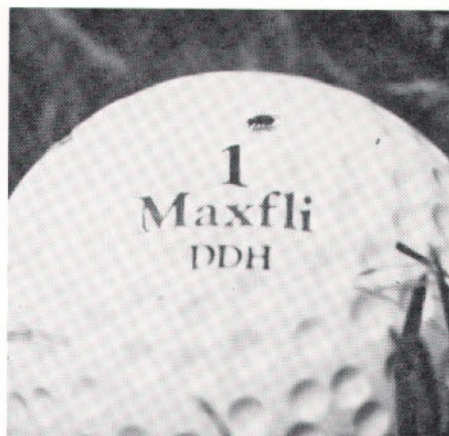


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INSECT PEST OF GOLF GREENS TO BE STUDIED IN OHIO



Frit Fly Adult on Golf Ball.

The frit fly, *Oscinella frit* (L.), is a small black fly often present in large numbers on golf courses and seen by golfers when it lands on white clothing or golf balls. Recognized as a nuisance to golfers, the frit fly larvae can and do cause damage to turfgrass, especially greens, collars, and aprons. Adults lay eggs that hatch into small maggots which tunnel into grass stems to feed on growing tissues. Little is known about the insect; in fact, it has never been studied on turfgrasses in the U.S. Research is currently underway to study the biology, seasonal life history and distribution of this pest on golf course turf. The work is being conducted by Mike Tolley, Ohio State



Frit Fly Damage to Apron of Green.

University Ph.D. graduate student, under the guidance of Dr. Harry D. Niemczyk, Professor of Turfgrass Entomology at OSU's Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster. The project is being supported, in part, by the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation.

GCSAA CONFERENCE SET FOR FEBRUARY 5-13

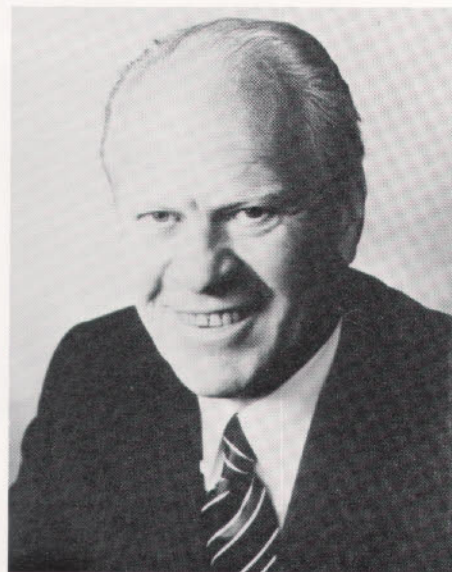
The 56th International Golf Course Conference and Show will include something for everyone through the many educational seminars, awards, spouse programs, golf, tours, election of officers, research, international golf news, golf course design, golf course management, the latest golf equipment and supplies, entertainment and famous sports personalities. This international golfing event is sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) February 5-13, 1985, at the Washington, D.C. Convention Center.

This international conference and show is the largest of its kind in the world, and it truly is an international event. The International Golf Course Management session features Rolf Lowgren, Consultant, Swedish Golf Federation, Stockholm, Sweden; Jimmy Kidd, Gleneagles Hotel and Golf Courses, Perthshire, Scotland; Donald Harradine, President, British Association of Golf Course Architects and President, International Greenkeepers Association; and Stephen Miller, President, Canada Golf Course Superintendents Association, Burlington, Ontario.

The Opening Session of the Conference will feature Jack Whitaker, ABC-TV sports announcer, as well as the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award, the Leo Feser Award and Chapter Newsletter Awards to GCSAA members.

Other special sessions will feature the USGA Green Section program with a special presentation by professional golfer Ben Crenshaw; an architect session bringing attendees the latest word in golf course design; a prayer

breakfast featuring broadcast journalist Cal Thomas; the Association's Annual Meeting with election of 1985 officers; and the annual Banquet and Show featuring country-western singer Tanya Tucker. Also, during the banquet, GCSAA's own Old Tom Morris Award will be presented to Gerald R. Ford, former President of the United States. Arnold Palmer and Bob Hope, previous recipients of the award, are also expected to attend.



Gerald R. Ford

In addition to the special sessions, the conference will bring 336 hours of educational sessions aimed at the most important person in golf course management — the professional golf course superintendent. More than 100 researchers, businessmen, professional superintendents, scientists, and educators will present the latest in turfgrass research and management techniques to the attendees, who are expected to push the 10,000 mark.

The Trade Show, which is undoubtedly the industry's largest under one roof, will feature the latest golf course maintenance equipment and supplies and offers attendees 19 hours of viewing during the three days of the Show.

"Registration is running ahead of last year's record-setting pace for the 1984 Las Vegas Conference. This international conference continues to grow, and we expect the final registration to establish another record for GCSAA," said John M. Schilling, GCSAA's Executive Director.

For registration and further information, call 1-800-GSA-SUPT.