

El Rio Hails Its Superintendent for Feat in Converting Greens

El Rio CC, Tucson, recently held an "Otto Appreciation Days" tournament, in recognition of the work its supt., Otto Grieshaber, has done in converting the club's greens to Tifgreen (328). The event was over 18 holes on a Saturday and Sunday and consisted of a 36-hole best-ball twosome in A, B and C classes. The entry fee of \$5 covered prizes and a gift for the supt. Numerous members who couldn't play paid the \$5.

Art Snyder, supt., Paradise Valley CC, Phoenix, describes what Grieshaber has done at El Rio:

"In spring of '61, Otto determined to give his members putting pads that would be better than their common Bermudagrass greens," Art says. "He began by sprigging five acres with Tifgreen, then used it as a practice area. Then, in the spring of 1962, Otto built a new practice green which was overseeded with Seaside in the fall. The members loved it and wanted 18 greens like it. So they dug into their pockets to change the first nine in spring of 1963. "Otto gassed out the old Bermuda on nine greens and removed all top growth from a portion of the five acre practice area. He skinned a thin layer (barely ¹/₄ in. thick) from this area and laid it on the lightly topdressed first nine greens.

"Seemingly overnight these areas became beautiful 328 greens and the amazed and delighted members wanted the second nine given the same treatment. So, they dug into their pockets again.

"Almost before the members could realize it the second nine was completed. The first green had been gassed out June 12 and all 18 of the new greens were in play Aug. 8."

The members promptly celebrated by playing the "Otto Appreciation Days" tourney Aug. 10 and 11,

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