

Communication Survey

By now you have seen our communication survey. If you've completed it – Thank you. If you have not, take a minute and do. We are positioning ourselves to be as effective while respectful with our communications with you. This survey is designed to help us allocate resources and efforts that will prove useful for all in the near future.

Photos to Print

Since everyone has a phone on their hip and that phone most likely has a camera – I'd like you to send me those pictures that you capture of your course (those sunrises, sunsets, stupid staff stunts – we can protect identities, lightning strikes, awesome turf, just good stuff). Send them along to luke@magcs.org or text them to six three o, six seven o, seven five 22. I'd like to start using them in the magazine and on the website. I'd even like pictures taken with a real camera as well. **-OC**



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Trick of the Trade

There are many tools that help golf course superintendents keep track of soil moisture. Evapotranspiration(ET), the sum of evaporation and plant transpiration from the earth, has become a “hot” topic in our industry. The ability to apply the exact amount of water needed by the plant can create a significant amount of savings in water, money, and time at your facility.

How do you keep track of ET if you do not have the money for an expensive weather station or a modern ET gauge? The answer is simple, make your own.

Using supplies found around the shop we made our own ET gauge at Park Ridge Country Club. We used PVC pipe, clear plastic tubing, barbed fittings, and a sponge (okay, so maybe we had to buy the sponge). The plastic tubing is attached to the side of the PVC using the barbed fittings. The sponge is placed inside the PVC to act as a wick. By filling the gauge every morning we are able to judge how much water is lost during the day. Our gauge is not calibrated to national weather bureau standards, but it is part of our tools we use on a daily basis to judge water loss. **-OC**

