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Bermuda Slow to Take

Q: We are in the southeast corner of Kansas, a little far north for Bermuda and a little too far south and too dry for bluegrass. We have some Bermuda coming in our fairways, however, but it is very slow. We would like to know what grass to plant our fairways to. We drilled fescue in them last fall, but of course it is clumpy and in drill rows (it's a mistake to drill we now realize). We cannot water our fairways and, being at a small club, probably never will. Our average annual rainfall is about 42 ins. and often our summers are very hot and dry. Also in our fairways we have some Bermuda that was sprigged into them two years ago this fall. It is very slow in coming and does not afford total cover any place.

The fringes of our greens are also a problem and we have planted them to fescue and rye and redtop. Will C-7 stand off Bermuda if it is planted in the fringe? (Kansas)

A: The best grass for your fairways is U-3 Bermuda. With 42 inches of rainfall you need not even consider a watering system for fairways. The slow coverage of the Bermuda that you sprigged two years ago undoubtedly is due to a lack of nitrogen. Ample nitrogen fertilizer is a must if you desire good dense fairway turf. You need not be concerned about U-3 invading the greens if you use an edger once a week to cut runners that try to creep in. The greensmen will have to do some handpicking of the runners but this is simple.

Cohansey (C-7) bent is very good for greens in your area but I would not rely on it to hold Bermuda back in the collars. Let the Bermuda come right up to the putting surface. Some clubs plant a fine-leaf Bermuda on the collars (Tifgreen, Ugandagrass or similar) in a strip 6 feet wide around the greens. Both practices have pros and cons. It will be cheaper to let the U-3 come right up to the bent putting surface.

Big Year for LPGA

Purses for Ladies PGA tournaments in 1961 are expected to top those of 1959 by $15,000 according to Fred Corcoran, LPGA business mgr. The latter year was the most lucrative in history for the women professionals.