



The Savory Supe

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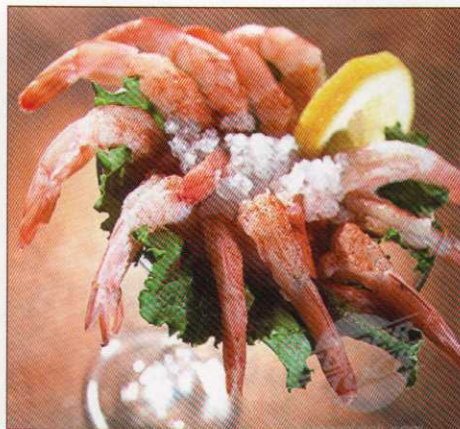
This is one of my favorite side dishes, particularly with a great steak! This is a very simple way to take the normal grilling experience up a notch. Give it a try next time you are entertaining.

Ingredients:

- 20 cooked de-veined jumbo shrimp
- 1 celery stalk finely chopped
- Outer peel of 1 lemon, finely grated (lemon zest)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Hot sauce (I prefer Tabasco)
- Salt
- Black pepper
- fl cup of your favorite vodka
- 2 cups of your favorite cocktail sauce

Place 4 martini glasses in the freezer to chill.

Shrimp Martini



In a small pitcher or saucepan combine the cocktail sauce, vodka, hot sauce (to

taste), celery and lemon zest. Add black pepper and salt, again, to taste. Cool in the refrigerator.

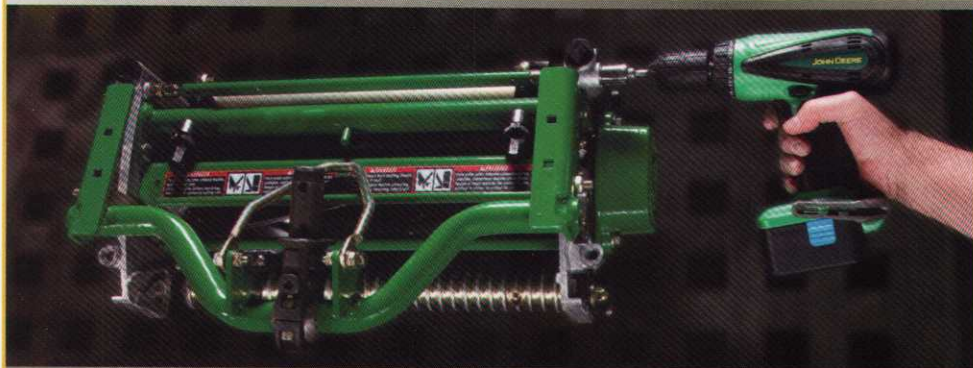
Clean and rinse the shrimp in cold water, dry. Squirt the lemon juice over the shrimp. You can season the shrimp with a tad of salt, if desired.

Remove the martini glasses from the freezer. If they are frosted, run under cold water and dry. Hang the shrimp, 5 to a glass, with the tail on the outside of the glass. Pour the spiced-up cocktail sauce equally into each glass. Serve. Enjoy.

If you are really trying to impress the neighbors, you can garnish the shrimp martini with a small stalk of parsley or other fresh garden green.

Enjoy!
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New Research Affects Dew Removal Recommendations for Fairways

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During the 1990s, some very interesting UK research showed that practices for removing dew accumulation at sunrise such as mowing, syringing, dragging a hose, etc. can speed leaf surface drying and therefore reduce dollar spot on creeping bentgrass. The results of this work were so exciting that many golf course superintendents implemented a sunrise dew-removal program on their fairways on those mornings when they don't mow, often by dragging coupled hoses across the fairway. Since that time, we have become interested in seeing just how much fungicide savings (if any) superintendents might be able to achieve on creeping bentgrass fairways by instituting a dew-removal program.

Last year, two field experiments were conducted on creeping bentgrass fairways, comparing a normal mowing program (3 mornings per week) with a combination program (mowing three mornings per week combined with dragging by hose the remaining four mornings per week). Dollar spot was allowed to develop from natural inoculum, and disease was monitored regularly.

In both tests, the combination treatment (mowing and hosing) never provided a statistically significant reduction in dollar spot severity over the normal mow-

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ing treatment (Figure 1). We were quite surprised by these results and fully expected the combination treatment to reduce disease pressure, thus reducing the need for fungicide applications. Nevertheless, these are the results we obtained in two trials with significant disease pressure.

We have pondered these results and we

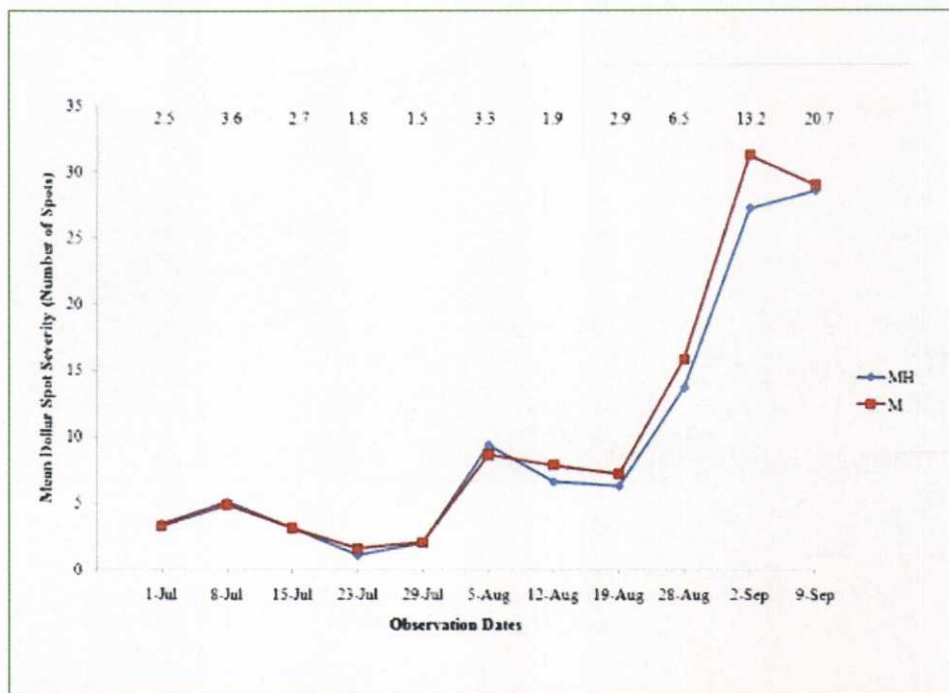


Figure 1. Disease progress in the combination treatment (MH, mowing plus hosing to remove dew) vs. mowing only (M). Data provided here are means across several treatments. LSD values (0.05) are given along top of figure.

have concluded that a blanket recommendation for dew removal on creeping bentgrass fairways for disease management is less defensible than we once thought. While our studies in the 1990s clearly showed that dragging creeping bentgrass seven mornings per week significantly reduced dollar spot, our current studies were designed to answer a different question: Does dragging on the mornings when the fairway is not being mowed provide any additional disease control over and above that provided by mowing alone? And our data indicate that the answer seems to be "No."

We know from our earlier studies that mowing is the most effective dew-removal practice for reducing disease pressure. Mowing while the dew and dollar spot mycelium are still on the leaves is probably very disruptive to disease development, both by speeding leaf drying and by tearing apart fungal mycelium (which

may reduce its vigor, maybe sometimes even kill it). While dragging every day at sunrise is useful as a stand-alone dew removal practice, our data indicate that mowing three days a week provides all the dollar spot suppression on fairway-height creeping bentgrass that a combination mowing/dragging program provides.

Of course, based on our studies in the previous decade, dragging in the morning will likely reduce disease if mowing is not done until after the leaves have dried. Furthermore, some superintendents drag in order to make the turf stand more erect, and that advantage may be a good enough reason to drag fairways.

However, our results suggest that dragging fairways at sunrise in order to reduce disease pressure is not beneficial, if one is already mowing at sunrise three days a week.

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