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## EDITORIAL

As I sit here on this Tuesday morning after the July MAGCS monthly meeting wondering how much wilt, pythium, "red leaf spot", or whatever is in store in the coming days, my mind still wanders back to the thoughts concerning our "red leaf: dilemma".

During the meeting many possible solutions were discussed. Professors, nurserymen, seed company representatives, and superintendents all had an opportunity to express their views. Following an excellent slide presentation by Dr. Bill Daniel, many agreed they had, in fact, seen what was called "red leaf spot". The remaining questions focused on the relationship of "red leaf" to stripe smut, pythium, and soil related problems. All areas seemed to be covered including fungicide applications, cultural practices, height of cut, and where the grass originated. **Still**, the question remains, "What do we do about it?"

Are golf courses, public or private, willing to let researches set up plots on all or some of their greens to constantly test different approaches to the problem? What about the golfers? What about the paying member? Is it possible to come up with a solution and still not interfere with play? Probably not.

Obviously the most devastating aspect of the entire dilemma is the cost factor some clubs are considering to resurface all of their golf greens, not to mention the anxiety suffered by the club members and the superintendents of the courses with the "red leaf" problem.

Well then, what can we do or what should we be doing? One superintendent suggested forming a committee to try to raise funds, employ researchers, and try to test for the solution to the disease under golf course play conditions. Once again, someone has to allow the use of their course, or at least part of it. Possibly the sod people, or chemical distributors would kick in with financial support. All in all, I think we are now starting on the right approach toward binding together for a common cause. Ultimately it is the golfer who will be the beneficiary of our combined efforts. This is our goal.

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