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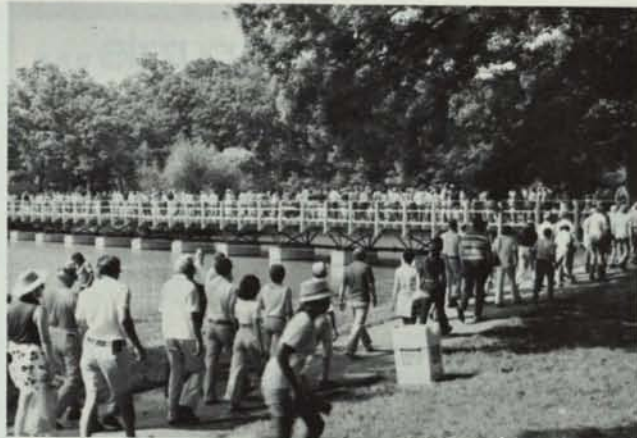
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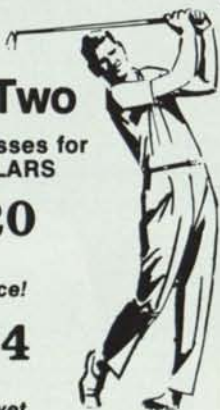
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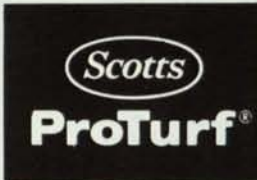


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REPLACE YOUR DIVOTS

The May 1975 issue of *Golfdom* carried an article, "no need to replace divots on the golf course." A similar statement of this kind appeared in one of our Chicago daily papers several years ago. The man that was responsible at that time for those remarks is no longer in the Chicago area.

The Bull Sheet editor, having had sixty years experience on a golf course, takes exceptions to statements of this kind. Before making an attempt to write a reply I decided to get some information from other Superintendents and also from the people who play the game for the sport, exercise and other reasons. They all agree divots should be replaced and they gave many good reasons.

I am sure that divots that are replaced on watered fairways and tees in the Northern states one will find that the largest percentage will grow. Chances are this would not hold true on unwatered fairways during July and August. Usually the soil is so hard a divot worth replacing seldom occurs. The article states that the Walsh Brothers never were able to get divots to grow satisfactorily. If my memory serves me correctly, these were unwatered fairways. So we are talking about two different circumstances.

A divot taken on a watered fairway would leave a greater impression than one on a unwatered fairway. Therefore it appears to many that the proper thing to do is replace the divot. Let the ball roll over the divot and come to rest on a clean cut area rather than a divot hole that requires an iron to dig out the ball. Also, a fairway looks so much neater when divots are replaced compared to a landing area and approach covered with hundreds of unreplaced divots. Then the fairway mowers come along and increase, the number ten fold.

One of the ethics required of the golfer has always been, and I am sure still is, replace your divots. Part of a good caddie program and training is how to properly replace a divot.

If it is useless to replace the divot why did it take three fourths of a century to find out that it is useless?

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COMING EVENTS

- August 6, 1975—ILCA Field Day, Burr Oak Nursery, Grays lake
- September 16, 1975—University of Illinois Turfgrass Field Day, Urbana
- September 23, 1975—University of Illinois-ISFA Pot Plant School
- December 10, 1975—Illinois Turfgrass Conference, Ramada Inn, Champaign
- January 12-14, 1976—Mid-Am, Arlington Park Towers, Arlington Heights
- January 15, 1976—Pesticide Clinic, Holiday Inn, Rosemont
- February 9, 1976—Illinois Seminar For Commercial Arborists, Sheraton O'Hare, Rosemont

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There are a number of home grounds problems which become apparent in June each year.

CANKERWORMS (inch worms) are feeding heavily now. Infested trees are showing skeletonizing of the leaves. Sprays containing malathion, sevin, or *Bacillus thuringiensis* will control these worms.

BRONZE BIRCH BORER control should be applied to White Birch now. Apply Cygon or De-Fend at the rate of 1 cup (of the 2 lb. per gallon material) in 25 gallons of water to thoroughly drench all branches and trunks. Apply a second treatment about June 20.

MITE infestations are usually heavy on spruce and juniper because of the hot weather in May. Spray with malathion or kelthane on a cool day.

COTTONY MAPLE SCALE is laying eggs now. The egg masses appear like popcorn on the branches and twigs. Wait three weeks (until July 4) until eggs hatch and spray with malathion or diazinon.

EUONYMOUS AND OYSTERSHELL SCALES are crawling now. Malathion or diazinon will control them while they are mobile.

PIN OAK is badly infested this year with Succulent Gall. These galls make the leaves look like they have turned into grapes. The gall is caused by a small wasp-like insect which inserts an egg into the leaf tissue as it emerges from the bud. The leaf grows the gall around the egg. There is no practical control and the galls apparently do no permanent damage.

THATCH build-up in bluegrass lawns can result in a series of related problems. Accumulation of thatch results when the woody parts of the grass plant, rhizomes, roots, and crowns, are produced faster than natural biological factors in the soil can eliminate them. One of the principal benefactors is the earthworm. Research of the University of Illinois turf-plots has demonstrated that applications of chlordane to control grubs or sod web-worms seriously reduce earthworm activity and are directly responsible for thatch accumulation. Consequently we are now recommending Diazinon rather than chlordane for applications to turfgrass for insect control.

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November Annual Meeting — No Date

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