

Merry Christmas!

The Salvation Army distributes baskets to the poor, pretty girls indulge themselves in sweet charity, and golfers are remembered with new golf bags, clubs, stockings, shoes, and what not. But though the Christmas spirit fills the air, no one thinks to give the Green Committee a load of manure, some worm killer, or any other pleasant memento of the occasion. Not a soul thinks to give the greenkeeper or green-committeeman a call on the telephone even to express a belated appreciation of the work done during the season to provide pleasure for golfers. The poor outcasts may be likened to the waifs so frequently pictured as looking with wistful eyes at a window full of toys or cookies, but without a like sympathetic response; nothing for them, not even a pleasant word; rarely a kind thought. The golfer who gets from Santa Claus a gift that is useful or ornamental in the game continues to think that he surely would have had a four on No. 5 on that memorable day when he almost broke his previous record, had not the green committee left unfilled a hole originally made by an unreplaced divot.

There is nothing new in all this. Ishmael must have been on the green committee of his club. The hand of every man was against him. And in time his hand was against every man.

This time, or at least New Year's, is the season to reform. This is the time to speak kindly and appreciatively to the green-committeemen. It's the best present that can be given. The annual meeting of your club will be coming on soon; and then let the spirit pervade you. Then see that the committee is given a fair chance. Good greens without money, like bricks without straw, are impossibilities in the absence of miracles. Remember now, at the meeting of your club, and at all times, that the green-committeeman, who gives up his game to make it possible for you to play and enjoy golf, is at least entitled to a kind word. He has given more to you than you have given to him. And the least you can do is to call him up and say, "Merry Christmas! I was thinking of the good times I've had this year playing golf, and while I've cursed you day in and day out I now wish to say that I really appreciate all you've done or tried to do to keep our course in good condition. Merry Christmas!"

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Annual Meeting of the Green Section

The annual meeting of the Green Section will be held at Hotel Astor, New York City, January 4 and 5, 1924, in connection with the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association. A personnel of the Green Committee of the United States Golf Association for 1924 will be elected at the meeting, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the sessions. The officials will report on the progress of the work of the Green Section, and a number of committeemen and experts will present an instructive program, illustrated with lantern slides, covering in detail important problems of golf turf maintenance. Luncheon will be served on Friday. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested in these problems to attend the meeting, and a special invitation is extended to greenkeepers. The program is as follows:

Friday, January 4, 10 a. m.

INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS—

J. Frederic Byers, President, United States Golf Association

VEGETATIVE PLANTING OF PUTTING GREENS.....Lyman Carrier

DRAINAGE.....Prof. W. P. Miller, Ohio State University

WATERING THE FAIRWAYS.....William F. Brooks, Minikahda Club

THE SOIL FOUNDATION OF A PUTTING GREEN—

Frank B. Barrett, Hollywood Golf Club

Friday, January 4, 2 p. m.

BROWN-PATCH IN 1923.....R. A. Oakley

GOLF ARCHITECTURE FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF AN AMATEUR—

George F. Willet, Essex County Club

PUTTING GREENS IN THE SOUTH.....Thomas P. Hinman, Druid Hills Golf Club

THE EXPERIENCE OF A GREEN-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN—

H. Kendall Read, Country Club of Atlantic City

THE JAPANESE BEETLE AND OTHER GRUBS—

L. B. Smith, United States Department of Agriculture

Saturday, January 5, 10 a. m.

THE CHICAGO GREEN SECTION AND ITS WORK.....Leonard Macomber

THE NEEDS OF THE GREEN SECTION AND PLANS FOR MAKING IT PERMANENT—

Walter S. Harban

HOW THE GREEN SECTION HELPS THE GOLF CLUBS—

George Low, Baltusrol Golf Club

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE ON THE WORK OF THE GREEN SECTION.....C. V. Piper

Report of the Nominating Committee for 1924, United States Golf Association

This Committee, of which Mr. Findlay S. Douglas is chairman, submitted its report under date of November 1, 1923. According to the constitution of the Association, each member of the executive committee must be a member of an active member club of the Association, also six out of the thirteen members of the executive committee must be a member of the executive committee or a director of some state, sectional, or recognized golf association. The ticket is as follows:

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Wynant D. Vanderpool.....Morris County Golf Club

Vice-Presidents

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Williams C. Fownes, Jr.....Oakmont Country Club

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Cornelius S. Lee.....Tuxedo Golf Club

Treasurer

Edward S. Moore.....National Golf Links

Counsel

Adrian H. Larkin.....Shinnecock Hills Golf Club

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John R. Lemist.....Denver Country Club

Thomas B. Paine.....Atlanta Athletic Club