A PLACE FOR STIMPMETER

Question: We recently received our Stimpmeter and the directions indicated that when not in use, it should be stored safely to avoid damaging the instrument. Do you have any suggestions for storage and transportation? (Wisconsin)

Answer: Yes. By storing the Stimpmeter in a piece of plastic irrigation pipe one meter in length, it is possible to avoid damaging, scratching or denting the instrument. It is important that one end of the irrigation tube be capped.

A PLACE FOR CUPS

Question: Is there a place where I can show my Golf Committee and the members of the club the guidelines for cup locations on greens? (Maryland)

Answer: Yes, the USGA Golf Handbook has a section for the Golf Committee. In this section, pages 6 and 7 explain the guidelines for pin placement. The USGA Handbook can be purchased from Golf House, Far Hills, New Jersey 07931, for $5.

A PLACE FOR DISEASE

Question: Positively diagnosing turfgrass diseases has always been somewhat of a problem for me. I was wondering, are there any sources of information on the microscopic identification of turf diseases? Perhaps by looking at my turf through a microscope I can do a better job of diagnosing what is weakening my grass this summer and thus be more effective in my control procedures. (New Jersey)

Answer: We have recently seen a publication entitled "A Turf Manager's Guide: Microscopic Identification of Common Turfgrass Pathogens." It was prepared by Patricia Sanders, Research Assistant, Department of Plant Pathology, Pennsylvania State University. Inquiries on this manual should be addressed to:
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