by perhaps 40, 30 or 20 percent.

The next question is — why don’t I do less grooming? My reply to this is that unless other golf courses in my area agree to follow suit, I would not try it without a solid agreement from my club. I would be afraid unless I had it in black and white that I might jeopardize my job by doing it. I have 200 other greenskeepers at my club who play other country clubs in the area and then come back and tell me what great shape the courses are in. They unfairly always compare the golf grooming but give no thought to or have any knowledge of local conditions such as drainage, soil problems, water source and work force and also overlook other important variables such as budgets, equipment and size of golf course. They also forget that the more acreage, the more grooming is required.

In the near future we may just have to sit down with our chairmen and board of directors and show them with cost charts that grooming everything meticulously to the point of almost pricing ourselves right out of the game is ridiculous. And we may have to explain that letting the grass grow a little longer will actually make the game a little more challenging and more enjoyable.