

**BENTGRASS TRIALS**

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5/8 inch 2 days a week. Greens were mowed at 5/32 inch 3 days a week. Twenty varieties were entered in each replication for each soil. Three of the varieties are colonial bentgrass, one dryland bentgrass (*Agrostis Castellana*), one browntop bentgrass (*Agrostis cappillaris*) and the rest are creeping bentgrass. Not all of the same varieties were used on each of the soils. The trial was completed in December, 1994, after three years of evaluations.

Starting in January, 1991, various data were taken on each plot. Overall quality on a scale of 1-9 (9 best) were taken on a monthly basis. Density on a scale of 1-9 (9 best) and percent (%) ground cover were taken on a quarterly basis. Color ratings were taken one time per year during October or November when the least amount of environmental stress was present and the full genetic potential for any given variety could be expressed. The first color rating was taken when the plantings were more than one year old in order to eliminate false color expres-

sion of juvenile plants. Thatch development was taken one time per year during July or August. Annual bluegrass (*Poa annua*) invasion estimates (percent of stand) were taken on a quarterly basis.

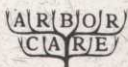
The accompanying tables (see insert) summarize the final results of these evaluations based on the overall quality ratings. These ratings should help golf course superintendents in selecting the most suitable creeping bentgrass variety for their specific needs. Additional information on these grasses will be made available as other data related to this data are analyzed and interpreted.

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We are also updating the tests for more current information and to correspond with the duties of A and B members. This will enable study guides to be written and reviewed by the applicants prior to testing.

Leon Snethen

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