

Through The Past Summer's Drought

Greenkeepers of America describing ways and means of
d conditions. Fairway watering is coming.

in business. Grass is like humanity—it demands service. But it doesn't always get it, and then it falls down on us and we fail too.

Greetings to the fraternity down east. Hope to see all of you at Columbus.

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Oakwood Has Been Fortunate

OAKWOOD Club, Cleveland Heights, is situated in the humid-arid region. This year I fear we shall be classified as semi-arid so far as our rainfall measures to date. However, as most years average pretty much the same we may expect much liquid refreshment ere the year is out.

Our greens and tees we have kept in good condition through night watering. Having no equipment for fairway watering prayer was our only recourse and while not altogether successful in our appeal yet we have much to be thankful for.

Having a heavy clay soil which holds the film water to a greater degree than lighter soils, plus the fact that when thoroughly established in clay soil grass is deep-rooted and vigorous, we have practically no dead grass on our fairways.

Knowing that clay soil cracks with continuous dry weather causing a further loss of water by admittance of air, I was considerably surprised to find practically no cracking of the ground, which I credit to good drainage installed some five years ago. Prior to that date after a few weeks of drought cracks sufficiently large to insert one's fingers were common.

From this year's drought we learn a lesson as to the resisting power of the various grasses. Personally I find the velvet bent, of which we have many patches throughout the fairways, the first to show signs of distress. I also find it does not respond to slight showers as quickly as, say, fescue.

Another point we have to bear in mind is that while in past years the rainfall, while much heavier, has frequently not been evenly distributed—that is we have a surplus in the form of thunder showers, and while credited with a certain number of inches

of rainfall in a given time we have not benefited to the extent of less rainfall when more evenly and frequently distributed.

However, should our golf clubs desire to avoid a repetition of baked fairways, with the resultant sole blisters, we greenkeepers will be only too glad to install a sprinkling system when they so desire.

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Bunker Wants To Know

I HAVE a question I wish someone would answer. Do greens become immune to brown patch? I have nine greens six years old and a new nine two years old. I have had brown patch on the new nine just ten times and in the old nine twice and not bad then. Do greens become immune (they are all Washington) from the same sod.

I cannot understand how our greens stood up

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