

Meadow Fescue

IF IT were not for the fact that thru accident or thru intentional adulteration the clubs sometimes get meadow fescue we would not mention this article as the species has no place on the course. It is strictly a field or pasture grass. The seed is much larger than the seeds of other fescues and is easily distinguished.

Meadow fescue has been used as an adulterant of rye grass when the price has been cheaper. Just at this writing the price is quite a little higher so if any adulteration was attempted it would be the other way. Meadow fescue has been used by some questionable dealers as a substitute for red and chewings. Just recently we ran across a fairway mixture which contained 25% meadow fescue. The club had ordered a mixture containing that amount of chewings. The price of meadow fescue at that time was 15 cents—the price of chewings 35 cents per lb.

Rye Grass

IN THIS genus we find the following species that are of interest:

Lolium Perenne—English or Perennial Rye Grass

Lolium Perenne Var. Pacey-Pacey's Rye Grass

Lolium Italicum-Italian Rye Grass

THESE are coarse grasses and have but little use on the Northern courses. In the south, Italian rye grass is looked upon as a winter annual and is sown on Bermuda grass turf. It is also used on the Southern putting greens. For any purpose where rye grass is to be used one species is as good as another so the purchaser should therefore choose the least expensive, quality of course considered.

In the previous years our sources of supply were the British Isles, New Zealand and Denmark but during recent years quite a rye grass industry has developed in our own state of Oregon. This domestic seed is a mixture of English and Italian. The price has always been below that of imported seed. The imported seed is generally cleaner as a great deal of the domestic seed runs with a heavy weed seed contents especially tarweed and rat's tail fescue but where clean domestic seed can be obtained there is no use paying a premium for the imported.

Pacey's rye grass is nothing but the small seeds of English rye. It brings a premium because of its small size.

Mid-West Meets at Bryn Mawr

FORTY-FIVE greenkeepers of the district were guests of genial greenkeeper Jim Bedoni August 6 at Bryn Mawr Country Club.

Many compliments were paid Mr. Bedoni upon the results which he has achieved during his seven years' sojourn at this course which was laid out and constructed by Langford and Moreau Ltd. The flat piece of real estate was moulded into a beautiful rolling terrain.

The original greens sowing was to fescue and bent. During the past few years the grass is being changed to vegetative bent by plugging. The progress is slow but the preferred bent will eventually cover the greens.

Following a luncheon served thru the generosity of the club, President John MacGregor called a business meeting. The first topic to be considered was the next Mid-West Greenkeepers' Tournament to be held during September.

The Walker Cup Team Matches were mentioned by Mr. MacGregor, greenkeeper of the Chicago Golf Club at Wheaton, Illinois, where these contests will be held, August 30, September 1 and 2. The suggestion that members of the association should patrol the galleries was approved. It was thought that about sixteen men would be needed for this service each day.

