with the ordinary greens mower that we have been using, and we find a mower with a high-speed revolving cutter will give the best results.

To sum up our experiences with this grass, we find that we have a grass which will withstand the roughest kind of treatment and will grow under almost all conditions, will recover quickly, will crowd out all weeds, and with which we are able to give our members greens all of the same color and texture and which furnish perfect putting surfaces.

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

A’s ball lies in a water hazard (not in water). After striking at the ball twice in an attempt to play it out of the hazard he still lies 4 in the hazard. Is he then permitted to lift the ball and drop it back of the hazard, taking a 1-stroke penalty as provided in Rule 27, or, having once attempted to play the ball from the hazard, must he continue to play from the hazard or give up the hole?

DECISION.—The player has the privilege of dropping the ball with the stroke penalty as provided by Rule 27 at any time and without regard to whether he has played the ball previously in the hazard.

A finds his ball so lying that a large tree is directly between the ball and the hole. The ball is not in an unplayable lie, but A thinks it would be to his advantage to consider it an unplayable ball and to go back and play his next shot from where he played the former, adding a penalty stroke to his score. Would he be within both the spirit and the letter of golfing law if he took advantage of Rule 22 and called the ball unplayable?

DECISION.—The player is the sole judge as to whether or not his ball is unplayable, and if he decides it is unplayable he may go back and play another ball, as provided for in Rule 22.

I understand that the player having the lowest net score has the honor in playing the next hole; that is, it makes no difference whether the low score was secured through a handicap stroke, a bisque, two bisques, or otherwise, so long as it is the low net for the hole.

DECISION.—The United States Golf Association has ruled on several occasions that the honor should go to the player making the lowest net score on any hole, as there is no reason why the high handicap player should not have the same honor privileges as the better player.

Topdressing fairways.—If material and labor can be made available for topdressing the fairways with compost reinforced with ammonium sulfate, the turf on the fairways will be benefitted enormously. Topdress them with loamy soil, if compost or ammonium sulfate is not available; but topdress them if you possibly can. This especially applies to the approach areas and such portions of the fairway on which a good shot from the tee will fall, say about 200 yards from the tee.

Why Fescue Does Not Make Good Putting Turf

It has long been observed that fescue is not satisfactory for putting green purposes. The reason for this is that it will not stand up under the close cutting that is necessary. This matter has been explained in some detail by Dr. R. A. Oakley in his article on “Morphology” which appeared in the “Journal of the American Society of Agronomy,” Vol. 16, No. 9, September, 1924, and from which the following is quoted:

“Putting greens must have turf of fine texture and of uniform surface. To accomplish this, close cutting is necessary and, with the modern putting green mower, it is possible literally to shave the grass down to the very surface of the ground. Because of the urge of the players for fast greens, the greenkeeper is inclined almost unknowingly to cut the grass exceedingly close. The bent grasses thrive under this treatment, but red fescue does not. The latter will withstand close cutting for a time and then in the language of the greenkeeper it ‘commences to go back.’ The common treatment has been to apply a topdressing of compost, or some quick acting nitrogenous fertilizer, or both. Careful studies have revealed the cause of the trouble. It is due to a peculiar morphological character of the red fescue plant. At the crown or base of each turfgrass plant, regardless of species, there is a short stem or axis made up of a number of unelongate internodes from which new shoots, with leaves, are continuously developing. In the bents and certain other species, these shoots may come from the very lowest buds. In the case of red fescue, the shoots that make the turf are produced from the upper part of the basal axis. Consequently, when the top of the basal axis is cut off by the mower few shoots develop from the lower nodes and the turf becomes thin. Topdressing and fertilizing to improve such a turf is merely treating symptoms. What is needed is to raise the mower so that the basal axis of the plant is not injured.”

Uncovered Compost Beds and Covered Compost Piles

If the location for an uncovered compost bed is carefully chosen comparatively little of the soluble fertilizing elements will be lost by leaching, and the bed can be turned frequently and very cheaply by the use of a team and harrow, thus hastening decomposition and destroying weed growth. On the other hand, a covered compost pile may be turned over or screened at any time, regardless of the weather; but decomposition and germination of weed seeds will not be so rapid and labor costs will be increased. The best practical method of storing and handling compost is probably a combination of these two methods. Build a compost bed, also a shed for storing screened compost only. When the compost is ready for use in top-