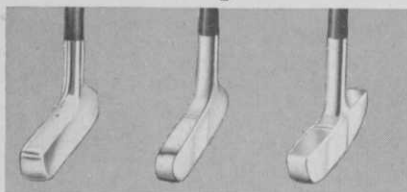


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Hammond Reports Signs of Winterkill Buildup

Late in January, Franklin Hammond, supt. of Colonial CC, Lynnfield, Mass., observed a condition that has him worried and which was viewed with apprehension by a number of supts. at the GCSA conference.

Said Hammond: “Late in January, turf in the Boston area turned green and began growing rapidly. Most of the snow cover had melted. North and east slopes showed vigorous growth and turned dark green. The top inch of soil was free of frost and the turf was lush. If it had been possible to transport greenmowers over the course I would have been inclined to mow.

Weather Pattern Threatening

“The weather pattern does not look good for a gradual hardening of the new growth. The northwest wind will dry the top inch of soil unless we get a good rain or some snow. I’m afraid we’re in for trouble.”

What do other supts. in the northern part of the country think about this situation?

At Philadelphia, supts. of New England courses and those in the central states told of noting conditions similar to those Hammond had seen at his course. Generally, the supts. thought that vigilance in watering early and adequately might prevent another winterkill recurrence such as they had in 1963.

Schmutte Elected Seniors President

Leonard B. Schmutte, pro at Findlay (O.) CC, has been elected president of the Seniors section of the PGA. Schmutte moves up from the first vice-presidency to succeed William Mitchell, pro at Onondaga CC in Fayetteville, N.Y. Mitchell was elected honorary president succeeding the late Horton Smith. Other newly elected PGA senior officers are Cliff Good of Midland (Mich.) CC, first vice-president and Harry I. Moffitt of Heather Downs CC, Toledo, O. second vice-president. Paul E. Erath of Laurel Valley GC in Ligonier, Pa. was re-elected for a third term as secretary-treasurer.

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