

Letters to the Editor

Dear Dan:

It was nice talking to you today - I hope we continue to have this kind of weather for awhile. It certainly makes our jobs a little easier.

I have enclosed a copy of the article I talked to you about. It came from the October 1931, GOLFDOM magazine. It was on page 18, and the article is entitled "EASY ON HIGH-POWER NITROGEN" IS SOUTHERN WARNING, and it was written for GOLFDOM, by O.J. Noer.

I thought it was interesting to read considering the many meetings and discussions superintendents have been having about Bentgrass.

I am a collector of golf items and I have an extensive collection of old publications. I try and read at least one publication each day as I eat lunch in my office. I came across this article this past week and thought you might have some use for it.

Along with the article is a picture, in black and white, of the No. 9 green of south course at Boca Raton, a hole that Tom Armour says is one of the world's greatest. The course is rich in evidence of scientific maintenance is the caption under the photograph.

Keep up the good work as editor - I feel for you - I know how hard it is each and every month.

Sincerely,
David C. Holler, CGCS
Quail Ridge Country Club
Boynton Beach, FL

Dear Dan:

This note is to express my personal delight upon reading in the latest Florida Turf Digest of the richly deserved and inexcusably delayed award of the FTGA WREATH OF GRASS, and of the equally merited DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD by the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association.

In the parade of a dozen of your accomplishments listed by the Turf Digest I submit that your most spectacular credit was omitted: **You and your amazingly excellent FLORIDA GREEN have largely sparked the initiation and development of self-respect and a sense of professional worth in our turfgrass managers.** Very necessary advances in educational requirements alone could not have built the present professional pride and fraternity.

With kind personal regards,
ROY A. BAIR, Ph. D.
Grassland Agronomist

Dear Dan:

Just a note to congratulate you on being the recipient of the Wreath of Grass Award in 1987. It is the recognition of your outstanding leadership in the turfgrass industry and your standing as a professional within the industry. I am glad to have you located in Palm Beach County and appreciate the assistance you give us from time to time at the Cooperative Extension Service.

Best of luck in the new year.

Sincerely,
Clayton E. Hutcheson
Extension Director
Palm Beach County

Dear Dan:

The most recent issue of your fine magazine proved mighty interesting. O.S. Baker tried c-1 creeping bent about 1948, (heat tolerant) but its tolerance lacked something. In 1950, I helped plant 9 greens in the DC area to Meyer zoysia. That is taking a hot weather grass north - the reverse of bent. Those greens are still being played with minimum maintenance. May I suggest that one of the fine-leaf zoysias be given a trial in Florida's heat. To reduce thatch potential, it should be grown on a reserve of synthetic organic nitrogen in the rootzone.

Zoysia putting greens would be a target for opinions of many kinds. They would divert the bent negativism. There is a lot in the works.

Congratulations on your award. Well deserved!

Sincerely yours,

For Better Turf
Fred V. Grau
Pres MITF/Chm NSTC Exec. Com.

Dear Dan,

As a follow-up to our conversation in Florida during the Bentgrass Seminar, I have written a short article concerning our bentgrass research at Mississippi State University. As the article describes, we are using tissue culture techniques in order to develop a heat tolerant bentgrass. Please feel free to edit the article as you see fit. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey V. Krans
Professor