

## Questions —

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**Mary:** The most satisfying experience in the past couple of years has been returning to a "normal" year in 1995 after experiencing the "500" year rains in 1994.

**What is the most important summer disease problem on your course and what cultural practices and fungicides do you use to combat the problem?**

**Keith:** The most important summer disease problem is the one that conditions favor at the time. During the summer we try to manage the irrigation to keep greens on the dry side

and fertilize regularly with N to keep the greens growing actively. We use a fungicide program consisting of a combination of systemic and contacts when dollar spot is noticed or when conditions are favorable for brown patch.

**Jeff:** Dollar spot is the most common disease found on our golf course. The greens are treated with fungicides on a preventive program with approximately seven applications throughout the season. During severe disease pressure we may raise the cutting heights as well as groomer heights. The fairways and tees are treated on a curative program with up to four applications of fungicides for dollar spot. During high disease pressure we will

drag hoses on fairways to remove guttation water and mow after they have dried to reduce clumping of grass clippings.

**Mary:** Our most prevalent summer disease has been dollar spot. Since I am responding to this questionnaire from a vacation in Flamingo, Fla., I would not want to give improper information. Generally, with proper fertilization, aerification and preventive pesticide application, we can keep excellent control with less work and expense.

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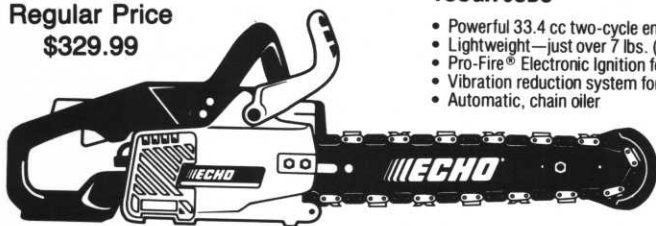
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