

**BENTGRASS IN RETROSPECT** (cont. from page 19) and we use lightweight mowers and less nitrogen fertilizer, all of which have a necessary place in our management plan.

I guess I can say the program was very successful for us. I have not heard of too many instances where this procedure was a failure. However, the greatest successes have been where a solid bentgrass management plan has been followed after renovation. I learned much more than what is written here, but most importantly, I learned the old axiom of "follow your convictions" pays off.

Now all I have to do is figure a fool proof way to keep *Poa annua* out of putting greens!

## 6th Annual Turf Field Day Hubbard, Oregon

I attended the 6th Annual Turf Field Day this past June 16th at Hubbard, Oregon, put on by Turf Seed, Inc. and Pure Seed Testing, Inc., sponsored by Bill Rose and Dr. Bill Meyer.

I reviewed Fred Opperman's **Bull Sheet** article in the August issue last year and he did an excellent job of taking pictures and explaining what is involved in growing certified seed and the steps that have to be followed in growing Penncross bent grass, and other aspects of the seed production and cleaning process.


This year the research farm has been expanded to 110 acres to accommodate many new varieties being grown and evaluated. Walter Fuchs was the only other local person attending from this area. Tom Voigt and Jean Haley, from the University of Illinois, were there, and mentioned their trip at the Turf Field Day at Urbana in July, and said they really enjoyed it. Warren Bidwell represented the Tee-2-Green Corporation.

I feel certain that Turf Seed and Pure Seed will be coming up with new varieties of fescues, perennial ryes, and blue grasses, that are being tested nationally at this time. With the good bents of Penncross, Penneagle and Penn Links proving themselves, it does not seem likely to have new varieties at this time, but there is still more research being done.

## Green Making in the 1600's

The following is a quote from **Way to Get Wealth** by Gervase Markham published in 1613.

"To fit a place for this manner of greene plot, it is requisite that it may be cleansed from all manner of stones and weedes, not so much as the rootes left undestroyed, and for the better accomplishing hereof, there must boiling water be poured upon such endes of rootes as staying behind in the ground cannot be well pulled up, and afterwards the floor must be beaten and troden down mightily, then after this there must be cast great quantity and store of turfes of earth full of greene grasse, the bare earthe part of them being turned and laid upward, and afterward danced upon with the feete, and the beater or paving beetle lightly passing over them, in such sort that within a short time after, the grasse may begin to peepe up and put forth small haire."



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