

A vote for the little course

Just a note to say how much I enjoyed Bill Lyons' article on Let's Not Forget The Little Golf COURSES. It was just great and so very true.

Having just returned from Florida and other Southern areas, I have decided it is my last. The attempt to play

golf down there is just too much trouble and aggravation, simply because the name of the game is \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$.

I'll take our little golf courses here in our own area from now on.

I will also make a prediction. We will see the day when the classy clubs welcome the public to a great degree and golf will be FREE as long as you are willing to pay \$50.00 per round for a cart.

Anyway, thanks for an excellent magazine. I really look for it each month and it is very helpful in our attempt to keep our "little" course in superb condition for our citizens.

Jerry Allen
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Organization is needed

I applaud your proposal to form an organization of educators and extension agents in horticulture and agronomy for turf and landscape. I agree that such an organization would be helpful to us and the industry.

A major part of my educational effort is with landscape managers, grounds maintenance people and turf care professionals. We have for the past eight years conducted a two-day school here in Evansville for these professionals as well as other meetings during the year. Over 100 participated.

Please let me know what I can do to help the organization become a reality.

Thank you for an excellent magazine.

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Dual role for WT&T

I am writing this letter in response to your editorial in the March issue of *Weeds, Trees, and Turf*.

I am the Extension Plant Pathologist in charge of disease recommendations for forest, shade trees, and turf throughout the state of Georgia. I work very closely with our forestry industry, municipalities (in managing their urban forests), and the turf grass industry within the state which includes golf courses as well as other high maintenance urban turf. Not only is *Weeds, Trees, and Turf* very helpful to me in distributing information, but it is also a possible outlet for me to disseminate information in the future.

I will be glad to work with you in any way possible. If I can be of any assistance to you in this area, please feel free to contact me.

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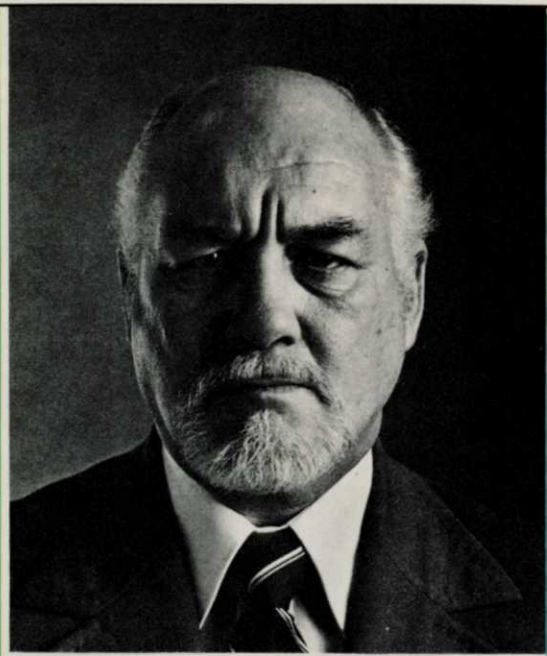
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Another frost crack solution

Your answer in the December 1982 issue of Weeds, Trees and Turf's (Vegetation Management column) on the ways to prevent frost cracks in London Plane reminded me of how I stopped frost crack in a 30 inch pin oak in my backyard.

When I moved into my present home in December 1959, the large pin oak in the backyard had a frost crack on the south side of the trunk extending up about 8 feet above the ground. It had been cracking for several years and a ridge of callus tissue had formed, but each year the crack opened anew. I noticed, also, that during the summer that fluxing took place out through the crack.

As a graduate student at Cornell in 1948, 1949 and 1950, I had seen Carl Seliskar's research on wetwood disease of elms and observed that properly installed drain pipes stopped the fluxing. So I drilled a hole a little over half way through the trunk about 8 inches above the ground and put in a drain pipe, leaving the end stick out about 5 inches. The fluxing stopped, the frost crack disappeared, and over the 25 years that followed so has the drain pipe. I think frost cracks are caused by water expanding and contracting in the freezing temperatures.

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Wetting agent helps Poa control

We enjoyed reading Jeff Hagman's article on some of the research being done with Embark to control *Poa annua* seedhead formation. It is good to begin to get this information out to the field.

We also thought the "Weeds Trees & Turf" readership would be interested to know about the concurrent "Poa seedhead control" research that has been conducted at Cornell. Dr. M. Petrovic has found that Aqua-GRO (the soil wetting agent for rootzone water management) as well as EMBARK properly applied in the spring gives consistently significant reductions in *Poa* seedhead formation with no discoloration or inhibition of the turf. In fact Dr. Petrovic's data showed improved quality ratings where Aqua-GRO was used. This treatment can also serve as the rootzone application of Aqua-GRO, thus becoming an additional benefit of a regularly used turf product.

Dr. Petrovic presented this research at the American Society of Agronomy meeting but has not yet published it as it is going through the patenting process. However, the abstract is in Agronomy Abstracts, page 145 and Dr. Petrovic can be contacted with questions on the work.

We enjoy reading your magazine. It is helpful in keeping abreast with new developments in the turf industry.

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