



Further Questions I'd Like Answers To...

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Okay, I'll admit to being a little disappointed that I received so few answers to so many questions. Part of the reason may be that I haven't seen many folks this past season because of the summer meeting format and rain outs on either end of the summer. I've felt like a hermit.

So I am going to give it one more chance. If no responses are received, I'll give it up.

Promise.

1. When will manufacturers of irrigation equipment design and implement some decent and affordable lightning protection? If there is a flicker of lightning in LaCrosse, my Network 8000 satellites in Madison blow fuses. It is aggravating and time consuming.
2. Is anyone else getting fed up with irrigation equipment and the attending manufacturer support becoming obsolete so quickly?
3. In that same vein, are you weary of promises made at the time of purchase being forgotten (by the manufacturer) when you need help? (Note: It shouldn't be too difficult to figure out who I'm referring to in this matter).
4. When are warranties on turf equipment going to be use based instead of time based? The way it is now is absurd.
5. Which turn out best for you—contractor projects or yours? Which are most timely? Which are more costly? (I gave my answer at last year's Symposium).
6. Do you require sales representatives to get an appointment to meet with you? Or do you welcome them stopping in at random times?

7. Have you tried out the Motorola two-way radios on your course yet?
8. What would you guess will be the "BIG" introduction at the equipment show in Dallas early next year?
9. Who has aerified greens with the Hydrojet? How did it work?
10. What was your biggest complaint from golf players at your facility this year past?
11. Now that it is over, what was your biggest problem on your golf course in 1993?
12. What in the hell is really going on in Lawrence, Kansas at GCSAA headquarters? (I wish someone—anyone—would be forthright in this ugly matter and answer this question).
13. Did everyone south of Highway 10 have both pythium and brown patch this past season?
14. Are the institutions that educate future golf course superintendents graduating too many of them these days, are some of lesser quality, and are they possibly getting into our field for the wrong reasons?
15. For crying out loud, why should it be such an engineering feat to design a hydraulic mower that doesn't leak oil?
16. Why are we paying green fees for some monthly meetings? (If a facility charges green fees, we ought to 1) go elsewhere, or 2) pay them to everybody).
17. You surely didn't miss the WTA Field Day, did you? (If you did, glance at a copy of the booklet

handed out there—it will give you a clue of what you missed and why you better be certain you attend next year).

18. Have you extended gratitude to Bruce Worzella for his years of service to the WGCSA and especially for the last two as president.?
19. Honestly, can you imagine anyone so cheap he'd attend Field Day and Symposium without paying? I mean, Field Day costs 15 bucks!
20. What research at the Noer Facility interests you the most? Or, what should be under study there but isn't?
21. Did I sense, at summer's end, renewed hassles about green speed? (Remind me to specifically ask Jim Latham and Bob Vavrek that question).
22. Did the pesticide signage required by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection this summer "inspire" more questions about said than previously? How many more? Any resulting troubles?
23. Why are we seeing so many radical personnel changes at some of our turf supply distributorships? (In some cases, it is scary; people we trusted and depended on are gone).
24. When will manufacturers who are required to put lot numbers on their products do so in a somewhat legible fashion? (Half of them today cannot be read).
25. After the article and artwork in Club Management magazine, how little respect do you have for the CMAA? (In my case, "zero" describes it best). 🍀