

Golfisms

Definitions, observations, and other undeniable proof that Murphy's Law has gone Green!

Just when you thought it was safe to read The Florida Green again! Mike Bailey is busy organizing the nuts and bolts of the new staff of the The Florida Green, so he turned this "nut" loose for another issue.

After having to rebuild a steep bunker face that was being destroyed by novice mountain climbers on our sixteenth hole, the idea for the following list was born.

- ◆ There has never been a bunker face designed steep enough that a golfer can't climb out of it on all fours (eyewitness account) Of course, we have to use a rope on a flymow to mow it!

- ◆ Shotgun start tournaments are sometime like surprise birthday parties. Everybody knows about it, except you!

- ◆ When was the last time you heard a shotgun at a shotgun start?

- ◆ Definition of a **moving target**: a golf course crew member usually engaged in mowing a green or fairway.

- ◆ Definition of an early bird: a single golfer who insists on being the first one off the tee. It is mandatory that he not be paired with more than one other person. (See gruesome two-some).

- ◆ Definition of the word, FORE: a four-letter word whispered by an early bird or a gruesome two-some as a golf ball flies toward a **moving target**.

- ◆ Definition of a gruesome two-some: two golfers who insist on establishing a new speed record for playing 18 holes on your heavy mowing day.

- ◆ When are you most likely to have a heavy rain?
 - a. On the day you are topdressing.
 - b. The night before the member-guest.
 - c. On the day of the monthly superintendent meeting.
 - d. When you need it the most.

- ◆ It is a little known fact that the rubber used in golf cart tires is attracted to the high moisture content of the soil around fairway drain basins.

- ◆ If cart paths are generally 72 inches to 96 inches wide, and a golf cart is only 48 inches wide. Why are there ruts along cart paths?

- ◆ 90 Degree Rule: Turn 90 degrees from the cart path and proceed to your ball. Turn 90 degrees and drive up the wet fairway until you see the ranger or the superintendent, then immediately turn 90 degrees and head for the cart path.

- ◆ Golfers who disregard signs requesting golf carts to be kept 30 feet away from greens and tees must have already gone metric and have converted to millimeters.

- ◆ Why is it that every wrapper from every candy bar and pack of crackers sold by the beverage cart or half-way house is destined to end up in the superintendents cart?

- ◆ Ever notice if the productivity of the crew varies inversely proportional to the personality of the beverage cart driver?

- ◆ We are an Entomological Cooperative Sanctuary. We have mosquitos, gnats, deer flies, horse flies, mole crickets and fire ants.

- ◆ If given a choice of several thousand trees, lightning will always strike the tree guarding a fairway dogleg first.

- ◆ Two of my favorite weather questions: (1) When will the frost thaw? and (2) When will the rain stop?

- ◆ Special requests from the clubhouse, reports of irrigation breaks, and other disasters usually occur on Friday afternoons after the crew has gone and after you've been on the job for eight hours.

- ◆ "Failure to plan ahead on your part does not constitute an emergency on our part" is not an acceptable answer to the greens chairman, club manager, or pro shop.

- ◆ All greens have three speeds on any given day! Too fast, too slow, and just right!

- ◆ Stimpeters need to be calibrated quarterly!

I'm sure over the years you have discovered your own set of "golfisms." Send them in and maybe we'll publish a second edition.

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