

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.

## United States Golf Association

### 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.

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.

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## 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