What price turfgrass progress?

New golf courses are coming into play in ever increasing numbers. There is a growing demand for superintendents and turfgrass managers. The need for better grasses, equipment, chemicals and fertilizers becomes more apparent every year. The purse and prizes for tournaments grow ever richer.

Funds for supporting turf research, teaching and extension continue to dwindle. Tax assists and state aid diminish as pressures for tax funds increase. Grants-in-aid for turf-oriented firms have dropped off alarmingly. Unless help comes soon, some states may consider reducing their turfgrass programs. This would be unfortunate from every standpoint. There is a growing demand for college-trained turfgrass managers. The need for superior grasses and management techniques was never greater. Turfgrass interests of all kinds are being short-changed because they do not get the extension specialist assistance to which they are entitled.

The Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council is one tax-exempt organization that has developed a plan to give needed financial support to the turfgrass project at the Pennsylvania State University and to maintain it at its present high level. There are other councils, foundations and associations working along similar lines. With the exception of necessary operating expenses (stationery, postage and secretarial help) every penny collected goes to the turfgrass project. There are no salaries or travel expenses. Briefly the council invites sustaining members at $100 a year and individual members at $10 a year. Total involvement is the name of the game. Sustaining members include golf clubs, industrial firms, golf course architectural firms, turfgrass consultants, golf course superintendent associations, cemetery associations, sod growers and others. Provision is made for those who feel they cannot afford $100 and for those who can afford to contribute more. Some clubs have set up a “council membership” item in their maintenance budget—a recurring item. It’s all explained in a new brochure just off the press, free for the asking at Box AA, College Park, Md. 20740.

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Q — In the May, 1971, issue of GOLFDOM you answered a question on zoysiagrass. I have a few tees ready to plant in the spring on which I had planned to use Penncross bent. What do you think about my using a variety of zoysia? I’ll mow the tees about three-eighths inch. If I use zoysia, should I buy sprigs or plugs or is seed available? Could I overseed with ryegrass? (Wisconsin)

A — My advice is to stay with the Penncross bent and mow at one-fourth inch. Your season is too short for zoysia of any variety. Penncross will do well on a low phosphorus diet, using about six pounds each of slow-release nitrogen and of potash from sulfate of potash. You can blend this mixture yourself from 1,200 pounds of ureaform and 800 pounds of sulfate of potash. Ten pounds per thousand of the mixture three times a season provides the needed N and K.

Q — We have Penncross bent greens and common bermudagrass col-

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Tifton experimental station and other southern spots wasn't recognized until many southern clubs suddenly realized that the marvelous condition of the Masters' playground was a Tifton exhibit.

Bob Jones was one of the finest friends pro golf ever had, not only in the Masters, but in his own club and elsewhere. When his club, East Lake, needed a professional Jones selected George Sargent, former United States and Canadian champion, a gentleman who was a scholarly and effective teacher.

As a kid Bob Jones made the impulsive mistakes a kid does playing a game. After his first tournament at St. Andrews, where the course proved it was smarter than he was then, he naughtily picked up. But he quickly grew up to be a man and apologized for his childish misconduct. He was taken to the hearts of the Scots. Years after his petulant debut at St. Andrews, he was made a Freeman of the Burgh.

Jones did pro golf a lot of good at a time when the professionals themselves said that in the Open, it was the field against Jones.

In 1926, when Walter Hagen was playing pro for the Pasadena real estate development at St. Petersburg, Fla., and in print getting bundles of money, but privately had the shorts, Bob Harlow, Hagen's manager, asked Jones to play a 72-hole match: 36 at Whitfield Estates at Sarasota, then at Pasadena. Jones wasn't inclined to play, but when Harlow told him Hagen needed cash help right soon, Jones agreed. He got trimmed 12 and 11. Hagen had an amazing putting streak. Hagen got $7,600 for the match, by far the largest exhibition match fee ever paid to that date.

Jones was golf's "verray parfait gentil knight."

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In making the Bobby Jones Award of the USGA to Michael F. Bonallack, captain of the 1969 and 1971 Walker Cup teams, the committee unquestionably gave its vote to a man who plays golf and lives in the Bob Jones spirit. The far-reaching spirit of Jones in golf is indicated in that the high award bearing his name has gone to Joe B. Carr of Ireland, Gerald Micklem of Britain and Roberto de Vicenzo of Argentina before it was given to Bonallack of Great Britain.

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