

Waco, Tex., August 3, 1927.

Editor of the BULLETIN,

DEAR SIR: Noting your article in the July number of the BULLETIN, Subject *Poa annua*.

I am quite familiar with conditions in the Philadelphia district and in Texas. I have never seen a green benefited by *Poa annua*. Any grass that grows in tufts or bunches will never make a true green. I have seen it at its best (or worst) in greens in the Philadelphia district in the spring of the year and while these greens may be said to be very fair as to texture they are not true and many putts are missed by reason of their unevenness.

While I realize that in some sections and on some golf courses it grows so abundantly that it would be too expensive to eradicate it, nevertheless when it is not so abundant and the club has sufficient funds I would unquestionably advocate its removal and endeavor to keep it out. In Texas if allowed to take possession of a green, it has a very detrimental effect on the Bermuda grass, retards its growth in the spring, consumes nourishment, and develops brown patches after the Bermuda starts to grow, and while it dies down and disappears during the month of June it is a menace and should be gotten rid of if possible, and as early as possible.

It has taken us three years to eradicate it from our greens at Spring Lake Country Club here, but it has been well worth while and the cost has been money and effort well spent.

Every spring it appears in lesser quantity in the greens but we get it out and go so far as to take it out around the edges of the greens for a certain distance so that the seeds will not blow or wash onto the green, but as most of our greens are built up this is not difficult. In eradicating it we have had great success with sharp tooth rakes which not only get a good deal of the *Poa annua* out but help the Bermuda by pulling out the old runners and dead roots, and renovating; this followed by hand work completes the job. "No Sah, I am dead agin Po Anna" as our colored brothers "calls him."

Yours very truly,

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