As of the spring of 82, I am pleased with my results. Since, I did achieve my goal in the third year I have a tendency to attribute my success to the addition of the weekly applications of soluble fertilizer which provide a carbon/nitrogen ratio in the thatch layer more conducive to the decomposition of stem and crown matter. I do not think it can be stressed enough how important this factor is in the decomposition of thatch due to the constant leaching of nitrogen from this layer of the greens profile.

To summarize I would say I found that the problem of thatch reduction was much more difficult than I had imagined. One might find it very easy to be satisfied with the initial results and then curse the ensuing struggle to reduce this layer any further without the manpower or the money to topdress on a more routine basis. However, one will find that persistence in this case has many benefits for the golf course. The obvious being the improved playability of the greens. Other factors include reduced use of wetting agents, dramatic increases in fertilizer efficiency, marked reduction in disease activity, and less sleepless nights.

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