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## Set the Record Straight

Recent television broadcasts have misinformed the public about the use of Daconil 2787 on Golf Courses. Below is an official statement from Fermenta Corporation for you to keep in your public relations file.

### DACONIL 2787® STATEMENT

**Prior v. Diamond Shamrock Lawsuit**  
Listed below are the facts concerning the 1982 death of Navy Lt. George Prior.

On May 9, 1988 the TRIAL COURT in the case entered judgement IN FAVOR of the defendants. These are the facts:

- Lt. Prior died from Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis (TEN) which was caused by a viral infection.
- A review of ALL medical writings regarding TEN confirmed that Daconil 2787 has never been associated with the disease.
- Daconil 2787 has been used on golf course turf for more than 18 years with over THREE BILLION rounds of golf being played without any reported incidents of TEN.

SUMMARY CONCLUSION:  
EXTENSIVE EVIDENCE DEVELOPED FOR THIS CASE, INCLUDING PRODUCT USAGE INFORMATION FROM MORE THAN 18 YEARS, CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT DACONIL 2787 FUNGICIDE DID NOT CAUSE TEN, THAT RESULTED IN LT. PRIOR'S DEATH.

## We Have A Winner!

Congratulations to John Specker, winner of the NMTA survey raffle. Wear your green jacket with pride, John! And thanks to all who contributed by returning the survey.

## Directory to be mailed next week

Your 1990 Membership Directory will be in the mail next week!

## NMTMA meeting set for May 22 at Lost Lake Woods Club

**Host Superintendent:** Brian Holmes **Club Professional:** Tom Micek

Our first golf outing will take place on the east side of the state. To find Lost Lake Woods Club, travel eastward on M-72 toward Harrisville, turn left at the Alcona High School onto F-41 and continue north toward Ossineke for approximately 8 miles. When you see the main entrance, turn in and proceed to the clubhouse. The program will begin with lunch at 12:00. Immediately after lunch our guest speaker, Nick Clifford will speak to us about "Spoonfeeding" with soluble fertilizers. There will be a shotgun start following the speaker's program at approximately 1:30 p.m. We will be playing a best two balls of four with team and individual prizes being awarded. You will be responsible for making your own foursome. Please bring your handicap. The cost for golf, cart, dinner and prizes is \$22.50. Checks may be made payable to Lost Lake Woods Club. **IMPORTANT:** You must make reservations ahead of time with Brian Holmes by phone (517) 736-6493.

### NORTHERN MICHIGAN GOLF COURSE MECHANIC'S MEETING

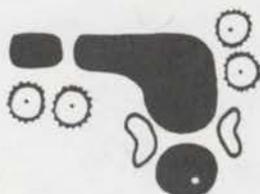
**Date:** Monday, June 11 **Place:** Crystal Downs Country Club in Frankfort  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. -Meeting Starts; 12:00 noon.-Lunch; 1:30 p.m.-Golf (Optional)  
A representative from Kamp Oil in Grand Rapids will speak on oils, fuels and lubricants. Please call Dan Stratton at 352-4241 for reservations. Dan will give directions to Crystal Downs and answer any questions about the cost (minimal) of this program. Let's all make our new mechanic's organization work. Remember - education pays for itself!

### NEXT MEETING:

Enclosed with this copy of Turf Times, you will find an entry for this year's MTF Benefit Day. The outing is scheduled for June 25th at the new Donald Ross Memorial Course at Boyne Highlands. The course features faithful recreations of Ross holes from some of his best known courses. The unabashed copies of the master's work were carefully chosen to fit our existing northern Michigan terrain, appropriated from such courses as Seminole, Oakland Hills, Royal Dornoch and, of course, Pinehurst #2. Our hats are off to superintendents Joe Breightner and Jim Milbrandt for providing this magnificent facility. Money raised at this event is donated to the Michigan Turf Foundation every January. These donations are an important source of income, which eventually funds research projects at Michigan State University. This is an opportunity for those in the turf industry to support the Foundation that solves our turf related problems. We strongly urge NMTMA members to make this event available to your membership. As golfers, they also can appreciate the rewards of this research. Please return your entries as soon as possible to guarantee your starting time. If you do not have a foursome and wish to attend, we will find you a group.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** The July 19th Meeting and Golf Outing will be at "The Rock" on Drummond Island.

*"Represent your organization with class. Nice sport clothes are required for all golf outings - no blue jeans, t-shirts and the like. Sweaters or jackets with ties are recommended for all dinners and meetings. Good golf etiquette, fairness and sportsmanship are expected at all golfing events."*



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# 14th Annual Turf Benefit Day

**The Donald Ross Memorial Course**  
**Boyne Highlands ■ Monday, June 25th, 1990**

**Entry Fee:**

\$65.00 per player ■ \$260.00 per team

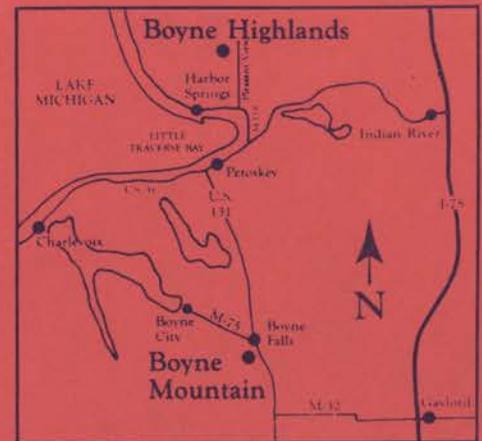
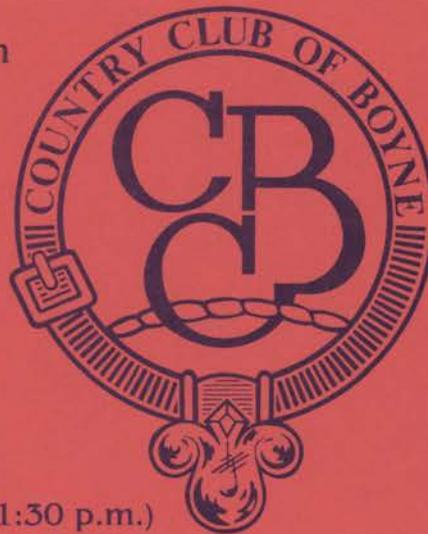
Proceeds will go to  
Michigan Turf Foundation  
Turfgrass Research Fund

**\* Four Man Best Ball**  
Best Two of Four  
Full Handicap

Team Prizes & Prizes  
for Individual Events

**\* Includes:**

1. Golf (Shot Guns 8:00 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.)
2. Golf Carts
3. Cheese Board - Cocktail Hour
4. Dinner (Morning Players - 2:30, Afternoon - 7:30)



*In case of inclement weather, the banquets will be held as scheduled.  
Rooms are available for those desiring to stay over.*

**1 (800) 526-3899**

## Entry Form

Players	Handicap	Preferred Starting Times
_____	_____	Shot Gun 8:00 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	<b>or</b>
_____	_____	Shot Gun 1:30 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/>
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