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NEWSLETTER

June 1961

The June meeting of the Golf Course Supt. Association was held at the Runaway Brook Country Club, Bolton, Mass. It was the Supt. - Chairman meeting with one of the largest turnouts in the long history of the association. Over 300 Supts., and Chairman and dealers were in attendance, with 210 playing golf.

Many compliments were paid to Bob Grant, Course Supt. and Mr. Albert Surprenant of the Surprenant Mfg. Co. for the orderliness of the equipment, the housekeeping in and outside of the building and the quality of maintenance on the course. The Jeff Cornish layout proved interesting and a true test of golf for everyone that played.

While many of the visitors stood with their mouths agape when they saw all of the equipment, I heard no one say that they thought it was too much but rather that if their own clubs would give them a reasonable portion, they could improve their quality of maintenance and might even surprise the clubs by economies they could effect with bigger, better, and proper equipment.

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It is Poa seed but is it annua, or Merion?

In May, bluegrasses make seed, and two of the grasses widely found on golf courses are Merion bluegrass and annual (Poa annua) bluegrass...the former is a desirable turfgrass and the latter is "that good looking weedy pest" that plagues the northern courses.

It is a widely known fact that Poa annua seeds profusely in Spring under any height of cut...it is not such common knowledge that Merion bluegrass also produces seed under low heights of cut. Merion bluegrass does produce a seedhead somewhat like annua, being a member of the Poa family, but close inspection of blade and seedhead will tell the story...it isn't all Poa annua just because it produces seedheads under close mowing.

From the U. S. G. A. Turfletter

Rhode Island University, Kingston, R. I.

August 23 Exhibits of Golf and Fine Turfgrass

August 24 Exhibits of Lawn and Utility Grass Problems

The July meeting will be held July 10, 1961 at the Framingham Country Club, Framingham, Massachusetts. Your host Supt. John Sperandio.

Larchmont Engineering will demonstrate an automatic irrigation system from 11 to 12 A. M.

Lunch will be served 12 to 1 P. M.
Business meeting from 1 to 2 P. M.
Golf after

Please send your return card indicating your attendance if you plan on eating at the golf club as soon as possible. Please help your host plan by doing your part.

Obtaining clubs for our meetings is more of a problem each year especially on Mondays when most kitchen facilities are closed. Would some other day be a better time for our meeting?

The editor - Dick Blake

PENNCROSS GREENS

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To the best of my knowledge, the Nashawtuc C. C. is the first Country Club in Massachusetts to have all its greens planted to Penncross Bent.

As of now, it is far too early for me to judge this new strain on its qualities. But from all observations so far, it looks like it might come in a winner.

One of its superior features is its short period of time needed for germination. In our particular case, it germinated in three days and I do know that if I had kept the water to it longer and more often than I did, it definitely would have germinated in two days. It is also pleasing to note that it is a uniform germination over the entire seedbed. We had the untimely misfortune of having Hurricane Donna hitting us approximately ten days later. The entire putting surface held extremely well and the only severe washouts occurred on the apron of our greens where we have a sloped step on all our greens. By then it was getting too late for us to reseed all the washouts, so we put burlap bags in the washouts to control further erosion over the winter.

I should like to state the method used in seeding Penncross by us on the recommendation of Golf Course Architect Geoffrey Cornish. Looking back now, I couldn't think of a safer or more surer way than Mr. Cornish's method that we used.

After our seedbed was completely prepared with sand and soil mixture and proper amounts of fertilizer yore raked in, we hand graded all greens and rolled them once. After this ten pounds of fertilizer was added and raked in and the surface rolled again. Then using two pounds of Penncross per thousand or in our case twenty pounds per green which included our aprons, two of using Cyclone hand seeders would sow the seed in three different directions seeing that the third sowing fell completely on the playing surface. Then using wooden rakes we commenced to rake very lightly in one direction only, from the rear to the front of the green, followed up with a light rolling for a firm contact.

The seed being so minute in size, it is necessary to stress the fact that a fine nozzle spray is by far the best way to water this particular seed. Not that you can water heavily on other seeds, you can't, but extreme caution should be taken with Penncross.

This spring we have re-seeded all the greens with from two to five pounds of seed to help speed up the knitting in process for our opening date of June the third.

I welcome anyone to come and see our greens this summer after we have opened for play and maybe by then we will have had sufficient time for a further evaluation of this new strain of bent.

William J. Barrett