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14 DISSOLVED OXYGEN KEY TO LAKE HEALTH

Shallow lakes, recycled water, nutrient run-off, and inadequate wave action all contribute to poor lake health and aquatic weed problems. The sports turf industry has borrowed techniques from water treatment facilities which improve the biological balance in lakes and reservoirs. By focusing on the amount and distribution of dissolved oxygen, managers can help prevent algae blooms and fish kills and slow the degradation of lakes. Three different types of lake aerators are available today to improve oxygen levels and prevent stratification in lakes. They can be used in combination with other aquatic weed control methods for clear and sparkling lakes year-round.

20 PALM VALLEY: A COMMUNITY CENTERED ON GOLF

Sunrise Company has demonstrated at Palm Valley Country Club in Palm Desert, CA that centering communities around golf courses is a powerful sales tool. Palm Valley is the latest Sunrise community designed and built with the help of golf course architect and urban planner Ted Robinson. The responsibility of keeping Sunrise’s golf courses competitive in the Palm Springs desert resort area falls on Dennis Orsborn.

24 REPAIRING AND REBUILDING SPRINKLER HEADS

Budget-conscious turf managers can save a considerable amount of money by repairing and rebuilding used sprinkler heads. This story presents the various options available when heads malfunction.

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