

TURF TWISTERS

ON THE JOB

Question: I am the new green committee chairman at my club, but I am unfamiliar with the responsibilities of my new job. Do you have any information that might be of help? (New York)

Answer: Among the literature available from the USGA is the booklet "A Guide for Green Committee Members," which should help introduce you to your new duties and to your working relationship with your golf course superintendent. For copies of this and other reprints, simply write to the USGA Green Section, Golf House, Far Hills, NJ 07931. Phone (201) 234-2300.

TO KEEP BUGS IN CHECK

Question: Because it is more convenient, we have been applying insecticides for control of mole crickets during the early morning hours, before play begins on the course. I have been told that we could obtain better results if the insecticide was applied in late afternoon. Why is this? (Florida)

Answer: Mole crickets are nocturnal feeders and are closest to the soil surface during the evening. Spraying in late afternoon places the insecticide in close proximity to the mole crickets at the most opportune time to achieve good control. While late afternoon spraying may be inconvenient, the increase in efficiency makes it well worth the effort.

AND CARTS ON THE PATHS

Question: Cart path renovation and installation is about to begin at our golf course. How wide should paths be for greatest usefulness? (North Carolina)

Answer: Paved cart paths should be constructed seven to eight feet wide if at all possible. This width will accommodate golf course maintenance equipment, which must also have an avenue around the course. The additional width is an excellent investment, and the eight-foot width does not have to look like a highway, as some might feel. As with any cart path, the location and routing of the path is the key to its appearance.