

Weed Control in Fairways

I think it would be well if something was said about weed control in the fairway.

Like most courses, a year ago we had weeds in our fairways and a good number of them too. This spring there are only a few and the ones that are growing are very small.

I give all the credit to a complete fertilizer that contained 200 pounds of sulphate to the acre. Not only does the sulphate reduce and hold the weeds in check but also no weed seeds are put back with this fertilizer and the grass grows so thick that weeds do not have a chance to thrive.

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Loosening Up Sand

A potato hook makes an excellent tool to loosen up the sand in the traps. The long prongs reach to the bottom of the sand and stir it up in good shape.

Putty Knives

When working in wet soil and clay that sticks to the shovels, the investment in a few cheap putty knives will save money. A putty knife will clean a shovel better and quicker than a stone or a wooden paddle.

Using Acid Phosphate

Should there be any question of acidity in the earth making up the green the use of 125 pounds of acid phosphate to the green is advisable. To eliminate the lime content, the bag containing the phosphate should be suspended in a barrel of water for 24 hours, after which time the water would contain the available phosphoric acid through "circulatory displacement." The lime, as a sulphate, contained in the bag, could then be thrown away and the liquid from the barrel applied to the greens.

The purpose of this phosphoric acid addition is to control any aluminum excess in the soil which would cause acidity. This should best be done at the time final contours are being made.

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