

TURF TWISTERS

POSITION THE RAKE

Question: Where is the proper placement of sand rakes on the golf course — inside the sand bunker or outside of it? (Connecticut)

Answer: The most current guidelines from the USGA indicate that the rakes should be placed *outside* the sand hazard in areas that should least affect the play of the hole. So, if you have them in the sand bunker, move them out to the side, and if they are out now, just position them away from the most used angle of play on the hole.

TO PROMOTE UNIFORMITY

Question: Is the Stimpmeter proving the Green Section's claim that it will help the golf course superintendent provide uniformity in speed of greens at his course? (Virginia)

Answer: From our experience at USGA Championship courses this year we can firmly say, "Yes!" We were surprised to learn that after double-mowing for several days there was still a decided difference in speed readings, some greens were slower than others. Slower greens were triple-cut and they quickly fell into line with the speed range of others. This is but one way to manipulate a management program to affect greens speed uniformity at your course.

AND ALL WILL FLOW SMOOTHLY

Question: We are beginning to see some fungicides now being offered in "flowable" formulations. What exactly are they? (New York)

Answer: "Flowable" pesticides have an active ingredient that is practically insoluble or only slightly soluble in water or other organic solvents. To make it easier to use for the consumer, the active ingredient is very finely ground into a formulation that, in this state, can be readily mixed with water to form a stable, sprayable suspension. These flowable pesticides are especially suited to the new mist-type sprayers that more and more golf course superintendents are using.