

and environmental cost associated with any misuse.

6. Continuity of Club Officials (5). An important issue that is unmanageable. The constant changing of club officials creates a climate of uncertainty in the superintendent's mind. Lack of short and long-term goals impede the progress of the golf course maintenance program. At times, new club officials have conflicting management priorities, causing disruptive shifts in maintenance strategies.

"Nobody asked, but..." Five year terms for club officials would anchor a sound maintenance program.

7. Equipment (10). It isn't a compliment to our industry to hear that we have to scrounge for workable equipment. When maintenance goals are established, buy the equipment to support those goals.

So often we "put the cart before the horse" or, in our case, "play ability before the equipment."

8. Pesticide Storage and Maintenance Buildings (6). A serious problem for the superintendent burdened with inadequate structures to store pesticides and equipment that fail to meet minimum standards.

Pesticide storage and disposal are regulated fiercely at all levels of government. But these new structures are costly to build and maintain, forcing golf courses to delay construction.

9. Amount of Play(8). Secretly, most superintendents would like to have the course all to themselves, with no play. But we know we must share this beautiful creation with the golfers if we are to continue working. But give

us adequate time to insure the golf course is properly maintained.

When cultural practices are missed or delayed, quality is diminished. Blocking sections of time each week or month during the season is critical to survival of the golf course.

10. Tree Management (7). I don't see this as a top ten problem. Cutting down trees is an environmental issue in most jurisdictions.

As in any listing, nominees left off deserve recognition. The problems that didn't make the top ten include: Superintendents unable to read soil tests (it takes a degree in agronomy), poor record keeping (can assistants type), inappropriately-timed maintenance (did you aerify before a member-guest), and taking advice from the wrong people (think about it).

My perspective has changed since I read the article in "Golf Course News."

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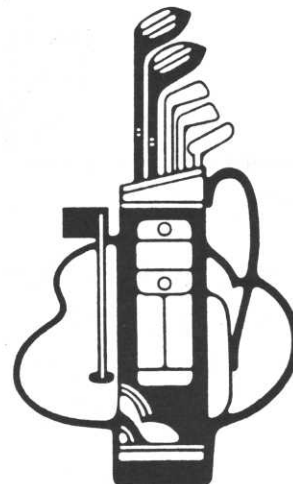
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