Perhaps the problem here is one of definition, but I firmly believe that even a small club should check prices with several firms before buying. Certainly, some consistent verification should be made that the supplier being used by the club is offering the best available prices. Fifteen years of personal experience in purchasing for clubs and restaurants taught me the value of this practice.

Two other statements in the letter concern me. The first expresses the belief that I wrote, “All clubs operating under different...conditions can achieve the same results.” I have reviewed the article very carefully and believe that an inspection will show that what I actually said was that each individual club can achieve improved and more consistent results when comparing these results with its own past performance.

Finally, I am concerned over the comments that I am “critical of country club managers,” and that my article will cause club officers and committees to “zero in on them.” To this I can only say that my comments were instructional and informational and in no wise were intended to be critical.

The majority of professional club managers are competent, skilled executives. (I know for a fact that the writer of the letter is such a manager.) These men and women are already aware of many, if not all, of the points I raise in my columns and see to it that their officers and directors are kept well informed on such matters.

However, of the more than 8,000 private golf clubs in the country, no more than 2,000 are run by members of the Club Managers Assn. of America. Perhaps another 1,500 are exposed to one of CMAA’s fine training programs or have the academic or practical experience to qualify as professionals. This means that more than half of the clubs in the country are being managed by people who need all the information they can get.

It is to these clubs, their managers and directors, and to that small group of professionals who are still learning, that my columns are directed.

USE THE READER SERVICE CARD IN THE FRONT OF THIS ISSUE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRODUCTS ADVERTISED IN GOLFDOM.
CLASSIC DESIGN provides a new concept in golf signs: a visual presentation of individual fairways. The company offers a wide choice of custom-designed, quality signs for golf course owners and managers. Special care has been taken by the company to create designs, using materials, colors and lettering, suited to the golf course. Not only tee signs, but fairway information signs, trailers or special signs are available at various prices. These will be designed for individual courses, using blueprints if available and, if necessary, personal visits to the course. All work and materials are said to be of the highest quality to assure maximum usage and longevity. The company guarantees all workmanship for six months.

AMF/BEN HOGAN introduces a new line of golf clubs for 1974 including the top-of-the-line Director iron, that incorporates the latest engineering techniques and the finest and most suitable materials. The forged-iron “Power-Perimeter” clubhead is designed to concentrate mass across the sole and toward the heel and toe—for the precise balance necessary for accuracy and power. Director irons are crafted with Apex lightweight steel shafts and the Hogan Slip-Proof Grip. Apex High-Crown Woods are also presented, made from Dura-Play laminated-maple, with high crown and full profile to provide the large clubhead mass preferred by many professionals and low handicap amateurs.

THE TORO COMPANY’S Irrigation Division has developed a line of backflow preventers, which consist of a reduced pressure backflow preventer for high hazard situations in two models in sizes ranging from one to four inches. The backflow prevention devices provide protection against pollution or contamination wherever potable and non-potable water lines are cross-connected. These units have compact design for less weight and space, easy disassembly, modular construction of check valves and relief valve, single bolt and clamp mount for quick removal and durable, corrosion-resistant plastics used in construction.

AMF HARLEY-DAVIDSON announces its line of 1974 golf cars, with redesigned front and rear bumpers on the four-wheel models and a new rear bumper on the three-wheel cars for greater strength and a better appearance. Cars will also feature an all-new sun top and windshield, both mounted for ease of installation or removal. All models feature impact-resistant molded fiberglass bodies, colored a new off-white to resist sun fade, mounted on a welded tubular steel frame.

DOUBLE EAGLE PROFESSIONAL DIV., Ajay Enterprises Corp., introduces the Double Eagle English Caddy golf cart. Wide wheel base and welded and riveted steel tubular construction give this model excellent balance and stability. With adjustable sling bag brackets, the English Caddy can hold any size or style of golf bag. It folds compactly when the handle is lowered and has 12 inch chrome plated wire spoke wheels that snap on and off for added convenience. The cart has white semi-pneumatic rubber tires, white bag straps and trim and a baked enamel finish. The Caddy comes in blue, lime and black.
HEATH-GATES TIRE REPAIR PRODUCTS presents Sure-Seal, a new tubeless tire repair kit, designed to end golf car downtime from flats by enabling operators to plug the puncture in less than two minutes without removing the tire from the wheel. The secret is a yarn-like piece of vulcanizing rubber which is threaded through a needle-like awl and inserted into puncture hole. It’s guaranteed not to leak and 144 repair units sell for $18.95 per piece.

ATLANTIC PRODUCTS CORP. presents its new Tour-Mate Professional Golf Bags line, which consists of seven new models, each in two color options, with approximate retails of $30 to $100.

The line features: lightweight, bright and strong structure, rich looking brass hardware, Delran zippers, golf top ring extrusions for added strength and styling, all new canvas and nylon golf bags, cylinder for added strength and shape retention and large, spacious, pockets with extra wide openings.

HITACHI SALES CORP. OF AMERICA has developed the new Motion Analyzer unit for playing back sports activity in seconds. The unit is a 33 pound electronic control center that can be hooked up with a television camera and any black and white or color television set. It can be programmed to record, in sequence or at random, a series of 15 stopped motion pictures and then play them back on your television screen. By simply pressing a series of buttons, you can pre-set what you want to see and the time lapse between each picture. The pictures are instantaneously stored in a rotating memory disk similar to the type used in computers.

G & H PRODUCTS, INC., presents the Model 350-A motorized lawnmower stand that is designed to service all walking mowers and to make repair a quick, easy job.

With the 30 inch wide bed on the ground, the company says, you just roll the mower on. A flip of a switch raises it to 32 inch working bench height—then the mower can be tipped to any desired position—and securely locked by friction.

Ruggedly constructed of heavy arc welded steel throughout, the Model 350-A has an open center bed for easy blade removal and is furnished complete with one third hp motor, a gearless drive and removable parts tray.

BRANDELL PRODUCTS announces a putter for all ages, with adjustments to fit youngsters and men or women who prefer a shorter putter. The all-weather grip, two-piece shaft and chrome plated head are of high quality and the club can be used by right or left handed people. The putter lists for $10.

JACOBSEN MFG. COMPANY presents a new sand trap rake called the Trap King, which is a three wheeled vehicle powered by a recoil start 6.5hp Wisconsin engine or an electric start eight hp Kohler engine. With torque converter drive and transaxle transmission, the Trap King features three forward speed ranges and reverse.

COURSIGNS, INC., introduces a new concept in trap rakes, which combines high impact plastic, tempered steel and hardwood to give a rugged and effective rake. The 20 inch plastic head is reinforced by an enameled steel frame. The hardwood handle is readily replaceable and the rake weighs less than two golf clubs. Prices range from $4.50 to $4 depending on quantity.
highly-developed system of green belts serving densely populated areas. These green belts—mostly small parks and wooded areas—are heavily used.

Americans can look for an increased use of parks and woods near heavily populated areas. If access to free-wheeling cars and skies full of planes is diminished, there may be an American renaissance of hiking, hosteling, and cross-country skiing. Bowling greens and lawn games may return to our towns. The network of more than 11,000 golf courses—one of America's national treasures—will increase in importance as we move further into this new age of shortages.

As the demands on these facilities grow—and they are bound to—scientists and researchers will have to keep pace with new turf management techniques and products. In the last quarter of a century, there have been such achievements as: new warm and cool season turfgrasses; fertilizers; fungi-cides; herbicides; insecticides, and turf equipment. That kind of developmental work will provide the basis for continually satisfactory turfgrass areas.

The energy crisis provides turfgrass managers with their greatest challenge and their greatest opportunity in years. The production and maintenance of good turfgrass facilities can only grow in importance, for they are a vital part of our way of life.

QUALITY TURF

thereby reducing the number of times per season that you must cover the same area.

Too much mowing can waste power, as can allowing the grass to grow too long, which may require subsequent cleanup operations. Try to remove no more than one-third of the blade of grass at each mowing. Greens will still require daily mowing, but you can revise mowing schedules for all other areas.

Other conservation suggestions are these:

1. Keep the gas pump locked to avoid theft;
2. Avoid spilling while refueling. You'll want your operators to avoid hot rodding and jack rabbit starts and stops. This may bring the additional benefit of reducing breakdowns;
3. Turn off the engine when not in use; there is no productive work done while idling;
4. A governor installed on the engine is the most efficient means of ensuring uniform speed. It is not always necessary to operate machines at maximum rated RPM. With hydrostatic propulsion drive, you can reduce engine speed and still maintain the desired ground speed. The reduced speed will save fuel.

Fertilization and water practices affect the frequency of mowing. Soil analysis may not only save money on fertilizer, but will eliminate the possibility of over fertilizing, therefore reducing frequency of mowing while maintaining good growth and color in the grass. An efficient sprinkler system, which evenly distributes and controls moisture, influences the growth of grass; that, in turn, dictates the frequency of mowing. Don't water any more than is absolutely necessary.

Fuel can be saved, but it will require special effort on the superintendent's part to reduce gasoline consumption 10 to 20 per cent. Select the proper machine for the job, keep equipment properly maintained and adjusted and make full use of your managerial talent. Any one of the steps listed is not critical for fuel conservation, but all of them will give you the opportunity to save fuel without sacrificing good turfgrass management practices.

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