

duty work. We do rent a dump truck for any super heavy duty projects.

One of the GX800's is used full time by our landscape person for all his work. The other (older) one is used for transportation, dragging-in topdressing and miscellaneous light duty jobs.

The two Club Car Carry-Alls are used by the superintendent and cup cutter in the morning or by the person fertilizing greens, tees or other various hand work or irrigation jobs.

We get the use of these vehicles in an agreement with Club Car for buying our golf car fleet. After one year we turn in one vehicle and get a replacement. All of our vehicles have lights because our regular dew-sweeping golfers tee off at the crack of dawn and we have to get out ahead of them, which means working in the dark almost every day.

The Carry-All I is an electric vehicle and is used in the clubhouse area for trash hauling and for hauling range balls from the range picker back to the club-

house. We chose the quiet of electric power so we won't disturb our guests, because this vehicle will be working around the 1st and 10th tees, the range and clubhouse constantly.



We recently purchased a Smithco Spray Star 160 for all spraying needs. We change the nozzle sizes as needed to fit the various applications from greens to fairways.

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Winter Pines GC

MANAGING A LARGE FLEET

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For our project work we have two Toro Workman 3200s.

Specifications: Made of steel. Gas powered. Load capacity of 4,000 lbs.

Added options:

- Roll bar lights for special-event-preparation work done at night.
- Dump body for ease of hauling and placing materials.
- Toro topdresser attachment for topdressing greens, tees and approaches after aerifying. Selected mounted topdresser versus pull-behind for easier turning and traction.
- Hydraulics used only for the topdresser.

Uses: Transportation for course set-up. Hauling topdressing, project debris and clippings. Pull hand mowers, greens rollers and drag mats.

Lease strategy: These vehicles are leased because they are constantly used in heavy-duty situations due to their payload capacity. Therefore the wear and tear on them after a couple of years would require a great deal of repairs that would not be cost effective if the vehicle were purchased.

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duty work we have 11 Club Car Carryall II XRT vehicles.

Specifications: Gas powered. Aluminum box bed with a load capacity of 900 lbs.

Added options:

- Roof and windshield on two units for assistant superintendent transportation. We often have to inspect the course during wet weather, freezing cold weather and at night.

- Manual dump body for dumping clippings, debris, sand, soil, etc.

Uses: Cup cutting and course set up. Pulling hand mowers and rollers. Hauling punster. Dragging clippings debris.

Innovative Modifications: A drag net was attached to the bed to scatter clippings around bunkers, greens, and tee complexes where a tractor blower may not be practical or have access. It also works well to drag fairways with excessive and hard-to-scatter clippings debris.

Leasing options: These vehicles are also leased due to the the daily use and wear and tear 365 days a year. Keeping them repaired after two or three years of use would not be cost effective.

Our spray rig is a John Deere Pro Gator.

Specifications: Steel body and frame construction. Diesel powered.

Options: Lights on the roll bar for night spraying.

Uses: The Pro Gator is used only for spraying. It is mounted with a Chem Pro 160 sprayer that is equipped with its own Kohler engine. It has a 160-gallon capacity.

The separate engine is a definite plus, allowing the sprayer to maintain full power and pressure. We selected a diesel engine so the Pro Gator would be able to maintain constant speed up and down our mounded areas better than a gas engine.

Leasing options: This vehicle was purchased because it is not used on a daily basis which limits the wear and tear on the vehicle.

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