

Soil Conditioner Effects

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dries out and gets harder faster than the treated greens. Treated soil seems to be able to hold proper amounts of water as well as take it.

5. We are always able to get water into the root zone of the treated greens with little or no run-off at the rate we apply it. On No. 3 we have lots of run-off before we get the proper depth of penetration (when we get it).

6. On the par 3 tees (which we treated at 1 lb./100 sq. ft. and roto-tilled 3 in. deep) the story as well as his overall opinion is given by W. P. Anderson: "Turf recovery on our par 3 tees is exceptionally fast. On these tees the condition of the turf is actually better than on the par 4 tees which were not treated. The turf on our practice tee is also Krilium treated but, as on the par 3's recovery is unusually fast."

Pro. George Gargovitch said: "From the point of view of management and the golfer there is another advantage in the treated greens at North Ridge. On these greens play can be resumed as early as 3 hours after a heavy rainfall."

The direct material cost of Krilium ran approximately \$284 per 10,000 sq. ft. This was at the price of \$1.44/lb. Altogether our records show we spent less than \$5,000.00, including all labor costs, in the treatment of 17 greens, five 3 par tees and the practice tee and the practice putting green.

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New Supt., Frank Emery, Adds To Story

"I took over as Supt., on Bell's recommendation, in July, 1955, after Ed Knight left to build some more courses for Bell.

"Water penetration on the greens is everything one could ask for. Response to fertilization is very fast. Plugs taken as recently as one week ago show the roots well below 12 in. except on No. 3 where they are about 6 in. deep.

"Water penetration is not nearly as good on this untreated green and the cup is not as easily changed. We have had no compaction on the treated greens and they hold shots very well even when on the dry side. This past winter we have had one of the worst rainfall years on record. All courses in the area, with the exception of North Ridge, were shut down for varying lengths of time. We were not shut down even for one day. Our greens show excellent surface and internal drainage."

Wichita Pro Tells of Weather's Evil Blow

This spring's weather has been no bargain for pros in many sections. In checking up on the effect of the weather on play and pro shop sales, we wrote Gene O'Brien, pro at Rolling Hills CC, Wichita, Ks., among other fellows.

From many of the pros we got bad reports about rain and cold knocking down pro sales but Gene said the blow he and other Central Plains pros have been suffering came from the wind. Here's his report:

As I sit here in the old pro shop gazing out over my vacant and wind-blown course, I can hear the faint moan of a gentle 60 mile breeze. It isn't a hurricane Mable, it's only a breeze. I am a bit bitter about the weather out here in the vast plains.

During the past six or seven months we have been talking about the windy, windy weather but few of us pro boys can do anything about it. It's nothing to turn on my pro shop radar set and catch a foursome of Omaha golfers wending their way toward Oklahoma City at 2,000 feet. We usually have three or four acres of Colorado dirt flying at 500 feet to zero. Sounds like I might be stretching things a little? It's nothing for a group of my players to be blown to Kansas City one day and catch a 70 miler back the next day. Press bets at 2,000 feet is something new.

The sale of items such as chains to tie your cart up while you shoot, special concrete shoes to hold you steady while you swing, pencils for writing in dust and winds up to 70 miles per hour—things like these are going real well. The golf equipment, not so hot.

Wind Wobbles Cups

You folks out of the wind country can appreciate how tough it is to just hit the ball. Out here, the cup even wobbles around in the green. I know you won't believe that statement but, it does seem to move a little now and then.

Driving into some of our more breezier days you don't worry so much about what happens to the ball after you hit it just as long as it doesn't blow back and hurt you. We had a fellow the other day who teed off and wound up just 150 yards off line and just 100 yards back from where he started. He was tickled to death; it was the first 250 yard drive he ever hit. But anyway, with his slice he never did get there.

I am one pro who declared a disaster area for my 18 holes. Ike being a golfer and from the mid-west may show me some sympathy when I file my disaster claim.

I have always talked and griped about the weather but just couldn't ever get enough ahead when the weather was good to get out. Sure, I know that the weather is going to change one of these days. It always does about ten times a day. My father told me that 25 years ago and his father before his father told him

the same thing. Tomorrow in this part of the country is always going to be a better day. That's one reason why the folks around here are such patient people.

Develops "Weather" Swing

I have developed a new "lean-to" and "lean-against" type golf swing for the unusual windy weather we have been having. I am not going to disclose it until I happen to need \$10,000, which is right now. So here is my secret; with the lean-to swing for winds that are blowing your nose backwards, you bend forward until the clubhead has just enough room to get under your nose. You must grip down on the club of course.

On the lean-against swing where the wind is whipping your billfold around something awful, you lean over backward until you can just barely see the ball. Use a longer club, of course, and in some cases a pretty high tee.

If I seem a little bitter I am a little bitter. I haven't given up yet. I'm keeping my old chin up and getting a face full of dust but I'm not giving up.

The wind is now steadying down a little as the sun goes down in the west. We can't see it go down but I haven't heard of it going down in any other direction. It's a funny thing, the wind never blows at night or on Mondays.

Foundation Distributes Chart on Golf Rules

A new 23 in. by 35 in. wall chart on the Rules of Golf is being distributed by the National Golf Foundation at 50 cents a copy, according to an announcement by Rex McMorris, executive vp of the Foundation.

Designed as an aid to promoting smoother, more enjoyable play and greater respect for golf courses through the painless education of players in the basic rules and courtesies of the game, the new chart is attractively printed in two colors, on heavy paper, and is illustrated with 58 humorous cartoons taken from the Foundation's popular pocket-size booklet, "The Easy Way To Learn Golf Rules."

Don't Know Rules

According to McMorris, the popularity of golf has grown so fast in recent years that many players annually explode onto golf courses without first being exposed to traditional rules and courtesies of the game.

The new "Easy Way To Learn Golf Rules" Wall Chart may be obtained at 50 cents a copy (postpaid) from the National Golf Foundation, 407 South Dearborn st., Chicago 5, Ill. All orders should be accompanied by check or money order.

The Babe Wants You To Help Her Help Others

During June there's a drive on to raise money for the cancer detection and treatment program that was started right after Babe Zaharias was told she had cancer.

Golf wants to make a good showing in this fund raising. So many of us in golf know Babe. We know how this valiant girl is driving herself to put over this campaign.

There is no use kidding ourselves; action has got to be quick on this deal and men golfers usually are not much good at this sort of a project.

It takes women's golf committees to put across this fund raising drive. They know how to get men and women to contribute.

If the professional will bring this matter to the attention of the head of the women's golf committee at each club plans can be made and put into action quickly to raise money for the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Fund, Inc.

Headquarters for the fund is at University Station, Galveston, Tex.

Michigan PGA Raises \$3300 for Pros' Families

Michigan Section PGA staged a pro-amateur at Grand Rapids May 7 as a memorial to Ted Lemanski, Danny Nowack and Eddie Van Popering, three PGA members who drowned.

Kent CC and Green Rdige CC got the play of 284 who paid the \$10 entry fee. Others paid and didn't play. Expenses were assumed by the Michigan PGA members and their amateur friends.

Families of each of the deceased professionals received \$1100.

Green Ridge CC offered its course when Cascade Hills CC became unplayable, due to weather conditions. Green Ridge manager, Bruce Matthews, and pro, Bob Lavacek, and club officials, Grand Rapids and Detroit newspapermen and sportscasters and Detroit district pros and came over for the tournament, were named by Maurie Wells, chmn. of the event, as deserving special thanks of the pros and amateurs who organized the event.