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12 100 Others Allied to the Field (please specify)

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26 2 Bermuda
27 3 Rye
28 4 Other (please specify)

B. TEES

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30 2 Bermuda
31 3 Rye
32 4 Fescue
33 5 Zoysia
34 6 Other (please specify)

C. FAIRWAYS

35 1 Bent
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5. If you work for a golf course, how many holes are on your course?

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Credit the Crawler

The flooded Guadalupe River dumped mud, water and nearly two feet of silt on the Bandit GC. But it was a nifty, all-purpose construction vehicle to the rescue.

Problem

The 500-year flood nearly wiped out the Bandit GC last fall. It left mud, water and silt in its wake, not to mention a clogged irrigation system. What to do to clean up the course?

Solution

Bring in the crawler, a 9,000-pound vehicle with low ground pressure and superb traction. It cleaned up the mess and didn’t damage the course in the process.

The problem

The destruction from the flood would have been bad enough, but when the water receded the aftermath was even worse. Mud had gummed up Bandit’s entire irrigation system, and it was no longer functioning.

Though the entire course sustained damage, the worst was found on holes No. 12 and 13, where nearly 24 inches of silt had been deposited on the greens and fairways.

“We didn’t know what we were going to do about it,” Cope says. “It was a hair-raising experience.”

Options considered

When Cope and his team sat down to brainstorm solutions, few were forthcoming.

With the irrigation system gummed up with mud, hosing off the silt was not a viable option. Besides, it was doubtful that water could rid the fairways and greens of that much silt.

“We also considered bringing in tractors and other heavy loading equipment, but none of that stuff would work because of the damage those machines would do to the course,” Cope notes.

For a time, it seemed the Guadalupe River had won.

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Solution chosen
Searching for an alternative, Cope contacted Steve Tolliver of S.H. Tolliver Construction, one of his primary contractors, who put him in contact with All Weather Sales and Rental, a Georgetown, Texas-based firm specializing in equipment that works in difficult terrain.

All Weather suggested that Cope rent a Posi-Track all-purpose crawler manufactured by ASV Inc. of Grand Rapids, Minn.

Though similar in size and shape to a skid-steer, the machine utilized a technologically advanced undercarriage and rubber tracks, giving the 9,000-pound vehicle extraordinarily low ground pressure (3.0 psi) and traction. Cope rented the machine because it appeared to be the only viable solution.

Outcome
Once on the course, the machine lived up to its billing. “It worked better than we had hoped,” Cope says.

With a bucket attachment, Cope and his team pushed the silt and mud off the fairways and greens. The job took about three weeks.

Operating the 7,500-pound machine with rubber tracks was similar to allowing a third-grader in sneakers on the course. Historically, machines light on the ground don’t have the power necessary to do heavy work, and powerful machines cause too much damage. But Cope discovered that the Posi-Track’s intricate wheel pattern within the rubber-tracked undercarriage not only gave the machine a light footprint, but also traction and power.

Thanks to the undercarriage, the machine was able to touch softly on the turf at Bandit GC, but also have the traction to push the heavy sludge. With the bucket attachment, the machine was able to skim the sludge down to a half inch, a point at which water could be used.

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   - E O $300,001-$500,000
   - F O $150,001-$300,000
   - G O Less than $150,000

**5. If you work for a golf course, how many holes are on your course?**
   - A O 9
   - B O 18
   - C O Other (please specify)

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hey kick their balls and throw them, too. You can hear them guffawing when they skip their tee shots into the drink. A quintuple bogey? Big deal. A 90 score for nine holes? Who cares?

These girls just want to have fun. And they do in the Fast Bad Golf League at Sunnybreeze Palms GC in Arcadia, Fla.

The league was created by Kathy Baker, co-owner of Sunnybreeze Palms, who saw the need for an entry-level and easygoing format for women who enjoy golf—but on their own terms. Eight years later, the league remains as popular as a long-running Broadway hit.

"I like to play golf for fun, fellowship and being outdoors," Baker says. "I was tired of playing with competitive, bloodthirsty women who count their strokes and everybody else's strokes when they're playing. Golf needs to be less serious."

Baker believed other women empathized with her just-want-to-have-a-good-time attitude. When she organized the Thursday morning league, they emerged with clubs in hand.

Players come from all walks—moms, widows and professionals. "Once we had two 90-year-olds playing in the group," Baker says.

It's no surprise because more women want to play golf. They account for 40 percent of all new players, according to the National Golf Foundation. Many women just need to feel like they belong. "They don't want to look stupid," Baker adds.

And they don't want to be intimidated.

There may be more new women golfers, but many of them quit soon after starting partly because of the intimidation factor. Some are even unnerved by their husbands.

"Many women don't want to play with their husbands and others who are good because they are intimidated by them," Baker notes.

It was another reason that Baker formed the league. She makes it clear that intimidation doesn't have a place in the Fast Bad Golf League. Even those with godawful games are welcome.

"This is a great place for women who are just learning the game," Baker says. "If they tip over their golf carts, we have a good laugh. If they hit their balls in the water, nobody cares."

But don't get the idea that the Fast Bad Golf League doesn't have rules. These women are versed in golf etiquette. And they don't want to delay others on the course with slow play.

(Those, the word "fast" in the league name.)

"If they go over 10 strokes, they have to pick their balls up," Baker says, adding that women usually complete their 9-hole rounds in about two hours.

Not surprisingly, the "good" golfers didn't want to play behind the perceived "bad" women players when the league began in 1992. But their criticisms were quelled when they saw that the "bad" women players moved at a quick pace. And something ironic happened. "Some of the good women players from other groups wanted to join the league when they saw how much fun we were having," Baker says.

Other women joined the league with the intention of learning the game and moving on to other challenges. But they were having so much fun that they didn't want to quit the league, Baker says.

The Fast Bad Golf League also doubles as a support group. Golfers with personal problems will find that other league members are willing to help them deal with their grief. "It's like group therapy, which is what golf is," Baker says.

But mostly the league is about fun, which is what golf is supposed to be about, Baker stresses. So if a woman wants to throw her ball instead of driving it off the tee or kick her ball instead of putting it, she can, according to the rules of the Fast Bad Golf League.

And she can burst into laughter at herself for doing so.

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