

our greens except that we do not cut it quite as often.

At this point the reader will have decided that we have not mentioned any specific treatment for the prevention of winter kill. In our opinion there is no specific treatment and the answer is in keeping the turf strong, healthy, and deep-rooted by means of a regular routine based on sound principles.

The results obtained to date have been most satisfactory. We do not use temporary greens and our members are allowed to play on the permanent greens throughout the entire season. The amount of turf that we lose annually due to snow-mold and winter kill is negligible and our turf nursery has been reduced from one acre to about one-third of an acre.

On two occasions in the last seven years we have lost some turf due to dehydration during particularly dry springs, as we cannot use our water system until the frost is all out of the ground. In the spring of 1941 we lost about one-fifth of an acre of turf due to this cause but it was all turf that was at least five years old and, as such, not very deep-rooted. This trouble could probably be avoided by hauling water to the greens, but we doubt very much if this would be more economical than replacing the turf.

We realize that we are dealing with a very tricky subject and that we may have plenty of trouble in the future but it is a matter of record that over a period of years we have succeeded in reducing turf losses and in providing our members with greatly improved putting greens.

Everybody But Salesmen Play in Salesmen's Event

GOLF Salesmen's Assn. of Northern California held its annual Salesmen's tournament at the California GC, Sept. 22, with a field of 195 players. About 160 stayed for the dinner and evening entertainment.

The salesmen themselves will have to play for their trophies later as they were kept too busy running the tourney and being hosts to get a chance to whack around.

Harry Bassler's 68 led the pro contingent, and the 69 of Jack Finger led the amateurs. Teams of John Battini-Mat Palacio and Dewey Longworth-Don Neher tied at 65 in the pro-am class. Al Schoux's 70 won among the asst. pros.

Annual Turf Field Day Held at N. J. Station

A putting contest was held on the show plots of the N. J. Agricultural Experiment Station, New Brunswick, at the annual Turf Field Day held Sept. 8. Winner was R. E. Harman, Essex County agricultural agent; his score was 17 putts for the 9 holes. Prize was a pound of Raritan velvet bent seed—a grass strain developed at the N. J. Station.

Dr. Wm. Martin, director of the Experiment Station, opened the program that was led by Dr. Howard B. Sprague, agronomist-in-charge. Weed control, turf disease, heights of cut, fertilization, and liming were main topics. A fungicide used with good results in rubber plantations was tried this year, and while excellent for its purpose, was found to be of no value in controlling brown-patch.

Relatively new lime experiment plots were of interest. It was found that finely ground limestone penetrated into turf soil quicker than hydrated lime. The latter tends to cake on the surface.

Attendance was somewhat off the usual volume, this due to the fact that the nearby Connecticut and Philadelphia golf course superintendents held their regular monthly meetings on the same date. Golf course men comprise the largest interested group at this event.—CKB.

PGA to Name Cup Team—Tom Walsh has announced the appointment of the following to serve on the PGA Ryder Cup selection committee: Ed Dudley, chairman of the PGA tournament committee; Olin Dutra, Billy Burke, and Leo Diegel. The purpose of this group is to recommend to the executive committee of the PGA the players who will constitute the 1942-43 Ryder Cup team. The final selection of the Ryder Cup team will then be made by the executive committee November 10, 1941, at which time the annual meeting of the association takes place.

Due to the war, the official Ryder Cup matches have not been played the past two years. However, the American PGA Ryder Cup team has carried on in style by playing matches for the benefit of the American Red Cross and the U.S.O. Walsh stated that word has been received from PGA officials in Great Britain that "it was of great encouragement to them that the Ryder Cup team was being continued in America."