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faced with the probability that brown patch will claim a large percentage of their greens annually. Greenkeeping is in its infancy, however, in this state and little has been learned of the prevailing peculiar conditions.

According to Jack G. Ashworth of the El Rio Golf and Country Club of Tucson, greenkeeping is anything but a pleasant pastime what with transient labor, a galaxy of insect pests, rodents, almost no rain, and a temperature which soars above one hundred and twenty-five degrees in the summer months. This year was especially hard on Arizona because even its little rainfall was late and short.

Coming back to California we find that after a winter with subnormal rains this year, cool weather prevailed until July and August when a sudden hot spell aroused considerable anxiety on the part of greenkeepers as to the welfare of the finer grasses. Heavy application of preventatives saved most of the greens from the ravages of brown patch, although some of the inland courses suffered heavily.

During the present season the disadvantages of Bermuda grass, *capriola dactylon*, as a turf maker become increasingly apparent. This plant, popularly known as devil grass, provides a good playing mat throughout the early summer, but then sends out long, coarse runners which, if they be on a green, must be painstakingly dug out, else they cause the ball to hop.

Besides this, Bermuda turns yellow and brittle in the winter so that whole fairways look parched even though they receive plenty of water. In some sections of the state there seems to be little that can be done about it since it inevitably chokes out all other grasses. It thrives on hot sun and lots of water.

In and around Los Angeles, greenkeepers are polishing their courses in preparation for the midwinter tournaments when most of the golf notables flock to this district for the glittering prizes offered. Present indications point to the Wilshire Country Club as the venue of the next Los Angeles Open tournament. It was played here in 1928 when the canny MacDonald Smith led the pack over its gilt-edged layout situated in one of the most expensive districts of the state.

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Another Scot, Robert S. Greenfield, is the greenkeeper here and is now serving his second consecutive year as president of the Southern California Greenkeepers' Association.

Still another Scotchman, James A. Lyon, greenkeeper at Flintridge Country Club in Pasadena, California, hung up some kind of a record for this territory when he reported a practice green ready for play just four weeks after the grass seed was planted.

## Pressler Appointed Finance Chairman

John Pressler, veteran greenkeeper of the Allegheny Country Club, Pittsburgh, has been appointed chairman of the Finance committee of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America.

Announcement of this appointment was made last week by Colonel John Morley, president of the Association. Mr. Pressler is extremely well equipped to fill this important position.

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