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your crabgrass mowed and very short, fertilize it and keep it well watered and pretend that it is the ideal fairway grass, at least until late fall when your top-level management decides that you have been trying to tell them something; 2) start cutting 8 to 10 pounds of tall fescue per thousand square feet into your crabgrass fairways with a modern scarifier-seeder. This is best done in August when the weather is hot. This is the time that tall fescue germinates best and becomes established before winter. Later seedings may only partially survive the winter.

Under your conditions, the second choice has the chance to provide the fairway turf desired by your members even under a "pinch-penny" budget. Provide six pounds of N a year (per 1,000 square feet), irrigate seldom, keep mowers sharp. I've seen crabgrass choke a good turf of tall fescue.

### In search of arbitration

**Q**—In spite of extensive research, many conferences, after-hours discussions and shall we say arguments, we still seem to have wide differences about soil texture, sand sizes, drainage and other features. We can't seem to agree on how best to grow perfect turf. Is there a board of arbitration? Is there a final judgment? How can these differences be resolved? (Oklahoma)

**A**—Let me assure you, you have not reached that point of final judgment. To many, unfortunately, "sand" is still "sand," even though one sample contains 10 per cent clay; the other 0.5 per cent clay, even though both screen out the same.

The best solution that I can see for the future is: 1) more research, 2) regional conferences of scientists to iron out the discrepancies and 3) more study and awareness of current data by architects, builders and superintendents. There seems to be a lack of understanding of the data that has been presented by scientific research. In some cases the deficiency has been interpretation of data. Let's face it, we still have a long way to go. □



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