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Suddenly, hard, hot showers followed by the hot sun encourages brownpatch disease. No wonder so much diseases control work was concentrated right here in the Mid-Atlantic area.

Spring in this area is rare. We jump from winter right into blazing summer. Turfgrasses come out of dormancy only to find hordes of golfers trampling them flat before they have had a chance to adjust to the new season. In milder climates turf has a longer period to strike roots deeply into the soil so the rigors of summer can be borne with reasonable success.

Then comes the drought. In variable soils that hold water with difficulty a few weeks of no rain causes havoc. Then the superintendent turns on the water. Before the turf can benefit much, up comes crabgrass and goosegrass.

SOILS in the Middle Atlantic Section are more suited to trees than to turfgrasses. The greatest advances have been made in modifying our poor soils with sand, peat and other amendments for putting greens and for tees. Fairways have to struggle on with soils that have become poorer with the years. Builders have stripped topsoil from fairways and approaches to build the greens and tees. The next result is that today we can build and manage greens and tees in a state of near perfection. The real problem areas exist in the fairways, the approaches and the collars where turf frequently is lost.

GRASSES In this area, the cool-season grasses, bluegrass and fescue, grow well in early summer and in the fall but languish during the hot summer months. As often as not they are smothered with crabgrass and goosegrass. Bentgrasses on putting greens survive better but only with TLC and pampering. Warm season grasses sometimes fail after a very severe winter. An exception is Meyer zoysia, common zoysia and some of the native and introduced Bermuda grasses.

Some of the leading putting green grasses in successful use in the Mid-Atlantic area are: C-1, C-19 combination bents, vegetated. C-1 is Arlington found at Atlantic City. C-19 is Congressional found at Congressional Country Club. Cohansey bent (C-7), vegetated, a product of Pine Valley Club is very heat tolerant; Penncross bent; old orchard (C-52), vegetated. Seaside, the old Virginia and Metropolitan, Pennly and even Washington bents are virtually out of the picture. Newer ones have been proven superior and thus the old give way to the new, Ugandagrass, vegetated, is a superfine Bermuda from Africa; Tifton 328 or Tifgreen, vegetated, is in limited use discouraged by severe winter kill two years ago.

Grasses that are satisfactory for tees are very limited. U-3 Bermuda is in use but it was hurt by winter kill two years ago. Meyer zoysia is in limited use and probably will increase in popularity as it is better understood as to management. Merion Kentucky bluegrass is perfection during the cool months but it can't take continuous use and short clip all summer. Some superintendents maintain tees, split down the middle, Bermuda or zoysia for hot weather; Merion for fall.

winter and spring. Only grasses that can thrive under close mowing can be considered for tees. At new courses farther north tees of Penncross bent are cut at 3/15" and are better than greens were 34 years ago. In Arizona tees of Ugandagrass are mowed regularly at 3/16" and the golfers love them.

Around The Mid-Atlantic

Harry Allen at Manor C.C. has been doing some grading work around his maintenance building. In the past run off water had a tendency to run into the building and collect there. He has graded around the building so that now the water will run away from the building on all sides.

Wayne Evans reports that all is going well with his new job at Indian Spring C.C. He is spending some time cleaning and straightening up his maintenance building and surrounding area.

Membership chairman Gerald Gerard reports that member Stanley Zontek, George Campbell and Marcus Pleasants are now retired.

The Mid-Atlantic A.G.C.S. would like to welcome a new member:

George L. Cornell, Jr., 7656 Westlake Terrace
Bethesda, Md. 20034 — Class F

Congratulations are due Jack Montecalvo for taking 2nd place low gross with a score of 171 and Ken Braun for taking 2nd place low net with a score of 154 at the GCSAA tournament in Mexico.

Position Available:

Swan Creek C.C. in Havre De Grace, Md. is looking for a Superintendent.

Assistant golf course superintendent is wanted for a new golf course under construction. Will be responsible to the superintendent. Education — turf school graduate or equivalent. Salary \$10,500.00 to \$12,000.00. Please contact Gerald Luttrell, Superintendent, Prince George Country Club, Pinebrook Ave., Landover, Md. 20785

Assistant Superintendent trainee position is available at Springfield Golf & C.C., will be responsible to the Superintendent, salary \$12,500.00 to \$13,500.00 depending on experience, must be a 2 or a 4 year turf graduate with 2 years experience. Send resumes to Walter Montross, Springfield G & C.C., 8301 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield, Va. 22152, Phone 703-451-6619.

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