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into the club two months earlier and heisted some beer. He said alcohol also was involved in the freakish vandalism in late June. That's when the lads - including two 15-year-olds - crashed a car through the golf course gates late at night and made for the cart barn.

"They didn't have to break into the cart garage. One of the kids that worked for me gave them the combination to the lock," said Alexander. "That fellow no longer works here."

SMASHING THE BENCHES

Once inside the barn, the youths fired up the gas-powered E-Z-GO carts and moved out, cruising over greens, bashing into each other like bumper cars, and smashing down four-foot-tall yardage signs on the driving range.

"These new carts are so pliable that they don't smash up the way cars do," said Alexander. "The cart bodies almost bend in half, but the steering columns break if they get hit that hard. We had five or six carts with broken steering columns."

Several carts were left overturned, including one in the parking lot. "The kid hit a rope," Alexander said. "The rope caught his tires, and the cart flipped. It's amazing these kids didn't kill each other."

The youths even smashed carts into a large, solid cedar bench. "They went at the thing full tilt and got it turned over, then drove the cart over the top," he said. "One bench got stuck underneath a cart, so the cart couldn't move. That's why they took out 16 carts. They'd drive one until the thing wouldn't drive anymore and go get another one."

SEARCH FOR MISSING CARTS

All told, the youths spent more than two hours vandalizing the course. "They were up here for a long time, smashing the carts together," Alexander said. "Fortunately the

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They went about five miles, then turned onto a dirt road going up a mountain to a place where they partied. And that's where we found the carts," he said.