2—When and How Will You Topdress This Fall?

From Joseph Valentine, Greenkeeper, Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia.
I will topdress the fairgreens with top soil mixed with the same amount of sand so as to not get the mud formation and the putting greens I will topdress about the second week in September. I will also reseed them (greens that should have thicker turf), and will use South German bent and will use topdressing with one part of screened mushroom soil, one part of compost, two parts of sand and one hundred pounds of cottonseed meal, using about one and one-half yards to five thousand square feet.

From Alex Binnie, Greenkeeper, Shoreacres Golf Club, Lake Bluff, Illinois.
The amount of top dressing used on any one fairway or spot will vary depending entirely upon the requirements. We will topdress during September and October.

It is too early to estimate the work that may be necessary on our fairways, as much damage has been caused by the drought as we have had no rain to speak of in nearly three months and we have reason to feel that a great deal of seeding will be necessary, especially on the knolls.
When we do undertake the work it will be done in this manner—disc the bare spots well, with the blades of the disc set rather straight, seed well, topdress and roll.

From Walter C. Reed, Greenkeeper, Westwood Country Club, Clayton, Missouri.
We will topdress about the middle of September and will use one and one-half yards to seven thousand square feet. We will use good screened soil with one-third sand and ten pounds of ammonium sulphate per yard.

From Hugh C. Moore, Greenkeeper and Professional, Sea Island Country Club, St. Simons Island, Georgia.
I topdress once a month using a black loam known as muck. The quantity per thousand square feet I use according to conditions of the green. I have no set amount.

From Thomas Galvin, Greenkeeper, Rhode Island Country Club, West Barrington, Rhode Island.
About the first of October I topdress greens and tees with compost. In the middle of November I cover the greens with seaside sand which is sifted through a fine screen. The golfers play on the greens all winter, except when there is a thaw. I then give them temporary greens until the big greens freeze up again then I move them back into the big greens as they won't do them any harm when they are frozen. I use about two yards of compost and about ten pounds of sulphate of ammonia to six

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thousand square feet as I believe in a heavy compost for spring and fall.

From James Muirden, Greenkeeper,
Ridgewood Golf Club, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Expect to topdress fairways about same time as seeding around September 1 to 15. Greens will be topdressed every two weeks from about September 1 to end of playing season at which time they get a heavy topdressing of fifty per cent good soil, fifty per cent sand good and sharp, plus one-half ton for green of Ferti-luvia fertilizer.

From Herbert E. Shave, Greenkeeper,
On our South course as you know we hold the Women's National Open commencing September 30. Our greens will be topdressed the fifteenth of August or twentieth with two and one-half yards of dressing composed of humus and sand, fifty per cent of each just to give them a little color and true them up. I am going to add fifteen pounds arsenate of lead as a check for chick weed and worms. On each green where we used arsenate of lead in the spring we had no worms.

From Chester Mendenhall, Greenkeeper,
Sim Park Golf Club, Wichita, Kansas.
We will topdress our greens the first of September and again the first of October. Our topdressing is made up of equal parts rich soil and sand. We will use one yard topdressing per five thousand square feet for each application, to which we will add twenty-five pounds sulphate of ammonia per yard of topdressing mixing same well with the topdressing before putting it on the green.

From James W. Bolton, Greenkeeper,
Berkshire Country Club, Reading, Pennsylvania.
We will start our fall topdressing about September 26. The compost is prepared from sods, leafmold from the woods, and good top soil and is not used until it is over two years old. We use one part compost, one part mushroom soil and two parts sand. It is applied at the rate of three cubic yards to the green averaging from five thousand to six thousand square feet in size.

From A. E. Arnold, Greenkeeper,
Masonic Country Club of Western Michigan.
I have already started to topdress our greens using about two-third cubic yards per one thousand square feet of surface with sand top soil run through a screen, and following up after topdressing each green with five pounds sulphate of ammonia per one thousand square feet in liquid form. I plan to topdress again in September with compost made of barnyard manure, sandy top soil and muck which has been prepared six months ahead of use and to follow with Milorganite using about twenty-five pounds per one thousand square feet.

From John Gray, Greenkeeper,
Essex Golf and Country Club, Sandwich, Ont.
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