

buy a similar grade of seed from our local dealers for from 22 cents to 28 cents a pound that the seed houses sold us for 50 cents and 75 cents; and when we bought redbot we got redbot, and this applied also to creeping bent and Rhode Island bent. In this state we have a pure seed law, and every state dealer must attach to every bushel of seed an analysis giving the name of the seed, its purity and germination. If we doubted the dealer's honesty, we sent some of the seed to the State College and soon learned the real facts. The same is true of fertilizers—we found what was needed for our light, sandy soil and stuck to that, and as a result our greens, we are told, are as good as one can find in the state, and our fairways show improvements yearly. We have had our problems and upsets; but there are no problems of any small club that a good committee of golfers can't solve if they give it the time.

An innovation tried at the Country Club which worked out well in keeping up the club interest and at the same time making the club the social center of the town, was the erection of small cottages on the grounds. A dozen or more of the members have erected small cottages on the grounds on land set aside by the club. No extra rental or fee was demanded for this, and for a long time no water rent was charged. Some of the cottages were the small portable type—plenty big enough for a small family for the week-ends or even longer; others were larger; and some were used for summer homes the entire summer. This always brought a colony to the club for the week-ends and over holidays. These families made the club their headquarters and gave the members facilities which could not have been enjoyed unless the club-house was much larger and had a greater overhead.

We have seen the club grow until now we are beginning to realize that we need eighteen holes. This winter we added a toboggan chute and winter sports to our club program, and it has been a move in the right direction.

A New Method of Making Putting Greens

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The problem of making a green in a dry country, such as New Mexico, which will putt well and hold a ball if pitched on it, is a pretty difficult problem. One great difficulty with sand greens in that section is the high winds, which, unless the greens are kept heavily oiled, will take off all the surface and make the up-keep a large item. Some experiments recently tried near Silver City, New Mexico, would seem at least partly to solve the problem. They involve the use of magnetic iron dust from a concentrator located at Hurley, New Mexico. This dust is so heavy that it does not blow and holds the ball much better than ordinary sand, when the shot is pitched. It is slower than sand; but as all the particles are practically the same size, it makes a good putting surface, if it is dragged with a piece of carpet, as is done on ordinary sand greens. The experiments are preliminary, and further information will be sought on the subject. The green committee, I am sure, would be pleased to receive any experience that anyone has had in using such material.