

TURF TWISTERS

THIS WINTER AND BERMUDA SURVIVAL

Question: This has been the most severe winter along the eastern seaboard since records have been kept. What will the cold weather do to our bermudagrass? (North Carolina)

Answer: The answer will rest pretty much with what the late winter and early spring will bring. If we have a normal transition from winter to spring, the bermuda should survive quite well. However, if there are a series of hard freezes and thaws during the months ahead, bermuda could be seriously damaged.

THIS SPRING AND NON-EDIBLE FRUITS

Question: This spring, is there anything I can do to reduce the fruiting of my flowering ornamentals on the course? When this non-edible fruit drops, it is a real mess to keep cleaning up. (New York)

Answer: Yes. To help hold down fruit of flowering ornamentals, you can apply Seven (Carbaryl) 50% W.P. at 2 pounds of material per 100 gallons of water two to three weeks after the full bloom of the ornamental—when the petals are almost formed. For best results, don't use any surfactants and try to let it dry well on the plant.

THIS RAKE AND THIS BUNKER

Question: Would you help us settle the question once and for all? Where should rakes for sand bunkers be placed; inside or outside the bunker? (New Mexico)

Answer: Outside the bunker and where least likely to interfere with play. (Be sure to read Joseph C. Dey, Jr.'s., article in this issue on Great Golf Courses and The Rules of Golf.)

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