

and perhaps the only sport where the player's own equipment (spike shoes) directly, undeniably and significantly adversely affect the most critical playing surface of the game — the putting green. Even baseball and hockey smooth over their playing surfaces half-way through the contest! Golfers can't do that and, day after day, step after step, the spike golf shoes takes its toll. Only a ballet slipper might do more damage.

Is there a compromise? Is there some way out of this dilemma of self-destruction? In this technical age, lurking somewhere, there may be a new idea for golf shoes. Perhaps it is here or very near. Surely it is possible to develop a sole that will give good ground purchase and security without tearing the grass plant asunder.

Perhaps, instead of one pair of shoes for all seasons, golfers should have two pair of shoes for two seasons; a spikeless shoe for normal weather conditions and a spike shoe for wet days. Oh! What a relief THAT would be! It would save our putting greens, our clubhouses and our maintenance budgets millions of dollars a year. And yes, it could well mean at least another 800 years for the Swilcan Bridge. That alone would make it worthwhile!

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MORE VALUE FOR OUR TIME

With Fall coming it will soon be time to put your golf courses to bed for the winter. Since most Superintendents and Salesmen spend a great deal of time and money on shows on meetings, I thought the following article from our DuPont newsletter might be an interesting note for October. Perhaps the suggestions here will help us get more value for our time and dollars spent.

Are you tired of going to meetings? Do you find them boring and time wasting? If there's nothing else you can do to avoid or improve the meetings, at least try the following:

1. Study the agenda; think about the topics to be discussed. Try to have something worth contributing.
2. Sit with strangers or at least with people you don't see on an everyday basis.
3. Try to keep an open mind toward the speaker and the subject.
4. Take some notes on key issues.
5. If a meaningful question occurs to you, raise it.

Then, if the meeting is a total loss, it won't be your fault. And it probably won't be. If you try, you'll get something out of it.

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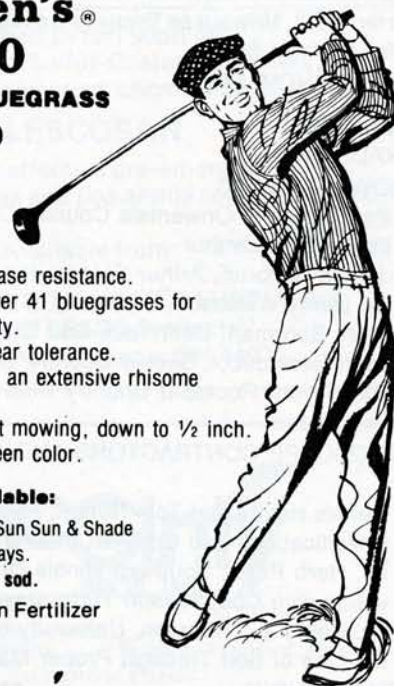
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