
The new Secretary

TO ALL MEMBERS,

Your Secretary and Treasurer is sorry to have to advise you that he will be resigning his office at the end of the current financial year, but is very happy to also advise you that Mr. W. Heeles, Secretary of the Northern Section has offered to undertake the secretarial duties and treasurership for the Association as from May 1, 1975.

May I say how much I have enjoyed my duties with the Association over the last 14 years, but I have no doubt that Mr. Heeles will prove a worthy successor.

Yours very sincerely,
C. H. DIX

Getting rid of moss

THE Sports Turf Research Institute annually receive many enquiries regarding Turf maintenance. We have their permission to reprint some of these which originally appeared in The Journal.

Enquiry

WET, MOSSY FAIRWAYS

SEVERAL of our fairways have a lot of moss in the swards and are soft, spongy and wet during the autumn and winter. Soil samples from the areas are enclosed for testing and your advice.

Reply

Tests show that the soils are a little, but not excessively acid and there are reasonable levels of phosphate and potash. Give these areas as much mechani-

cal spiking as you can when ground conditions are suitable through the winter and early spring. Next April treat the areas with nitro-chalk or similar at the rate of 1½ cwt./acre. As soon as fairly steady growth is occurring carry out vigorous and pretty severe harrowing using a short toothed grass-land harrow. The work must be done quite thoroughly to open up the fibrous surface and drag out the moss. Resulting debris should be removed. As an alternative to this you could consider using one of the recently developed gang unit scarifiers for fibre removal. The purchase of one of these machines could be justified if many of your fairways are like this but if you are going to do fairly regular extensive operations of this nature then a large mechanical litter collector might be necessary to help with the tidying up afterwards!



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