'Feed the soil' are the words they live by at Lake Wildwood Country Club.

The maintenance crew at Lake Wildwood Country Club, in Penn Valley, Calif., has successfully incorporated a nutritional program into the daily turf care program.

At the center of the program is the belief that soil nutrition is the most essential factor to disease control.

The program at Wildwood is currently led by Mark H. Bunte, who earlier in his green industry career earned a degree in ornamental horticulture from Cal Poly State University/San Luis Obispo, and who also has experience in landscape construction.

But Bunte is quick to credit former superintendent, Dave Wilber—now with Brookside Labs—with laying the groundwork three years ago.

According to Bunte, Wilber believed—based on supporting research—that microbial activity in the soil was the key to healthy, disease resistant turf.

"Before," recalls Bunte, "all applications were synthetic, and fungicides were used in anticipa-