

not uncommon for *poa-annua* to die almost overnight this summer, leaving large bare areas on the putting greens. In mixed greens, as a rule, the bent patches were uninjured with bare areas between them in which the *poa-annua* had previously been in possession.

Season Endorsed Chosen Bents

This summer *poa-annua* was not the only putting green grass to suffer; some beautiful bent greens also fell victim to this phenomenon or condition. Colonial bent suffered more than usual. Often the disappearing *poa-annua* left the Colonial bent unprotected, and hastened its departure. Poor strains of creeping bent became much poorer than usual and the turf in some cases weakened beyond recovery. Weak strains of velvet bent in mixed bent greens found the conditions too severe and passed out. The recognized good strains of creeping bent withstood the severe conditions of this past summer better than any other putting green grasses.

This summer brought out one fact in particular. All through the wide area of turf injury it became increasingly apparent that the various strains of creeping bent generally recommended for putting greens were remarkably vigorous and free from injury compared to other putting green grasses. Mixed bent putting greens often referred to as seeded greens, have many points in their favor and may produce better putting turf under certain conditions; however, the fact remains that the creeping bent greens evidently were better able to survive the conditions encountered this summer.

Many comparatively well constructed greens with well established turf of mixed bents or of good strains of creeping bent were injured this summer due to an effort to maintain these greens during the summer in the same beautiful soft lush condition in which they are kept during the spring and fall. That it is a mistake to try to keep putting greens during the summer in a luxurious fast growing condition, possible in the spring and fall, by heavy fertilizing and frequent watering has been satisfactorily demonstrated this summer. Everything considered putting greens kept half starved during the late spring and summer and watered carefully so that the surface soil was not continually saturated to the exclusion of air were found to come through the summer with much less turf injury than those kept in an unnatural condition.

Manufacturers Report on Golf Goods Credit Standings

LATEST QUARTERLY report of National Association of Golf Club manufacturers and Golf Ball Manufacturers' association shows \$432,654 owing these manufacturers for six months or more by dealers, pros, clubs, driving ranges, miniature courses, etc. Accounts of less than \$25 are not considered in the report. Accounts in the \$200 to \$500 class constitute greatest section of delinquents, 28.43 per cent. Slightly more than 47 per cent of the accounts are under \$500. Pros and other retail outlets have about same per capita delinquency.

Improvement in the pro position is looked for this season as the manufacturers are getting after the pro delinquents who are unattached. Furthermore, attached pros have been clearing out stocks at price reductions and by strong selling efforts this indicates that most of the pro stocks will be turned into cash before the season ends. Toughest spot in the pro business has been with the pros whose clubs do not collect for them. When these pros go strong after collection of accounts personally from their members it frequently means the pro is working himself out of a job. Too rarely club officials stand up for the pro who is trying to get what's owing him so he can pay off his manufacturer creditors.

There is some talk of the manufacturers' association preparing a credit rating for all pros and making this rating available to suppliers who are not members of the club and ball associations. Such a rating will give credit standings of all pros rather than be confined to list of delinquents on books of associations' members which is the present method.

New Jersey Fall Field Day Scheduled for October 5

ANNUAL FALL field day on grass culture, jointly sponsored by the N. J. State Golf ass'n, the N. J. Greenkeepers' ass'n and the N. J. Agricultural Experiment station, will be held October 5 at New Brunswick, according to word from Howard B. Sprague, agronomist of the experiment station. The entire program will be devoted to problems of turf management. Several well-known speakers will present informational addresses.