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# Editorial

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The 1982-1983 winter is here, it is unexpected in regards to weather. What lies ahead? We can be certain that this unusual winter gives us reason to watch turf conditions as we get closer and closer to spring. We must stay on top of potential problems. We as superintendents must communicate, we must be in contact with our colleagues on a state and national basis. These weather conditions we are now experiencing may be different to us, but others have experienced it and are willing to share their knowledge with us.

"What problem?" you ask. The warm weather lends itself to insect problems. This will be an ideal winter for over wintering insects. Black Turfgrass Ataenius Beetle is already a state wide problem. An excellent product for its control has been developed, the product Oftanol, but Oftanol is not registered in Wisconsin. What are we doing to see to its registration? What do we know about its availability this spring? You won't have time to seek the answer when your fairways are gone. You need to know now! Have you thought about your snow mold protection? Did it go with the recent rains? When do you respray or do you at all? What do you use? How much chemical on dormant turf is enough? I am not pretending to know the answer to all these questions but I sure owe it to myself and my club to find out. Have you ever seen Crown Hydration? What are the tell-tale signs of this killer, we need to know. Our neighbors in

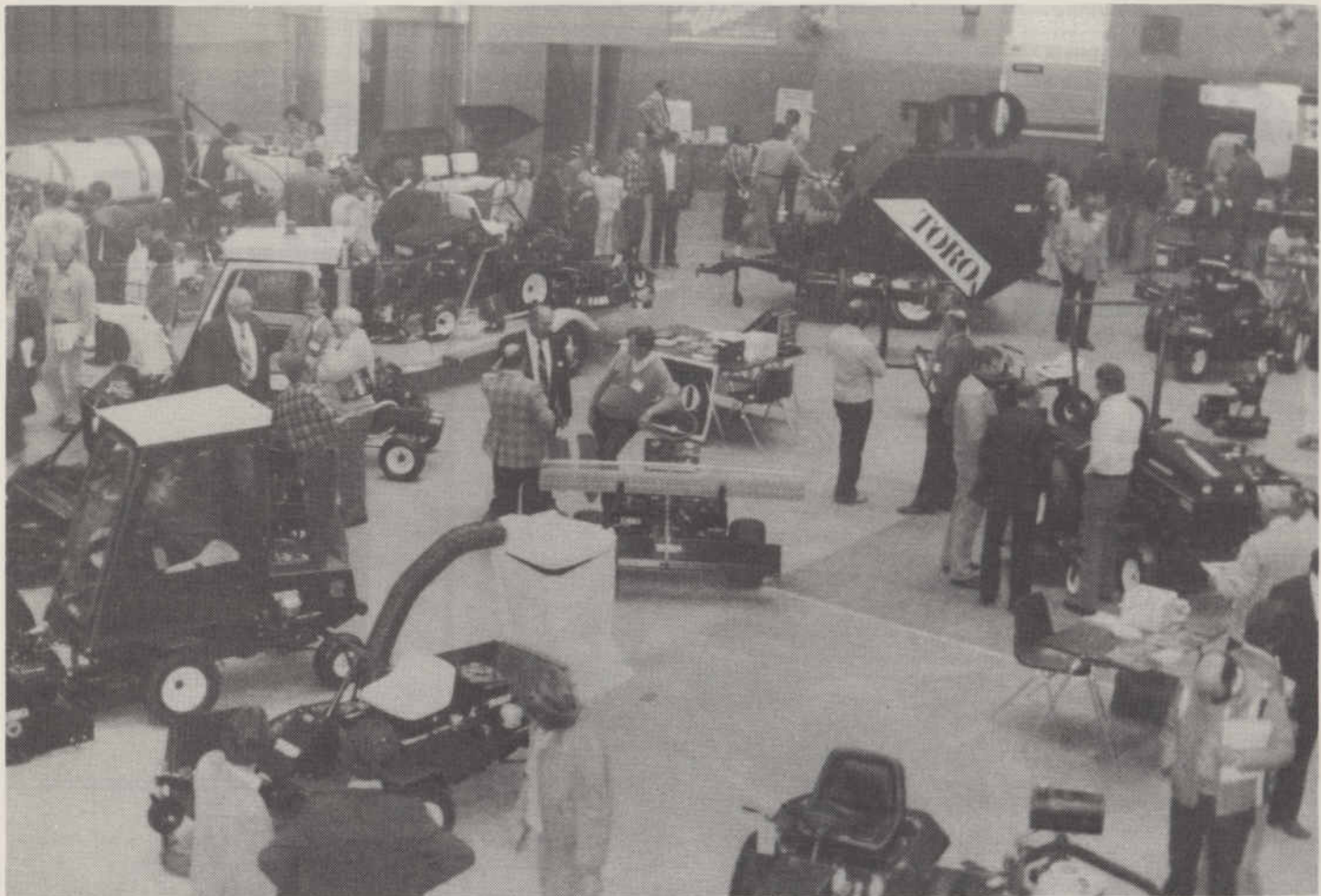
Minnesota have dealt with this problem, they can help us. In 1964 I saw dessication on golf green in Ohio. The whole Miami Valley area lost turf, some lost every green. Poa Annua that following summer increased ten fold on putting surfaces. Get into a winter crisis, mismanage your permanent grasses, you will end up living with your mistakes not just this season, but many season to come.

Now that we have been told the good news, let us look at the bad news. The answers to many questions are available at the many turf conferences and shows held this winter. The bad news is that many of us are going to ignore these programs because we have more important things to do. Oh really? Superintendents beware you may over winter better than your courses. We are professionals and if we do not update ourselves we are doing a grave injustice towards our clubs and ourselves.

Are you aware of the new fungicides available to us in recent years? Products such as "Rubigan," "Chipco 26019," "Ridamil," "Banal," "Bayleton" and "Vorlan." What do you know about light weight mowing and how it can benefit you. It most certainly is the trend of the 80s. The people who know are eager to tell you about it, and if we do not get to them it will be our loss.

Let's attend the conferences and shows this year. It most certainly is the professional thing to do. It is more critical than ever before, our job





may depend on it. Let's start by attending the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association's research conference and annual meeting January 27, 1983.

The GCSAA National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia February 19th thru the 25th. Don't forget the pre-conference seminars. Seminars are also available during the week this year. The GCSAA has done an excellent job in making educational information available, let's use it.

Midwest Regional Turf Conference February 28 thru March 2 at Purdue University. This program is loaded with speakers in our field that has experienced many problems we could be facing ourselves in the coming months.

This is a must, Reinder's 6th Turf Conference March 16-17, 1983 at the Waukesha Expo Center. We can look forward to speakers Dr. Joe Vargas, Dr. Bill Daniel, Dr. Gayle Wolf, Dr. Bob Newman, and Dr. John Street. We also must remember that on alternate years educational programs and conferences are also given by Wisconsin Turf. We owe both these companies

our gratitude for caring about our profession.

I encourage you to attend these conferences this winter. Further information is available in this issue. These meetings are there for you.

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