

Applying Ammonium Sulfate

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Ammonium sulfate has become very popular for fertilizing putting greens, but the methods of application are diverse. While the burning of the green does not seem to do any permanent injury, it spoils the appearance of the green for a week or ten days, which is not desirable. Sowing the granulated ammonium sulfate directly on the green has been tried, also sowing on top of top-dressing before brushing out, but both methods are dangerous as help will be careless. Mixing the ammonium sulfate with three or four times its bulk of sand is better, but there is always the danger of a careless workman dropping a handful in one place, and you almost invariably get a burned spot. When sowing on top of an application of top-dressing, brushing and watering thoroughly at once, it works fine.

We find the safe way is with sprinkling cans. We take one-half the amount we wish to apply to a green and dissolve it in 50 gallons of water. We put this solution on with sprinkling cans, the men walking slowly backward across the green, swinging the can from right to left, and covering the green with the 50 gallons. We then use the other half portion of ammonium sulfate in a like manner, only crossing the green in the opposite direction. We then water the green well by hand with a hose. We have little or no damage by burning with this method, regardless of a little carelessness by the men. The cost of application is only slightly more than the sand method, and we think the extra cost is money well spent.

A letter of appreciation from Dr. E. L. Brady, Marion Country Club, Marion, Ohio, one of the two tying winners of the National Green Section Golf Trophy last October.

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Dear Mr. Vanderpool:

Your letter of November 28 notifying me of my championship in the National Green Section Tournament, came as a most pleasant surprise. I wish to thank you for the beautiful trophy, which I received a few days ago. It makes me feel that my few efforts at golf last season were not all in vain. I am anxiously waiting the opening of the coming golf season, in which I hope to improve my score a great deal. Last year being my first attempt at golfing, I feel that I still have a good deal to learn and that there is lots of room for improvement.

Thanking you once more for the lovely trophy, I remain,

Very truly yours,

E. L. BRADY.

A cut of the trophy cup is shown on the opposite page.

The Tournament was held throughout the United States and Canada on October 25, 1924, handicap match play against par.

Dr. Brady and Mr. John J. Hane, both of Marion Country Club, were the winners of the trophy, tying 6 up on par.

The Marion Country Club course is 9 holes, par being 75 and yardage 3,467. Dr. Brady's score was gross 90, net handicap 23=67. Mr. Hane's score was gross 87, net handicap 23=64.