

TURF TWISTERS

BAR THE "S"?

Question: Would you please settle an argument for us? I have a friend who says the term is 'greenskeeper' while I say it is 'greenkeeper.' Who is right? (California)

Answer: You are, although the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America prefers the term "superintendent" for the man in charge of golf course maintenance. But the term 'green' refers to the entire course and not solely to the putting greens.

AUTOMATIC OR NOT?

Question: What type of golf course irrigation system do you recommend—automatic or manual? (Illinois)

Answer: During the past couple of years the trend is toward installation of completely automatic watering systems where funds are available. Primarily, there seem to be three reasons for this: 1) Economy of water use or better control over exact amounts of water applied; 2) Ease of operation. Any given area of the golf course can be watered with much less effort. Such operations as syringing are much simpler; 3) Labor. It is becoming more and more difficult to obtain golf course labor, and especially the more conscientious or intelligent type needed for watering with a manual system. Nonetheless, there are still many semi-automatic or manual systems being installed and where competent labor is available, results continue to be satisfactory.

BUBBLES

Question: When mixing PMA and a wetting agent in a sprayer we have encountered excessive foaming. How can we eliminate this problem? (New Hampshire)

Answer: One method of reducing foam is by the use of soap flakes. Fill the tank half full of water and add your materials. When foam builds up, sprinkle soap flakes over the top. Be sure to use **soap** flakes and not detergent. There are also some commercial anti-foaming agents on the market.