

Sand in your shorts?

t some golf clubs, bunkers are more A of a problem with golfers than greens. Consistency and fairness seem to be the main issues. Most likely, bunkers are a sore spot for many golf course superintendents because golfers complain about them. The following discussion questions - courtesy of Bob Randquist, CGCS, director of grounds at Boca Rio Golf Club in Boca Raton, Fla. - can help superintendents and golfers determine what perceptions and expectations of bunker conditions should be for their golf course.

- 1. Should a golfer ever have a buried lie in
- 2. Should a golf ball always roll back to the flat portion of the bunker and not come to rest on a slope?
- 3. On average, what percentage of the time should a golfer be able to get the ball out of a greenside bunker and into the hole in two shots?
- 4. On average, what percentage of the time should a golfer be able to hit a shot from a fairway bunker onto a green?
- 5. Should a golfer ever have to play a shot from underneath or against the lip of a
- 6. Should the surface of the sand be smooth or furrowed?
- 7. Does the playing condition of the bunker provide equal hazard to the low- and high-handicap players?
- 8. Can you determine and define the difference between a fair and unfair