

scores and dates when made, also how averages and handicaps are computed.

In match play competition handicaps to be used should be computed by taking 75% of the difference between competing players' handicaps.

### Can't Make Bent Slant Uphill, Monteith Tells Diegel

AT THE inaugural of that interesting event, the Inverness International Fourball Invitation, Leo Diegel and other famed pros discussed the possibility of bent stolon grain running uphill so players would not have to contend with the treacherous downhill grain in putting.

John Monteith, jr., technical head of the USGA Green Section comments:

"In order to force grass to grow in one direction it is necessary to keep constantly brushing it in that direction. Much less effort would result in eradicating all of the grain so there would be a much more desirable putting surface. I think one of the principal problems is to eliminate the grasses on putting greens that tend to grain decidedly. Many of the grasses that they use at Inverness are of this desirable type.

"Strains like the Washington and metropolitan, if properly raked and brushed, can be kept from producing an undesirable downhill grain. One of the jobs that pros have is to change the attitude of mind toward these grasses and develop a habit of acknowledging that the different bent grasses vary in this characteristic.

"One of the most commonly planted strains, the Virginia, cannot be kept in good condition by any treatment. On the other hand strains like the Washington can be kept from producing a troublesome grain.

"Recently I had George Jacobus at Arlington and he was very much puzzled at the appearance of our Washington bent where we had no grain. When he saw the velvet bent and learned that it was planted with the stolon method he looked even more puzzled for he had the profession's idea that the word 'stolon' was synonymous with putting difficulties."

**B**EFORE the season opens see that your sand traps have facilities for convenient exit. Frequently, players scramble up banks to get out of traps and make good maintenance impossible.

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