

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Robert E. Livesey, CGCS

In the last issue of Thru the Green, I mentioned briefly the Bill that has been set aside on filing an Environmental Impact Statement prior to applying a pesticide. A portion of the Bill states that a wait of 72 hours be required between the discovery of the pest and the application of the pesticide. This was to allow time for an alternative to be considered before the pesticide application. The Committee has deemed this as unworkable.

Thinking back to our meeting at Riverside this past month, one of the things that was brought up was fungi identification. The Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council has published a manual entitled "A Turf Manager's Guide to Microscopic Identification of Some Common Turfgrass Pathogens." The manual deals chiefly with microscopic features of the fungi which cause turfgrass disease and how to recognize them. The manual includes complete directions for sample preparation and microscope use, and is available at a cost of \$10.00 from P. O. Box 362, Sewickley, PA 15143

Heard thru the pipe line that Tom Unruh at Del Paso CC came up with a new fungus. I gave Tom a call to find what was up. Sclerotium Rolfsii - common name, Southern Blight. I can not get it all in this issue, as Tom is sending me the information. Briefly what I came up with after talking with him is this. Southern Blight when active has a dark brown or black outer edge and acts like pythium. In its mature state it looks like open ended frog eye. The only thing that will arrest it is PCMB. At the present time the only cure is sterilization. The fungus over winters as a spore, which is about the size of a dichondra seed. Tom says that it even looks like a dichondra seed. When I receive the bulletin, we will get the information out.

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September Meeting - Program - Well, well, everybody gets to take a shot at ole Stan. Our program for the September meeting will be for you to inspect the golf course prior to the meeting. This should be done between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. for the non-golfers. The people playing golf may do so on their way around. You will be furnished with a paper for note taking. During the meeting we will try to get to as many questions and comments as possible. After the meeting I would like all the notes turned in so I can summarize them. The results will be printed later in the newsletter.

If we do not have comments and questions from the floor, our meeting will not be a success. It's not that I want to get roasted but I feel that there is a lot of information to be obtained from our fellow members. So get in there and have your say.

Stan