

Fourth Annual Meeting of the Green Section

New York, January 9 and 10, 1925

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Green Section was held in the Astor Hotel. At each of the sessions over 300 people were present, most of them either members of green committees, or greenkeepers. The program was as follows:

Friday, January 9, 9:30 A. M.

Opening Remarks	-----	Chairman Findlay S. Douglas, Metropolitan Golf Association, New York City.
Roll Call.		
Annual Report of the Chairman of the Green Committee of the United States Golf Association for 1924	-----	Dr. C. V. Piper, Washington, D. C.
Business Meeting		
The Japanese Beetle	-----	Mr. B. R. Leach, Entomologist, United States Department of Agriculture, Japanese Beetle Laboratory, Riverton, N. J.
Modernism vs. Fundamentalism in Green-keeping	-----	Mr. E. J. Marshall, Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio.
Known and Unknown Factors in Green-keeping	-----	Dr. K. F. Kellerman, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Friday, January 9, 2 P. M.

The United States Golf Association and the Green Section	-----	Mr. Wynant D. Vanderpool, President, United States Golf Association.
The Endowment Fund for the Green Section	-----	Mr. James G. Blaine, Jr., New York City.
Acapulco Grass	-----	Mr. Frederick Snare, Havana Country Club, Havana, Cuba.
Golf Turf in Britain	-----	Dr. C. V. Piper, Washington, D. C.
Root Growth of Turf Grasses	-----	Mr. O. B. Fitts, Washington, D. C.
Our Present Knowledge of Brown-Patch and its Control	-----	Dr. R. A. Oakley, Washington, D. C.
Eradication of Earthworms (Motion Pictures).		

Saturday, January 10, 9:30 A. M.

Local Green Section Work.		
Philadelphia	-----	Mr. H. K. Read, Service Bureau, Philadelphia Green Section.
Cleveland	-----	Mr. J. K. Bole, Chairman, Green Committee, Cleveland District Golf Association.
The New England Greenkeepers' Association	-----	Mr. F. G. Wilson, President, Greenkeepers' Club of New England.
The Need for Enlarging the Green Section	-----	Dr. C. V. Piper, Chairman, Green Committee, United States Golf Association.
Fertilizers in Relation to Quality of Turf and to Weed control	-----	Dr. R. A. Oakley, Washington, D. C.

In addition to the announced program, an interesting address was made by Hon. George H. Clark, Commissioner, Seed Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Canada, on "Turf Problems in Canada."

The more important of the papers and addresses will be published in **THE BULLETIN**.

Besides the regular program, there were shown at each session motion pictures of the great golfers.

Annual Report of the Chairman of the Green Section of the United States Golf Association for the Year 1924

To the Members of the Green Section:

The fourth year's activity of the Green Section has met with increased appreciation from the golf clubs. This is reflected in a membership enlarged during the year by 152 clubs. Not only has there been increase in the number of member clubs, but there is a constantly wider range of

people asking for the assistance of the Green Section. The demand for service and information is far beyond our present ability to meet completely.

Your Chairman must again emphasize the necessity of enlarging the Green Section and of putting it on a more satisfactory basis financially. You are all aware of the effort now being made to secure an adequate endowment fund. Only with the success of this effort can the Green Section be put on a permanent basis. It can not hope to perform its functions in a satisfactory way indefinitely unless it does get greater financial support. It must train new men to carry on the work. It must be put in a position to aid *all* golf clubs by making a low subscription price for THE BULLETIN. It must cooperate with the state agricultural colleges, to broaden the scope of the experimental work and to avoid the dispersal of conflicting advice. Finally it must investigate a lot of problems which now perforce are neglected. Whether the work justifies the support necessary, the golf enthusiasts must decide and act accordingly. It should not be overlooked that under our present organization it is possible to get much scientific assistance without expense to the Green Section.

Very encouraging to the Green Section workers are the numerous letters of commendation continuously being received. In general the member clubs are highly appreciative of the aid given. This makes us the more desirous of rendering still greater service.

GREEN SECTION MEMBERSHIP

Number of clubs enrolled on December 31, 1923.....	653
Number of new clubs enrolled January 1 to December 31, 1924	172
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Total number enrolled to December 31, 1924.....	825
Number of clubs withdrawing January 1 to Dec. 31, 1924....	23
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Net number enrolled on December 31, 1924	802
This enrollment of 802 clubs was made up as follows:	
United States clubs members of the U. S. Golf Association..	492
United States clubs not members of the U. S. Golf Association	262
Canadian clubs	42
Other foreign clubs	6
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Total	802

There are two interesting features disclosed by this list, namely, that 262 Green Section clubs are not members of the United States Golf Association and that 221 United States Golf Association clubs are not members of the Green Section.

The following figures also are of interest as regards the growth of the Green Section membership during the four years of its history:

Membership on December 31, 1921.....	287 clubs.
Membership on December 31, 1922.....	557 clubs.
Membership on December 31, 1923.....	653 clubs.
Membership on December 31, 1924.....	802 clubs.

If all of our members take sufficient interest we should have 1,000 clubs before the end of the year.

THE BULLETIN

The 1924 volume of the monthly BULLETIN contained 304 pages exclusive of the index. Two copies have been sent regularly to each member club, and in addition 218 subscriptions were received for extra copies for the year for golfers who are members of clubs which are members of the Green Section and who, being interested in turf problems, desired to receive THE BULLETIN for use in connection with work on their own course. Indeed, in several instances clubs have sent in sufficient additional subscriptions so that a copy of THE BULLETIN would go direct to each member of the green committee as well as to the greenkeeper. THE BULLETIN is furnished gratis to Park Commissioners of cities supporting public golf courses, at the present time to 83 cities.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A detailed financial statement for the Green Section for the year ending November 30, 1924, has already been published in the Report of the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association. The statement may be summarized as follows:

Cash in bank November 30, 1923 -----		\$1,954.00
	RECEIPTS	
Club dues -----		13,073.11
Sales of BULLETINS, and special services -----		2,217.45
Appropriations from the U. S. Golf Association -----		3,300.00
		20,544.56
	DISBURSEMENTS	
BULLETINS and binders -----	\$2,941.01	
Field service and office expenses (salaries, rent, travel, equipment, supplies, etc.) -----	11,888.65	
Payment on cooperation agreement with U. S. Department of Agriculture for 1923 -----	1,500.00	
Payment on cooperation agreement with U. S. Department of Agriculture for 1924 -----	2,750.00	
Foreign trip of C. V. Piper -----	1,000.00	20,079.66
Cash in bank November 30, 1924 -----		464.90

C. V. PIPER, *Chairman.*

Hugh Irvine Wilson

1879—1925

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the death of Hugh Irvine Wilson, which occurred on Tuesday, February 3. He was a member of our Advisory Board, and in a large measure was responsible for the formation and success of the Green Section of the United States Golf Association. He was properly considered one of the best-informed men in the country on problems relating to the construction and maintenance of golf courses. Not only did he have a wealth of practical, first-hand experience, but he was also a close student, and in his research work he visited the principal courses abroad in seeking complete information. Probably no one has been consulted more frequently by those interested in this work. His passing represents a distinct loss, not only to the Green Section but to golf interests everywhere.

But next to his beloved family circle, the largest measure of loss and grief will fall upon those who have had the privilege of his personal acquaintance and good-fellowship. He was endowed with traits of character which set him apart. His modesty, cheerfulness, and genuine unselfishness endeared him to all who knew him. The feelings of his friends passed the