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by perhaps 40, 30 or 20 percent.

The next question is — why don’t I do less grooming? My reply to this is that unless other golf courses in my area agree to follow suit, I would not try it without a solid agreement from my club. I would be afraid unless I had it in black and white that I might jeopardize my job by doing it. I have 200 other greenskeepers at my club who play other country clubs in the area and then come back and tell me what great shape the courses are in. They unfairly always compare the golf grooming but give no thought to or have any knowledge of local conditions such as drainage, soil problems, water source and work force and also overlook other important variables such as budgets, equipment and size of golf course. They also forget that the more acreage, the more grooming is required.

In the near future we may just have to sit down with our chairmen and board of directors and show them with cost charts that grooming everything meticulously to the point of almost pricing ourselves right out of the game is ridiculous. And we may have to explain that letting the grass grow a little longer will actually make the game a little more challenging and more enjoyable.
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most golfers. The Bermuda has four to eight weeks to recover

more persistent than Poa annua; have held it for three or more years on north slopes and in spring

dead spot

resistant to dollar spot and

fusarium blight

does not have playing characteristics of Bermuda

no shade tolerance.

Establishment. “I have four fairways I seed every year,” he said, “these are fairways that I have been unable to grow Bermuda on successfully. They were 100 percent Poa annua and now after four years the
LONG RANGE

have taken for granted, and make changes if necessary.

Simmons has done quite a bit already to change the makeup of the CMAA. He reorganized the committee structure to consolidate 11 original committees to three — communications, member services and internal relations. He has also organized advisory groups throughout the country in the various regions that will allow more member participation on a personal level. "These broadly based membership advisory groups will be able to meet frequently at little expense or inconvenience to study in-depth all the various aspects of the CMAA's activities," Simmons said.

"Some years ago, the CMAA had a project known as 'Vision 77, that tried to envisage our future on a 10-year span," Simmons said. "This produced some excellent results, but like everything else in this difficult area, was not completely successful. However, one must continue to try and accordingly the board of directors has given the 1975 long range planning committee a specific charge — to determine as well as possible what the club and the club executive are likely to be like 10 years from now."

Simmons said the report of the long range planning committee will guide the board in evaluating what changes in the CMAA's policies, procedures and objectives should be recommended to the general membership for implementation and action. Simmons has also stressed that just as long range planning is important at the national level, so also it is important at the chapter level. He has urged all chapter presidents to establish their own long range planning committees to evaluate the probable development patterns in their own areas and to assist their chapters in charting a progressive course to a healthy future.

Simmons was born in England, and went to sea with the British Royal Navy at age 15. He came to the United States and has been in the hospitality industry in one form or the other since then. Prior to coming to Tacoma seven years ago, he was at Hayden Lake Country Club in Idaho for 10 years, and had been manager at an athletic club and a fast-food executive in Portland before that.

His club is the oldest club west of the Mississippi, and the sixth oldest in the country, founded in 1894. The club has 754 families as members, with about three members per family. He has budgetary control of the club, and works very closely with head pro Gerrr Mehlert, and superintendent Bob Root.

An example of the esteem with which he is held in the industry, he recently completed a two-month tour of Navy bases in Japan, the Philippines, the United States and other countries. Purpose of the tour with the Secretary of the Navy was to choose the best-run facilities and make comments and suggestions. They traveled to over 20 clubs, and it was the first time this type of project was ever undertaken. Along on the trip was Gerald V. Marlatt, manager of Northmoor Country Club in Highland Park, Ill.

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