



Is It Green Committee Or Greens Committee?

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Please help settle a debate at our club. Is the proper term “Green Committee” or “Greens Committee?” Some content that the term “Green Committee” is outdated and refers more to environmental issues, recycling, carbon foot-print, and other such issues. Which is proper?

History is on the side of using the term “Green Committee.” This was brought about by the group that oversees the maintenance of the golf course and is not only concerned about the (putting) greens, but everything that is green on the golf course property, including tees, fairways, rough, trees, shrubs, cacti, flowerbeds, etc. Your committee should not be apologetic for being involved in environmental issues. Green committees and superintendents have been intimately engaged in environmental management for decades. These committees are involved in recycling, carbon foot-print (turf sequesters one to two tons of carbon per acre per year), wildlife habitat and efficient environmental management. The committee should take credit and responsibility for their vital role in overseeing this important environmental resource.