

## WHAT ABOUT WINTER INJURY?

Golf course turf has always been plagued by extremes of temperature, moisture, traffic and all manner of problems that are to a great degree controllable. Programs have been developed to react to most of these extremes "after the fact." Nature prevents or encourages many of these reactions during the winter and early spring. We must, then, understand the forces that promote injury during cold weather and develop programs that will strengthen turf growth and act to prevent damage.

This symposium is designed to look at all phases of turf damage—theory, research, and practices that provide golfers with the most playable turf for the longest period of time. Recent years have shown that club affluence has little to do with turf survival under winter stresses, but adherence to principles of good turf growth is most important for low and high budget courses alike.

Featured speakers will explain how plants are affected by cold weather and how they can be protected. Soil warming, plastic sheeting and sprays are new methods of plant protection to be described. Modern golf course architecture and construction relating to damage prevention will also be discussed.

Milwaukee area superintendents will relate the various ways they contrive to put a course to bed in the fall and reawaken it in the spring. Not all programs are the same. Budgets, type of grass, amount of play, etc., differ, but the successful turf manager's programs fit a central pattern of protection concepts.

Early spring play is of interest to everyone involved in golf. This will be investigated by a panel of speakers ranging from golfer to park administrator to owner to golf course superintendent. This, we hope, will determine a policy toward opening and closing courses during the critical spring period.

Although the entire program is aimed specifically toward golf turf, other turf managers will find all the topics interesting. Extension and information personnel will find many segments with direct application to home lawns. Certainly any golf course superintendent in the upper midwest will find the entire program to be of prime interest in coping with today's management pressures.

### TENTATIVE PROGRAM

#### WINTER INJURY CONFERENCE

December 14 & 15, 1966

Hilton Inn, 2611 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

December 14 — Morning Session

Peter Miller, Chairman

8:00 — Registration and Coffee

(Registration Fee \$15.00 includes Lunch & Dinner)

Welcome — Art Post, Pres. Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association

Observations of Winter Injury Patterns —

Charles Wilson

Research Report on Winter Injury — Jim Beard

#### BREAK

Questions related to Research Finds —

Charles Wilson, Marvin Ferguson, Bill Daniel, Jim Love

NOON — Lunch

Afternoon Session

Joe Deschler, Chairman

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