



## CHICAGO MEETING REPORT

August 15, 1980

On August 15, 1980, a meeting was called by GCSAA in Chicago, Illinois. This meeting was attended by University personnel, superintendents from the area, GCSAA officers, USGA Representatives and Chicago District Golf Association.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the problem with the greens in the area and to establish a program to investigate this problem.

Mel Lucas, Jr., called the meeting to order and it started with a brief history of Red Leaf Spot by Dr. M. Shurtleff (University of Illinois). In 1974 there was an outbreak of this disease on Toronto Creeping Bentgrass. Several people worked on the problem and recommendations of a control program were developed and published in 1975 and 1976.

These recommendations had been followed but this year there was an outbreak of a similar problem that was uncontrollable. At least twenty golf courses suffered damage and the worst, Butler National, was displayed on T.V. during the playing of the Western Open.

Several management practices were discussed that may have an effect on the problem. We also had a review of some slides that showed several aspects of the disease and the effect of some control measures. They also showed some grass variety difference as effected by the disease.

It was generally agreed that a thorough history of the management programs should be gathered, soil and plant samples should be analyzed and all of these conditions be reviewed to determine the cause of the problem.

A student is to be in the area in September to help collect the history and to investigate any new outbreaks to get first hand samples and list treatments applied.

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GCSAA is supporting this initial investigation and would have the help of the USGA and the Chicago District Golf Association if further work needs to be done over a two year period.

A visit was made to two courses to observe the damage and collect designated samples.

### Attendance Roster August 15, 1980 Chicago, Illinois

Melvin B. Lucas, Jr., CGCS, President, GCSAA  
 Michael R. Bavier, CGCS, Vice President, GCSAA  
 James A. Wyllie, CGCS, Secretary/Treasurer, GCSAA  
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 Dr. David Wehner, University of Illinois  
 Carl Schwartzkopf, Asst. National Director, USGA Green Section  
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 Ed Fischer, President, Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association  
 Carl G. Hoppman, President, Chicagoland Golf Course Superintendents Assoc.  
 Dennis Davenport, Chicago District Golf Association  
 Dr. Malcom C. Shurtleff, University of Illinois  
 Paul Voykin, Superintendent, Briarwood Country Club

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The average golf shoe has 12 spikes, and the USGA has computed that a player averages 28 paces per green; 28 paces times 24 means 672 impressions; 672 impressions times 18 greens equals 12,096 impressions per round per player. Assuming 200 rounds are played each day on a course, the greens receive 2,419,200 impressions daily — or more than 72 million holes each month. And you wonder why you can't sink a putt!