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7. Renovation by plowing, while trying to keep the course in play, seems rather impractical.

All in all it would seem that your course needs to be studied rather carefully by a turfgrass specialist who is thoroughly familiar with your conditions. Then it will be possible to set up a program that will produce the desired results. This I can not do from here.

Q.—For several years we have had U-3 bermudagrass tees. They are excellent for about three months, but the members are disgusted with them from early spring until sometime in June. We are considering cool-season grasses but we can't decide whether we should go to bent or to bluegrass. What is your opinion?

(Maryland)

A.—To go the bent route you would, in effect, have another set of putting greens. You would use Penncross and manage it in a similar fashion to your greens. With your labor situation I would advise against bent.

The newer bluegrasses can tolerate close mowing much better than the old common Kentucky bluegrass. They are much more resistant to diseases and they respond better to fertilizer applications. I would recommend serious consideration of starting a sod nursery of a blend of the best of the new bluegrasses so that you can strip the bermuda this fall and replace with your own bluegrass sod.

Under daily management you would mow at one-half inch only the small teeing area to be used that day. The rest of the tee would be cut at 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches to favor the bluegrass. Occasional close mowing will do no harm as long as the grass can grow again to a proper height.