

***I'll Take Bogey***

Tell your friends that you're happy to shoot a bogey round, and they'll think you don't understand the game. But the British term "bogey" has changed its meaning since crossing the Atlantic. In England, it originally meant the same as the American term "par," and if you "shot bogey," you took only the number of strokes expected of a really good player. Nowadays in the United States, "bogey" means one stroke over par, not to mention those awful double, triple, and quadruple bogeys.

**FYI**

by Barbara Mikel

**H**ope you had a happy Fourth of July!

I would like to thank all of our members for the cooperation I have been receiving on meeting reservations. It really makes my job easier when you can get your reservations in to the office early. I know sometimes it takes forever to get that check out of your accounting department. Keep up the good work!!

On another note, it's fly

fishing season, in case you haven't noticed. Each year we try to test our skills (luck?) in Montana or Utah. This year we are going to Missoula, Montana, then on to Green River, Utah. Wish us luck!

**NOTE!**

The office will be closed the week of **July 18 through July 25**. The answering machine will be in the "announce only" mode. I will be back in the office on July 26th. If you have a problem or question that can't wait until I return, please contact one of the board members.

**BENTGRASS TRIALS**

**Tips from the USGA  
Hand Watering Greens**

by Pat Gross  
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Summer is here, and there is nothing an overheated maintenance staff member would rather do than hand water greens on a hot afternoon. After all, it's an easy job -- grab a hose, hook it up to a quick coupler, and soak the grass. Think again. That employee may be doing more harm than good if they are not familiar with the proper way to hand water greens.

This may sound a little ridiculous, but many employees do not understand the proper methods for hand watering greens. A 1992 survey of the Green Section staff indicated that over-irrigation of greens was one of the top 10 maintenance pitfalls. Over watering contributes to disease development and inconsistent playing conditions. Even the best-designed irrigation system cannot produce a green with uniform moisture content throughout. Therefore, occasional hand watering will be necessary to compensate for localized dry spots or to cool the turfgrass canopy, and to maintain consistent playing conditions.

A few basic tools are necessary to do the job right: a soil probe and a hose-end nozzle that applies water in a gentle showering fashion. If regular soil probes cannot be purchased, effective probes can be made by cutting down a broken golf club shaft and cutting out a view port using a bench grinder. Staff members should be trained to check the greens with the soil probe before applying any water to determine soil moisture levels. Many disease and insect problems display symptoms similar to localized dry spots. Watering these areas will often make the situation worse. If the turf is wilting and adequate moisture is present, staff members should report this condition to the superintendent immediately.

Hand watering the wrong way can do as much damage

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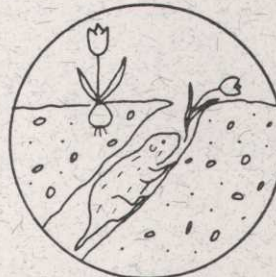
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