

WHY NOT LET SCOTT(S) DO IT?

By Bruce Worzella

This is the question I asked myself when it came to applying my snow mold control to fairways last year at West Bend Country Club.

Early last fall, Wayne Horman approached me at a WGCSA meeting, informing me that Scotts was venturing into the application process of their FFII product. He wondered if I would be interested.

First, I would like to give you a little history of my snow mold program for the past three years on fairways. Around the first week of November, I have been applying a spray mixture of Terremec SP (chloroneb) and Terraclor 75% WP (PCNB). The rate for chloroneb was 2.8 oz/M, and the rate for the PCNB was 4 oz/M. Success of this program has been to my liking, but in this area, winter fungi pressure has not been real severe. The primary purpose for snowmold preventative applications is that neither I nor the membership needs an excuse for a possible devastating snowmold infection, especially because I took a gamble of not making a preventative fungicide application. Spring renovation is not a practice that we particularly enjoy at West Bend CC.

So why did I try the Scotts application. Convenience. Everyone knows that trying to find the perfect day in November to make a spray application is difficult. Also, I usually have my irrigation system drained for the season and have to use alternative methods to fill our sprayers. This takes more time. Additionally, you are never totally confident that the application was made at the last possible moment; the search for the text book day is frustrating. So I decided to let Scotts do it.

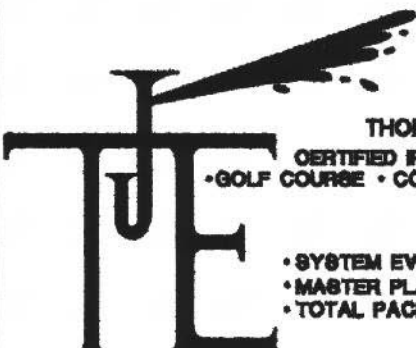
The FFII is a granular product with the PCNB carried by the fertilizer particles. The rate can vary, and I chose the



105 pounds per acre rate. That rate lays down .33 #N/M and 6 oz PCNB/M.

The price of the application seems justified for the convenience. The application equipment was smooth and precise. Finally, results this spring were very acceptable. Would my usual method have worked? Probably. Am I going to custom apply again this fall. Yes, as long as the cost stays justifiable.

Remember, I am not a Scotts sales person. Let Wayne Horman explain the program to you and you can then make your own decision. 🙏



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