

Festuca (fescues), and Agrostis (bentgrasses) (Table 1). Many of the grasses attacked by the bacterium in Europe represent genera from which most of our American golf course varieties are derived.

The American turfgrass industry, turf managers, and scientists must be aware of the potentially devastating threat that these bacterial diseases represent. If other bacteria are introduced into North American or if the 'Toronto' bacterium changes in its host specificity, other widely cultivated varieties of turfgrasses such as the 'Penncross' and 'Penneagle' creeping bentgrasses, Kentucky bluegrasses, fescues, bermudagrass, ryegrasses, etc. may be attacked. Such important grasses are cultivated throughout large regions of North America. Bacterial wilts of grasses in Europe are regarded as so potentially dangerous that resistance to the bacterium is now incorporated in breeding programs. In the United States, renovation and replacement of 'Toronto' greens with other turfgrasses has only temporarily decreased the threat of bacterial wilt. Because very little effort is being exerted at the study of bacterial wilt control with oxytetracycline, bacterial spread, the infection process and plant host range, another major disease epidemic in addition to the C-15 problem-decline may occur without warning. Potential widespread epidemics may pose serious threats to the culture of specific turfgrasses in North America in years to come.

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BELFIELD, TUMBLEBROOK HOST SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

A pleasant aspect of the annual meeting of the WGCSA was our site — Tumblebrook Country Club. The March meeting has been held at a hotel/convention center frequently in past years, and returning to a golf club was appreciated by all of those in attendance. The comfortable surroundings at Tumblebrook created the atmosphere for a very enjoyable and productive meeting. Bob Belfield was our host.

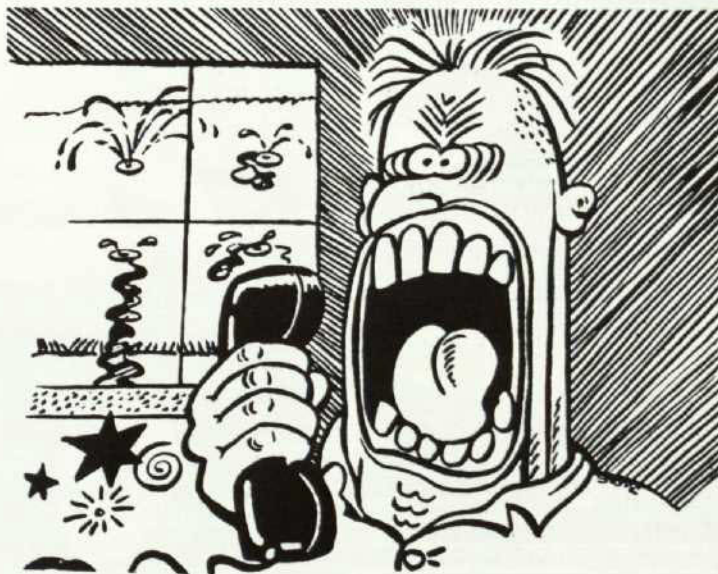
Officer and committee reports informed members of the Board's activities during the winter months. Refinement of office pro-

cedures, improved relations with allied professional associations, a new direction for the GRASSROOTS and the 1984 meeting schedule and speakers were discussed. THE WGCSA 1984 Directory was introduced and distributed by Dale Marach, Bill Roberts and Randy Smith. Rod Johnson reported on his survey of members and indicated there is a lot of interest in scheduling a WGCSA dinner-dance.

New business acted on by the membership dealt with by-law changes defining membership categories and some needed changes in the nominating committee procedures.

Bob Welch was kind enough to bring the entertainment — a film of the 1983 Masters Tournament in Augusta. It was a great way to end the meeting and to set the stage for the 1984 golf season in Wisconsin.

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