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Brown Patch cont.

Where do we go from there?

The major practical problem that the turfgrass manager faces is disease control to a level compatible with the uses of the area in question. At present we just do not have enough information about the disease to make clear recommendations for either cultural or fungicide control. Environmental manipulation does not seem to offer promise, especially for the golf course superintendent who is locked into a multitude of other concerns dealing with irrigation and culture. From a fungicide view the best recommendation would be to stick with success. If Cool Weather Brown Patch does appear and your current program is not holding it, then try shifting to other fungicides labeled and registered for Brown Patch until you meet with at least partial success. We are attempting to work out the fungicide situation. Dan Loughner, who is working on his M.S. in Plant Pathology with us, will be evaluating fungicides in the laboratory, greenhouse, and with luck, in the field. We will be screening both the *Rhizoctonia solani* warm temperature Brown Patch group as well as the *Ceratobasidium* cool temperature group of fungi.

## Letter to the Editor:

It was brought to our attention recently that several superintendents in Wisconsin do not understand how or why the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission is involved with the Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium. Perhaps your readers will be interested.

From the dark ages through 1963 it was our custom to host a dinner for the few Wisconsinites attending the G.C.S.A.A. Conference and Show. Facilities at San Diego

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were sparse and our group had to be scattered throughout the main dining room at our hotel. This, in itself, is bad, but the tab was worse since we could have been 50 in number.

Charlie Wilson decided there had to be a better way to show appreciation to those customers to whom we sell Milorganite directly. The Symposium Concept, thus born, amounted to our inviting golf course and other turfgrass customers to a one day session in Milwaukee at which we provided highly qualified speakers on one subject, plus lunch.

About that time there was some consternation at the University, as to who should run their Turf Conference. The upshot of the matter was that a meeting was called at Ozaukee Country Club to investigate means to get more golf course related information to the superintendents. Among those attending were John Stampfl (Milwaukee), Les Verhaalen (Brynwood), Charlie Shiley (North Hills), Ron Verhaalen (Ozaukee), Charlie Wilson and me. There may have been others.

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Since it was beyond our means to increase the size of the audience, the Wisconsin G.C.S.A.A. group suggested that the meeting be expanded to a day and a half, a registration be charged to defray mailing, and food expenses, and since it was held in December a snow-insurance fund be established to insure

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against no-shows. Any overage is now donated to the O.J. Noer Research Foundation.

Since we were not involved in food, our participation was to assume the expenses of speakers. This has been continued ever since, with a few refinements.

Your readers may also be interested in the subjects covered:

- 1966: Winter Injury
- 1967: Physical Nature of Soil
- 1968: **Poa annua** (control)
- 1969: Satisfying the Golfer
- 1970: Chemical Nature of Soil
- 1971: Golf Course Management
- 1972: Recycling Golf Course Waste
- 1973: Thatch
- 1974: Drainage
- 1975: New Deal for Old Course
- 1976: Living with **Poa annua**
- 1977: Keeping Your Head on Straight
- 1978: Fast Grass

All other things being equal, these 13 years have proven to be a very synergistic exchange of information.

Sincerely,  
James M. Lathan, Jr.  
Chief Field Agronomist  
Turf Service Bureau

### Tentative Program

## 13th ANNUAL WISCONSING GOLF TURF SYMPOSIUM

Pfister Hotel - Milwaukee  
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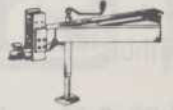
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11:00 A.M. - Golf Course Playability Changes I have Seen Harold Sargent, Golf Professional and Former President, P.G.A. Atlanta Athletic Club, Duluth, Georgia. cont. on next page

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