

Every Par 3 was tricky to play. The Par 4's were nightmares for anyone who hooks or slices. They have so many trees at Claremont I thought we were in a tree farm. The golfer took advantage of Par at Claremont. As you know it's a supposedly short 18 at 68 Par and 5,490 yards. So howcome the low for the day was a 77? No one reported the high score. Stan, I personally congratulate you and your crew on a fine job. I hope we come back soon.

Hope to see many more of you at Carmel Valley. Dig out those rusty "ole" clubs and get to know every foot of our golf courses!

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IRRIGATION or IRRITATION ? That is the Question.

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Irrigation in the western part of our country is very necessary in order to grow grass and most plant life. We do get a little rainfall, usually during the winter months to supplement the water requirement of our turf. However, if we are to keep the grass green all year around, it is necessary to have an adequate irrigation system.

Since flood irrigation is not too practical for most Golf Courses, even though some are doing just that, only with sprinklers; it seems necessary in many cases in order to get the water where needed. This method is not what a sprinkler system was intended to do.

PROPER DESIGN AND INSTALLATION IS THE KEY TO ELIMINATE THE "IRRITATION" FROM A SPRINKLER SYSTEM, WHETHER IT BE QUICK COUPLER MANUAL OR AUTOMATIC.

If only the owners or board of directors of Golf Courses could be convinced to invest a little more money in the planning and installing of a complete system - it would sure take the "Irritation out of Irrigation".

The benefits are so great that it not only reflects on the sprinkler coverage, but fertilization, for example, is made so much easier when uniform water coverage can be depended on to get the feed to the roots evenly as intended.

Even if a proper system cost 10% more, it is economically practical to do so. For example: \$150,000.00 investment in a sprinkler system, which is a bare minimum design, could be done for another \$15,000.00. This amount spread over 15 years amounts to an extra \$1,000.00 per year investment. Using a minimum design in the same 15 years could cost in labor and adding more sprinklers, etc., etc. an additional \$30,000.00 or \$2,000.00 a year extra cost.

Like the old Water Boy says: "It's not what you get wetter - it's how you water".