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ANOTHER WAY OF LOOKING AT OUR JOBS

I thank God that we have turfgrass pests. Think about it for a minute before you sign me off as some kind of a nut. If God hadn't created these turfgrass pests, our jobs would become monotonous and boring. We would be reduced to mere slaves of our jobs: mowing grass; changing cups; fixing ball marks, etc. The challenges of our jobs would be few. Recognizing a disease, insect, or weed, and being able to treat it, takes a professional ability not too many people have. I even dare compare Greenkeepers to doctors. Haven't you been called in the middle of the night because a sick irrigation valve won't shut off? How about a golfer suggesting you give your grass a shot of fertilizer because it looks a little anemic? I know when those hot humid days start coming around, I'm going to give my grass an immunization against Pythium, just as a doctor might for Chicken Pox.

Think of the opportunities open to us. We may discover a new variety of grass that is hardier and more resistant to diseases. As a greenkeeper, I'm really looking forward to this year's challenges. I really appreciate our Midwest Association, but even more, I appreciate these God-given challenges, and the help He gives me to meet these challenges.

Your fellow greenkeeper, Tim Chapman, Shiloh Park G.C.

Dear Ray;

I'm sure you agree, that at this time of the year, we all have a desire, to get out on the Course, with new enthusiasm.

"SPRING ENTHUSIASM"

Now that the Conferences are over,

And we can bid a farewell to the snow.

We can take all the knowledge we've gained, And say, Golfers, we're ready, let's go.

Open the door of a new season, Throw your hat in the ring, for the bout.

Give with your ideas and determination,

That's what a Green Superintendents about. Each year brings a new challenge,

So give out with your talents and share, All the good things you can offer,

It shows you are willing and care.

Superintendently, Kenneth R. Zanzig Supt. - Old Oak C.C.

