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Letters to the Editor

Agree but disagree
I am writing concerning an article that I read in your March issue, called "A Unique and Courageous Program for Greens Management," by Jerry Claussen. In the article, Mr. Claussen discusses the feeding program which Mr. Metsker follows for his Penncross greens. I am in complete agreement with him on everything but the amount of ferrous sulphate applications.

The article states that it is applied at the rate of three pounds per 1,000 square feet. I believe the author meant three ounces per 1,000 square feet. Three pounds of this material would greatly damage the soil because it would lower the soil pH and, possibly, cause a fixation of other elements.

I hope you will publish a correction in your magazine before someone has a chance to apply it at that rate.

We have Penncross greens on our course, and I have used both the high and low N programs. I favor the latter, as does Mr. Metsker, and for the same reasons. I believe that a turfgrass that is given a high rate of N is about as healthy as a man that habitually over eats.

I enjoy Golfdom very much, particularly Fred Grau's column.

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Editor's note: The gentleman from Michigan is absolutely right. The figure should be three ounces, not three pounds, per 1,000 square feet.