3. That the Association has issued no bonds, stock, mortgages, or other securities.

(Signed) R. A. OAKLEY, Business Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3d day of April, 1922.

(Signed) VICTOR H. SEHORN.

My commission expires October 7, 1926.

Work of the Green Section Appreciated

FORT LEAVENWORTH OFFICERS' CLUB

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, April 5, 1922.

The following resolution adopted by the Board of Governors of the Club at its meeting on March 14, 1922, is published for the information of all Club members:

"Resolved, That a vote of thanks and appreciation be extended to Major J. L. Topham, Jr., Quartermaster Corps, for the time, study and energy he has spent upon construction and maintenance of the club's golf course, which in itself is a monument to his efforts while Golf Director of the club, from October 1, 1920, to March 14, 1922."

BY DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

(Signed) J. A. STEVENS,

Major, Infantry (D. O. L.), Secretary-Treasurer.

Memorandum for the Secretary, Green Section, U. S. G. A.

The Green Section of the U. S. Golf Association is almost entirely responsible for my success. I would have been seriously handicapped without the Green Section Bulletins, and desire to share the achievement with the U. S. G. A. Green Committee, which has so materially aided me.

(Signed) J. L. TOPHAM,

Major, Q. M. Corps, U. S. A.

Maintenance Costs

E. J. MARSHALL

Greenkeepers as well as green committees should be keenly interested in this subject, the discussion of which was started in Mr. Seubert's article in the April BULLETIN.

The only figures now available for comparison are total annual expenditures, and even these are not reliable, because the figures of one club may include all manner of work on club-house grounds while the figures of another may include little or nothing for such work but a great deal for new construction. It always happens that the watch-dog of the treasury visits some course in another city at a time when it is looking its best and on a day when his putts are dropping in the cups to

his profit and satisfaction. He is sure to come home full of praise for the other course and loaded with figures. He is sure to say, "Why, our course looks like a cow pasture alongside that one, and they only spend two-thirds as much as we do." The Lord only knows what the true explanation of the difference is, but it is certain that the thing would practically explain itself if the costs were kept on the same basis.

We are aiming at a cost system so simple and practical that it will be applicable to every club and be workable by anyone who is fit to be a greenkeeper. Suggestions and questions are solicited. We shall be pleased to receive letters from greenkeepers giving their views and experiences.

The Club Members and the Green Committee

The chairman of the green committee of any club has a very difficult position to fill. He is the natural recipient of every complaint regarding the condition of the course, and it is rare, indeed, that he is accorded any appreciation or thanks. The other members of the committee escape, perhaps because the chairman is the logical target. It is probably true that ninety per cent of the complaints are made by players who have little knowledge of golf course problems and perhaps none in regard to the limitations under which the green committee is working. Most commonly complaints are endured by the chairman; but occasionally he is taunted to irascible retorts. We have often wondered whether it is not possible to guide the faculty of players to find faults so that it will be an asset to the green committee and to the club. Why not extend an earnest invitation to every member who plays to point out faults and deficiencies, but with the proviso that every such criticism must be accompanied by a constructive suggestion? Wisdom may come out of the mouths even of babes. The effect on the members should be to divert their attentions to the problems themselves and thus soothe their irritated feelings. From the chairman they will learn of difficulties they had not known, which, in turn, should lead them to devise ways and means to help his committee. In short, it should help build up a morale among the players and make them a source of strength to the green committee instead of a lot of carping critics. Incidentally it will greatly broaden the knowledge of the players on a lot of things about a golf course of which they had not dreamed. The plan suggested will require more time than the much-heralded one of telling the players to go to a decidedly warmer climate; but we believe in the end results will more than justify the effort.

Here's the sign to put up:

Every member of this club who uses the course is invited and urged by the Chairman of the Green Committee to make complaints to him whenever he finds anything unsatisfactory on the course. The complaint may be verbal or in writing. This condition is, however, attached: the complainant must prepare a constructive suggestion that will make for correction of the fault or for provision of the need.

Straining at the Gnat

R. A. OAKLEY

There is an unmistakable tendency nowadays to look upon the prices asked for seed of the fine turf grasses as being excessively high. Especially is this true in the case of the fine bents. The seeds of these grasses are