

Dear Ray,

Just a note to say how much I enjoy and appreciate the outstanding job that you do with the **Bull Sheet** and to see if I can contribute something to help make your job a little bit easier. It's always nice to hear what's going on up there in "God's Country" and can always figure on a little education from every issue, whether it be a shart quip, a new experience with a problem, or whether or not Mike and Paul are still claiming to be Gin champions.

Down here in the "sun belt" I'm putting my finishing touches on my new maintenance shop/cart storage building. Some of the highlights of our building includes an I-beam trolley hoist, a sand blasting/painting booth, micro-wave oven in the employee's lounge, and a bathroom that you can actually take more than one step in any direction without bumping into a wall.

We now have a very good start on the rest of the new construction here at the club thanks to the beautiful December weather that we experienced. Included in this work will be two new tennis courts, a brand new swimming pool and bathhouse facility, and complete renovation (including two new additions) of our clubhouse.

The past three months of construction has been both interesting and educational for me, as I am acting as coordinator of the project, and am very much looking forward to the next three months and the projected completion date of April 15th.

Although all this action is welcomed here at Kankakee Country Club, (God knows that it is certainly overdue) I am certainly looking forward to a couple of weeks of golf in Florida and attending the conference in St. Louis where I can enjoy the company of the friends that I have made in my short time in this business.

Good winter to you and all and always an open invitation at the Kankakee Country Club.

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## GLADE, LAWNGRASS DANDY

Today there are many dandy bluegrasses, but few bluegrass dandies. Glade is one such. Reports from all over the country prove that this sprightly discovery fulfills the "dandy" role almost everywhere. Webster defines the noun, dandy, as "anything especially excellent in its class", and the adjective as "exquisite" or "of the best grade". As a bluegrass much planted in lawns, Glade is all of this. But even more so it has its own polished, petite personality.

Glade wouldn't be the handsome dandy that it is if it became very much blemished by typical lawn diseases. But reports from leading research centers show it to have improved resistance to leafspot (**Helminthosporium**), various smuts, mildew, rust, fusarium and dollarspot. Serious markings from disease are few and infrequent in lawns containing appreciable Glade!

The leaf angle of Glade is little affected by mowing. Indeed, Glade is one of the few bluegrasses to become more procumbent (i.e., bend lower) as mowing height increases. Glade's diminutive morphology is one of its outstanding features. Under certain circumstances this may mean less frequent mowing, but in any event guarantees a thicker turf below mowing height, - one that sacrifices little vital green tissue to clippings. The more green leaf a grass has, the greater its potential vigor, and within limits, the deeper its rooting (a boon to summer performance during hot, dry weather).

Experience has shown that Glade's requirements are modest. On good soils as little as two pounds of elemental nitrogen to the thousand square feet annually keep the grass sleek and fit. Autumn fertilization is especially helpful, for Glade, like any Kentucky bluegrass, is a "cool-season" cultivar that does best when days are bright and nights crisp. Autumn feeding encourages tillering at just that time of year when energy reserves are best built up in underground parts of the plant.

One can't say that any one lawngrass will be superbly adapted under all conditions. That's why experts recommend blends and mixtures. Blends include two or more cultivars of the same species, mixtures two or more differing species. Glade, happily, blends and mixes well. It is not aggressive, as some "weedy" grasses are, and will yield fairly to companion grasses. Blends with other top-notch bluegrasses such as Fylking and Adelphi have done well, as have mixtures with perennial ryegrasses and fine fescues that are not too aggressive. Fescues, much used for shade, can be minimized in Glade mixtures because Glade resists mildew, a shade disease, so well.

Features such as the foregoing are hallmark enough of dandy. Keep in mind, also, that Glade endures soil acidity better than most bluegrasses. It has a rich color, even when freshly mowed, since so much green foliage is retained by so decumbent a grass. Glade does not thatch greatly, nor does the cultivar seem temperamental about the usual pesticides should such be needed. All in all, Glade seems a dandy all-around lawngrass, sown alone, or in blends and mixtures.

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