



Everything Comes Naturally Down On The Farm

In the last issue, I passed on some employee motivational tips I picked up on visit to The Farm Golf Club in Dalton, Ga. where Tim Kennelly, CGCS has been employed for six years.

The tour of the golf course also netted a few good ideas.

At the first stop we made, Kennelly showed us a golf car traffic control device that his staff constructed in house. With a name like "The Farm", it is easy to understand that the owner was not a proponent of a lot of artificial golf course accessories such as rope and stakes or signs.

However, Kennelly knows that something is needed to prevent the damage that excessive golf car traffic can create. Therefore, he designed a natural-looking solution that is effective and blends in with the theme of the club. The wood that is used for the barrier is pressure-treated fence rails, purchased locally at a builder's supply outlet. The "X" that supports the rails is material cut from one of the rails and secured with galvanized screws to hold it in place. Once



Natural-looking cart controls.

in the field, the long rails are just laid on the "X" from both directions. Kennelly remarked, "When new cart blocks are built, they look new, but over time they weather and take on that natural, aged appearance."

The grounds management facility tour and the golf course ride both had produced good ideas so it came as no surprise that our inspection of the irrigation pump station produced another "Super Tip."

Kennelly has several large poly tanks inside his pump station that are used to store fertigation material. He prefers to mix some of this material from 55-gallon drum products. The biggest problem with this was the obstruction created by the containment wall that was installed to separate the tanks from the pump station and the wet well. It created a potential safety issue for the employees that would lift the heavy barrels over this wall. Kennelly's solution to this was to hang a drum lifter with a manual chain hoist that enables a staff member to safely lift the material up an over the concrete divider wall.



*Darren J. Davis
Olde Florida Golf Club 55-gallon drum lifter*

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