

SPRAYING OF ELMS for Dutch elm disease control should be done only by personnel completely competent and trained to do the job. Not only will spraying be ineffective if not done properly but serious damage can result to the foliage and the bark if the mixture is not properly formulated and properly applied. If spraying is done in high wind it is not likely that there will be sufficient deposition of toxic materials on the branches to provide suitable control.

Care must be taken that materials used are recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture or other responsible research groups. Such materials are available in formulated mixtures from reputable commercial producers of agricultural chemicals.

To maintain good vigor it is recommended that elm trees be adequately fed and watered during or following critical periods of stress such as disturbances of site or soil and especially following drought. It should be understood that keeping the tree in a healthy and vigorous condition will not make it any less susceptible to Dutch elm disease. However, it is well known that weak and old trees accumulate dead wood in their tops and frequently have an abundance of dying branches as a result of deficiencies of nutrients and water.

NATIONAL BY-LAWS CHANGES

At the Annual meeting in Washington D.C., the following by-law changes were approved by the members.

ARTICLE II — SECTION

CLASS AA — Life Members: To qualify for Life Membership, a Member must have been a Charter or Regular Member for twenty five years and who has retired from active service as a golf course superintendent. Life Members shall have all the privileges of this Association with the exception of holding any office and shall be excused from payment of annual dues and/or assessments; however, such Life Members shall pay annual insurance premiums.

CLASS B — Golf Course Superintendents qualifying for this classification shall have completed at least one year as a superintendent in charge and/or previously had three years experience as assistant to a Class A Member; or the equivalent thereof. Class B Members shall have all the privileges of this Association.

CLASS C — Inactive Members. An Inactive Member is one who by circumstance such as unemployment, illness or adverse financial condition, is unable to pay dues. Membership in this class may, after due application, be granted at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Inactive Members may not vote or hold office. Inactive membership shall pay annual insurance premiums.

Ray Gerber, Bert Rost and Bill Stupple met at Norm Johnson's Country Club of Florida one day in February and found that Norm was in Miami attending a Superintendent's meeting there. However, Matt Bezck was there and took the boys on a tour of the course. The cold weather had turned the Bermuda grass brown and Matt was worried about weeds infesting the dormant turf. Matt says that the Superintendent in the South has plenty of headaches and that if any of us are seeking an easier job by going there, his advice is to stay where we are.

Joe Bertucci has retired as Superintendent at Lake Shore Country Club on a pension. His son, Adolph, who has been his assistant for many years takes over as superintendent.

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