

ing the height of cut that provides the best playing surface over the longest period of time. When grass growth is slow due to heat we favor the plan of skipping a mowing now and then to "rest" the grass. Changing the height of cut will cause a change in the "crown" of the turf which will have to be altered again after summer heat is over.

Q.—Our club is in an area where we can't depend on bermuda yet the cool-season grasses are unsatisfactory in the heat of summer. We were advised to plant Meyer Zoysia. We did this but the golfers don't like it. They say that they can't get a firm stance. Have you any suggestions?

(Kansas)

A.—There are excellent zoysia tees in your area. My guess is that, 1) your mowers are set too high, 2) the grass is soft from excess water, 3) you may be using too much inorganic nitrogen. These practices may help: 1) mow at 1/2 inch with a heavy putting green mower. Remove clippings. The grass may show browning for a short time. It will recover. 2) Fertilize exclusively with a true slow-release nitrogen plus potash. Zoysia needs very little phosphorus. Use about six lbs. nitrogen a year. 3) Lay off the water. Meyer is a very drought tolerant grass. When purplish spots begin to show—water. 4) Topdress with sandy material to true the surface, to firm it, and to avoid scalping. •

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