

One soon becomes expert in locating the runs, and a man can treat 300 to 500 pocket-gopher workings in a day. Baits need be placed only at two points in each separate system of 10 to 30 mounds, which is usually the home of a single pocket gopher. Experience has shown that baits placed fairly in the open runs usually kill the animals. About 2 days after putting out the poison all mounds should be leveled. This permits grass to grow and makes it easy to discover by fresh mounds the location of any animal that may not have been killed and which requires additional effort to destroy.

Caution.—All poison containers and all utensils used in the preparations of poisons should, until thoroughly cleaned, be kept plainly labeled and out of reach of children, irresponsible persons, and livestock.

Taking Care of an Eighteen-Hole Course with Nine Men

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I believe that any 18-hole golf course in the country can be kept in first-class condition with 9 men used in the manner outlined below, provided they are supplied with the best equipment.

At least four men are required for keeping the putting greens in proper condition. They should first poll the greens of worm casts, dirt, and other debris. They should then mow them, using mowers with 16-inch cut. To do that work thoroughly would take up the entire morning, this including also the early morning watering in the summer months. In the afternoon, these men should be employed in doing the top-dressing, fertilizing, weeding, spraying, and any other work necessary on the greens. This estimate is based on putting greens averaging at least 6,500 square feet in size.

One man should do nothing else but take care of the cups and moving the tee markers every morning. The cups should be moved at least every Monday, Thursday, Saturday, and holiday, and, indeed, more often if necessary. His afternoons should be used in helping the men working on the putting greens, or in any other important work that may come up.

One man should be used in taking care of the fairways and the large tees, with a tractor. When through mowing the fairways and the large tees he should be used on the rough.

One man, with a truck, should do all the hauling. He should haul the top-dressing where it is needed, haul the cut grass from the green, haul the sand that is needed, and haul any other material necessary.

Two men with scythes, rakes, mowers, and other necessary equipment, should look after the creeks and bunkers. They should mow the approaches to the putting greens and such tees as can not be mowed with the tractor. As soon as the dry season comes on, one of these two men should be employed at nights watering the greens.

Greenkeepers' Register

We have the names of a number of greenkeepers who have recently indicated their availability for employment. These names will be gladly given to any club upon request.

We shall be glad to list the names of additional greenkeepers who are seeking positions, provided a statement as to age and experience and the names and addresses of references are furnished with the application.