

# LETTERS

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HAVING read all the articles in the Research Update series, and congratulating myself on having none of them, I then read in the June issue about yellow tuft.

We had this disease regularly at Limpsfield Chart Golf Club till about 4 years ago.

I have been greenkeeper at Limpstead since 1972 and in the late spring of 1974 I noticed yellow tufts which could be easily removed.

The greens are mainly agrostis but in the next few years we suffered from thatch and the invasion of annual meadow grass. Every year we would have yellow tuft but as it never caused any harm I never worried about it!

In 1982 we purchased the Hydromain system and set about removing the thatch and meadow grass with plenty of spiking, verticutting and cutting down on water and fertiliser, and since 1983 yellow tuft has disappeared. In my opinion it will only survive where there is thatch present as it grows on top of the sward, and with the right treatment the greens will not support it.

As a note of interest our course is on acid common land and in 16 years I have never used any fungicide - on yellow tuft or anything else!

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AFTER reading and thoroughly enjoying Marion Childs article in the June issue, I feel it an excellent idea to have a regular ladies page.

I'm sure there are many of "us ladies" married to greenkeepers, who read *the Golf Course* with interest, and enthusiasm for greenkeeping news, and we must all have a story to tell, hey girls?

After being married to a head greenkeeper and living on three different golf courses in three different countries, I thoroughly enjoy and love our greenkeeping life, and everything that goes with it - Saturday evenings "cutting holes" after a heavy storm, running outside to the 9th green just to make sure it hadn't vanished off the face of the earth overnight!

Come on girls, get writing! Let's hear your opinions and views.

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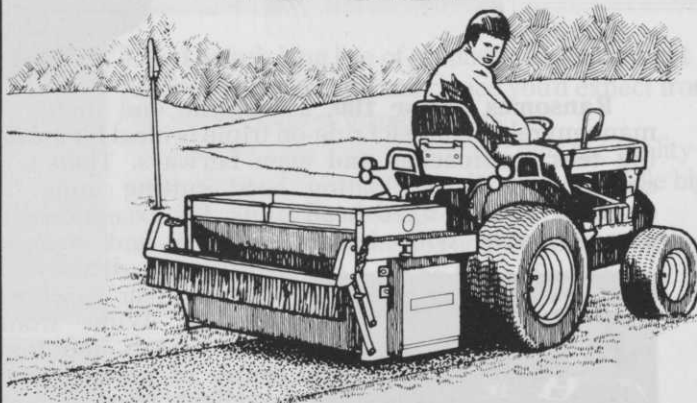
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