



When I was approached to write an article about some phase of golf course construction for this issue, the one thing that stood out in my mind was the large number of questions I had which had no definitive answers. As construction proceeds at the Woodmore Golf Club I will try to relate some of the decisions which we have made in future issues of HOLES NOTES.

WHO'S GOT SOME ANSWERS?

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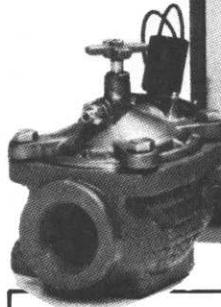
Do you know how many difficult decisions there are to be made when a new golf course is built? The long term effect for these decisions is staggering, isn't it? What is the life expectancy of a green? An irrigation system? A maintenance building? A golf course? How many golfers are going to praise or complain about decisions which are now made? Are they going to come back and play the course repeatedly because they enjoy playing it? How many superintendents are going to benefit or be troubled by things done now in construction? Are we building in unnecessary maintenance problems? Which increased expenditures made now to increase efficiency and lower maintenance costs in the future will pay for themselves? What can I project the maintenance budget to be next year? Five years from now? Twenty years from now?

If you were to build a green today, how would you do it? Would you use U.S.G.A. specifications? Would you build a "sandy" green? Which sand is appropriate? Is the cost of some of the uniform silica sands really worth it? Should I add a soil for increased Cation Exchange Capacity? If I use a uniform silica sand, am I defeating myself by adding

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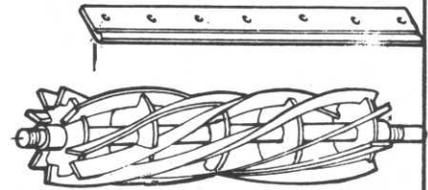
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soil and clogging it up? Should I recommend using northern peat or Sphagnum peat rather than a peat from a local source? What infiltration rate is acceptable and what will it be ten years from now? How can I keep the green from being too hard? Which grass variety will perform the best under the conditions we are expecting to have?

What about the irrigation system? What capacity do I need? What kind of a system will be the best for this golf course? Who will install it? What can I expect my maintenance costs to be? How much of the rough should be watered? Do I want to make provisions for adding to the system later? What kind of control do I want on the system?

In today's trend toward bentgrass fairways should we use a bent? If so, which one? What sort of renovation program will we need? What will be the long term maintenance cost as compared with *Poa annua*? Will I have problems with winter injury on bent? If I use a bluegrass, which mixture would be best? Can I maintain a bluegrass under the type of conditions the golfer expects to have and keep *Poa annua* out?

Are there any important questions that I have not asked myself?

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New members accepted at Board Meeting on March 8, 1983:

Steve Sheppard, Class A, Mocassin Creek, Aberdeen, S.D.; Dean Heymans, Class A, Hillsvie G.C., Pierre, S.D.; Bruce Johnson, Class A, Clifton Highlands G.C., Prescott, Wisc.; Brian Lein, Class BII, Rich Acres, Richfield; Paul S. Fjare, Class F, Brauer and Associates, Eden Prairie; Jim Lester, Class F, Egebergs Golf Cars, Minneapolis.

Reclassifications:

Mary Sisson, Class BII - Mary is the first woman superintendent in the state of Minnesota, as far as the Board knows. Mary will be at the Ironwood Golf Club in Mankato. Gregory Senst, Class A, Cannon Golf Club; Jeff Bond, Class BII, St. Cloud C.C.; Marty Matson, Class D, Minikahda Club; Joe Ganske, Class A, Spooner Golf Club; Daryl Ahlgren, Class B, Columbia Golf Club.



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