

Editor's Corner

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ALL WRAPPED UP....

By now all of us have, for the most part, finished all of our projects for the year and can finally take a deep breath and relax. Our irrigation systems are all winterized and our greens, tees and fairways put to bed and awaiting that first snowfall. Also getting ready for deer hunting for all of us that do so, as well as checking out the ice fishing house to be sure it's comfy enough for us to relax and kill some time over the winter months.

SEE YOU IN DECEMBER....

The time has come for all of us to make our reservations for the upcoming MTGF conference if you haven't already done so.

I always look forward to going to Minneapolis for this event. Either for the education or just to see a lot of old friends to visit with and talk about old times. Make sure you plan on coming to our MGCSA annual meeting as well this year. See you in Minneapolis!!

THANK YOU!

I want to take the time to thank all of you for putting up with my writings over the past three years. Being editor of *Hole Notes* has been very rewarding for me. I have had many nice compliments and support from many of you. But as all good things must come to an end, so does my time as your editor. Besides I have simply run out of intelligent things to talk about. Without Scott, Jeff and Ralph Turtinen, our *Hole Notes* wouldn't be what it is. I want to thank them most of all!

With that, I'll close. No more, "see ya next month."

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intensive wear, are not usually imposed by NTEP trials. Despite such limitations, NTEP and similar programs are about the only means of obtaining unbiased, comparative information on disease resistance of turfgrass cultivars.

A key point to consider when gathering disease information from cultivar trials is that turfgrass pathogens often have different strains or races that can affect cultivars differently. For example, race 'A' of a fungal pathogen may predominate at one location and injure cultivar 'X' more severely than cultivar 'Y'. At a different location, race 'B' of the pathogen may be more prevalent and cause more damage to cultivar 'Y' than cultivar 'X'. Thus, disease ratings from different locations will vary. In some cases, there may even be more than one race at the same location. Therefore, try to determine if disease-resistance trends are consistent for certain cultivars at two or three locations nearest you and are consistent for 2 to 3 years at the same location(s). If you see no consistent trends over locations and years, it may be premature to draw any conclusions about disease resistance.

When assessing the disease resistance of a cultivar, make sure that you look at its reaction to all diseases. Good resistance to one disease does not equate to good resistance to others. For example, in trials we conducted at Penn State, we were impressed by the resistance of a few colonial bentgrass cultivars to dollar spot and snow-mold diseases compared with creeping bentgrass. Unfortunately, most of these colonial bentgrass cultivars are much more susceptible to brown patch than creeping bentgrasses—a fact that limits acceptance of colonial bentgrasses on golf courses in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States.

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