

## Tools of the Trade...at Files' Fawn Lake CC

SPOTSYLVANIA, Va.—With the departure of superintendent Bob Wren, the baton at Fawn Lake Country Club has been passed to Brad Files, serving now as acting superintendent. "I'm still a Class C," he said, "until they decide what they want to do."

Files has been at the course, adjacent to the site of the Civil War's Battle of the Wilderness, for five years. He started his turf career when he dropped out of a computer science program at Penn State and went to Germany with his father, a defense department official. "I didn't know if I'd

ever get another chance to see Europe," he said. He ended up staying for six

years on the grounds crew at Rheinblick Golf Club in Wiesbaden.

Back stateside, he obtained a certificate in golf course management from the University of Maryland's Institute of Applied Agriculture in 1995. He went first to Glendale Country Club, in Glendale, Md., then to an internship at Wilmington Country Club, in Delaware. Then came Fawn Lake, designed by Arnold Palmer. "When I interviewed here, construction was about to begin, so I got to see the course from the ground up," he said. "I thought I'd learn more from that than from going to one of these big clubs."

**Greens Mowers:** 7 Toro 1000 walking greens mowers

**Tee Mowers:** 1 John Deere 2243

**Fairway Mowers:** 1 John Deere 3235, 1 Ransomes 305

**Rough Mowers:** 2 John Deere 935 deck mowers, 2 Toro 1145 deck mowers.

**Riding Bunker Rake:** 1 John Deere 1200A, 1 Cushman Groom Master

**Turf Utility Vehicles:** 10 Carryall IIs

**Verti-Cut Reels:** John Deere 2235

**Aerifiers:** 1 John Deere Aerocore 1000, 1 John Deere Aerocore 1500

**Topdressers:** Workman with a belt-dresser attachment, 1 Workman with a spreader attachment

**Grooming Reels:** none

**Tournament Speed Roller:** none

**Reel Grinder:** 1 Express Dual, Bernhard and Co.

**Bedknife Grinder:** 1 Express Dual, Bernhard and Co.

**Irrigation Pump Station:** Flowtronex UFO 1,500 gpm

**Irrigation System:** Toro OSMAC

**Golf Car Fleet:** Club Car

**Flagsticks:** Standard Golf, green and white

**Computer & Accessories:** Gateway P5-166

**Primary herbicide:** Momentum

**Primary pesticide:** Mach 2

**Primary fungicide:** chorothalonil

**Primary slow-release fertilizer:** a 5-4-5 product from Earth Works

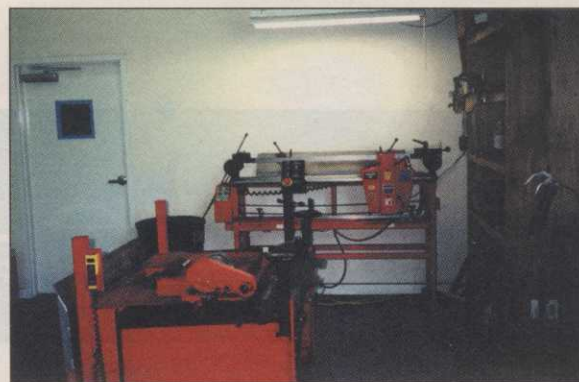
**Total square footage of maintenance building:** 9,000

**Annual rounds of golf played:** 15,000, now pushing 20,000

**Normal green speed:** 10-10.5

**Can't Live Without:** handheld soil probe to check greens' moisture

**Oldest Piece of Equipment:** Ford 1320 Tractor

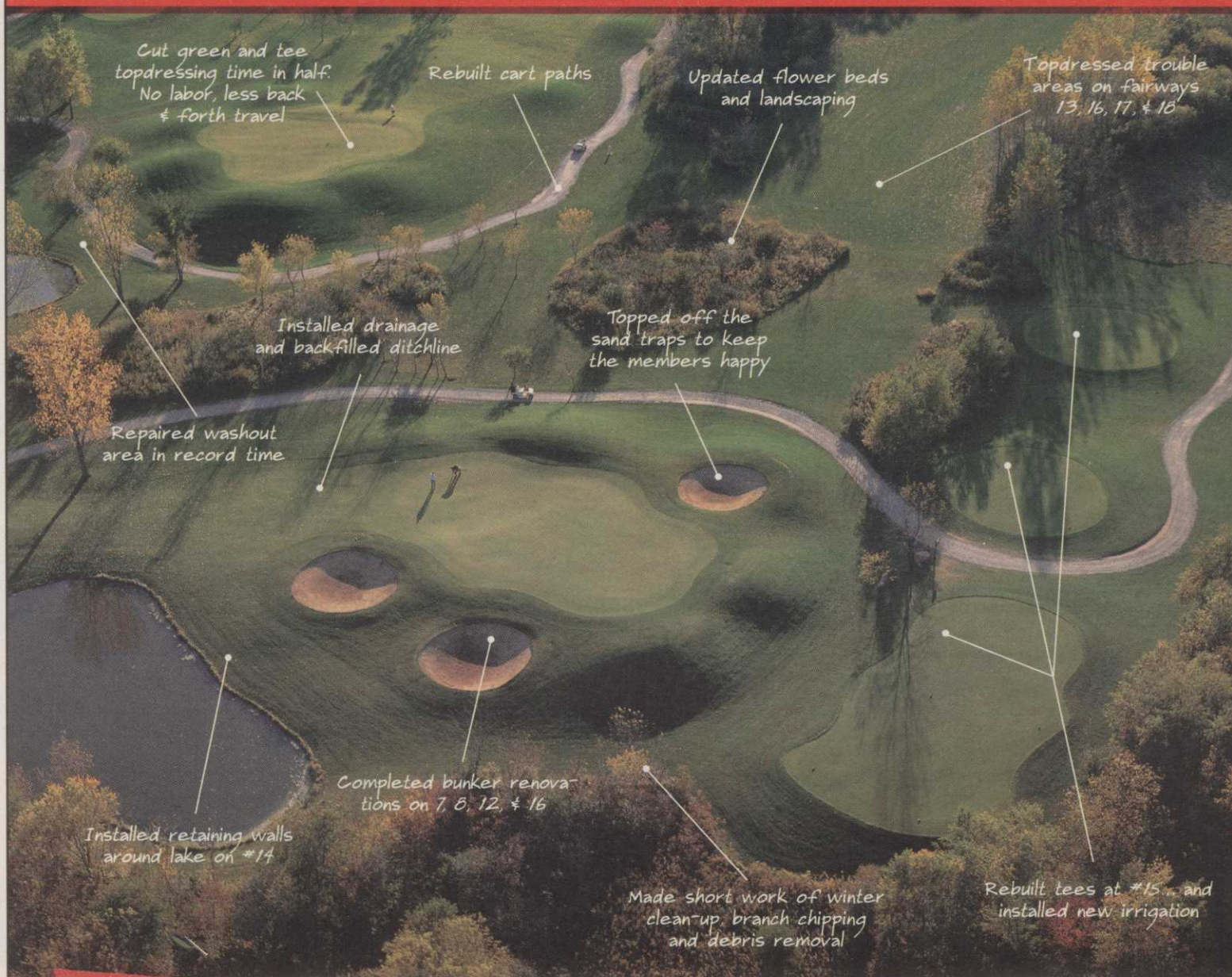


A bed-knife grinder, built by Bernhard and Co., is a key machine at Fawn Lake.



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