

This is the time of the year when we are confronted with situations involving temperature, humidity, rain-fall (or the absence of it), mechanical failures, personnel management, golfers, public relations and etc. We are dutifully bound to accept the conditions caused by these things. This is also the time of the year for frit fly, diseases of various types, and heavy golf play during the regular working hours of the day. In order to save some of our strains of grass it becomes necessary to hand water the greens lightly during the heat of the day.

See you at the August meeting, I hope. Attend the September meeting when we will be electing our delegates for the National Convention.

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## HOLMES' CORNER

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An extended period of high heat and humidity is upon us. I have just returned from Kentucky, central Illinois and Indiana this week. Severe damage from Pythium was and is occurring. As is always the case, Pythium was decidedly more devastating on pocketed, low greens, but especially those which contained a heavy, non-pervious soil, or a soil with little or no internal drainage. Fungicides being used are Actidione-Thiram, Dexon, and a few are trying Daconil. It is entirely possible that if the hot, humid weather continues, serious Pythium attacks will occur in the greater Chicago area. It is extremely important that soils in putting surfaces be kept as dry as possible in anticipation of attacks from this disease-causing fungi. It is a foregone conclusion that if a soil is saturated, or if an over-wet condition prevails, Pythium is difficult if not impossible to control. If one or more "non-draining" greens exist on your golf course, and most all golf courses have such greens, it might be well worth your while to aerate these greens using 3/8 inch tines and remove cores.

It is probable that considerable **Poa annua** will be lost in fairways during the remainder of July and in August. Where **Poa annua** is lost, it may be advisable to overseed with bentgrass, early. If bentgrass seed were sown on or slightly after August 15th, such seed would be in place and just might commence germinating at the same time or perhaps even before

the fall flush of **Poa annua** germination. If so, it is entirely possible that bentgrass may get a start on **Poa annua** and resist being crowded-out by this vigorous grower, later on.

A few weeks ago, while calling at the South Bend Country Club, Judd Negas and I witnessed one of the most steady and hardest rainfalls either of us had ever seen. Much of the golf course was thoroughly inundated and Judd said it would be at least a week before play could resume. Of special interest here is that they plan to install asphalt cart paths completely throughout the golf course, from tee to green. And, all cart traffic is to be contained on these paths. This is the first golf course in the Midwest with which I am familiar where the complete cart path use arrangement is to be enforced. I certainly will be interested in following up on this in order to learn the reaction of the membership.

I had the pleasure of visiting the Coon Rapids Municipal Golf Course, Coon Rapids, Minnesota, two weeks ago, with Clem McCann, the golf course superintendent. The reason for the interest here is that the golf course was seeded last fall on absolutely pure blow sand. Turf establishment and fill-in has been at a fantastic rate. This simply goes to prove there is nothing better on which to maintain golf course grasses than good old sand, as long as adequate amounts of plant nutrients are applied and irrigation water is made available. And, what might be considered a bit of a paradox, desiccation damage seems to be less severe on a sandy soil.

I am looking forward to being with the Wisconsin group at Tuckaway Country Club on August 12th and hope to see many of the Chicago superintendents there.

## THE IDEAL GOLFER

Doesn't play early, nor after five  
Always walks, never drives.  
Hits them cleanly, off the tee,  
No divot mark, for all to see.  
Carefully disposes of paper wraps,  
Rakes his footprints out of traps.  
Doesn't play fast, nor too slow,  
Stands aside and lets us mow.  
Always speaks, with a friendly grin,  
Plays the **game**, not just to win.  
His wife stays home while he makes the loop,  
She **doesn't** belong to the ladies group.  
He doesn't golf till the first of May,  
And stops right after Labor Day.  
Eats at the club, and buys a few drinks,  
Helps carry his share of the cost of the links.  
Plays once a week, usually Sunday,  
Sometimes a Saturday, NEVER a Monday.  
Plays the game square, U.S.G.A.,  
Doesn't care what the local rules say.  
Fixes ball marks, on the greens,  
Never on his putter leans.  
Sees no need for spikey shoes,  
That mar the greens, and leave a bruise,  
Now I've written these words, & I don't mean to sneer,  
But where is this golfer- — he doesn't play **here**.

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