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BUNKER HILLS GOLF CLUB

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post tournament. Consequently, this helps relieve the "race track" effect perimeters of greens acquire during the year. During the first week of June we apply 2 lbs. of N per thousand square feet and aerify the second week of June. I have found the holes fill in faster and very little fertilizer is picked up. Four weeks prior to the tournament topdressing is applied lightly to help smooth the putting surface. During the tournament greens are vertical mowed lightly and double cut every night. Greens are then double cut in the morning to give us a true and smooth putting surface which measures 10 feet on the stemmeter. Because of the high sand content there is very little disease problem and fungicides are applied as needed.

Tees are mowed three times a week and every day during the tournament at 3/8". Aerification is done the first week of June with 1/2" tines. Fertilizer is applied at the rate of 2 lbs. per thousand square feet in June, end of July and September.

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Preparation of the golf course is just part of any successful tournament. Many volunteers are needed for duties in crowd control, scorers, spotters and rules. These people are supplied by National Car Rental, our Men's and Ladies' Clubs and the P.G.A. Without the efforts of all these fine people no tournament would run as smoothly as the National Car Open does.

ASSOCIATES' CORNER
by MIKE REDMOND
SCOTTS PROTURF

After working on a golf course in South Dakota all through high school, I attended Penn State University in 1966. Upon graduation I worked on a golf course in California for one season. Returning to the upper Midwest in 1969 I continued on Page 9