

SURVEY RESULTS

1. To what allied association do you belong?
 - A. MGCSA **81 responses**
 - B. MAC **0 responses**
 - C. MNLA **3 responses**
 - D. MASMS **1 response**
 - E. MTA **2 responses**
 - F. MPSA **2 responses**
 - G. MMFTSAC **0 responses**
 - H. MSTMA **6 responses**
 - I. Other **7 responses**

2. Do you feel the pricing structure for the conference and show was fair and reasonable?
 - A. Yes **97%**
 - B. No **3%**

3. Were you satisfied with your 1994 conference experience?
 - A. Yes **98%**
 - B. No **2%**

4. Would you like to see the conference/show expand or stay the same size for 1995?
 - A. Stay the same **48%**
 - B. Expand **52%**

5. Knowing that the cost of refreshments, i.e. coffee, soda, pastries, etc., is \$12,000 for a three day show, are you willing to continue to pay for that amenity in your registration fees?
 - A. Yes **71%**
 - B. No **29%**

6. Did you prefer the two day arrangement for the trade show?
 - A. Yes **91%**
 - B. No **9%**

7. Did you attend hospitality night?
 - A. Yes **51%**
 - B. No **49%**

8. How should the costs of hospitality night be financed?
 - Vendors 57% Attendees 14%**
 - Association Annual Fees 9% Cash Bar 6%**
 - Combination of Vendors/Registration Fees 6%**
 - Separate Part of Registration 5%**
 - Not Vendors 1% Previous Incoming Monies 1%**

9. Minnesota pesticide recertification should be required every:
 - A. one year **40%**
 - B. two years **25%**
 - C. three years **24%**
 - D. four years **2%**
 - E. five years **8%**
 - F. don't know **1%**

10. What did you most enjoy about the 1994 conference/show?
 - Speakers 39% Trade Show 18% Topics 13%**
 - Minneapolis CC 8% Visiting/Meeting Others 9%**
 - Everything 4% Concurrent Sessions 5%**
 - MTGF Theme 2% Fellowship Meeting 1%**
 - Session Time Management 1%**



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Too Much Water —

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Homelite." Unfortunately, many golfers still believe the trees on the course are more important than the quality of playing surfaces.

Careful management of irrigation is always important but even more so on shaded putting surfaces. Five-minute cycles might still provide excess irrigation to low lying portions of shaded greens during humid weather. I was surprised to find plenty of soil moisture in poorly drained areas of shaded greens even after 5 or 6 days without irrigation or rainfall.

Hand watering is often necessary in spite of a modern, sophisticated irrigation system. More important is hand irrigation *only* to the portions of the green and collars that need irrigation. Too much hand watering is just as detrimental as too much automatic irrigation. A comment I have heard (and agree with) from more than one superintendent who has been successful in keeping the greens dry is that "few superintendents have a feel for how much moisture stress greens can tolerate without causing permanent injury to the turf." Perhaps this is a point to ponder before firing up the irrigation on greens during the first dry day next spring? O. J. Noer was right over fifty years ago, and he is still right today.