

(Whew! continued)

★ In general, the best control was achieved with mixing two brown patch controlling fungicides together such as a contact with a systemic.

★ And yes, some products were not very effective.

Additional factors that may contribute to a reduction in control include:

★ incomplete fungicide coverage through inadequate gallonage

★ management practices that induced additional stresses to the turfgrass plant.

In the time we have been at Ohio State University, we do not remember a summer where conditions were so conducive for brown patch for so long. Hopefully, next year we will have a more "normal" year.

Credit: "Divots" 9/95



"Ingenious Solutions to Solve Problems"

Excerpts from the "Verdure" 9/95

A problem which we've all encountered when repairing irrigation breaks is how to stop the constant dripping during the gluing process. Sure, we've isolated the leak, and we're using wet-dry cement, but I still feel more secure when I can fix a leak without any water interfering. During their time together at Bartlett Hills, Joel Purpur and

Kevin DeRoo read a blurb about using bread wads to temporarily clog the leaky pipe while cementing. A scientific formula was ... well, ... formulated: 1/2 loaf Rainbo White for 2 1/2" pipe, wadded tight and stuffed into the opening, repair quickly, and your plug leaves the system as very runny dough. Kevin notes that you should always be prepared with a full loaf, along with some peanut butter and jelly, as irrigation repair does give one an appetite.

I spoke recently with Ed Fischer at Old Elm Club. His problem was, now that he provides Gatorade on the course in cooler houses, the bees are a menace. Bees also are a problem around tee areas where water coolers and litter baskets are placed. Ed's solution, which was seconded by Dave Schlagetter at Indian Hill Club, was to staple a Bounce fabric softener sheet to the cooler house. For some reason, bees are repelled by this, and success was achieved. I learned another solution, especially if an event calls for kegs of beer or fountain drinks to be set up outside — Fill several cups (clearly marked "Do Not Drink", as most bees can't read) with Coke, topped off with a few ounces of dishwashing detergent, and place them near (20 feet or so) the bar area. Bees attack it, drink it, then end up belly-up in it.

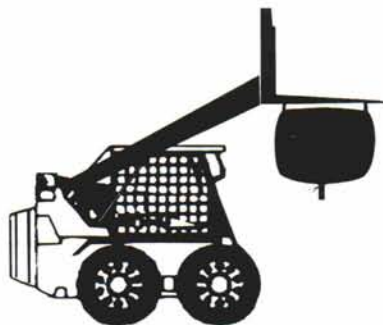
Okay, I can't resist — one final problem: *Poa annua* infestation on golf courses.

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