

they are not too heavy, and the whole surface *lightly* topdressed with screened sandy loam. However, unlike creeping bent, there will be very few joints or nodes in the clippings. Newly planted velvet bent greens are usually eight weeks old before any appreciable amount of new runners are noticeable, and most of these are close to the ground where the mower doesn't touch them. Light topdressing once a month will be sufficient to encourage the new runners to root. If the greens are planted in the fall they will do better if cut one inch high the remainder of the growing season. In the spring, if they have filled in well, the height of cut may be decreased gradually until they can be cut with the regular putting-green mower.

The amount of weeding necessary will depend on the season of year, the topsoil used on the greens, and the cleanliness of the stolons. Probably the worst weeds will be creeping bent, clover, crab grass and annual bluegrass. These should be removed as soon as they appear so there will be no competition for the young velvet bent plants. It is very difficult to keep the velvet bent nursery entirely free from weeds, but if this isn't done, most of the weeds are planted in the new green. However, if the new greens are planted in the fall on weed-free soil and with clean stolons, no weeding will be necessary.

The planting of greens with velvet bent stolons is in many ways similar to planting with creeping bent stolons. I have tried to make clear these similarities and at the same time to point out the differences in planting these two species of bent grasses. It is not difficult to establish velvet bent greens by the stolon method and it is the writer's hope that the ideas I have expressed will encourage and guide others who may wish to work with this fine grass.

Huge Tournament Entry Lists This Season Indicate New Boom in Golf

SIGNIFICANT as signs of a new boom in golf have been the figures on tournament entries this year. National Amateur field of 550, although about half of last year's entry list, is surprisingly large considering location of the tournament at Portland, Ore.

Chicago District GA \$10,000 Open had the largest entry of any Open tournament played at one American club, there being 448 entrants. Two hundred and ten

of the field were pros, reports Robert E. Harlow, publicity director of the affair.

Minnesota's 1937 Amateur championship, played at the Country Club of Minneapolis had a record qualifying field of 198. Great scoring was done in the competition which was won by Bobby Campbell. Oldest of the semi-finalists was 24 years old, the youngster 19. Apparently a new crop of amateur stars is developing.

A. C. Statt, manager of the Country Club, reports that condition of the course after the tournament was played gave no reason for alarms that tournaments injure courses. Gallery at the Minnesota amateur was not less than 2,000 on any one day, and on Saturday between 4,000 and 5,000. The course was not damaged by players or by gallery.

Special tournament rules supplied on a separate card to all players were very helpful to the field.

Memphis to Get Club Managers 1938 Convention, Jan. 18-20

THE Board of Directors of the Club Managers Assn., guided by the vote of the members will hold the 1938 convention in Memphis, Tennessee, Jan. 18, 19, 20, 1938.

Elmer Ries of the Colonial CC, P. O. Box No. 721, Memphis, has been appointed General Chairman of the convention. He would appreciate hearing any suggestions from managers.

Harold Ross has again been engaged to manage the new 1938 Buyers Guide. He can be addressed at the Indianapolis (Ind.) Athletic Club. E. Park Akin is chairman of the Convention Educational Program. Park would appreciate suggestions on features for the convention. Address him at the Columbia Club, Indianapolis.

Big Coast Dough—A bulletin from the Southern California section of the PGA announces the California winter schedule as follows:

Nov. 13-14—Reno, Nevada	\$3,000
Nov. 19-21—Sacramento, Calif.....	3,000
Nov. 26-28—Oakland, Calif.	5,000
Dec. 1-5 —San Francisco, Calif.....	5,000
Dec. 10-12—Santa Monica, Calif.....	4,000
Dec. 16-19—Pasadena, Calif.	3,000
Dec. 26-27—San Diego, Calif.	3,000
or (Bing Crosby)	
Jan. 2-3	
Jan. 7-10 —Los Angeles, Calif.....	8,000
Total	34,000