

## Member Involvement Is Key

At a recent Research Committee meeting, a member of the committee had commented about the wonderful network that the Twin City metro area had communicating its practices of different areas of golf course management, especially greens covers, growth regulators and different forms of winter patch disease control.

The key to any great communication network is involvement; in this case it's membership involvement. When members interact with each other, ideas are shared, common goals are reached, solutions to problems are found. Not only can this involvement help any MGCSA member professionally, but the avenues are open for personal relationships to grow.

The information that you can receive by getting involved as a MGCSA member will provide you with the opportunity to promote the well-being of your golf facility and promote yourself professionally. With this type of involvement it is definitely a win-win type of involvement.

Several Minnesota Turfgrass Managers are very willing to share their knowledge on a variety of different subjects ranging from plant protectants to covers. The dynamic duo of Dr. Ward Stienstra and Kevin Clunis will help you ready your golf facility for the onslaught of winter, Dr. Stienstra's valuable knowledge concerning what fungicides work or what combination of fungicides work will be of great help to all members of the MGCSA now that Calo-Clor will be banned from use after July 1, 1994. Kevin Clunis will be able to offer all members of the MGCSA practical solutions to the application of these plant protectants.

Over at Minnesota Valley Country Club, Larry Mueller has used many different types of turf covers. Larry will be able to help you with "when do they (covers) go on, when do I remove them, which cover works in this location."

Growth regulators are an interesting subject. You can use them to reduce clippings, speed up your greens without lowering the height-of-cut, help suppress a specific weed grass and convert over to Creeping Bentgrass. Dale Wysocki of Faribault Golf & Country Club will be more than happy to offer advice about Growth Regulators.

— Dale Wysocki

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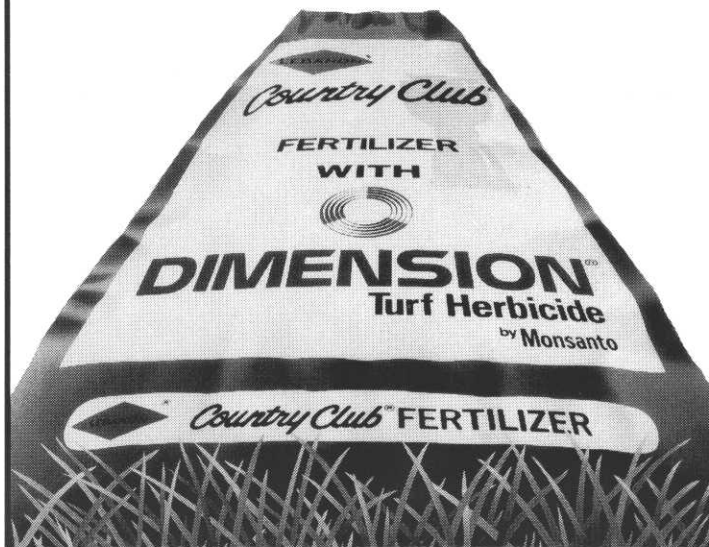
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