

# TURF TWISTERS

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## YOU ARE THE ONE!

**Statement:** I just want you to know that many of your readers believe the RECORD is the best magazine in the golf course - turfgrass maintenance business. Keep up the excellent work that goes into the RECORD. It is appreciated. (Missouri)

**Reply:** It's nice to be liked, and we do thank you. But truly, it is *YOU* and every one of the superintendents and USGA Member Clubs who support the Green Section and the Turf Advisory Service that make it all possible! *YOU* make it possible for our agronomists to visit courses throughout the country and to write basic and hopefully informative articles and report on the new ideas and techniques *YOU* have developed. And we welcome superintendents and club officials to write articles about the things they are doing to improve their own golf courses.

Without the support of approximately 1,000 clubs in the United States, the Green Section agronomists would not be available for visits, speaking engagements at turf conferences, letter or telephone consultations or writing articles for the RECORD.

Indeed, without you, there would be no USGA Green Section and no Turf Advisory Service. Appreciation, it seems, works both ways!

## INSIDE OR OUT

**Question:** What is the USGA Ruling, or policy, in regard to the placement of rakes in bunkers? Do they belong within the perimeter of the bunker or outside it? Should they be upright or lying flat? These questions are inevitably raised before every big tournament at our course! I've heard all kinds of answers. (Texas)

**Answer:** Here's the right answer and the policy of the USGA. Bunker rakes are to be placed outside the bunker, lying flat and to the rear of the bunker (or positioned to least likely affect play). Of course, not all golfers return the rakes to their proper place after use. By day's end, they may be found almost anywhere.

## BUT NOT QUITE SO FAST

**Question:** We do not want the so-called "championship quality putting green speed" at our club. What is a good average speed for daily play? (Delaware)

**Answer:** From our travels, it appears that most golfers prefer a daily Stimpmeter speed of between 7' 6" and 8' 6". The USGA Green Section, of course, does not suggest putting green speeds for clubs. This is determined by the golf course superintendent or by the membership. A table with speed categories for regular membership play can be obtained from your Regional Green Section office (see inside front cover).