PROBLEMS

I am sure we are all guilty at some time or other of making statements that are not always true, or that they did not turn out as we hoped they would. Especially when Mother Nature calls the shots. Around the first of May an article appeared in one of our Chicago daily papers, pertaining to turfgrass conditions on golf courses this spring. It stated, due to the good coverage of snow this past winter turfgrass on the golf course would be in ideal condition. The truth is it did not happen to be that way. A small percentage of the golf courses did survive and were in acceptable condition. The others experienced loss of turf. Usually when club members read statements like the one above, the Superintendent is put on the spot with questions such as: why all the brown areas on our course when so and so says it was a good year for turfgrass due to all the snow cover? Fortunately, after several Superintendents let their voices be heard, the article was retracted.

This editor has been walking golf courses for the past sixty-two years and knows there are no two courses alike, which makes it impossible to compare one with the other. Some courses are wide open, others are located down in a valley, some are heavily wooded, others have an abundance of shrubs. Soil conditions on some are excellent, others are very bad, drainage good to impossible. Some clubs are blessed with the better strains of turfgrass, others with whatever strain that will grow. The one that a person will find at every club is poa annua. This is the one that appears to create the most problems. I am sure we all agree on this statement. Budgets are important. Some clubs are blessed with ample funds, others find it necessary to cut corners. It all boils down to each golf course is different.

The editor has been asked several times about the history of Chick Evans. The following may answer your questions.



State of Indiana Education Award (Indiana Golf Assn.)

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Lincoln Academy Award (Illinois Sports Hall of Fame)

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