

he is actually applying, the evaporation information is of little use. Some suggestions therefore to help control the use of water on the golf course are:

1. Determine how much water is actually being applied.
2. Make sure the areas being irrigated are receiving the right amount of water.
3. Keep spring and fall irrigation to a minimum.
4. When irrigating, apply enough water to wet the soil through the root zone.
5. Increase the interval between irrigations.
6. Try to avoid daily irrigation.

7. Try to determine if the grasses are serious about turning blue and dying or just thinking they are going to die. They are in a way like athletes. You have heard athletes say they thought they were going to die when placed under great stress. But they were well-conditioned and survived. Grasses may also survive.
8. Remember Mr. Webster's words in making a distinction between body and land. We refresh for land and flush for body. And to this date, there is no lovelier stretch of land on earth than a well conditioned golf course.

Poa annua encroachment is a good indicator of overwatering; notice light spots are in low areas where water stays longer.



From "The National Greenkeeper" circa 1927

James Lathan, of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, called the following poem to our attention from "The National Greenkeepers."

The Skipper of the Green by G.A. Farley

For thirty years I sailed the sea,
And every port was known to me;
I was a member of the band
That finds but restlessness on land.

Like every skipper ever born,
I viewed the landlubber with scorn,
And pitied men who chose to toil,
Bound to the tillage of the soil.

But years have taken toll of man
Since birth on land and sea began,

And so I builded me a home
Upon a cliff, lashed white with foam,

Where I could watch the ships sail by,
And hear the seagulls' 'moaning cry,
And keep my faith in dreaming nights
of Southern palms and Northern Lights.

But neighbors interfered, and now
No longer do I scorn the plow,
And ships sail in and out unseen;
They've made me Chairman of the Green.