

SAY THE EXPERTS

"Probably much poor turf of last season was due to poor soil conditions on the putting greens. At the time of reconditioning putting green topsoil, mineral deficiencies should be corrected. A more satisfactory catch has been obtained when some available nitrogen has been supplied."

—Kenneth Welton.

"The fact that feeding has remarkable value in assisting trees to withstand the effects of drought and heat should not be taken to mean that trees should not be watered in time of drought and heat. But feeding alone may pull trees through where water is not available or is not supplied."

—Homer L. Jacobs.

"Startling improvement effected by rational feeding of poor fairways is largely responsible for the increasing interest in fairway fertilization. The folly of attempting renovation with seed alone is now generally recognized, and the scarcity of good manure is compelling the substitution of more concentrated products.

"Fertilizers are best applied in spring or fall and should never be used on fairways in midsummer, when limited rainfall prevents active turf growth. . . . During the balance of the season growth of the grasses is encouraged, and the major effects of the fertilizers disappear before crab-grass germinates the next year."

—O. J. Noer.

"In general, any method of fertilization in which nitrogenous materials were used on Virginia bent reduced the abundance of weeds. Manure has increased the number of weed seeds considerably, probably because of weed seeds introduced. . . . Poa annua was least troublesome where nitrogen only was added as fertilizer. . . . Earthworm activities were far greater where organic fertilizers were used than where inorganic was applied.

"Fifteen pounds of lead arsenate per 1000 square feet . . . reduced weeds, clover and bluegrass; earthworms were completely controlled."

—Howard B. Sprague.

"With proper watering and fertilizing it should not be extremely difficult to keep turf beautiful anywhere in Florida, even on the more shady soils."

—C. R. Enlow.

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