

TURF TWISTERS

BANK ON IT

Question: I keep hearing about clubs installing perimeter systems for the banks and perimeter areas around greens. Is this really necessary? (New Jersey)

Answer: In many cases, a perimeter irrigation system is a real aid in water management. The grasses on banks and surrounds often require additional water because of exposure, slope, and other factors. Furthermore, the banks often receive less water than the greens because of the irrigation head arrangement. With conventional systems, it is often necessary to over-water the greens to keep the banks in good condition. A perimeter irrigation system can independently keep the bank areas watered while not over-irrigating the green.

THIS NEW FEATURE

Question: With all of the interest in the environment and the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, why don't you start featuring projects that golf courses can do to participate? (Iowa)

Answer: Beginning with this issue of the GREEN SECTION RECORD, you are going to see just that! "On Course With Nature" will be a new section featuring environmental projects that superintendents can easily incorporate on their golf courses. These projects offer an opportunity for you and your course officials to take an active, leadership role in habitat preservation and environmental awareness.

PRODUCES HOLE-Y WATER

Question: We have all heard recently about the use of water for aerification on greens. Will this totally replace standard aerification practices? (California)

Answer: This method of aerification looks promising and is certainly alluring. While golfers would just as soon discard the standard method of aerification, do not discard the programs that have worked in the past. The best advice we can give is to evaluate your aerification needs, and incorporate water aerification into your program if it would address the problems you are having.