RESEARCH UPDATE

YELLOW TUFT
Sclerophthora macrospora

surface as dry as possible.
YELLOW tuft is widespread in
the USA and New Zealand, but
is as yet very rare here, and
consequently not familiar even
to experienced greenkeepers.
The term yellow tuft has been
used for more than 50 years to
describe certain symptoms in
bentgrasses (Figure 4) for which
many possible causes, such as
parasite nematodes, a viral
infection or a physiological
disorder have been suggested.
However, research in the 1970's
confirmed it to be a disease
caused by Sclerophthora
macrospora, a member of the
downy mildew group of fungi.

The symptoms of yellow tuft to
watch out for are small yellow
patches, approximately 3 cm in
diameter, consisting of a dense
cluster of excessively tillered
bentgrass shoots with few roots,
which are consequently easily
pulled from the turf.
These symptoms are most
prominent during late spring or
autumn and as the spores
produced by Sclerophthora
macrospora can actively swim
in water and infect new plants,
the disease is usually found in
poorly drained areas.
At present, yellow tuft is
considered a novelty and not
serious enough to warrant any
specific control measures. If
you see this disease on your
greens we would be most
interested to hear from you.
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<td>ASSISTANT HEAD GREENKEEPER</td>
<td>Applicants must be fully experienced in all aspects of greenkeeping, soil/grass treatment, use and maintenance of machinery and ability to direct and motivate staff. Salary to be negotiated. Also EXPERIENCED GREENKEEPER With similar experience as the above post except soil/grass treatment and ability to control staff. Apply in writing with full C.V. to: The Manager, Chestfield Golf Club, Chestfield, Whitstable, Kent. CT5 3LU</td>
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<td>CLEVELAND GOLF CLUB</td>
<td>HEAD GREENKEEPER</td>
<td>Applicants must be fully experienced in all aspects of course maintenance, have a thorough knowledge of modern course machinery, supervision and control of course staff. Previous experience on a links course a distinct advantage. Salary negotiable, no accommodation is provided. Membership of the BIGGA an advantage. Apply in writing, enclosing a full C.V. to: The Secretary, Cleveland Golf Club, Queen Street, Redcar, Cleveland. TS10 1BT</td>
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<td>PRESTBURY GOLF CLUB</td>
<td>ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER</td>
<td>Applicants should have some experience in greenkeeping techniques and the use of modern equipment. No accommodation available. Apply in writing stating age and experience to: The Secretary/Manager, Prestbury Golf Club, Cheshire. SK10 4BJ</td>
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<td>COUNTY LOUTH GOLF CLUB (RESIDENTIAL)</td>
<td>HEAD GREENKEEPER</td>
<td>for Championship Links Applicants must be fully experienced in all aspects of course maintenance, have a thorough knowledge of modern course machinery, supervision and control of course staff. Salary negotiable. Apply in writing to: The Secretary, County Louth Golf Club, Baltray, Drogheda, County Lough, Ireland.</td>
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**DEPUTY HEAD GREENKEEPER**

required at

**SONNING GOLF CLUB**

It is envisaged that the successful applicant will have had several years experience as 1st Assistant, will be experienced in most aspects of course maintenance and have some knowledge of machine maintenance. BIGGA wage scale applies. Accommodation available. Application with full C.V. to:-

The Secretary,
Sonning Golf Club,
Duffield Road,
Sonning-on-Thames,
Berkshire.
RG4 0GJ

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**HEAD GREENKEEPER**

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Uckfield,
East Sussex.
TN22 1AT

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HP17 0TQ