

usually worry about this. All we need is one sunny day and the turf begins to pull out of it. There are some years when we don't get that sunny day for a long time and we have to spray. And sometimes the disease is in a shady spot and the sun doesn't get to it. The University Guide to Pest Control suggests benomyl or Daconil<sup>R</sup> for Fusarium patch. I haven't had experience with benomyl, but on a recent trip back East my colleagues were concerned. Repeated use seemed to result in a weakening of grass though the evidence was not clear.

The second disease is most common along the coast. It is Corticium red thread. This occurs on red fescue and so is not often much of a threat. Again it clears up with a few sunny days. If you have to spray the Guide lists mancozeb. Along the far north coast of California there may be some Ophiobolus patch on bentgrass during the cold overcast of spring. Dusting sulfur may help, but the real cure is sunshine.

The fourth winter disease that members of the GCSANC may see is limited to those courses that get snow. That is Typhula grey snowmold. Typhula only grows in the dark under the snow. When the snow melts the ultraviolet rays of the sunshine cause the fungus to stop growing and to form fruiting bodies, or sclerotia. The trick for Typhula control is to spray just ahead of the snow. Now that the mercurics are out I have no recommendations for a spray. In the past Typhula has been controlled by the same sprays that controlled Fusarium and that will have to be our guide.

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WALTER AND NINA BOYSEN are having a great trip, sort of a 42nd wedding anniversary treat. They have toured France and Spain. Paris has to be the most beautiful city in the world they state. They are seeing very different country. They've come through the Pyrenees Mts. to Madrid, on to Lisbon, Portugal and Seville and Malaga. Wonder if they ran into AUBREY AND MARTHA BABSON who are also in Spain seeing the sites.

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