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Congratulations are again in order to Ray Knapp for the excellent job that he has done for the GMO. His dedication reflects so very much on our profession.

Ray's stand on the use of sand for top dressing cannot be questioned after once seeing his greens. They are for certain, an excellent putting surface.

Personally, it is a dilemma for old courses such as the Milwaukee Country Club. If only we had a crystal ball and could see into the future, our decision would be easier.

Ray, according to the following article, realized a potential problem and headed it off by using sand. But, what if you don't really have a soil problem? Can you justify its use only for the sake of a fast putting surface?

Each individual will have to, in the end, make his own decision. It is a complex situation. It started with Ray Knapp's excellent result, and the sand symposium. We all have ideas on this subject. Some good points and

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some reservations. Write about them and contribute your ideas, which are backed up by field experience. In this way we will help each other make this decision when and if it becomes necessary.

To get the ball rolling, here is a letter Ray had submitted to his greens committee in 1975.

TO: Grounds Committee & Board of Directors

FROM: Ray Knapp

SUBJECT: Sand Topdressing on Greens at Tuckaway

Presently Tuckaway has been using a top soil mix as top dressing on the greens. For the past three years, a lense of clay has been noted on the greens at about three inches below the surface. Last year this layer caused some trouble on greens 11, 2 and 4. For most golfers the problem with these wet greens was not noticed. Now is the time to start a sand top dressing program to hopefully eliminate a problem that might take five more years to become evident. We can not eliminate the clay

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