

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

\$300, whichever is smaller, divided as follows:

1st 1, 3% or \$30, whichever is smaller
 Next 3, 2½% or \$25, " " "
 Next 3, 2% or \$20, " " "
 Next 5, 1½% of \$15, " " "
 Next 4, 1% of \$10, " " "
 Next 4, ½% or \$5, " " "

2. On October 25, the 35 caddies—each of whom must have caddied on seven different days during week ends between September 11 and October 24 inclusive—with the highest number of bonus credits will receive 70% of the remaining fund at that date, or \$700, whichever is smaller, divided as follows:

1st 1, 3% or \$30, whichever is smaller
 Next 6, 2½% or \$25, " " "
 Next 7, 2% or \$20, " " "
 Next 7, 1½% or \$15, " " "
 Next 7, 1% or \$10, " " "
 Next 7, ½% or \$5, " " "

3. On October 25, the 20 caddies with the highest number of bonus credits earned on Saturdays and Sundays between September 11 and October 24 inclusive will share the then remainder of the bonus fund as follows:

The 5 caddies with the highest number

of bonus credits will each receive 8%, the next 5 will each receive 6%, the next 5 will each receive 4%, and the next 5 will each receive 2% of the then remainder of the fund.

Determination of Credits

In order not to penalize boys who, because of illness or absence from the city, might otherwise qualify for a bonus, the bonus credits to be used as a basis for making awards will be the difference between total credits earned and the lowest number of credits earned during any two consecutive weeks between June 5 and September 9. For this purpose, the week will begin on Monday and end on Sunday. Recording of credits will begin on June 5.

Credits and penalties will be recorded in accordance with the following:

CREDITS WILL BE RECORDED FOR	Credits
1. Each nine hole assignment	½
2. Each eighteen hole assignment	1
3. Chasing balls ½ hour	¼
4. Chasing balls 1 hour	½
5. Reporting for work and staying until dismissed by caddy master and without getting an assignment	½

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6. Assignment to women members playing in inter-club or city championship — for each 18 holes caddied 1
7. Assignment to PGA tournament—for each 18 holes caddied for his player 1

PENALTIES MAY BE CHARGED TO

1. Any first-class caddy receiving a poor grade 1
- Any first-class caddy receiving a fair grade ½
2. Any first-class caddy assigned second-class rate as a disciplinary measure ½
3. Any second-class caddy, after first six assignments, receiving a poor grade ½

NOTE: All penalty charges are reviewed each week by a member of the Grounds Committee.

Golf and the Soldier

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ments. Eventually, all of the major commands send teams to the All-Army Tournament. This year the All-Army was held at Fort George G. Meade, Md., with the Second Army Team winning the championship by one stroke. Individually, Pvt. Dan Sikes of Fort Meade, won the championship, in a play-off.

After the All-Army tournament the All-Army team is selected to play against the other services at the Interservice Tournament. This tournament gives the soldier a chance to play against other very good service golfers and to play different courses. Since Army pay is hardly sufficient to allow most of the soldiers to play in the many tournaments held about the country, the All-Army and Interservice give him a chance to prove himself without the expense of entrance fees and other incidental tournament costs.

More and Better Courses

The future of golf in the Army is probably the same as in the country at large. It is going to increase. New courses are being built to meet the present need and help with the future demand.

In my command, I am encouraging other posts to employ golf course architects for their new construction. A man who has never played before or doesn't play well, is liable to want to play a lot more golf on an interesting, well laid-out course than on some sun burned, dry, and unimaginative 18. And, above all, the soldier who is healthfully playing a round of golf will be one less soldier who might be on a street corner, in a bar, or trying to drive an automobile a thousand miles on a week-end pass, a practice which has resulted in an alarming loss of life and limb to service men in traffic accidents.

Morale-wise, a long putt "clunking" into the cup goes a good long way towards keeping anybody happy and contented!



SWEETHEART IS PRO SHOP PATRON

Carolyn Stroupe, West Palm Beach, Fla., becomes a buyer in Harry Obitz' pro shop at Fred Waring's Shawnee Inn CC, Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa. Harry claims that into his pro shop come the world's most beautiful women golf customers.

Harry's interest in the pulchritudinous patrons is strictly platonic. He carries on a deep love affair with the shop cash register.

Miss Stroupe in the nation's "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi," the fraternity that has in addition to its formal roster, a million barbershop choral auxiliaries.

USGA GIVES RIGHT ANSWER

Q. Am I correct in thinking that "Green Committee", and "Green fee" are correct, and that to add an "s" is an error?

A. "Green Committee" and "green fee" are correct.

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