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President's Message

Another golfing season is coming to a close. Many of us are not too unhappy to see it end after the unusual year we experienced. Disease problems were prevalent in many areas of the state and midwest region. Dollar spot (*sclerotinia* spp) was seen on fairways as early as May and continued to be a problem throughout the year. Fungicide materials (including systemics) had to be applied as often as every 7-14 days for control. Tom Harrison reported that the Madison area had a loss of turf from nematodes and *Pythium* and injury also from Anthracnose and *Ataenius Spretulus*. Control measures for next year will certainly be considered by many, especially in preparing the budget.

Autumn is in my book the best season of all. Projects you have been planning (bunkers, tees, etc.) to improve the playability and character of the course can be constructed without too much inconvenience to the golfer. Also, that never ending job of installing tile lines to improve drainage can be done. Fall days are peaceful with the color of the landscape, absence of golfers, and sometimes the gathering of your peers for golf and whatever.