



Large areas of well adapted bermudagrass have been plugged and the sod plugs moved to adjacent fairway areas. Albuquerque Country Club, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1965.

Spot and Strip Sodding Techniques

Sod plugs or strips for establishing turf areas are very useful when the grass used is a creeping type such as bermudagrass, zoysia, or bentgrass. The accompanying photo and the one on the cover illustrate the method.

At River Oaks Country Club in Houston, Superintendent Tom Leonard had some newly graded areas to be planted. Such areas are always unsightly when they are first spot-sodded or strip-sodded. Mr. Leonard decided that such an area might be a bit more attractive if some sort of definite pattern were used in placing the sod. The cover photo shows the result of his plan.

The Albuquerque Country Club golf course is in a low-lying area where either bermudagrass or bluegrass can be grown, though some difficulties attend the efforts to grow

either. The fairways are composed of a mixture of grasses.

In 1965 it was decided that bluegrass and other cool-season grasses would be eliminated and that sod plugs would be taken from several large spots of excellent bermudagrass turf and planted in the adjacent fairway areas. These bermudagrass clones have existed for a great many years and some have spread sufficiently to cover several hundred square feet.

Julian Serna, Golf Course Superintendent at Albuquerque, used a mechanical plugger to remove the bermudagrass plugs and to remove spots of soil from the fairway areas where vegetation had been eliminated. The plugs were set by hand and the area was then topdressed. Accompanying photo shows the fairway areas just after planting was completed.