



Turf Tips from O. J. Noer

Excavate to Four-Inch Depth for Golf Car Paths



This path runs alongside 9th tee at Ponte Vedra.

Golf cars can play havoc with Bermuda-grass in concentrated areas, especially alongside greens and tees. Paths are the answer at Ponte Vedra in Florida.

Blacktop, edged with wood or metal, is used in constructing the paths. They are quite wide and are made even wider in some areas to provide parking spaces so that main routes aren't blocked.

The 16th hole is a very fine par 3. Before the path was put in, it was impossible to keep turf alongside the right side of the tee. Now there is a blacktop drive plus a parking area adjacent to it. The old, worn path through the turf has



(Left) Sod was used to repair old, worn path adjoining 16th tee. (Right) New blacktop path at 16 with parking area near trees.



been repaired with sod.

Within two months after the path was constructed, Bermuda started to come through the blacktop. The trouble was that sod and soil had been removed to a depth of only two inches when the excavation was made for the path. The blacktop was laid directly on top of the soil.



Bermuda grows right back through the blacktop if excavation is shallow.

To prevent this unsightly growth, the trench should be dug to a depth of four inches. The soil then should be sprayed with sodium arsenite at 1 to 2 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. to sterilize it. Next, a two-inch layer of stone should be put down and the blacktop poured over this.

On the second hole at Ponte Vedra, cars have worn a path along the right side of the tee. Since this tee is a wide one, club officials are considering running a blacktop path down the center and using each side of the tee alternately for play.

Offer Bonus Money to Bring Name Players to West Events

Western states sponsors of golf tournaments have banded together to insure getting more big name golfers for events played in Denver, Seattle, Portland, Bakersfield, Calif. and at the Hotel Sahara in Las Vegas this fall. The organization is known as the "Big Five."

In addition to putting up the regular tournament prize money, the Big Five is offering \$19,000 in bonus money to the top 10 professionals who take part in all five tournaments. Points will be awarded according to the way the players finish in the different events and the pro who compiles the highest number will get an extra stipend of \$5,000. There are nine other point prizes ranging from \$3,000 to \$1,050.

To be eligible for the bonus money, a pro must play and finish all five tournaments. If he doesn't survive one or more of the second-round cuts, however, he still will be in the running for the extra point dollars. Participation in the Big Five plan is voluntary.

The Western States tour begins with the \$30,000 Denver Open, Sept. 6-8. Other stops include: Seattle Open (\$30,000) Sept. 13-16; Portland Open (\$25,000) Sept. 20-

23; Sahara Invitation in Las Vegas (\$32,000) Sept. 27-30; and Bakersfield (\$30,000) Open, Oct. 11-14.

There's Only One Way To Keep A Record: Write It Down

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My worst headache in golf course management was of my own making. I was trying to keep a mental and not a written record of all the things a supt. has to do and wants to do in maintaining his course in top condition and correcting its built-in defects.

What to do—when—how much to use—what'll it cost—how will I have to switch the labor around—what's most urgent—what was it the chairman wanted done "right away"—what was it the president wanted done "yesterday"—what was it Mrs. X said about the women's tees—what was that hunch I had about what might be causing the trouble on the third green ????

I had so many of those ideas, so many suggestions, so many orders and so many jobs I wanted to do pouring into my head that they were jumbled up, overflowing and, to say the least, confusing.

Not Unusual

My situation was one that is not unusual with a superintendent. There are periods when he should be two or three men instead of just one with the headaches of two or three.

But my cure was simple enough. I got into the habit of writing a daily diary in which I recorded my problems and how they should be and were solved.

With that diary as a starting point, I developed a protective screen by having suggestions and instructions presented to me in writing. That eliminated headaches for other people as well as myself.

Club Manager Fund

Section chapters have contributed about \$1,000 to the scholarship fund that the Club Managers Assn. of America set up last spring. The fund has been established to aid in the education of future club managers. Selection of recipient schools is being handled by the CMAA except where a chapter contributes an amount sufficient to select a specific school.