



# West Coast Buccaneers



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Very little in regard to winter golf course preparation (excluding overseeding) is done here on the west coast of Florida. Dan Morgan, Sun City G.C. stated that other than poa Annu control and traffic control nothing else out of the ordinary is done. Isla Del Sol uses IBUD rather than organic nitrogen sources. The amount of nitrogen per month is also reduced, according to Superintendent Don Delaney. Countryside raises the height of cut somewhat. Superintendent John Luper also uses potash and lots of wetting agent on greens, tees and fairways. He also puts out traffic controls. Lakewoods' Dick Grill does not overseed; he concentrates on poa annua control and also raises his height of cut to 1/4". He increases the fertilization by about 1/3 and mows greens every other day. Lake Region works on just getting good healthy turf. Rick Wise, superintendent there lets his roughs get up a little which allows something to mow off when we get our freeze. He also puts out traffic controls. Bud Quandt, Pasadena G.C. puts out heavy amounts of fertilization in the fall and prays.

It looks like traffic controls along with an increase in fertilization is the general practice along our coast. Talking with the various supers I found very little disease problems, especially like those which the East and Southern coasts of Florida have been experiencing. Almost everybody who

does oversee expects to have his seed in the ground by the first of December. Some of us who don't want to experience the germination problems of last winter already have our seed in and germinating. My feeling is that as long as I have plenty of water to cool it down on hot days, and can get fungicides to control and keep out fungus, I'm ahead of the game as far as last year was concerned.

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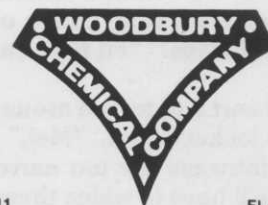
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