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Seed Greens Late in August

THE greens are seeded late in August or the first week in September. Ten pounds of the best South German mixed bent is well mixed in one or one and one-fourth yards of compost and spread on each green averaging 8500 square feet. The green is spiked before compost is applied. I find that much of this seed germinates and replaces some of the natural grasses that are dying out at this season.

The compost used on the greens is a mixture of 40 per cent cow manure, 40 per cent light top soil and 20 per cent sand which has been composting at least two years. To the first topdressing in the Spring we add 20 pounds of ammonium sulphate per green and again the last topdressing in the Fall.

Except on six of our greens to which I mixed in the June topdressing, 100 pounds each of tobacco dust, they have not and will not receive any other fertilizer. On those six greens I had been particularly troubled with dollar patch, but have not seen it since, although it has appeared at different times on the others that did not get the tobacco dust. I am not advocating that as a preventative but just quote our experiment.

In closing, I would like to say to the younger greenkeepers, don't forget your fall topdressing. Put on all you can get hold of on your greens, tees, approaches and fairways. It

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Charcoal and Compost

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practice green situated close to the clubhouse. A huge fire engine drove across the middle of the green and it did not destroy a square inch of sod. I have counted at least twenty women with high heeled shoes walk across this green and they never leave any evil effects.

I have never raised a divot on any of our short holes in two years and never have had a



THE CREW AT CHARTIERS HEIGHTS

Joseph Ball is the greenkeeper of this Crafton, Pa., course and is very proud of the men who work for him. Lower photo shows Ball on the left supervising the cutting of nursery stock

single complaint. The chief cause of maintaining a good firm surface I attribute to the liberal amount of charcoal in my putting greens.

Mid-West Greenkeepers

The regular monthly meeting of the Mid-West Greenkeepers' Association of Chicago was held at the Aurora Country Club, July 21. In the absence of President Binnie, first vice-president, M. Bezek presided.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at the Midlothian Country Club and later on to visit Knollwood.

Upon motion of Mr. John MacGregor, former president the secretary was authorized to send a letter of thanks to the Aurora Country Club.