

Helpful Hints

Some practical advice from experienced greenkeepers on golf course maintenance. No guesswork here

Lime and Common Sense

Years ago, we greenkeepers never were afraid to use a little lime in our soil, and those days we never had brown patch, and I'll venture to say not as much clover as you can find in some greens of today.

All we have heard these last few years has been use sulphate of ammonia and get your soil acid, than you won't have clover or weeds, but they forgot to say look out and don't overdo it.

I am using Gypsum this year—fifty pounds to a green. I find it has a sweetening effect on the soil and will not encourage clover, and can be mixed with manure as it does not react unfavorably on manure.

So here's to a little lime with common sense—better turf and less brown patch.

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Spring Topdressing

In topdressing my greens for the first time in the spring, I find it is a good idea to add two ounces of mercury, or about one pound of Semesan and fifteen pounds of arsenate of lead to a yard and one-half of compost to a seven thousand foot green. It acts as a preventive for brown patch and is very effective in eliminating grubs and worms.

Before planting new greens I put on fertilizers, like Milorganite or tankage, and about four pounds of arsenate of lead to one thousand square feet of green raking them in to a depth of one-half inch. This method puts the fertilizer close to the stolons, and also grub

proofs the greens. The advantages of using commercial fertilizers are—much easier to handle and the weed growth is not so great as when manure is used.

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Handy Oil Filter

A handy oil filter can be made by using an oil drum and a small metal tub. The tub is punched full of small holes and then a thick layer of felt is placed in the tub and the tub on top of the drum. The oil is poured into the tub and it slowly filters through the felt into the drum where you collect a good grade of oil that will be found very useful.

If the oil is not burned or full of gasoline it can be used for oiling the small mowers and other machinery. It is excellent for the rough mower or wheelbarrows or numerous other places where the best oil is not necessary. It is also good to paint the equipment with in the fall before putting into storage for the winter.

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Breaking Up Manure

Here is a little stunt I worked out last Fall and which gave surprising results.

We made a drag of a six foot piece of eight feet high Cyclone fencing by lacing it to a piece of 1-inch gas pipe for drawbar, and to it a crotch chain to draw it by, and upon it a flexible wood frame to carry some extra weight. The frame is fastened at six dif-

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