

FALL SEEDING — TOPDRESSING

Representative opinions of America's leading greenkeepers on maintenance work. Here are their answers.

1--Are You Seeding This Fall?

From Joseph Valentine, Greenkeeper,
Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia.

I will do the reseeding this fall, especially on the fairgreens. Due to disease and draught one always loses a certain amount of turf and I will use four parts of Kentucky blue grass, one part of red top (to get a quick turf establishment) and one part of South German bent, as the red top will disappear and the bent will fill in.

From Alex Binnie, Greenkeeper,
Shoreacres Golf Club, Lake Bluff, Illinois.

We are seeding and topdressing this fall in areas affected by winter kill and by poor drainage. Where proper drainage has been at fault we are lifting and replacing the tiling and filling in with number four stone to within one foot of the surface. We have corrected similar weak spots by this method and the results have been very satisfactory.

Whatever seeding is necessary we are discing with a Meeker disc and sowing fescue. Immediately after we are topdressing with two-year old compost.

From Elmer F. Affeldt, Greenkeeper,
Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club, Great Neck, Long Island.

We are renovating our tees at this time as follows: spiking well with a spike roller, patching large bare spots, fertilizing with Milorganite 30 lbs. to a 1000 sq. ft., seeding and top-dressing with good compost, followed by a good watering. We usually plant enough stolons every year to lay down three or four greens, planting this in our nursery and then transferring the sod to the green. By this

method the green is not out of commission for a very long time, and the work can be done late in the fall when play on the course is at a minimum.

From Walter C. Reed, Greenkeeper,
Westwood Country Club, Clayton, Missouri.

We are going to seed the course the first of September with a 30-70 mix, thirty per cent red top, seventy per cent Kentucky blue grass. So that we may have a finer turf next year. We are going to seed one hundred and twenty-five pounds per acre and on our 27-hole course there will be seventy acres to seed.

Hugh C. Moore, Greenkeeper and Professional,
Sea Island Country Club, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

I am seeding with red top for winter greens as I find that this grass is superior to Italian rye and gives me a green equal to northern courses for putting surface.

From James Muirden, Greenkeeper,
Ridgewood Golf Club, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Yes, I expect to seed parts of fairways requiring it by cutting them with a disc and seeding with seventy per cent blue grass, thirty per cent red top, also topdressing with soil and sand.

From Thomas Galvin, Greenkeeper,
Rhode Island Country Club, West Barrington, Rhode Island.

I am going to sow about fifty pounds of Velvet bent seed on a turf garden this fall.

I have an acre of creeping bent which I sowed last fall. One-half is South German

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mixture and the other is Rhode Island creeping bent, which I purchased from Mr. A. N. Peckham, Kingston, Rhode Island. The Rhode Island creeping bent seems to show a finer strain and a deeper greenish color than the South German seed. The South German is a shade lighter in color.

From Herbert E. Shave, Greenkeeper,
Oakland Hills Country Club, Birmingham,
Mich.

On the third of September we start to regrass our eighteen greens on our North course. The bent of Inverness strain is getting too much nap, so we are going to skin them down to the roots, spike, roll and seed with fifteen pounds Cocos bent, seed and topdress with two and one-half yards topdressing. We had some of this seed tried out and I believe it's the best ever.

From Chester Mendenhall, Greenkeeper,
Sim Park Golf Club, Wichita, Kansas.
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From John Gray, Greenkeeper,
Essex Golf and Country Club, Sandwich,
Ontario.

For fall seeding I use New Zealand fescue and South German bent for fairways and tees.

From Joe P. Mayo, Greenkeeper,
Pebble Beach Country Club, Del Monte,
California.
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From James W. Bolton, Greenkeeper,
Berkshire Country Club, Reading, Pennsylv-
vania.

We do not contemplate seeding this fall. If a bent nursery is kept in good condition at all times we find that we can work to a much

better advantage by sodding and plugging the affected areas before our regular topdressing once every month. On our fairways we use a mixture of Kentucky blue grass and Rhode Island bent. We do not use red top for we find in many instances that there is a considerable amount of red top in the bent.

From A. E. Arnold, Greenkeeper,
Masonic Country Club of Western Michi-
gan.

I am planning in September of planting sixty-five thousand square feet of Washington strain bent stolons to take up as sod next fall to replace the grass we have on nine of our twenty-seven greens. This planting will be in our nursery where we have enough sod of Washington strain to replace seven greens this fall. We changed sod on two of our greens last fall and we find a marked difference in two different grasses. We do not know the true name of our present grass but we note it is inclined to go off color during the hot weather of July and August. In two more seasons we hope to be completely changed over to Washington bent.

From Ford Goodrich, Greenkeeper,
Flint Country Club, Flint, Michigan.

Tees—Fescue
Greens—Washington Bent Stolons
Fairways—One-half fescue, one-quarter red top and one-quarter Kentucky blue grass.

From J. O. Campbell, Greenkeeper,
Wethersfield Country Club, Hartford, Conn.
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From John Morley, Greenkeeper,
Youngstown Country Club, Youngstown,
Ohio.
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