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of the Bermuda belt to insure winter survival. When this isn't possible, a departure from normal preparation for winter overseeding is in order. Usually, normal preparation consists of heavy cultivation of the greens to provide as close to a soft seedbed as can be obtained on established turf. This assures germination of overseeded winter grass, but it also tears the Bermuda turf, weakening it at a time of the year when it is unable to recover. Obviously, weakened turf can't withstand the ravages of extreme cold, dehydration, constant traffic and the competition of winter grass.

The few supts. who didn't lose unmulched Bermuda last winter reported several facts in common. Very little or no cultivation was carried on within a month of the onset of the dormancy period. Preparation for overseeding was accomplished not by bringing soil up to the surface, but by topdressing. Bermuda was allowed to grow higher in the late stages of the growing season. This encouraged a deeper root growth and provided some insulation against the cold. This general practice requires more topdressing material than normally, but more than pays for itself by providing a stronger plant that can resist sub-zero weather.

Twenty-Four Men in Running for PGA Home Pro Award

Twenty-four PGA sections each have nominated one of their members for the 1963 Home-pro-of-the-year award. A committee of amateur golfers will select the national winner after sifting the list of sectional nominees. Presentation of the award will be made at the annual president's dinner, to be held in Palm Beach, Fla. on Dec. 3, during the PGA's 47th annual meeting.

Tom Lo Presti, Haggin Oaks GC, Sacramento, Calif., was the home pro award winner for 1962. The PGA adopted the custom of naming its leading professional for the year in 1955 when the late Bill Gordon, Tam O'Shanter CC, Niles, Ill., was selected. Since then the award has gone to the following: Harry Shepard, Elmira, N. Y.; Dugan Aycock, Lexington, N. C.; Harry Pezzullo, Northbrook, Ill.; Eddie Duino, San Jose, Calif.; Warren Orlick, Orchard Lake, Mich.; and Don Padgett, Muncie, Ind.

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