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The United States Golf Association is preparing to take an aggressive stand in an attempt to secure the repeal of the tax on initiation fees and club dues by the present session of Congress. Arrangements are being made for the appearance before the Ways and Means Committee of the House and the Finance Committee of the Senate, of representatives of the Association in an attempt to present fairly the position and attitude of the clubs on this important question.

United States Golf Association

To the Member Clubs of the United States Golf Association:

Your Executive Committee, at a meeting held November 18, 1926, decided by unanimous vote, to recommend for your approval certain changes in the Constitution bearing upon the classes of membership in the Association, and the Annual Dues to be charged therefor. It further recommends that a change be made in the relationship now existing between the United States Golf Association and the Green Section of the United States Golf Association, and while this latter step requires no constitutional amendment to make it effective, the Executive Committee submits it, likewise, for your consideration.

The Green Section of the United States Golf Association was chartered as an incorporated body in 1921, for the purpose of carrying on experimental and research work in connection with the growing of turf grasses and the maintenance of golf courses. The undertaking was fathered by the United States Golf Association and has been considered by the golfing public as an integral part of the Association, but in fact there is no formal connection between the Green Section and the U. S. G. A., and any supervision or control which the Association has exerted upon the Green Section has been by consent and not by authority. The work of the Green Section has grown very rapidly since its inception in 1921, and with this growth its needs for money have increased proportionately. Its revenue from dues is not sufficient to balance its budget, and it has therefore been forced to supplement this income by seeking contributions from its member clubs and also by requesting advances from the U. S. G. A. Your Executive Committee can see no good reason for continuing the separate corporate existence of the Green Section of the United States Golf Association, and, on the other hand, it can see many reasons why it should directly supervise the work of the Green Section and control its finances. To bring this about your Committee recommends that the Green Section relinquish its charter and function in the future as a Sub-Committee of the U. S. G. A., subject to the control of the Executive Committee in common with all other sub-committees. This program has been submitted to the men who have been in active charge of the Green Section work, as its executive officers, and has their hearty and unqualified approval.

To carry out the plan it becomes necessary to determine what dues shall be charged for membership in the Association, this membership to carry with it the service of the Green Section. The present schedule of dues in the U. S. G. A. and the Green Section of the U. S. G. A. is somewhat complicated and is as follows: Active Clubs of the U. S. G. A. pay annual dues of \$30.00 and Allied Club annual dues of \$10.00. Clubs which are members of the U. S. G. A. can become members of the U. S. G. A. Green Section upon the payment of \$15.00 annual dues, but clubs which are not members of the U. S. G. A. must pay annual dues of \$20.00 to become members of the Green Section. A club may thus become a member of either or both organizations.

Your Committee believes that the best solution of the whole problem is to abolish the two classes of membership now existing in the Association, i.e., Active and Allied, and have but one class of membership for all, this membership to include the Green Section service. Your Committee is also desirous of seeing the cost of this membership fixed at as low an amount as possible. After much discussion it has therefore decided to recommend that the Annual Dues for membership in the United States Golf Association, including Green Section service, be fixed at \$30.00. Upon this basis it will be necessary to substantially increase the membership of the Association if the Green Section work is to be carried to its full usefulness. Your Committee believes that this increase of membership can be obtained, for it is felt that even the smallest clubs in the country can justify an outlay of \$30.00 per year, bearing in mind the material advantages to be obtained from the Green Section service and, likewise, the fact that individual golfers the country over are glad to give their loyal support to an organization which is guiding the policies and shaping the destiny of the cleanest amateur sport in existence.

WILLIAM C. FOWNES, JR., *President*,
United States Golf Association.

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Notice of Annual Meeting

December 3, 1926.

To the Secretary,
Dear Sir:

The Annual Meeting of the United States Golf Association will be held on Saturday, January 8, 1927, at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, No. 4200 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, at 4.00 P. M.

Each Active Club has the right to be represented by one voting delegate, duly authorized, and his appointment must be certified by his Club Secretary.

Allied Clubs are not entitled to a vote, but their members are welcome both at the meeting and luncheon, and may take part in the discussion of any matter properly brought up for consideration.

The following amendments to the Constitution of the United States Golf Association have been proposed and are hereby submitted by the Executive Committee for consideration and action at the Annual Meeting of the Association on January 8, 1927:

FIRST: Strike out all provisions of Article III and insert in lieu thereof the following:

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. This Association shall be composed of active members only.

Section 2. Any regularly organized club in the United States shall be eligible to membership.

Section 3. Election of Members. Application for membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the Association, accompanied by a copy of the Club's Constitution and By-Laws, a list of the officers and members, a diagram of its golf course, and such other information as the Executive Committee of the Association may prescribe. Payment of the yearly dues then current shall be made at the time the application is sent in. Any eligible Club may be elected to membership by a majority vote at any meeting of the Association, or by a two-thirds vote of all members of the Executive Committee.

SECOND: Strike out Sections 4, 5 and 6 of Article IV and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 4. Voting Privileges. At all meetings of the Association each member Club shall be entitled to be represented by one voting delegate, whose appointment shall be certified in advance by his Club to the Secretary of the Association.

Section 5. Quorum. One hundred fifty member Clubs (represented by delegates in person or by proxies) shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 6. Proxies. Proxies duly certified by the Secretaries of member Clubs, may be voted by voting delegates only at all meetings of the Association. No voting delegate shall vote more than five proxies.