

MR. GREEN-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Midsummer is the time to give your greenkeeper all the encouragement possible.

Give him more than words of cheer. Give him laborers enough to carry out his summer program successfully.

This is the critical time of the year.

Greens must have first call on the Club's resources. Crab grass and other summer weeds must be fought to a standstill; and to do this properly the young plants must be pulled as soon as they show themselves. Do not be deluded into thinking that your greens are crab-grass proof. They may resist crab grass to a considerable degree, but they need your help.

Brown-patch, too, may take a notion to attack almost any hot, sultry night. Give your greenkeeper facilities for applying Bordeaux, and help him train his men to use this fungicide properly. He will need a force of men to water the greens early in the morning while the brown-patch is on. This is not a preventive, but it offers help; and if the worst should befall and brown-patch should hit hard, be prepared without delay to give first aid with compost and quick-acting nitrogenous fertilizers.

Mowing must not be neglected. Bent greens must be mowed closely and frequently; fescue greens, less closely, but frequently.

Keep the water system in good repair. The greens will tell you when they need water, and how much.

Do not let anything distract attention from the greens. Think of the rest of the course as a mere side line, if you must. Neglect the fairways and the rough, if necessary, and let whiskers grow on the bunkers. From now till the cool weather of fall, the greens are the thing.

Forget business, vacation, politics, and even family, but stick to the greens.

THE PERIPATETIC GOLFER.