

Central Plains Turfgrass Report

Zoysia Fine On Kansas Golf Course

An experiment of using zoysia for tees and fairways at the Alvamar public golf course in Lawrence, Kan., is proving popular with golfers, course maintenance personnel and club managers. The superintendent and part-owner of the course reported this experience at the 20th Central Plains Turfgrass Conference at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

Mel Anderson, reporting on his club's use of zoysia, said golfers particularly like the way the upright zoysia fairways "tee up" the ball better than other grasses. The zoysia on the Lawrence course also has demonstrated winter hardiness and excellent resistance to disease.

The Lawrence Alvamar course is the only complete zoysia golf course in this area and possibly in the country, Anderson said.

Anderson and his partners planted 62 acres of the zoysia tees and fairways in 1967. The course has been open for play since May 15, 1968, providing two full seasons of activity on the new grass. "So far we are very pleased with the results," Anderson said.

Other subjects discussed during the golf course session included automatic irrigation and the activities and duties of professional superintendents.

In another session of the turfgrass professionals, a panel of three university professors discussed a variety of topics. Dr. William Lobenstein, University of Missouri, spoke on dew, guttation and inoculation of turfgrasses; Dr. David Whitney, Kansas State University, spoke of nitrogen in the soil; and Dr. A. E. Dudeck, University of Nebraska, discussed roadside and highway turf.

One hundred and thirty-five persons registered for the conference.



Cedric Johnson, center, superintendent of the park and recreation maintenance for the Wichita Board of Park Commissioners, is the newly elected president of the Central Plains Turfgrass Foundation. D. W. Adams, right, superintendent of the Topeka Country Club, is vice-president, and Ray Keen, Kansas State University horticulturist, is the re-elected secretary. The men were selected at the organization's recent conference on the KSU campus.

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