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ASK ME ANOTHER

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OUR greenkeeping expert answers two of the questions of general interest received during the month and confesses lack of definite information on the third. Perhaps some other greenkeeper can help him out.

Noah Lott will solve your problems, too, if you will put them up to him thru this magazine. The service is free and his answer will not only help you, but other greenkeepers faced with a similar problem. Ask Noah Lott.

Question: Will cutting the grass close on our putting greens make the roots grow deeper in the soil and thereby give them more resistance over the winter?

Answer: No. There is a balance between the green leaf and stem growth above ground and the root growth below the surface. Both the leaves and the roots of grass are constantly changing. Cutting off the top growth causes a corresponding smaller growth of roots. If you want to have the roots grow deeper, as for going into the winter, let the grass grow a little higher throughout the late fall.

Question: Our creeping bent stolon greens, and especially those which receive pitched shots, are so torn up and punctured after each week-end's heavy play that they are scarcely playable for several days. What is the trouble?

Answer: If you have a good variety of bent the trouble is probably due to a soft condition of the soil. Try top-dressing with the poorest clay you can obtain. If this clay is pasteey, mix in enough sand to overcome this fault. Clay tends to make a firmer green.

Question: We top-dressed three of our greens with compost which had rotted for over six months. In just a few days, these greens were heavily infested with small brown-patch. The other greens were not affected. The compost must have caused it—what do you think?

Answer: We have observed a similar compost on two or three courses and would welcome the opinion of greenkeepers on this subject. It seems reasonable to suppose that compost, full of germs working on the decayed organic matter it contains, might be heavily infested with brown-patch spores as well. May not the grass clippings which often go into the compost pile carry the disease? Let's have some other actual instances, if you happen to know of them, bearing on this point.

Midwest Greenkeepers Start Advisory Service

GREEN-CHAIRMEN in the territory of the Mid-West Greenkeepers association have welcomed with enthusiasm the announcement of the association's advisory service which now is available to courses having difficulties with their turf culture and maintenance.

The service is one for which no charge other than actual expenses is made to clubs whose greenkeepers are members of the Mid-West Association, and is tendered as one of the association's many and