

IRRIGATION

greens should be watered heavily at periodic intervals, and allowed to dry out before applying more water.

This probably derived from the restraints imposed by hose and sprinkler watering. Unless an army of men could be deployed at night to constantly move hoses and sprinklers from green to green as well as to different areas of greens, this meant leaving them on a few greens all night - or at least for long durations. Thus greens were over-watered, but no hose system could cope with watering 18 greens simultaneously, even if, semi-automatic control measures could be devised. The folly of developing this technique to pop ups is that it needlessly perpetuates a fault.

If, reducing the argument to the absurdities preached only a few years ago, greens were watered with pop ups once a week in one application, the demand on the system to water all greens at once would astronomically increase costs, in terms of much larger reservoirs, pumps and pipe work. Consequently when watering in sequence, assuming that ten minutes a night was the norm we would be watering each green for 70 mins, i.e. the cycle for 18-19 would be in the region

of 20 hours a night and day! When would we play golf?

If the course is split into three or four zones to reduce the nightly watering period to more reasonable levels some greens at any given time would be waterlogged bogs, others drying out and others rock hard and virtually impermeable even with aeration.

The answer is little and often - every night in drought, emulating a good shower i.e. about 200-250 galls per 500 sq. yd. green. Of course, stress symptoms must be noted ('shine' on greens means they have gone too far), but it is vital to use water as an aid to management, starting as late in the season as one dares stopping early (late August) to go into the winter with dry greens. Never use water to make greens soft and holding, to make the greens grow or to make it green. The old motto 'If in doubt don't water' is still a good one, but it is fully accepted that some compromise on appearance is necessary, but the problem with pop ups originally was that it was fatally easy to apply too much without realising it. Once annual meadow grass invades, it needs more water to stop it seeding and dying - so

a vicious spiral ensues.

Modern and well designed systems give much more precise and accurate control and distribution, but since we are aiming at wide surrounds and approaches, identical botanically and in all aspects save height of cut to putting surfaces, then we should water surrounds periodically not constantly in relation to their poorer permeability by setting the pop ups to 'full circle' and back with an 80% increase in duration. This counteracts to some extent the effect of wind and other factors, but missed areas must be tackled by hand held hose - it is no answer to step up the time. Fixed arc heads should be changed to adjustable arc heads, especially if the former are 180°.

Individual greens e.g. elevated ones drying out quicker will need more than others (some may need no irrigation at all) but a very rough guide is not to exceed 50 gass/100 sq. yards which on most systems equates with about 6 minutes on the controller or 10 mins full circle. The correct use of water as a servant, not a master, on long term green condition and all year round play cannot be over emphasised.

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