

TURF TWISTERS

IF YOU NEED MAGNESIUM

Question: As a result of my recent soil tests, it is recommended that an application of dolomitic limestone be made. Why should dolomitic limestone be used instead of regular limestone? (Ohio)

Answer: Dolomitic limestone contains magnesium along with calcium. Apparently your soil test results indicated a deficiency in magnesium, hence the reason for the recommendation.

GET A LIFT

Question: In planning our new maintenance building, a question has come up on the possibility of installing a hydraulic lift in the service area. In your travels, have you seen where other golf course superintendents have made use of such a lift? (Mass.)

Answer: We certainly have! An automotive-type hydraulic lift can be a real time, money and labor saver besides being extremely handy for all types of major and minor repairs, including the all-important preventive maintenance work that must be done on the equipment today. We feel certain that a lift in your new (or old) golf course service area would be well worth the expense involved.

FROM A FLAGSTICK

Question: During a recent business-golfing vacation to Southern California, I was intrigued by a yellow, plastic ball (about the size of a Texas grapefruit) positioned on the flagstick of every green on the course I played. What's up? (Florida)

Answer: If the plastic ball is up, the flagstick or cup is located to the rear of the green. If it is in the mid position on the flagstick; the cup is generally in the middle section of the green and if the ball is low on the flagstick, the cup is forward on the green. The main idea, we are told, is to speed play.