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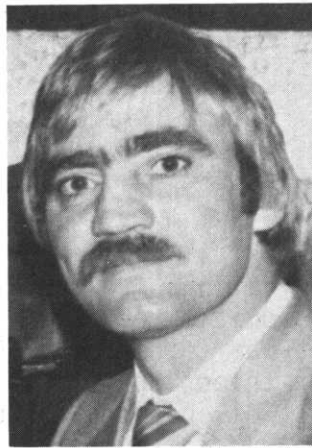
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A RECESSION IS
...WHEN WE'RE FACED WITH STILL ANOTHER
PROBLEM: WHAT WINE GOES WITH NOTHING?



Dick DeSplinter

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Everyone is very "busy"; however, we all need inspiration from time to time. Two months have passed since I asked

you, the members of the M.G.C.S.A., to share some of your practices with fellow superintendents via editorials from the members. I still feel very strongly that to improve our profession and to secure our positions as turf managers, we must aid one another for the betterment of all golf facilities. The reward I offered two months ago in the HOLE NOTES for recognition at our Annual Conference of submitted articles could be very satisfying to you as participants!

Other business at hand which is very important to many of us is all the dead Poa Annua. It seems there are no quick solutions. We can overseed, which I have spent most of the week doing, or wait until June for the Poa Annua to return. Most of my greens are Penncross and in some ways, even though some dead grass is unsightly, it is a good time to overseed Poa Annua infested areas to try to eliminate it.

Ten years ago when I first entered the profession, some wise superintendent told me that every five to ten years you'll have trouble with Poa Annua regardless as to how you treat your golf course. To date that advice has been very correct for me. In 1971 I lost a lot of turf and now, nine years later in 1980, I have lost a lot of turf again. It's embarrassing and unsightly, but this is a year to grin and bear it and be positive in your approach about the problem with your members and other clientele.

Our first monthly meeting under the new luncheon plan was very well attended. While the jury is still out, perhaps this is just what we needed to boost participation. I look forward to seeing you at North Oaks Golf Club on April 5.