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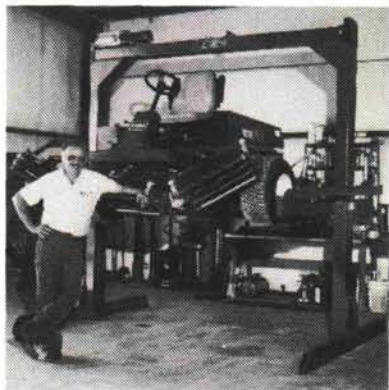
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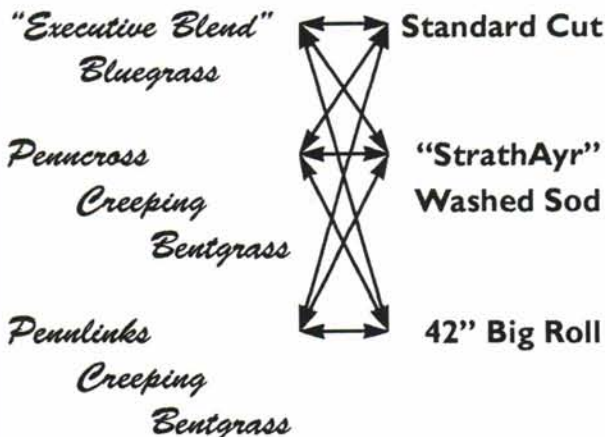
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1997 Northern Golf Day Held at Glen View Club

7his year's Northern Golf Day was held Monday, September 29, at Glen View Club, Golf, Illinois. Over 180 turned out to play the beautiful course and to enjoy the superb food and camaraderie of the day.

"The double shotgun tournament, hosted by Superintendent Jeff Leuzinger, was a great success, raising over \$10,000 for the turf research fund of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation," according to Golf Day Chairman John Turner.

A Northern Golf Day feature is awarding of the Dom Grotti trophy to the golf course superin-

tendent and assistant superintendent who achieve the best combined low net score. The 1997 winners of the Dom Grotti trophy are Randy Wahler and Javier Vega of Knollwood Club. Congratulations to Randy and Javier who will defend their title at next year's Northern Golf Day.

ITF is grateful for the strong support of the industry members who participate in the event as tee, beverage and brunch sponsors. We also thank Bruce Schweiger and Bruce Johnson, the "ITF Visiting Pros," who added to the fun and challenge on a par 3 raffle event.

Special thanks go out to host Jeff Leuzinger and the entire staff of Glen View Club for all their hard work in preparing for the event and the gracious hospitality extended at the outing. It truly was a wonderful day enjoyed by all in attendance. ■

Credit: Illinois Turfgrass Foundation

The Rules of Golf

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Decision 25/11 explains the many ramifications of grass clippings. Grass clippings are only ground under repair if they have been piled for removal. A player is entitled to relief if clippings piled for removal interfere with his stance or swing. Grass clippings are, by definition, loose impediments, whether or not they are piles for removal, and may be removed by the player. But again, don't move the ball when removing loose grass clippings, or you will pick up a penalty stroke under Rule 18-2(c).

Have your members ever had to invoke the "leaf rule" in the fall? Actually, there is no such thing. However, the *Decisions* book does allow the committee to adopt a local rule to deal with the seasonal problem of leaves. Decision 33-8/31 suggests adop-

tion of a local rule declaring accumulations of leaves through the green to be Ground Under Repair, allowing Rule 25-1 (Abnormal Ground Conditions) to apply.

And finally, what is the ruling if a member of your staff rakes a bunker when the player's ball lies in it, and the raking improves the lie of the ball or the line of play? Decision 13-2/4 states that if the staff member raked the bunker on the instructions, or with the sanction of the player, the player would incur a two-stroke or loss-of-hole penalty. Otherwise, there would be no penalty. If, however, in raking the bunker your staff member accidentally rakes over the ball, partially burying it, Rule 20-3(b) applies: The original lie of the ball shall be recreated as nearly as possible, and the ball shall be placed in that lie.

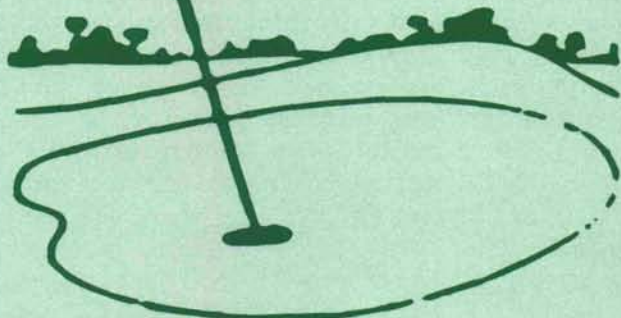
The rules of golf and their application to our side of the business can be involved, even a bit complicated, but always interesting. If a question ever arises at your club regarding your operation and the rules of the game, the best and closest source of information on the rules is your local golf association. In our area of the country, both the West Virginia Golf Association and the Western Pennsylvania Golf Association have knowledgeable, competent rules people on the staff. You can also refer your rules questions directly to the USGA, but keep in mind that the USGA will render a decision only to clubs that conduct their competitions in accordance with the Rules of Golf. ■

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Tank Mixing Fungicides

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group. The example I gave you had two Cleary products in the four-way mixture, and that is not academically fair to the reader. You could get equally good results with a non-Cleary mixture such as 1/2 oz. Banner, 1 oz. 26019, 1 oz. Daconil, and 1 oz. PCNB, or 1 oz. Mancozeb per 1000 sq. ft. at seven- to ten-day intervals. Remember, the short interval is important so that you can get the full benefit of the contact fungicides.

It is easy for a well-educated plant pathologist to criticize the use of such mixtures, but pity the superintendent whose job is on the line because he has had chronic disease problems and has occasionally lost a few greens. The ecologists are insisting that he spray less, and the pathologist wants him to target the fungicide to a specific disease, when actually he is not that knowledgeable in anticipating what disease might show up and what would be the likely preventive spray. Skipping sprays because there are no visible symptoms of

disease is economical but risky business. I have found this sort of practice is why most superintendents fail. They might get by for two or three years, but eventually they get hit hard and lose their jobs. Call my program for what it is: a shotgun treatment, but I look at it differently. I tell the superintendent, "You're on automatic pilot." Instead of coming in every Monday morning trying to devise a spray program for the anticipated disease based on the weather forecast, you start on this broad spectrum program in the spring and stay on it, defying any disease to break through that barrier. Believe it or not, I have many successful converts, most of whom are on it because they were in trouble and after being put on the program have been successful.

I must stress one last time the importance of the intervals of sprays. Monthly intervals defeat the whole program. Remember that contact fungicides are only active for about four days. What good are they in

a monthly spray program? They are not too efficient even in a two-week interval program. The perfect program is a weekly interval. A near perfect program is a ten-day interval. Many successful superintendents have adopted the compromise of a ten-day interval. All of the university field trials are either two-week or monthly intervals. That is too bad, because it has impacted the mind of the superintendent into thinking these are the proper intervals. Not so. The universities don't have the money or the personnel to test weekly or in ten-day intervals. But therein lies the secret of success. ■

Edited by:

Richard F. Fletcher, M.S.

Technical/Regulatory Manager

TURF FUNGICIDES IN USE TODAY

PRODUCT	FORMULATION	CHEMICAL NAME	SOLUBILITY
Chipco 26019	50 WP/2 F	iprodione	insoluble
Cleary's 3336	50 WP/4.5 F	thiophanate-methyl	insoluble
Aliette	80 WG	fosetyl-Al	soluble
Banner	1.1 EC	propiconazole	soluble
Banol	6 EC	probamocarb hydrochloride	soluble
Bayleton	25 WP	triadimefon	insoluble
Cleary's PCNB	75 WP	pentachloronitrobenzene	insoluble
Curalan	4.17 F	vinclozolin	insoluble
Daconil 2787	4.17 F/90 WDG	chlorothalonil	insoluble
Defend	2 F	pentachloronitrobenzene	insoluble
Dithane T/O	75 WP	mancozeb	insoluble
Domain	4.5 F	thiophanate-methyl	insoluble
Fore	80 WP/4 F	mancozeb	insoluble
Koban	30 WP	etridiazole	insoluble
Prostar	50 WP	flutolanil	insoluble
Protect T/O	80 WP	mancozeb	insoluble
Rubigan	1.1 F	fenarimol	insoluble
Sentinal	40 WG	cyproconazole	insoluble
Spotrete	4 F/75 WDG	thiram	insoluble
Subdue	2 F/25 WP	metalaxyl	soluble
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Autumn Field Day

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The second annual Autumn Field Day was held on September 17. The Cantigny research green was again the site, and over 70 were in attendance. This was a great way to spend a beautiful and relaxing afternoon with your peers. Scott Witte, the superintendent at Cantigny Golf Club, and Randy Kane, the CDGA agronomist, were our hosts for the day. Randy has compiled the results of the research being conducted this year and can be reached at (630) 954-2753 if you would like a copy.

A big thanks to the staff at the University of Illinois for attending. Tom Voigt has started a perennial/wildflower establishment plot at Cantigny that is free for the viewing. He also did a fine job making sure the chicken was thoroughly cooked! Thanks as well to Cantigny Golf Club for donating many of the grilling supplies, ice, etc. Make plans to attend this fun event next year! ■

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Must We Always Demand Perfection
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It is my belief that the quality of a game of golf should be judged more on the integrity of the course's design than on its condition. The goal of the golf course architect is to create variety, demanding that players use every club in their bag. Less-than-perfect turf conditions provide an additional variable that should not necessarily be considered a negative.

When playing older courses where the condition of the turf is determined by the most recent weather cycle, golfers are required to adjust their game to the specific conditions every time they play. For example, in the early summer when turf is

lush and fairways are soft, fairway roll will be limited and the greens will hold a wider variety of shots; but in a late summer drought when the fairways and greens may be hard and lean, the traditional bump and run may be rewarded. This variety adds to the excitement of the game.

I believe we should consider changing our expectations and returning more to the original concept of the game. In this concept, the ball is played as it lies, and there is not *always* a reward for a perfect shot. In doing so, we will expand the opportunity for more affordable golf. We will also obtain a better appreciation of what the game has to offer. ■

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January 14-16 — Mid-America Horticultural Trade Show at Navy Pier.

January 19-22 — Michigan Turfgrass Conference, Lansing, MI.

January 20-22 — Midwest Turf Expo at Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN.

February 2-8 — GCSAA Conference & Show, Anaheim, CA.

It is sad to report that three old-timers passed away recently. Melvin Duehr, who inherited his job at Midlothian C.C. from his father, died September 19, 1997. Melvin and his twin brother Milton shared the superintendent's responsibility for many years at Midlothian until they retired in 1995. The twins both started working at age 14 and retired at age 65, first working

for their father and then their older brother Don.

Dick Betterly of Halloran & Yauch, Inc. passed away September 21, 1997. Dick installed many an irrigation system in the Chicago-land area and upgraded many more pump houses. Dick first worked for A. J. Miller when they were putting in irrigation systems during the 60s and 70s. Dick left that firm in 1974 and started with Halloran & Yauch, Inc. in spring 1975 and retired in 1995.

Jock McIntosh, past owner of Oak Hills C.C., passed away in Arizona on October 3, 1997.

The members of the MAGCS extend condolences to each of these families.

If you want some good PR, get yourself a dog that chases geese! Al Fierst and his dog Wiley were mentioned by Paul Harvey on the WGN noon radio show on September 8. Last month, I mentioned Kerry Blatteau was on the 5 p.m. Channel 2 news due to his dog Jenna.

Speaking of geese chasing dogs, in the October issue of *On Course*, Harold Frederickson ran an ad advertising his new company, Migratory Bird Management, and somehow his phone number was omitted. Harold, I sincerely apologize for this error. It is especially difficult for a new company starting out to not have their number

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