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My units will be set at .135 or so (a bit above my triple reels) and have solid rollers. Although my clean-up doesn't have the pronounced wheel marks often seen on triplex greens, I am concerned with the limited health of these areas. Also, I use Primo and will continue to mow the clean up on an every third day regime. —Jack MacKenzie, CGCS, North Oaks Golf Club

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Jeff, if the area starts to show stress, solid is the way to go. Because we mow the clean-up pass every third day it has not been needed. —Jim Nicol, CGCS, Hazeltine National Golf Club

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Jim, we also rotate the days we do the clean-up passes but now with the greens becoming more 'squared' the mowers will put more stress on the turf in these areas. I will be watching closely for stressed turf and, if need be, I might have to switch to a solid roller. Will the solid roller allow us to get as close of a cut as the Wiley at .125? I ask this because I thought the reason for using the Wiley rollers was for the ability to get a better cut at a lower height. What are some of the down falls of the solid rollers? Debris collecting on the roller would be one of my concerns, what else can you veterans tell me? —Jeff Johnson, The Minikahda Club.

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On two of my greens I walk mow 6x/wk (skip Monday) with solid rollers. Turf stays as good as I can (shade, air movement, etc). By bench setting (.140) at the same height it actually cuts higher thus better for the turf. We also use Primo @.08 b-weekly and mow clean-up lap every other day. —Kevin Clunis, CGCS, Tanners Brook Golf Course.

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