The perfect lie

What a thrill for the golfer who comes up to the perfect lie! When he does, how he blesses the man responsible for the turf that made it possible.

But all too often the fairway turf lets the golfer and the course superintendent down — and the ball, too. The grass is too soft, or too stubby — or it just can't take the close mowing, the disease onslaughts, the heat or drouth. As good grass goes — poa annua comes in.

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Facts-of-life about Windsor for the technically minded

Windsor is a mutant of Poa pratensis. It reproduces asexually by apomixis, with progeny true-to-type. Chromosome count is double that of common bluegrass and greater than that of any other variety. Plant patent No. 2364.
tees, short, medium and long yardages, interesting hazards, alternate routes for different types of players and relatively large greens. Its general design helps the high handicap player but keeps the game interesting for his more experienced counterpart.

The country club golfer has always wanted the best. It is of importance to realize that a whole new breed of fee and non-equity golfers also seek the best and is willing to pay for it with relatively high greens fees or annual dues.

9. What is the future of profit-motive golf?

Golf has been played in the U.S. for at least 75 years. In Scotland it has been played for more than five centuries. No one can deny that it is an enduring game. With increased family income, the shorter work week and the interest the game holds for all age groups, male and female alike, the future of profit motive golf looks bright. In fact some authorities feel that the golf course needs of the American people will never be met. Nevertheless hard headed business practices are as necessary for success in the business world of golf as in industry.

Outline of Major Cost Outlays

Before Opening Golf Projects

I. Real Estate
1. Land
2. Brokerage fees
3. Closing costs
4. Survey and other maps

II. Golf Course
5. Nine, 18 or more holes plus practice areas
6. Irrigation—(a) Source—wells, reservoir, city water
(b) Pump, pump house, power and controls
(c) Pipe and installation
7. Golf Architect’s fees
8. Course superintendent during construction
9. Maintenance equipment and course furnishings
10. Maintenance equipment building
11. Maintenance of course from seeding until opening
12. Shelters
13. Drinking water

III. Clubhouse
14. The building
15. Furnishings
16. Utilities — electricity (3 phase), water, telephone
17. Sewerage disposal
18. Probe holes and percolation tests
19. Golfcar storage
20. Architect’s fees

IV. Clubhouse Grounds
21. Landscaping — lawns, plantings, pathways, fences
22. Entrance road
23. Parking lot
24. Swimming pool, deck, filter and cabanas
25. Other sports such as tennis
26. Caddy area

V. Miscellaneous
27. Boundary fencing in some cases
28. Highway signs
29. Initial advertising and public relations
30. Legal fees
31. Carrying charges on borrowed money
32. Taxes before opening

Golf Catching Up to Baseball in Japan

Three Japanese visitors to the recent GCSA convention in Cleveland, O. Hirota Yamamuro, a country club manager, Takeo Tsuchiya, golf machinery manufacturer, and Nobuo Makeubo, a golf research scholar, told about golf in Japan. Golf was introduced there about 55 years ago and the first course was built on the top of Rokko Mountain at Kobe, near Osaka. However, most people didn’t begin to play until after World War II. Today Japan has about 500 courses. However, it is difficult to build golf layouts because most courses have to be built on mountains and in valleys. Makeubo says, “Sometimes we have to level whole mountains. We have to use very poor soil, so it is very difficult to grow good grass.” All the men agree though that while baseball is still No. 1 in Japan, golf is catching up rapidly.
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“IT'S TOUGH! No flexure breaks at all — even though Certain-teed pipe was installed amid coral rocks!” says Wallace Martin. The group includes (l. to r.) Donald Martin, Assistant Engineer; Joe Pool, Chief Engineer; Boise Miller; Wallace Martin; and Robert W. Holden, Vice President and General Manager of the Grand Bahama Hotel.
It represents the complete Maintenance Building

Nothing Omitted in Planning of CC of N.C. Shop

By Stan Boraski
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A golf course located in the sand hills of North Carolina, as is the Country Club of North Carolina, is difficult to maintain because of the extreme wear on maintenance equipment. Naturally, the sand causes this wear. Fairway mowers have to be sharpened at least three times more often than units used in non-sandy areas. Greensmowers have to be lapped in many more times than in other regions. Both aerifying spoons and verticutting blades wear out quickly. Most maintenance equipment has to "pull" or work doubly hard in our section and replacement of parts is double what it is in other parts of the country.

To solve this maintenance problem as well as to save money, a complete maintenance building and area were developed at our club. In developing the special maintenance facilities, club officials, Richard A. Urquhat and Robert C. Fisher, worked very hard to help the supt. promote the building.

In developing a maintenance building to serve the special conditions of the course, the Country Club of North Carolina also sought to have as modern, well-lighted and fully equipped maintenance center as possible. The building that was constructed measures 70 by 100 feet in overall dimensions. There is an attached loam storage section 20 by 40 feet.

Shop Area Heated by Oil

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wash rack where much of our equipment is washed and, if necessary, can be wiped dry. A grease pit is also located here. It measures 16-feet long by 3-feet wide and 6-feet deep, with descending steps. This makes it possible to service practically every piece of equipment owned by the club. A grease pit and car wash makes it easy to keep up with regular oil changes, chassis lubrication and cleaning in all types of weather.

All the Conveniences

Believing it important to provide conveniences for employees, the building was designed with an adequate men's room and shower room. The club provides towels, soap, etc. The supt. also has a private washroom in addition to his office, which makes it convenient for salesmen and guests.

So much sand is picked up by equipment at CC of North Carolina that it is necessary to wash and steam clean it more often than at most clubs. Stan Boraski wouldn't be without a grease pit, which is handy for servicing and repairing practically all the heavy machinery used on the course.

The toolroom, with adequate shelving, is partitioned off within the shop area. In addition to many special tools we have a complete assortment of bolts, nuts, washers, sheet metal screws, etc. With this large supply on hand many trips to the hardware store are saved. And, while the initial cost of such a hardware stock is large, in the long run substantial savings are made.

Parts Storage System

A parts room is also partitioned off from the general shop area. Adequate shelving here provides for a large inventory. Most parts are stored in boxes. Each box is numbered and the system used for identifying parts is either by type or make of machine. The parts are stored in groups. For example, all tractor parts are stored on one shelf and greenmower parts on another shelf. Close control is exercised here and when any parts are in low supply, more are ordered.

Following the principle of utilizing dead space, we located the air compressor be-

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Club officials showed foresight in providing a comfortable office for the supt. and excellent conveniences for the maintenance staff.
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Battery Charging
Basically Same for All Chargers

Replacement is minimized if daily, weekly and monthly maintenance checks are made

(Second of Two Articles)

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The operational procedure for charging batteries is essentially the same regardless of the type of charger being used. First, determine the specific gravity reading of the batteries (forget this if using an automatic charger) to see what charge remains. Then add water to each cell to the correct level, as recommended by the battery manufacturer. Normally, ¼ inch over the plates is satisfactory. Replace the caps, being certain that breather holes are unrestricted. Gases exit from a battery under charge and if the vents are plugged, there is a possibility of a battery exploding from the pressure build-up.

If you have a 36-volt charger for a 36-volt car, you can connect the charger to the batteries. As a safety precaution, it is recommended that the charger be in the Off position at the time of connection.

With the polarized connectors being used today, a reverse polarity or reverse connection should not exist. It is recommended however, that when batteries are installed a check be made for proper connections. Chargers are equipped with safety overload circuit breakers or fuses. However, a few minutes visual check will catch any incorrect connections and avoid the probability of blowing the fuse or the circuit breaker.

The charger is then ready to be turned on. After the charge period, normally 12 hours, check the specific gravity of the batteries. If the batteries are not fully charged, extend the charge period. It will not harm the batteries to have the charger remain connected after charge as there is little or no feed back.

Program Necessary

A good maintenance program is essential and can save battery replacements. Recommended daily service is as follows: In the morning, test the state of charge either by checking percentage on the charge meter or by checking one or two cells with a hydrometer. Give low batteries additional charge if required. In the evening, check the gravity or voltage for state of charge. Also check one cell for level of electrolyte. If the level is low, check all cells and add water where necessary. Then check the connections and place the batteries on charge.

A weekly maintenance practice should consist of filling all cells to full level. Clean the batteries, also, making certain that vent caps are tight. In cleaning use a still brush, baking soda solution and clear water to remove dirt and corrosion. Let the batteries dry and place them on an equalize charge to bring all the cells to the same level of charge.

Recommended monthly service is a bit more involved. After equalizing the charge, test the batteries and record the gravity readings of each cell. Correct the gravity readings to temperature if possible. This permits adjustment of the hydrometer reading so as to have the same basis for comparison time after time. When the battery is warmer than 80 degs. F add 4 points to the specific gravity reading for each 10 deg. rise in temperature. When it is colder than 80 degs. F subtract 4 points for each 10 degrees.

Analyze Data

Analyze your records. A 25 to 40 point variation in specific gravity reading for the cells of one battery indicates a weak cell and the battery is not fit for further service. Low specific gravity in all the cells indicates insufficient charging, and the batteries should be placed on charge.

Some trouble signs to watch for:
1. If the electrolyte overflows, — the batteries have been overfilled.
2. If ON charge temperature is over 120 degs. F, the charge rate is too high. Reduce the charge rate or
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turn charger off and let the batteries cool.
3. Batteries not fully charged — the charge rate is too low.
4. Insufficient power: Batteries may not be charged. Check for bad connections, an accumulation of corrosion, a poor contact in switches or battery terminals. Check the motor brushes for wear.

Short battery life may be caused by:
1. Overcharging — excessive heat damages plates and separators.
2. Undercharging—batteries remaining discharged may lead to sulphation, damaging positive plates.
3. Low Electrolyte — high acid concentration damages plates and separators.

Maintaining batteries in the off season has been a problem in the past. Batteries are perishable and lose approximately 3 points specific gravity per day at 100 degs. F and ½ point per day at 50 degs. F. To make certain that your batteries are in good state of charge, it is recommended that you check batteries every 30 days with a hydrometer. If the readings are between 1.230 and 1.260 the battery is all right. However, if the reading is 1.230 or under, it is recommended that the batteries be placed on charge. Normally a 6-hour charge will be sufficient.

Several Methods Available

Several methods for converting alternating current to direct current for battery charging are available. These are AC motor generators, tungar bulb-type rectifiers and the dry disc-type rectifier. The most prevalent in golf car charging are selenium rectifiers and silicon diode rectifiers. (Rectification, of course, is a method of changing AC to DC.) Trickle chargers are not suitable for heavy-duty golf car application. Constant current chargers are not readily available for golf car service.

There are several safety precautions in charging that should be remembered. Flammable hydrogen and oxygen gases are by-products of battery charging and good ventilation is essential. Don't work on batteries or disturb connections when the charger is connected and ON as sparks may be created that can cause an explosion. Ground the car before working on it. This will eliminate static electricity. If any electrolyte is splattered, wash it out with plenty of cold water. Should you get any solution in your eyes, wash with cold water cupped in the hand and see a doctor.

National Golf Day
On Television May 31

The National Golf Day Round of the Champions will be telecast live and in color nationally on May 31. Oldsmobile will sponsor the telecast from the Laurel Valley GC, Ligonier, Pa. The event will be carried over NBC coast-to-coast from 5 to 6 pm, EDST.

The PGA champion Bobby Nichols and the current National Open champ, Ken Venturi, will play an 18-hole match with $10,000 going to the winner. The loser will receive $5,000.

Beginning May 15, any golfer — man, woman or child — may play an 18-hole round at his or her course with a minimum contribution of $1 to the PGA for the National Golf Fund. The local pro will certify scores. More than one round may be played and the best score submitted by all players who enter Golf Day competition. The scores are matched against the winner's score of the Nichols-Venturi match. Individual golfers who defeat the winner will receive a 'Beat the Champ' award from the PGA.

Good Heads PGA Seniors

Cliff Good, pro at Midland (Mich.) CC, was elected president of the PGA Seniors at the annual meeting of the group in late February. Good succeeds Leonard Schmutte of Findlay (O.) CC. Schmutte was elected honorary president.

The Seniors elected Harry Moffitt of Heather Downs CC in Toledo, O. as first v-p. He will also serve as chairman of the tournament committee. Paul E. Erath of Laurel Valley GC, Ligonier, Pa., was elected second v-p and Denny McGonagle of Elks CC in Hamilton, O. was elected secretary-treasurer.