

APPROPRIATE TEE MARKERS

Question: We have recently added a fourth set of tee markers for each hole. The new markers are pink and intended for regular ladies' play. Red will be used for senior men and championship ladies. The traditional white is designated for men and blue for men's championship play. The problem is, we cannot get our senior men to play from the red markers. Any suggestions? (Kentucky)

Answer: The problem occurs at more golf courses than just yours. You may want to go with four completely new colors and call them the forward, middle, and back tee markers. This technique should help eliminate the mind-set that occurs with using the traditional colors red, white, and blue.

AND GOLF CART TRAFFIC PATTERNS

Question: Although we know carts should not be allowed on the course when conditions are too wet, sometimes it is almost impossible to keep the carts off the golf course, such as during a member/guest tournament scheduled months before. Is there a way to minimize the damage on a golf course without resorting to cart paths?

Answer: When you just can't say no, your best option would be to confine the damage to as small an area as possible. Prior to the day's play, the superintendent should mark a line along the entire length of the course, choosing as dry a path as possible. The carts should then be required to stay on or adjacent to the line. Although the soil and turf next to the line will likely be severely damaged, the rest of the course will be spared. Renovation practices such as aerification, topdressing, additional fertilization to promote rapid recovery, and even complete replanting if necessary, can all be performed on this relatively small portion of the course much more quickly and at reduced cost. If heavy cart traffic in wet conditions becomes commonplace, cart paths are your best bet.

PROTECT AND ORGANIZE

Question: I have several years of back issues of the *Green Section Record* magazine. I refer back to the information frequently, but I am having trouble keeping them organized. Do you have any ideas to help me keep my 1996 resolutions? (Pennsylvania)

Answer: As a matter of fact, we do. Binders are now available to hold 12 issues (two years) of the *Green Section Record* for a nominal fee of \$9.95 plus shipping and handling. You can place your order through the USGA Order Department at 1-800-336-4446. These should help keep the magazines protected and make them more easily accessible in the coming years.