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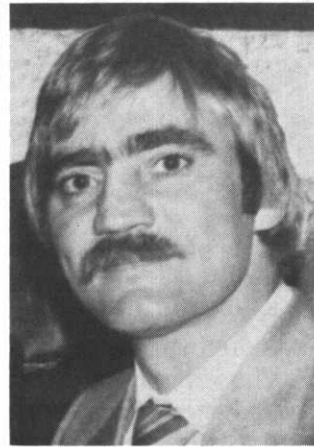
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**FROM THE
PRESIDENT'S
DESK**

Environmental and physical stress are generally most severe during the month of July. And because the stress on the grass plant is

so severe, many cultural and disease problems will begin to appear. Nearly every year the last week in June and the month of July turfgrass quality deteriorates.

In order for an infectious disease to occur, there must be a susceptible host, a disease causing organism, and environmental condition which are favorable for infection. The first symptom of disease may be leaf spots, thinning or discoloration of the turf, or small areas of dead plants in various turfgrass areas. Allowing a disease to proceed uncontrolled, severe damage to our turfgrass quality will occur.

Irrigation, mowing, fertilization and a sound fungicide program will prevent most of our turfgrass problems.

I have noticed some dollar spot activity at our course. Proper identification is most important in controlling any turfgrass problem. Alerting our maintenance personnel to report all changes in the appearance of our turfgrass area is very beneficial.

The entire membership thanks host superintendent, Jerry McCann, Jerry's wife, Carol, and the entire McCann family for a wonderful day of golf and relaxation. Also it was generous of you to allow us to use your carts at no cost. The course was in excellent condition and the experienced man cutting fairways kept all of us moving. Thank you very much.

I hope to see all of you July 14 at the Braemar Golf Course for our annual picnic sponsored by M. T. Wiley and host John and Lesley Nylund.