THIRD: Strike out Article VII and insert in lieu thereof the following:

ARTICLE VII

DUES

The yearly dues for each member Club shall be thirty dollars, payable on the first day of January in each year. Clubs which are delinquent in the payment of dues shall be denied representation at any meeting of the Association and their members shall be debarred from entering the championships or other events of the Association.

On Saturday afternoon, January 8, 1927, at 1.30 P. M., luncheon will be served at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, to which are invited all delegates of Active Clubs, all members of the Allied Clubs who may care to attend, and golfers generally. Luncheon tickets may be secured from this office or at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association.

GREEN SECTION—Officials of the Green Section have arranged to hold meetings at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, No. 4200 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Friday, January 7, 1927, at 10.00 A. M. and at 2.00 P. M.; also a meeting on Saturday morning, January 8, 1927, at 10.00 A. M., at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association. A number of interesting papers will be read, supplemented by a report of what the Green Section has accomplished during the past year.

In order to facilitate the calling of the roll of Active Club delegates, and to assist the officials in ascertaining in advance that a quorum will be present, it is earnestly requested that immediate attention be given to the enclosed proxy. If it is impossible for your Club to be represented by a member, kindly fill out the proxy in blank and mail promptly to this office.

Your prompt cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

H. H. RAMSAY, Secretary.

The St. Louis District Green Section

By W. L. Pfeffer, President

The St. Louis District Green Section was founded in 1920 in recognition of the fact that the St. Louis Greens maintenance methods could be greatly improved through the cooperation of and interchange of ideas among the Green Committees of St. Louis. It was recognized that only by well thought out plans the greens in the St. Louis District could be brought to a standard comparable to the Eastern and Northern golf courses for the reason that the St. Louis climate is almost an insurmountable obstacle to maintaining greens by amateur methods.

Prior to the inception of the St. Louis District Green Section the hope of carrying greens through the St. Louis summers had been practically abandoned with the exception of a few particularly favorably situated greens and the money spent annually in rebuilding, to say nothing of the resultant dissatisfaction of members, was distinctly discouraging to both the Green Committees and the memberships.

Mistakes made by old Green Committees would be repeated in one or two years by new committees and the expense continued to mount year by year with practically no results, and as Eastern and Northern Clubs were having splendid success with new and finer grasses the dissatisfaction in St. Louis reached a point where it was up to the Green Committees to produce results.

One or two out-of-town experts on greens maintenance were given charge of several golf courses about that time but it was found their methods, used successfully on Eastern and Northern courses, were of no avail in St. Louis and that the only salvation for St. Louis was to

build up a local organization thoroughly informed on local conditions and then with the support of such scientific assistance as was available formulate a definite program exclusively for the St. Louis District.

Upon the organization of the St. Louis District Green Section meetings were held monthly alternating at the different clubs in alphabetical order and the program was to play golf in the afternoon, have dinner at the club and immediately after the dinner hold the business meeting. The object of the meeting was to discuss ways and means of maintenance for golf courses and the membership was clearly informed that this was the one and only object of the St. Louis District Green Section with the consequence that only those who were interested in maintenance work continued to attend these meetings. The attendance at times reached as high as 65 and every plan in operation or contemplated by any club was discussed and either approved or disapproved at these meetings, with the consequence that a great many distinctly hopeless propositions were abandoned.

The income of a golf club depends primarily upon the condition of their greens and fairways as this condition regulates the amount of guest fees, the membership waiting list and of necessity the house and cafe revenue as with an unfilled membership and a scarcity of guests, due to poor greens, the house committee will suffer just as much as the Green Committee; consequently we felt that by maintaining satisfactory greens we would also produce a corresponding increased revenue.

The St. Louis District Green Section has been distinctly successful and we believe that primarily it is because we have stuck to one subject, namely greens maintenance and our Green Committee chairmen are in a position to intelligently discuss any greens problem with scientific specialists, when such specialists are required.

Furthermore, the St. Louis District endeavored at each meeting to have a nationally known pathologist, entomologist, drainage expert or a specialist of some character address the meetings, at which time he is questioned minutely in regard to the local problems applicable to his subject. We have also had numerous visits from Dr. Piper, during his life time, and from Mr. Monteith, both of the United States Golf Association Green Section, and speakers from Missouri Botanical Gardens and other institutions doing laboratory work that would be of assistance to us in greens maintenance. This assistance is invaluable for the reason that there are times when a recognized authority is necessary to definitely settle questions on which there has been a divergence of opinion. While the greenkeepers and chairmen of Green Committees in St. Louis study green problems minutely they do not, of course, have the scientific knowledge that is available to the United States Green Section and several commercial organizations having research departments exclusively dedicated to this work but the greenkeepers and chairmen of Green Committees have, by attending the St. Louis District Green Section meetings, attained sufficient information to intelligently question and apply any scientific development proposed from any source engaged in research work.

The writer does not maintain that St. Louis greens are perfect today but it is a fact that the best greens in St. Louis are at clubs whose green committees have regularly attended the St. Louis District Green Section meetings and profited by the information received

there. It is a further fact that the greens of the clubs in St. Louis whose Green Committee did not attend these meetings have rapidly depreciated in the last few years. The Green Section has been of particular good to the clubs whose financial standing is small as they have received the benefit of practices in vogue at clubs able to hire competent greenkeepers whose advice is always available to the smaller clubs through the discussion and cooperation at the St. Louis District Green Section meetings.

As a means of creating interest and circulating information pertaining to greens maintenance methods among the numerous memberships, we have added to our program at each meeting a tournament consisting of one professional and one good amateur from each club with the stipulation that anyone playing in these tournaments must stay for the meeting. This is conducive to a realization by the club members, of the problems confronting the Green Committees and the work they are doing and the further realization that greens maintenance is a scientific problem and not accomplished by any one miraculous or lucky stroke, with the consequence that better support for the Green Committees is attained.

With our heavy clay soils, torrid summers and savage attacks of brown-patch an association of this kind, backed up by the splendid support given by the United States Golf Association Green Section and others engaged in this work, is beginning to realize the ideal of good greens, but what a hopeless situation it would be without this foundation.

Choosing a Green Committee Chairman

By Sherrill Sherman, Yahnundasis Golf Club, Utica, N. Y.

It is a matter little considered, yet nevertheless strange, that golf clubs, composed mainly of successful business and professional men, use so little method in selecting members of the different committees of the club. Certainly the board of management of a club, selecting men for the different committee chairmanships, should know what the work for the committee is and what qualifications the chosen man should have for the work of that particular committee. It should be self evident that the different committees of the club require for their successful work men of ability along different lines, for where one man would be extremely successful as a Green Committee Chairman, he might fail badly as a leader of the Entertainment Committee.

With a feeling that in this age of so-called efficiency, a chart or short concise list of such qualifications would be of help in the selection by a board of governors, I have presumed to write this short article for THE BULLETIN. Having spent a number of years in green committee work I feel that I may safely express my opinion as to the qualifications which would normally insure a club successfully choosing a man for the important post of Chairman of the Green Committee, with its great responsibilities for the successful growth and reputation of the club, for undoubtedly golf and the condition of the course are the main foundation stones upon which the success of a club rests.

It is possibly trite and seemingly unnecessary to list such qualifications but often the repetition of the plainest facts, even if not in