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#### Response of three bluegrasses to varied temperatures

Growth and carbohydrate storage of three *Poa Pratensis* L. strains as influenced by temperature.

V.B. Youngner and F.J. Nudge. 1968. Crop Science. 8:455-457. (from the Department of Agronomy, University of California at Riverside, Riverside, Calif. 92502).

In this study three Kentucky bluegrass cultivars were evaluated in relation to their response to varying temperatures. The responses evaluated were shoot growth, turfgrass density and total available carbohydrate accumulation. The varieties included in the test were 0217 Fylking, Merion and Newport. Various day-night temperature combinations ranging from 45° to 80° F. were utilized in the experiment.

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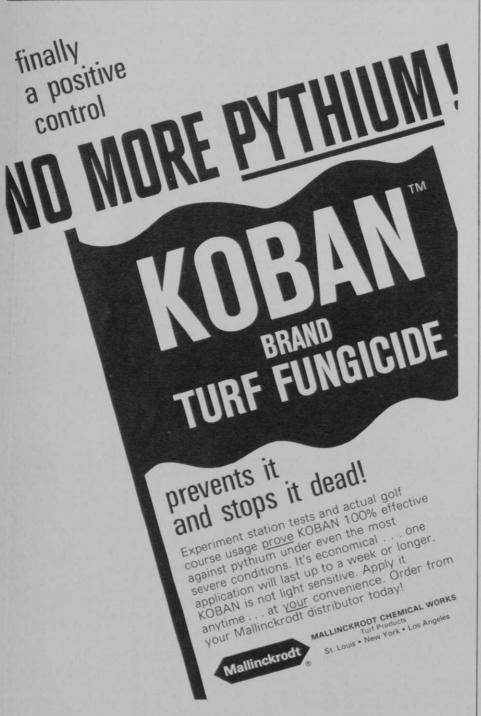
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lation to the three turfgrass cultivars was observed. Merion and 0217 Fylking produced higher densities at higher temperatures whereas Newport produced the highest shoot density at lower temperatures. The density of 0217 Fylking was higher than either of the other two cultivars

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included in the study. Carbohydrate accumulation in all three cultivars was greatest at the lower temperatures, with Newport not being able to accumulate as high a level of reserve carbohydrates as the other two cultivars. Shoot growth was the highest at the higher temperatures for all three cultivars.

Comments: It is evident from



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distinct adaptation to cooler temperatures as indicated by tillering and carbohydrate accumulation. In contrast, both Merion and 0217 Fylking had exhibited better adaptation to warmer temperatures. This more favorable adaptation to higher temperatures was evident in terms of tillering, rate of shoot growth and carboaccumulation. These hydrate comparative responses of different cultivars of Kentucky bluegrass to high versus low temperature regimes should be considered in selecting the turfgrass variety or varieties to be used in a given climatic situation. 

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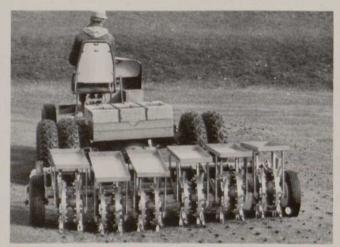
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# Answers to turf questions

by Fred V. Grau

## Do you know your superintendent?

One concept of the golf course superintendent conjures up the image of a man who usually can be found at the barn, who smells of gasoline and oil, who messes around with grubby things like topdressing and foul-smelling chemicals, who topdresses the greens the day before an important tournament and who insults members by enforcing club rules concerning carts. Is this accurate? Hardly!

Another, more modern, concept of the golf course superintendent brings to mind quite a different picture. He wears a white shirt, a tie and a jacket and drives a clean car to supervise operations. He has an office, a phone, filing cabinets and a secretary when needed. He knows members at sight at a distance and calls them by name when they play by.

Every plant, tree and flower on the golf course he knows by name and he can tell you when it was planted. He can tell you when the purple martins are due, when the wood ducks nest, when the quail are mating and why the bluebirds stay a few days and then move on! When the squirrels dig up the crocus bulbs and chew holes into the attic of the president's house, he calmly takes appropriate action. He is busy every hour of every day but takes things in his stride.

His records show every detail of reseeding and plugging the fairways, of renovating the tees, fertilizing, what happened when the roughs were sprayed for weeds. Not a detail escapes him. He is concerned when differences of opinion arise among his employees, when he loses men to industry, when there isn't enough help to do the job. He practices public relations every hour, every day he is on the job.

When a mower is out of adjustment his practiced eye detects the flaws in the turf and corrective measures are taken at once. He knows when a green is slow or fast just by watching a player's ball from a distance. He is ever mindful of the comforts and the desires of the members. Some players, of course, cannot be pleased.

He is friendly with the golf professional; with the caddie master, with the club manager and consults frequently with the chairman of the green committee. He invites research people, fellow superintendents and friends from industry to have lunch with him in the clubhouse—at the club's expense. He plays enough golf so that he knows how to manage the course to please the players. He takes time to visit surrounding *continued on page 30* 

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experiment stations and other golf clubs. Conferences and field days are planned in advance and he takes the time and trouble to become involved in his local chapter and in the national association.

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So, how well do you know your superintendent? Do you, the chairman or the president, encourage your superintendent to develop these many-sided skills and talents? Let us not forget that today's golf course superintendent is a mighty important person and, as he involves himself more and more, he becomes very nearly the indispensable employee.

Q.-We have wondered about the apparent conflict between increased emphasis on irrigation of fairways and the possibility of developing improved grasses for nonirrigated fairways. Aren't we pulling in different directions? Isn't there a middle ground?

(Indiana)

A.-Because of the great pressure generated by the expansion of irrigation systems (no pun intended), research leans strongly toward solving the extra problems brought on by irrigation of turf not designed to utilize excess water. These problems are immediate and they have been brought on by demands of club members for green turf. Research had not precontinued on page 32



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