What A Hot Summer We Had!!

Wet vs. Dry
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The above title which strikes me as very much to the point when summer conditions are discussed may attract attention if nothing else I have to say does. I think the aspect I have in mind will be easier to reach agreement on than that more frequently before the public.

When members of a club return after their vacations knowing that the rainfall has been abundant, even to excess, they seem to feel that those in charge of golf courses must have been having more or less of a vacation too. I find myself expressing the opinion, rather frequently, that I would rather have drought conditions to contend with than periods of excess precipitation and extreme humidity.

Given the rather doubtful drainage of present on greens, a heavy downpour, followed by bright, hot sun and heavy play—result, for want of a better name, "Scald." In addition, such conditions make fertilizers, especially those organic in nature break down very rapidly, giving the grass too much food, resulting in vigorous soft growth extremely susceptible to attacks of disease and severe injury thereby.

Over-watering may well bring about similar results. Over-watering can be prevented but when the water comes from the skies what can one do. Keep your soil as open as possible and look to the drainage. Soil as well as surface are my only thoughts on the question.

Brown patch and Philadelphia seem to be synonymous. As a result one more routine operation is added to those necessary to keep the course in shape. There is nothing mysterious about the "patch" question. The fungus, in one form or another, is around all the time and when conditions are right it becomes parasitic on our beautiful turf and the beauty disappears.

I have been very successful with applications of 1/3 bichloride and 2/3 calomel, 2 ounces per 1000 square feet, mixed with screened soil and broadcast once