

and at the same time keep control of the mower. Very often these outer edges are more or less undulated; consequently they require most careful handling of the machine. The only way I know that a man can properly control a mower is by having his hands on the crossbar of the handle, and in order to do this he must have room to stand. I have always advocated first making several circular cuts around all greens, whether built up or not, to preserve the lines, if for nothing else. With these island greens, four or five such cuts will give ample room to cross-cut from any direction.

If the few simple hints described above are carried out in practice we will not see many mangled greens hereafter.

Named Strains of Creeping Bent

When in 1916 the first tests were undertaken of individual strains of bent grasses, about one hundred different selections were made. Each of these selections was given a number and a record was preserved of its origin, characteristics, date of selection, etc. In 1921 some of the best of these selections were distributed to a few golf clubs, each under its appropriate number. A year later it seemed desirable that the more promising ones be given names. To keep the record of each strain numbered and named by us, the following data are supplied. These are the only bent strains named by the Green Section up to date.

Washington Bent. No. 02986. A creeping bent selected in 1919 from No. 4 green at the Washington Golf and Country Club, near Rosslyn, Va. At the time the selection was made, the piece of turf selected was only slightly affected by brown-patch, although nearly the entire green was brown.

Metropolitan Bent. No. 02809. A creeping bent from a piece of turf sent in for identification in 1917 by a seed firm in New York City.

Virginia Bent. No. 02987. A creeping bent selected in 1919 from No. 18 green at the Washington Golf and Country Club, near Rosslyn, Va. The selection, at the time it was made, was found to be strongly resistant to brown-patch, but not immune.

Columbia Bent. No. 02529. A creeping bent selected in 1916 from Columbia Country Club, near Washington, D. C. This is the strain used to plant No. 9 green at the Columbia Country Club.

Vermont Bent. No. 02882. A creeping bent received in 1917, without any special data, from Middlebury, Vt.

Acme Bent. No. 02541. A velvet bent selected in 1919 from the grounds of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Revere Bent. No. 02511. A seaside bent from the wet salt meadows at Revere Beach, Mass., where it occurs in large areas.

Some U. S. Golf Association Decisions on the Rules of Golf

QUESTION.—Please advise us in reference to distribution of prizes in qualification. On Saturday our club had qualifying round for five sixteens medal play handicap net scores. Because a large number of our members go away over week-ends during this season of the year, we allowed them the privilege of qualifying any day during the week previous by signifying their intention to a member of the Committee. Now the question arises, Are these players eligible to win either of prizes offered, low gross and net?