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More than 250 groundskeepers in the United States bear the responsibility of building and maintaining huge, ten-acre fields which must stand up to the pounding of 1,200-pound horses. Despite this regular beating, the turf surface must be smooth and fast to attract the best polo players in the world and protect the reputation of the club. Superintendents of two of the nation's most prestigious clubs reveal what it takes for their clubs to be competitive and profitable.

18 THE EFFECT OF WATER QUALITY ON IRRIGATION COMPONENTS

Water quality can have a significant influence on the life and reliability of irrigation components. Whether water is obtained from treatment plants, wells, rivers, or lakes, superintendents and groundskeepers need to be aware of potentially damaging chemicals or particles flowing through their irrigation systems. Manufacturers suggest that filtration and more frequent maintenance of valves and heads can assure the reliability of most systems using reclaimed water. They are also developing color-coded components to alert water users to the special needs of dirty water systems.

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Herbicide effectiveness, selection, and application methods are being evaluated by many turf managers as they strive to do their part in protecting their employees and the environment. A fresh look at new and existing herbicides is presented to help them decide how to control weeds at the lowest rates and with the least number of applications.

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