

Question

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry in October GOLFDOM, we have used arsenate of lead in accordance with instructions given by you in earlier issues of the above magazine on Bermuda greens with very satisfactory results.

The Bermuda was very late this year in coming up but we had a late spring and they were well covered by Italian rye and we do not know whether the application of arsenate of lead had anything to do with their lateness.

Our fairways are infested with the June beetle grubs and we would appreciate your advice as to the use of arsenate of lead on the fairway. Can it be safely applied without mixing with top-dressing as we have done on the greens?

W. G. J.
(North Carolina).

Answer

Sir:

I note that you have had satisfactory results using arsenate of lead on Bermuda greens. When grass seed and stolons in general are planted in soil recently treated with arsenate of lead the chemical has a tendency to delay germination to a certain extent and also to slow up the growth of the newly sprouted grass for a few weeks, but after this initial period of retardation the grass picks up with a bang and rapidly outstrips grass growing in non-arsenated soil. No doubt this was the general condition which you experienced.

As regards the treatment of fairways for the control of June beetle would refer you to one of my articles in GOLFDOM in which this operation was discussed in detail. For directions for the application of this chemical without the use of top-dressing previous issues of GOLFDOM.

B. R. L.

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Sir:

We are troubled with a weed commonly called brass-button due to the small bright brass colored flowers which it bears. It was received in seaside bent seed, is a perennial and spreads rapidly. It has the characteristic of throwing up a growth from almost any small amount of root left in the ground.

Have been able to kill it with arsenate of soda but the leeway between killing the weed and not killing the bent is so small

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