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Sod and seed information comprehensive

Once again the editorial staff of *Golf Course News* has compiled information for another special feature which will offer you a broad overview of bentgrass sod growers and turf seed producers who supply the golf course industry.

As these various lists are published it is important to point out that it was necessary to limit the chart (pages 15-16) to bentgrass sod growers.

Did you know that there are more than 600 sod growers and 175 seed dealers in this country?

The listing of turf-seed

producers on pages 16 to 19 offers you a handy directory for your turfseed needs.

In case you missed it, our May issue provided an in-depth listing of wildflower seed growers.

In issues to come we will again feature seed and sod growers, perhaps charting the fescue growers or another important facet of the turf growers' business.

Recently, I had the pleasure of playing Glen Echo Country Club in St. Louis, Mo. The course, dating back to the early 1900s, is kept in superb condition by Wes Mathany

and his staff. While playing and adjusting to the side-hill, downhill and uphill lies on nearly every fairway, I realized how much of an adjustment it takes to make the transition from the flat Florida or desert course to the rolling hills and valleys in other regions of the country.

Playing (or working) on flat Florida courses all winter really makes one appreciate the effort and skill necessary in conditioning (and playing) one of these beautiful rolling courses.

It's going to take me two or three

more rounds to make the transition.

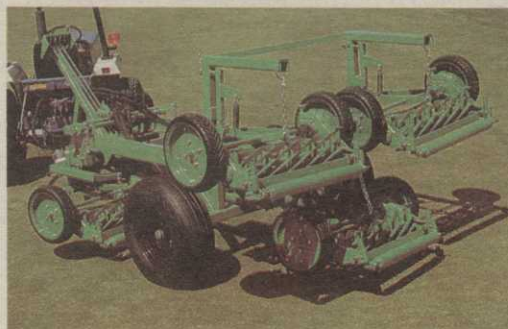
Since our premier issue was published earlier this year you have become familiar with features and comments by associate editor Vern Putney.

Vern recently suffered a heart attack and has undergone by-pass surgery. We wish Vern a speedy and complete recovery.

Thanks for your readership.

Sincerely,
Charles E. von Brecht
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