

on the condition in which you acquire the Bermuda stolons. If you have Bermuda sod which has been stripped with a sod cutter, it is easy to feed into the vertical mower.

Place the machine on two saw horses, with a piece of plywood in front to serve as a guide when sliding the sod into the blades. There should be another piece of plywood under the machine so the blades have something solid on which to act and can tear the sod to pieces more efficiently.

If the Bermuda sprigs come to you rather loose, then just throw them down on the ground and pass the vertical mower back and forth over them. This does a very good job of shredding the stolons so they can be handled more effectively.

Q—We are planning a new course and want to do it right in the first place. What is the best grass for fairways? (Mich).

A—The best grass for fairways depends upon the type of management you will be able to give it.

Will you be able to maintain creeping bent fairways with regular watering, close, frequent mowing and all the care they will need? Or is it to be a more naturalistic type of fairway composed of bluegrasses and fescues, mainly under a no-watering program? The management makes all the difference in the world.

If fairways are to be unwatered, I would seed a mixture of Kentucky bluegrass and Merion bluegrass with some creeping red fescue as a nurse crop, considering that the red fescue probably might not survive as a permanent grass.

For a creeping bent type of fairway, then in addition to seeding I would introduce some stolons of the sturdier types of fairway bents. These are general recommendations. Actually, one should have more complete information about management intended and degree of perfection desired before arriving at a decision. I will be glad to go into more detailed discussion with you.

Q—What research is being conducted on *Poa annua* control? (Md.)

A—A great deal of research is going on at the present time at several experiment stations across the country. Work is in progress at Rhode Island, Penn State, Purdue, California and probably at some other stations.

Some of the most promising work goes back to the practice of many years ago

of applying arsenate of lead which is doing quite an effective job of controlling *Poa annua*, chickweed, and other weeds, on putting greens, where the phosphorus content is medium to low.

Caddy Bonus System Gives Boys Competitive Interest

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AFTER some experimenting we worked out at our club a caddy bonus system that gives the boys a fair break and rewards the youngsters who are dependably on the job as competent and interested caddies.

Our first system gave the boys a bonus at the end of the season but it didn't work as well for the boys or us as the present system, with more competition, has worked.

Our present system keeps the boys coming out in October when weather is favorable and it has been helpful in enlisting for our members a good supply of caddies.

There is a balance left in the fund which is used for a caddy party early in the season. We usually have two or three parties for them. On one Monday they have exclusive use of the pool for half a day. We have a caddy tournament late in the summer, just before school starts.

Our Caddy Bonus System:

The purpose of a bonus system is to encourage boys to report regularly for assignment and to reward those who do report regularly.

Source and Amount of Bonus Fund

The bonus fund will be accumulated through a bonus charge on each caddy fee as follows:

1. Nine holes single.....	10 cents
2. Nine holes double.....	20 cents
3. Eighteen holes single.....	10 cents
4. Eighteen holes double.....	20 cents
5. Each ball-chasing assignment	10 cents

(It was estimated that this schedule would yield a total bonus fund of \$1200, but last year it totaled \$1390.)

Distribution of Bonus Fund

Distribution of the bonus fund will be made to caddies based upon bonus credits in accordance with the following:

1. On September 8, the 20 caddies with the highest number of bonus credits will receive 30% of the fund at that date, or