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A super's request

To try to run a golf course,
is not an easy task
Here are some little things
That we would like to ask.

That ball mark you make on
the green
Should always be repaired,
And maybe fix another one,
Would show you really cared.

If the ball ends up in the trap,
Then why not use the rake?
Smooth out those ugly footprints,
For the next golfer's sake

Two people in a golf cart,
Is all there ought to be.
So why when I look out there,
I sometimes can count three?

Why keep someone waiting,
If you are playing slow?
Just step aside and wave them
on,
Saying, "Okay now, you go."

Replace that great big divot,
Don't simply step aside.
Then that little bitty golf ball,
Can't find a place to hide.

We do our best to make this
course,
One you really like to play.
So do your part, keep it nice,
And have a HAPPY DAY.

— Celia Jo Clark
Palmyra Golf Course
Palmyra, Maine

Sprinkler program readied by Cal State

FRESNO, Calif. — The California State University's Center for Irrigation Technology's SPACE (Sprinkler Profile and Coverage Evaluation) sprinkler overlap program now is available with an option to accept and display sprinkler data using metric measurements.

New spacing options allow readers to analyze sprinkler performance for single row spacings on golf course fairways and/or staggered offset spacing designs typical of under-tree solidsets.

For further information, contact CIT at (209) 278-2066.

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No need, no desire to regulate biostimulant manufacturers

To the Editor:

We have noted Dr. Eliot Roberts' comments in *Golf Course News* relative to biostimulants (February 1991 issue). We understand his recommendations and we feel compelled to answer.

Have you ever bought a can of paint, an automobile tire, or dishwashing soap? Well, then, you must know that there is NO disclosure about their specific contents, for each manufacturer insists on keeping such information as his secret.

We really cannot see any reason for disclosing product make-up, so that competitors can simply copy the product.

Sorry, Eliot, but we don't need any regulations or policemen. It is still America, the land of the free, and it should stay that way — even though we are losing our freedoms little by little every day.

Sincerely,
James O. King
president
Regal Chemical Co.
Alpharetta, Ga.

Useful tool to industry

To the Editor:

I thoroughly enjoy reading *Golf Course News*. It is a useful tool, as well as keeping me aware of the happenings in the industry.

Keep up the good work.

Wilfred S. Hall, president
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Old Forge, N.Y.

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