

Editorial

July's issue of your newsletter contained a short article on "Fast Greens." In the article the implication is made that if the greens are to be maintained fast, they will wind up being brown. We at the USGA Green Section do not believe this has to be the case. I have observed a number of excellent quality putting surfaces that are "fast," and the superintendent has achieved a good turf cover on the greens and a good, secure job.

The USGA Green Section is available to assist golf course superintendents and their clubs to achieve the best possible playing conditions their budgets and facilities will permit.

A number of items determine how good the playing conditions can be, and the most important is the willingness of the superintendent to consider new and/or different ideas and to change from practices that have been developed by himself, if they are not conducive to the best possible playing conditions. The USGA Green Section has the capability to assist in establishing the practices that are best for the game of golf. Pat O'Brien and myself are available to offer assistance whenever it is desired. We may be reached at 804-272-5553 or 7124 Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23225.

Sincerely,
William G. Buchanan
Mid-Atlantic Director

Once again the Annual Picnic was very successful. I'd like to take this opportunity to express my personal thanks to all of those who participated. A very special note of thanks to Paul and Jimmie Barefoot, Ben and Hilda Stagg, Dick and Marilyn Doyle, Ken Braun, Bill and Pat Emerson, Ron and Carol Hall, my wife Peggy, and our gracious host Bob Milligan, for their time and effort in making our picnic a success.

M. Larsen

New Green (from page 3)

Run irrigation system until the water penetrates to 6-8 inches.

Allow time for surface to become almost dry.

Hand rake the entire green surface with wood rakes.

Broadcast Penncross Bent Grass seed at 1 pound per M. square feet.

Roll with a light hand roller.

Sod collar with the best blue grass sod available, or seed.

Keep the surface damp for the next 3 weeks.

Scratch the bare areas with a hand rake and reseed.

Mow any time grass is long enough to cut, using a sharp walking mower.

Follow good greens maintenance procedures.

Continue to mow as long as there is growth.

Open for play the following spring.



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