

TO: GCSAA Chapter Editors and Advertiser Prospects.
 FROM: Thomas J. O'Hara, Managing Editor
 SUBJECT: Content Scheduled for the August Issue of
 THE GOLF SUPERINTENDENT.

Scheduled for publication in the August 1968 issue of THE GOLF SUPERINTENDENT is an article by William Cordukes of the Plant Research Institute, Ottawa, Canada, on compaction and wear of turfgrass:

"... Research has approached the problem from two directions. On the one hand, there are studies of the physical properties of soil in relation to plant growth and the possibility of improving the soil with additives before grass has been established. The other approach has been to study artificially compacted turfgrass areas or to work on already compacted sites by means of surface tillage treatments and equipment to relieve the effects of compaction..."

"... Merion bluegrass was particularly striking in its ability to recover from severe wear and tear of the compaction machine (an aerifier was equipped with metal shoes)..."

Also in the August issue will be an article by Stan Fredericksen, Sales Manager of Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, St. Louis, Missouri, titled, "Poa Annuua—Friend or Foe?" Here is an excerpt from the article which you may use in your local chapter newsletter:

"... Just what is poa annua? To you and other qualified golf course superintendents and turf managers this is a presumptuous question. Every one of you know what it is. What many do not know is how to control it, if they want to. And I say "if they want to" advisedly, because there is always the question whether poa annua is a friend or foe—and if it's a friend of the superintendent, he will many times want to keep it, rather than control it..."

"... As all of you know, poa annua follows one of the basic laws of nature—it wants to grow, and in many areas it gains a real strong foothold because its time of maximum growth is during periods when the desirable turfgrasses it infests are not in their best season of growth. For example, it grows most actively in Bermudagrasses, when these warm season grasses are dormant. Then, when the Bermuda is ready to break dormancy, the poa usually is so well established that it crowds out or shades off the Bermuda, so that it cannot emerge properly from dormancy and become established for the summer. Then, in summer, when the poa "goes out" the area beneath is the tan color of the still-dormant Bermuda, which only then can begin to emerge from dormancy and turn green.

"Poa infestation of bluegrass and bentgrass areas is even more complex, in that the situation is just reversed..."

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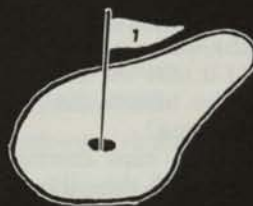
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