Northwest. With a forested wetlands lay-out near Lacamas Lake, superintendent Rod Nelson will put his 20 years of maintenance experience to good use.

"Probably the biggest challenge is that we’re surrounded by a lot of native wetlands, and just trying to incorporate the maintenance practices that enhance the wetlands requires a constant effort," he said.

Having opened the course last May, Nelson spent the summer battling the turf grass disease Pythium blight, which rarely strikes in Washington state. "It’s common in the Midwest and in warmer climates, but I’ve never encountered it before in this region," said Nelson.

"One of the unique features we have is Penn A-4 on our greens. It’s completely different from anything I’ve been familiar with until now. As far as I know," he said, "we’re the only course in the Pacific Northwest that has it. The greens have really grown in nicely and look great."

Nelson logged 10 years as superintendent at Heron Lakes Golf Course in Portland, Ore. prior to taking the position of construction supervisor for two years during the building of Camas Meadows. As a year-round golf course, Nelson explains, "we may get some flurries, but no snow that accumulates. Instead, we get a whole lot of rain. We had over 60 inches of it last year."

At the 18-hole, 4,859- to 6,518-yard Camas Meadows layout, complimentary golf carts are offered with the new ParView global positioning system. "The ParView system is great - golfers have a lot of fun with it," Nelson said. "When I go to play at other courses, I really miss it."

**Greens mowers:** 6 John Deere 220A, 2 Jacobsen 522T

**Tee mowers:** 2 John Deere 2500

**Fairway mowers:** 2 John Deere 3215A

**Rough mowers:** 2 John Deere 2653A, 1 John Deere F1145 w/laztec deck

**Riding bunker rake:** 1 John Deere 1200, 1 Toro 8HP

**Turf utility vehicles:** 8 John Deere Turf Gators, 4 Kawasaki Mules, 2 John Deere Pro Gator

**Verti-cut reels:** 1 John Deere Aerator

**Topdressers:** 1 Ty-Crop MH400, 1 Dakota 410

**Reel grinder:** Foley Accu-pro

**Bedknife grinder:** Foley 660

**Irrigation pump station:** Flowtronex 1480 GPM

**Irrigation system:** Rain Bird Cirrus

**Golf car fleet:** 80 Clubcar, electric, with Parview GPS

**Flagsticks:** Par Alde (cups and poles), Prestige (flags)

**Computer & accessories:** 1 Dell Irrigation with Cirrus

**Primary herbicide:** Round-up

**Primary fungicide:** Heritage

**Primary slow release fertilizer:** Wilbur-Ellis Duration II

**Can not live without:** My family, Oldest piece of equipment: 1970 Dodge 5-yd dump truck

**Total square footage of maintenance buildings:** 8,700

**Annual rounds of golf:** 45,000

Rod Nelson