

(Hydraulic Irrigation continued)

tions. If a station is programmed to run for 5 minutes it will run for 5 minutes at exactly the time you set it to run. An electrically controlled head turns on the instant the electric signal is sent and also have a pressure relating spring which controls pressure and avoids having heads far from the pump house weeping. Electronically controlled heads are easy to run in pairs for shorter cycle times by just combining the wires at the satellite. The heads are also easier to repair and can be turned on and off at the head.

With the newer TORO computerized systems, pump station limitations are preset and the computer will keep you from exceeding them. For example, to water greens and tees for a set time you would set a start time for each and the computer will do the rest. Irrigation programming can also be set up according to plant materials, soil conditions, terrain and superintendent requirements. A computerized irrigation system with electrically controlled sprinkler heads will greatly improve course conditions. During heat stress periods there would be greener rough and less dormant areas. Irrigated roughs would improve rough lies and give you greater mowing variations. Irrigation would be more even, having less wet spots and dry spots.

After using a computerized irrigation system over the past four years, and have come to use Sunset Ridge's hydraulic system, it is hard to believe how little control we actually have with our system.



Golf Turf Management Courses Available During the Winter Months

Harper College in Palatine will be offering Golf Turf Management courses during the winter months.

1) An 8 week course called "Basic Principles of Golf Turf Management". (This course is available in both English and Spanish). This course is a continuing education course tailored for the beginner student. The class will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. starting November 15, 1995 through January 31, 1996.

2) An 8 week course called "Advanced Principles of Golf Turf Management". (This course is available in both English and Spanish). You need to take "Basic Principles of Golf Turf Mgmt." in order to qualify for the advanced part. (It will qualify as a credit course if both parts are taken). The class will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. starting February 14, 1996 through April 3, 1996.

The most qualified and productive employee is an educated one.

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