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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are approaching the middle of another golf season with various comments on the kind of year we are enduring. The month of June seems to have been somewhat of a relief - compared to May. But not all is well everywhere in the area. Danny Quast tells me that Bob Musbach has, what appears to be, Ataenius spretulus larvae on fairway turf. There will be more on this subject in this issue. I have had dollar spot on fairways that had to be treated with contact fungicides for control; and plan to use a contact with systemic fungicide in future applications.

There has been much talk about the use of SAND for topdressing. Some superintendents are using the light frequent application of sand for topdressing. Although I am using this program myself, I firmly believe it is experimental and do not know positively that this is going to be the thing to do. It is very complicated and much consideration should be taken before the superintendent takes the jump. You should literally have this program engraved in the by-laws of the club once it is started. Therefore, I think it is wrong for any superintendent to