Verti-Cut firm in ‘generic’ battle

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What's in a name? To the original Verti-Cut mower manufacturer—Hahn Inc. of Evansville, Ind., a lot. Without getting lawyers involved, Hahn is asking the other companies that are making and naming mowers Verti-Cut, Verticut or Verti-Cut to cease and desist.

Kent Hahn of Hahn said: “Verti-Cut has been a registered trademark of our company since the early '70s. It’s a mowing machine with blades that cut vertically... to thin out running-type turf, dethatch or prepare seed beds. Now Verti-Cut has seemed to become generic, and we don’t want that to happen.”

Hahn said he doesn’t want to go to court to protect his rights. Rather, he said: “People in this industry are honest enough and good enough so that you don’t have to get the law involved... Most of them don’t know they’re using a registered trademark; they think

Park District takes over Golden Acres

The Schaumburg (Ill.) Park District has forcibly acquired the 205-acre Golden Acres Country Club from owners Curt and Phyllis Kotel.

Park officials maneuvered the $15.5-million purchase largely because of proposed state legislation that would have given counties, rather than local park districts, first shot at condemning golf courses and therefore forcing their sale.

The purchase ensures Golden Acres will remain green space “forever,” said park board President Marge A. Connelly.

Connelly said the district tried to negotiate with the Ketels to give Schaumburg Park District first dibs on the course, but the Ketels refused.

Park leaders are promising a variety of improvements at the course, which has been renamed Schaumburg Golf Club.

36-acre razed site faces transformation

G and R Contractors Inc., of Glenbeulah, Wis., plans to razoe two buildings covering 36 acres in West Milwaukee and build a nine-hole golf course on the site.

The buildings of the former Babcock and Wilcox steel pipe and drilling equipment plant at S. 37th St. and W. Burnham Avenue have been condemned by the village.

McDermott International Inc., of New Orleans, the parent company of Babcock and Wilcox, will donate the site to an environmental group based in Washington, D.C.

That group will then sell the property to G and R for $750,000, according to a West Milwaukee spokesman.

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