

great competitive advantage over bent-grass and *Poa annua* mowed at two to three inches. With time, the bluegrass will come to dominate the turfgrass stand and a very satisfactory rough will be obtained.

An alternative to the scalping technique is to kill off the bent-*Poa* turf with Roundup and then renovate the area using one of the methods described above.

NARROWING FAIRWAYS for contour mowing is not the only practice that has created bent-*Poa* rough areas. Another trend has been the establishment of uniform collar widths around greens, often one width of a triplex greensmower. This has been done to cut down on the time needed to mow the collars and to reduce the total area that needs to be treated as intensively as the collars should.

Since the turf adjacent to the collars is often mowed at rough height, narrowing the collars has produced bent-*Poa* rough just a few feet from the edge of the green. The problems and solutions with this situation are nearly identical to those in rough areas adjacent to fairways. However, when the bent-*Poa* roughs adjacent to collars become diseased and scalped, they leave unsightly

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rings of unplayable turf in areas where delicate chip shots are often required. Thus, they are usually considered higher priority areas and more frequently are stripped and resodded to Kentucky bluegrass. However, any of the renovation methods already discussed can also be successfully adapted to these bent-*Poa* rough areas.

The establishment of Kentucky bluegrass in bent-*Poa* roughs may not be a pressing concern at many golf courses, but this type of renovation work need not be expensive. More important, it can contribute significantly to the appearance and playability of areas that receive a substantial amount of use by most golfers.

A wide collar of bent-Poa turf was narrowed, leaving a patchy, poorly defined rough area.

