(Problems - Spring '86 cont'd.)

 c) describe the overall appearance of the problem and any symptoms on individual plants (e.g. rings, patches, leaf dieback, root rot)

Also, properly collected and packaged samples are a must:

- a) samples should contain both diseased and healthy specimens
- samples from patch diseased turf should be taken from the outer edges of the patch
- always try to include the root system when a root disease problem is suspected
- d) do not soak leaf or soil core samples in water or wrap in plastic bags
- e) for delivery, wrap samples in several layers of newspaper or paper towel and pack tightly in a box
- f) if package is mailed, try for an overnight or express service
- g) don't forget to label all samples, include all pertinent information, and don't forget your name and phone number.

ROBERT M. LOHMANN of Illinois was elected to the Board of Governors of the American Society of Golf Course Architects at the group's recent annual meeting in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.

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Lohmann, whose office is located at 800 McHenry Ave., Crystal Lake, IL, was elected to a three year term.

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Stake strikes, kills golfer in freak Douglas accident

Rocky Mountain News Staff

An Arvada golfer died when his golf cart hit a rope staked to the ground and the stake flew up and struck him in the head at the Arrowhead Golf Club in northern Douglas County, officials said.

Carl C. Yanda, 41, was airlifted to St. Anthony Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. He died from a "blunt trauma," a Douglas County coroner's autopsy found.

Editor's Note: The above "freak accident" happened to me in April of 1982. Lucky for me I came out of it with fractures above and below the eyes, broken nose, broken teeth, and suffered the loss of smell and taste. To this day I have only 80% of my smell and taste. Reading this gives me a shiver of how fast one's life can change. Just a freak accident, something that we all have on our courses are ropes and stakes. My suggestion is never to use the poly rope with any kind of a heavy stake or metal pipe (in my case). Another "freak accident" with the poly rope happened to one of our members just a month or so after my accident. The member was on a practice tee of another club and the tee was marked off with poly rope tied to round tee markers. On his backswing the golfer's club struck the rope, pulling the tee marker from the ground and the spike struck in the calf of his leg. As innocent as that poly rope looks, it can be deadly. Let's play it safe in the future and be careful where and how we use this rope.