

service of the steering and brakes and the consequences he could be faced with as well as yourself if a lawsuit should come about and be traced back to the mechanical failures of the cart.

Last but not least, talk to your greens chairman and check on the club insurance policies to be sure that you are personally protected in any legal action involving cart accidents. Find out if each cart user signs a release of liability for any personal injury incurred during the use of the golf cart on the golf course. Get your protection program started now while the season is still early.

Contact the AGCMA for their safety suggestions and safety decals for carts.

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COMMENT

While reading the many press releases and publicity we received from the Cincinnati and national newspapers concerning our conference the following in the National Observer struck my attention - "Courses are Becoming too Manicured".

According to the insert the majority of the superintendents feel courses will become even more manicured because that's the way the golfer wants them. Now I ask you, what's wrong with that? One veteran superintendent stated, "We're going to do what those players want 'cause if people aren't playing golf they're not going to need us around much longer." Isn't the golfer right in his quest for perfection, but how about the superintendent? One could get the impression some of us manicured our courses because we have to, not because we want to. The days of the "cow pasture course" are over and if a man is satisfied with that type of condition his dreams and visions, if he ever had any, have come to a halt.

First the golfer only demanded good greens, then greenlike tees, fairways and now some are demanding perfect roughs. Under the heavy traffic and adverse conditions we face today maybe he is asking too much, but how about our sense of pride and accomplishment?

Superintendent Sherwood Moore once had a member tell him, "I wish I loved my job the way you do yours." Most of us can relate to the above so shouldn't we strive for that perfection. Let the golfer set the goal and we can perfect it.

What would your reply be if one day a crew

member came to you and said, "Mr. Jones, ever since you came here why are we always tearing something up on the course?" If you say, "As long as I'm here there will be something torn up" you are striving to reach that goal of perfection as professional turf men.

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COMMON COMPLAINTS

Now that another season is upon us, maybe it would be a good idea to check the common complaints of the golfer, superintendent and worker so a better relationship can be achieved.

THE GOLFER:

1. Tees are not level, not smooth
2. Tee markers are not moved often enough
- grass cover too sparse
3. Tee markers are placed too close to one another
4. Tee markers are not squared away with the correct line of flight
5. Pin placements are unfair at times
6. Pin placements (cups) are moved too infrequently. Grass is sparse around cups or long and scraggly at perimeter of cups.
7. Cups are not replaced properly - sometimes too low, or too high or too near last cup placement
8. Greens bumpy - not perfectly true
9. Too much grain, mat, or thatch in greens
10. Greens too soft or too hard - ball marks numerous and repaired badly - wonder whose responsibility that is!
11. Traps raked inadequately or not at all
12. Traps edged improperly or unfairly - traps constructed so that they restrict backswing are most unfair
13. Roughs too lush near edge of fairways
15. Roads through course too numerous - made by constant traffic or course equipment
15. Clean towels for ball washers not replaced often enough

SUPERINTENDENT & WORKERS:

In return, the superintendent and the workers ask primarily for understanding and appreciation from the membership which