

periods when conditions are such that disease is likely to occur. Normally one well timed application of Benlate will give control, but, if conditions which favour disease persist then repeat applications at 3-4 week intervals may be necessary.

There are some areas of turf which have a history of disease where it reappears each year. This is true of Fusarium Patch, for example, golf greens which are situated in hollows or overhung by trees, are particularly susceptible, and also bowling green turf of sea marsh origin which tends to be attacked by Dollar Spot. In this type of situation it is well worth applying Benlate as a preventive treatment during high risk periods.

As far as application equipment is concerned, any sprayer will suffice, although conventional boom sprayers are preferred as they give a more even coverage. Hand operated knapsack sprayers are liable to leave areas unsprayed and over or under dosed if used carelessly.

Apart from the high activity of Benlate on turf diseases, there are other factors which make it an attractive material. It is a very safe fungicide in all aspects and is widely used. Since 1970 it has been extensively used in agriculture and horticulture on a wide range of crops, achieving new standards of disease control on many crops, including, we believe, turf. In an age when there is growing concern about our environment and a trend towards conservation, Benlate has proved extremely safe to both the operator and wild life. It is also exceptionally safe on plant life and there is no problem of a check to growth or discolouration of the grass.

To conclude, it can be seen that Benlate offers improved disease control on turf but such a material can only be considered in terms of one more weapon in the armoury of management skills. It is critical, whether preventive or curative control

measures are proposed, that accurate identification of the disease, or the potential for disease outbreak, is made. This should be used in conjunction with the correct rate and timing of chemical application, co-ordinated with correct management to ensure normal plant growth.

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A unique plastic capable of being nailed to wood without splitting is being used to produce letters, numbers and backgrounds for tee boards, and other signs around the golf course.

The plastic, called Duraply is marketed by **Sharman Parker Ltd. of Chapel-en-le-Frith, Cheshire.** It is rot-proof, fade resistant, simple and effective to use. If letters or numbers need to be changed a pair of pincers are used to remove the nails, and then the new letters or figures can be nailed on.

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