

TIMELY TURF TIPS

THE RENOVATION OF POA ANNUA - CLOVER TURF ON WATERED FAIRWAYS

Fescue and even Kentucky blue grass have disappeared from fairways on many watered courses. Turf is largely poa annua and clover. Chickweed, and sometimes plantain, buckhorn, and dandelion may be present.

In midsummer it is almost impossible to maintain content of soil moisture to prevent loss of shallow-rooted poa annua. As it weakens, clover increases. Then players complain about bad "lies". During hot, wet spells, poa annua may kill-out completely. Then fairways are bare, except for the clumps of clover and weeds.

It is impossible to re-introduce permanent grasses quickly by re-seeding only. The slower growing, newly seeded grass is smothered before it starts, or choked out by the faster growing poa annua. Grass seedlings cannot resist and survive clover competition either.

Kentucky blue and bent grass can be established in these fairways by using MILARSENITE first. It kills the clover and diminishes the poa annua. Three or four comparatively light treatments suffice. The program should start in July, when it is usually warm. At least two weeks should elapse between applications. Seed should be in the ground by late August or early September, depending upon locality.

MILARSENITE does not stop seed germination. Hence fairways can be seeded just before the last application is made. Where some permanent grass remains, use an alfalfa and grass disc seeder, and cross-seed. Otherwise prepare a seedbed with a three gang disc spiker, then broadcast seed and roll. Apply MILARSENITE for the last time immediately afterwards.

Seeding should be with a Kentucky blue grass, colonial bent mixture at 100 to 200 pounds per acre. The proportion of bent should be 10 to 20 percent.

If you have a clover-poa annua problem on your fairways, use this prescription on one, or a part of one fairway this year. The program can be extended to a few more, or all the fairways next year. For further information, write to:

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MILORGANITE for BETTER TURF

(Washington D. C. district) now is an honorary life member of the club. Tony was given a life membership in the club "in recognition of faithful service."

Pleasant Valley CC, Weirton, W. Va., held the official "grand opening" of its new clubhouse on May 16. The clubhouse is one of the most beautiful in the tri-state district. . . . Another new clubhouse is that at Town and Country GC, Green Bay, Wis. The building, approximately 65 ft. x 30 ft., includes a lounge with fireplace, a pro-shop, showers and locker-room, restrooms, and a machine shed. . . . Frank W. Murchie, 53, pro at Wilmont CC, Buffalo, N. Y., died May 13 of a heart attack. Mr. Murchie, a native Scot, came into Buffalo district golfing circles in 1930 as pro at the Cherry Hill CC, Ridgeway, Ont.

Pomonok CC (Long Island) apparently profiting by gasoline and tire rationing because of its location, signed 21 new members during the second week in May. . . . The previous week 12 were added, making 33 additions in a fortnight. . . . The Navy took over at Pickwick GC (Chicago district) June 1. Joe Roseman, Pickwick pro-mgr., and identified with golf since 1907 was ordered to vacate to permit a huge expansion of the Naval Aviation Training Base at Glenview, Ill.

By Chamberlain has added the duties of manager to those of professional at the Glen Oak CC, Glen Ellyn, Ill. . . . Altadena GC, Pasadena, Calif., is having its face lifted, according to Jack Phillips, new club manager. Phillips has supervised a program of redecoration and rebuilding that was scheduled to put the plant in A-1 shape by the first of June. . . . Elmhurst (Ill.) CC is collecting 10 cents per round from its members to buy tickets to the Hale America tournament for its caddies. Tickets are allotted to the ranking caddies as determined by the merit system markings on the caddies' cards.

New York Metropolitan Section PGA now has its headquarters with the Mayflower Sportswear Co., 307 Fifth Ave., New York City. A board room is furnished for the Met section