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Grau's Answers

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ing. If the soil is weedy the greens will be weedy. A good supt. could give you clean greens by building a supply of sterilized top-dressing.

Sandy loam is highly desirable for drainage and aeration and to reduce compaction. A clay soil quickly becomes sealed against infiltration of water and nutrients.

Soil and grass benefit from periodic cultivation. New fresh growth always is more disease resistant than old plants. Machines that remove thatch at the same time they cultivate and aerate very effectively stimulate new fresh growth in the places where the old plants had been. Topdressing fills in all the small depressions, makes the putting surface smoother and helps the grass to heal more quickly.

The statement, ". . . a test . . . revealed that the pH is too high," cannot be accepted at face value. The actual pH figure should be stated. Many excellent bent greens are in play, growing on soils of pH 8.0 to 8.5. Adequate nutrition with non salt-forming fertilizers will help you grow good grass with soil of high alkalinity.

Arizona CMAA Aids Turf Research

In the last two years the Arizona Club Managers Assn. has turned over \$4,500 to the Experimental Station of the University of Arizona for turfgrass research. Funds have come from the Arizona chapter's treasury as well as from clubs which have made contributions at the urging of the CMAA. At the Station, researchers are experimenting with 80 varieties of grass grown in various soils and under different weather conditions in an effort to supplement Bermuda that does not hold up throughout the entire year.

Women's Western Amateur

The 61st consecutive amateur tournament of the Women's Western GA will be played July 31-Aug. 5 at the Annandale GC, Pasadena, Calif. The entry deadline is July 24. The field will be limited to 128 players.

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