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News

ANSI sets new golf car standard

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI), a nonprofit organization that coordinates the voluntary development of national standards in the United States, has established safety requirements for the design and operation of golf cars powered by batteries, electric motors, or gasoline. The standards have been published by ANSI and are available for $4.00 from American National Standards Institute, Inc., 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.

Included in the publication are criteria and methods for testing speed, acceleration, stability, braking systems, operational controls, electrical and fuel systems, and general configurations. The standards also provide that a safety warning label be permanently affixed to the vehicle and that manufacturers make available operation and maintenance manuals. The label, which should be clearly visible to the driver, lists the major safety and precautionary operating measures to be observed.

ANSI approves standards when they meet consensus requirements that ensure that all substantially affected interests have had an opportunity to participate in their development or to comment on their provisions. The golf car standards was processed and approved for submittal to ANSI by American National Standards Committee Z130 on Safety Standards for Golf Cars. The National Golf Foundation serves as committee secretariat.

Penncross-Penneagle goes to Toro

The Tee-2-Green corporation has elected to market Penncross and Penneagle creeping bentgrasses through the network of Toro distributors in the United States.

Tee-2-Green says the change in marketing plans will make the seed more readily available to golf courses in the shortest marketing route.

B.H. Melton, President of the Tee-2-Green Corp., said that most of the Toro dealers in the bentgrass use area are indicated an interest in marketing both grasses. He added that in any area where a Toro dealer does not wish to participate, they will offer the dealership to a seed handler who calls on golf courses in that area.

Irrigation sales were up 42 percent over the year and Toro's professional turf equipment line grew at rates in excess of industry averages.

McLaughlin did say that the company was concerned with a drop in profit margins from the past year's fourth quarter. One factor he mentioned was heavy advance spending for products that will not reach the market until this fiscal year.

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Tom Rogers, CGCS, Garden City, writes: "We've finally finished seeding the 18 holes (six this last month). The other 12 are doing super! We are using Penncross bent on our greens, fairways and tees (one of the only courses west of the Mississippi). The native soil (so to speak) is blow sand — about 30 feet deep — with lots of hills, dunes, sage brush, yuccas, sunflowers and wind. They've named the new course and development "Southwind", can you guess why? Thank God for the hydrosower because it saved my life! One thing that is really neat — on the six holes that were seeded this spring, I have not used one speck or one drop of pesticide, other than a rodent repellent for moles and gophers. Ohio boys eat your hearts out! If you want to see some good Penncross, come on out!"

New Jersey Turfgrass Expo '79 is Nov. 26-29. For information, contact: Dr. Henry Indyk, Cook College, Soils & Crops Dept., P.O. Box 231, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. Phone 201/932-9453.

The Ohio Turfgrass Conference is Dec. 4-6 at the Cincinnati Convention Exposition Center. Contact: Ohio Turfgrass Foundation, Karen Jackson, Secretary, 1627 Neil Ave., Columbus, OH 43210. Phone 614/422-2592.

The photo above shows the sponsorship for the Crowfoot Open, held at Sun Tree CC in Melbourne, Florida. Tim Hiers, superintendent at Sun Tree, and Gary Morgan, chairman of the open, are hoping that more sponsors will get on the board, allowing donations to turfgrass research from the proceeds of future Crowfoot Opens.

Toro sales, earnings set new record

Toro sales for the year advanced 50 percent from $223,853,000 to $357,766,000. David McLaughlin cited a number of factors for the increase.
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Leadership and Management: Partners to Misunderstanding

Lean back, relax, close your eyes and think: Leader, Leadership, To Lead. We can conjure up a mental, fantasy picture of A Leader. Think about it. Remnants of strong childhood impressions quickly come together to form a familiar image of strength, a friendly honest smile, clear piercing eyes, lean features, a voice conveying truth, dignity, right, trust and respect; a combination of the Lone Ranger, John Wayne and Winston Churchill.

The image is quickly there, an old friend, almost itself a statement of leadership, born early, added to and solidified by the growing-up exposures in family, Scouting, church, school. It is an easy, comfortable, dependable image — Leader. I always wanted to be one.

Now shake that image loose, close it out, lean back again, relax and think. Manager, Management, To Manage. Hmm. Try again. Management. From the shadowy corridors of the mind comes — nothing, no fantasy-based statement, no basis for — gee, I always wanted to be one.

The concept of leadership is strong in our minds with roots that go back deeply into our youth. It is difficult to find the same familiarity with the concept of management. Management is a more recently introduced item to the well of our understanding.

Indeed, many practicing managers speak management, but think leadership. When asked for a definition of the difference between the terms, they are most often felt to be largely synonymous.

If the terms, manager and leader, have similar meanings, then why the red flag, Partners to Misunderstanding?

The Golf Course Superintendent is a position of management. His resources are people and things; his responsibilities are reflected in the condition of an acreage set aside for the play of golf. His failures and successes are wrapped up in the manner with which he combines the utilization of those resources to get the job done.

His preparation for the management role is largely technical, broad segments of knowledge about things and processes. His most frequent recurring source of headaches is often not things and processes, but people. What then, is the most accessible aspirin, leadership or management?

Leadership is a gift, a combination of inherited personality characteristics, developed, either early or late, in growing-up social experiences and tested in day-to-day relationships with peers. There are degrees of strength of leadership characteristics.

Society has always extolled leadership. The imagery born out of names like Alexander The Great, Winston Churchill, Abraham Lincoln, John Kennedy are of John Wayne proportions and Clark Kent strengths.

Leadership is something we want to have because we know it is good. Yet, the sports page tells us, "You can’t make them, you can’t appoint them, you can’t trust it upon them. Leaders are naturals."

Management, on the other hand, is a combination of acquired pragmatic skills, developed and tested through work experiences, and used in terms of the goals set for the position. The Golf Course Superintendent uses the tools of management to get things done through people (human resources) utilizing things (physical resources) available to him. Management skills can only be learned. Genes have little to do with that ability except in areas of integrity, intelligence, energy, sensitivity and a myriad of other like conditions. Management is a job one learns. Leadership is something one has. Leaders must learn to manage, manager’s can only learn to act like leaders.

The dangers implied by the title of this piece are inherent to one’s understanding of the differences in the two concepts.

The Golf Course Superintendent who views the terms as meaning the same thing, but lacks a leadership self-image, is also likely to be uncomfortable and perhaps awkward and ineffective in the management role.

Definitions of leadership say little about authority, responsibility, accountability, control, organizational direction, planning and related considerations. Definitions of management say little else. A 44-year-old president and chief executive officer of a Fortune 500 company, who did it the hard way, when asked "How," responded, "It turned around for me when I learned the difference between management and leadership. Of the two, I chose the only route available to me. Now, I manage the leaders."

The typical Golf Course Superintendent, because of his technical training and a natural inclination towards hands-on doing, has difficulty really seeing his role as truly that of management. If he further encumbers himself with a leadership interpretation of management when he knows he lacks "natural" leadership characteristics, he finds himself dealing with crisis, reacting rather than acting, fighting brushfires rather than eliminating their source, operating on an impulse "Heroic" level rather than on a rational plane.

Management is work, a planned effort of getting one foot in front of another, a scheduled stream of activity to reach the goals that are required as part of the package. Solid leadership traits can be a bonus to this role, kept in perspective, but the superior effect is gained by a rational understanding of what you are, teamed with knowledge of management tools and applied to those critical human resources.