

MGCSA Environmental Impact Statement

(Editor's Note: The Environmental Committee, chaired by Charlie Pooch, has developed an Environmental Impact Statement for the MGCSA.)

As stewards of the golf course and members of the MGCSA, we approach the practice and application of plant protectants with great judicial prudence.

Our investment is in the future environment on which all life is dependent. Our care of the future is managed in a multitude of ways: Personal commitment, ongoing training and the funding of and participation in research.

All of this work helps to spawn sound scientific information, helping us evaluate and understand the impact and benefits of the golf course industry on our environment.

Defending Hard Hats

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Is there a golf course in Britain where the greenskeepers wear, as a protection against flying golf balls, hard hats as a matter of routine? This would seem a simple and obvious safety measure, given that the golfer's traditional shout of 'fore,' if called, is frequently made inaudible by the noise of machinery the greenskeepers are using.

I ask this question because, at the club where I play, the committee recently bought each greenskeeper a hard hat to wear when working on the course, but failed to make its wearing compulsory. The result of this is that 75% of the greenskeepers refuse to wear their hat. The reasons given to me by the non-wearers for not wearing the hats have been both varied and unconvincing. I can only think that the underlying reason is that they think it sissy clothing. They are quite happy to wear safety boots, also provided, which are of course indistinguishable from normal boots.

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In Nancy Jo Ehlke's article on "New Varieties of Kentucky Bluegrass for Minnesota" in the April 1995 issue of Hole Notes, we inadvertently left out the fact that she is from the University of Minnesota.

— Editor

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