

As for the approaches, we spread the sand very heavy, in some cases 2 or 3 inches deep. We encourage the golfer to walk on the sanded areas until spring, at which time we overseed. In many areas this was all that was required to dry them up from mud to dry turf in only one year. We found that the heavy traffic and compaction by mowers cause the breakdown of the soil structure to the point where infiltration was near zero. After the liberal application of sand and aerification, these areas once again resumed near normal infiltration and percolation. The protective covering of sand has significantly improved the stability of these areas.

To sum up our program at Inglewood, one must say, you must be consistent in topdressing, use a sand described above, put it on little and often. It is worth noting that sand has no structure to be destroyed through traffic or by mowing equipment. Aerifying and topdressing should be considered a permanent practice since layers of grass or thatch can develop over any soil material including sand and reduce the infiltration rate with time. At first you will experience some rough greens but after about the fourth week, they smooth out. The time and dollars spent will pay great dividends. As they say, try it, you will like it.

OUR OBJECT: The Collection, Preservation and Dissemination  
of Scientific and Practical Knowledge, and to Promote the Efficient  
and Economical Maintenance of Golf Courses

## **GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

1233 KANSAS AVENUE  
MODESTO, CALIFORNIA 95351



FIRST CLASS MAIL