

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 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.



**FRIT FLY DAMAGE TO GREEN**

## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE SLATED FOR WASHINGTON D. C.**

"The early bird gets the worm". This old adage takes on new dimension when used by James W. Timmerman, CGCS, President Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America (GCSAA) in discussing "Early Bird" plans for GCSAA's International Golf Course Conference and Show in Washington, D.C., February 5-13, 1985.

When asked to explain this concept, Timmerman replied, "The Early Bird registration was introduced for the 1984 Conference and Show and was very successful. This plan allows members to

take advantage of savings on Conference fees provided they register prior to September 15, 1984. They will also receive preferential housing and preferential banquet seating for the first time this year, as well as other discounts".

Early Bird registration allows members a 10 percent discount on all conference fees, a 25 percent discount on educational tapes purchased during the Conference, preferential banquet seating, preferential housing assignment and preference in seminar assignments.

"This Early Bird registration is available only to GCSAA members. We are continually striving to offer the best to our members and this is one way we can offer substantial savings to those members attending our Annual International Golf Course Conference and Show," said Timmerman.

Savings are also available to those members taking advantage of advance registration. However, the savings are not as great as through the Early Bird registration. Non-members can realize a savings through advance registration but are not eligible for the special Early Bird registration.

Non-members can also take advantage of a special savings plan. All individuals who become new members of the Association between February 2, 1984 and December 31, 1984 receive complimentary registration for the Washington, D.C. Conference and Show. And those who join and register prior to September 15, 1984 will be able to receive the Early Bird benefits.

Special Early Bird registration forms will be mailed to all GCSAA members around July 15. Any member not receiving this special registration form should call 1-800-GSA-SUPT.

