

Night Watering — Calgary Style

Upon his return home after attending the Executive Committee meeting in Toronto in late June, Norm McKinley decided to check the shop to see if the night water boys were on the job. "The phone was busy at 9:30, still busy at 9:40 and again at 9:45. Finally at about 9:50 one of the boys answered. I asked him if it had been a pleasant conversation; he said it sounded O.K. but it was the other boy talking to his girl friend. I asked who was moving the sprinklers while he was talking on the phone and he replied that they were on their first break. I suggested that maybe they should give me a schedule so I might have some idea of what to expect. The next morning the following was pinned to my door written on a long section of a roller paper towel."

NIGHT WATER SCHEDULE

Arrive Promptly at 8:00 P.M.

SET UP

(1st move) 8:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. (includes putting clothes and gloves on, starting cushmans and putting pump on)

1st BREAK 9:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. (includes taking off clothes, failing to start heater. Terry phoning Louisa, Mike practicing putting, eating lunch and a short nap)

Re-set

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2nd MOVE 10:00 p.m. - 11:14½ — (1st complete change)

2nd BREAK - 11:14½ - 11:30 p.m. — (includes drying off, failing to start heater again, Terry phoning Louisa again if necessary, and a short nap)

3rd MOVE 11:30 - 12:46 a.m. — (2nd complete change, includes unplugging 331 sprinkler nozzles)

3rd BREAK 12:46 a.m. - 1:00.01 a.m. — (includes drying off, making a third vain attempt to get heater going, Terry phoning Louisa, Mike hitting drives off No. 15 Tee and a long nap)

4th MOVE 1:00.01 a.m. - 2:15 a.m. — (includes bailing out about 8-10 greens per night which are usually under water, restaking trees knocked over and mowing a few greens)

4th BREAK 2:15 a.m. - 2:30 a.m. — (includes throwing heater out the window, a short game of gin (without mix) up to 300,000 points)

TAKE OFF HOSES 2:30 a.m. - 3:00 a.m. — (includes green and tee hoses being moved away from greens and plugging in those greens forgotten)

3:00 a.m. - 3:00.0001 — Shut off pump

OVERTIME 3:00.001 - 002 — Close doors and leave 4:00 a.m. Come back to close garage doors and lock gate.

P. S. No. 1 Please note this list was written out after 3:00 a.m.

P. S. No. 2 Please note superior job done whenever Oregon skies prevail and it pours.

P. S. No. 3 PLEASE FIX THAT ~~tb/@/&/@1/2~~ HEATER!

Thank you,

Your former night waterman,
Mike Zichy, & Terry Langdridge

The above note was printed in the GREENMASTER from the Canadian GCSA. I found it in the Hudson Valley GCSA FOREGROUND. It certainly is popular.
—Editor



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