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Question for Superintendents: If you are responsible for snow removal at your course/club, what equipment do you use?

At **Southbrook** we have our clubhouse parking lot, maintenance parking lot, service road to the maintenance building, side walks and clubhouse back patio. Our main way of moving snow is a 1993 Chevy 2500 with a Blizzard plow, we use this for the road, back patio and parking lots. When the snow accumulates at the ends of the parking lots and patio we use a Cat 966 loader to pile it higher. Areas we cannot maneuver into we use a Bobcat 463 skid-loader. For side walks we use a 24-inch Cub Cadet snow blower and hand shovels.

- Brian Peterson
Southbrook Golf Course

At **Somerset** we have the luxury of being closed after Christmas. But until then we use a 1 ton truck with a plow and a skid-steer with a snow bucket. The maintenance dept. is responsible for the

parking lots and sidewalks. Even though SCC is closed we keep things open on weekends for the resident house and any fire emergency. Due to a driveway that faces north and a steep entrance we use our share of salt sand during the season. We hand topdress the salt sand on the driveway and use ice-melt around the clubhouse. We have a couple of old snow-blowers if a snow storm comes our way.

- James Bade
Somerset Country Club

At **North Oaks** we are responsible for the club parking lot and all of the side walks around the club house. We use a 1988 Ford 250 with plow blade supplemented with a John Deere skid steer and snow bucket for snow removal to one end of our lot. We utilize a 24 inch Simplicity Sno Away and Toro CCR 2450 to clean

along the curbs and the sidewalks. We also have an assortment of shovels and brooms as well as back pack blowers for removal as well. Our staff, all four of us, take turns on weekends with everyone being on call if a big storm is predicted. Ice melt is used sparingly upon the sidewalks to melt any ice.

- Jack MacKenzie, CGCS
North Oaks Golf Club

At **Tanners Brook**, this will be our first year to do snow removal as our new clubhouse will be open year round. We have contracted with a company to plow the lot at \$60/hr. We (clubhouse/maintenance) staff will clean and de-ice all sidewalks and entrances.

- Kevin Clunis, CGCS
Tanners Brook GC

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Peer-to-Peer –

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Here at **Brackett's Crossing** we are in charge of snow removal in parking lot, sidewalks and skating rink. Equipment utilized for removal include; 1995 F-350 with Fischer Plow, 2000 F-250 with Fischer Plow, Kubota tractor (47 HP) with 48" Buhler Allied, 10 hp, 29" Yard King snowblower, and assortment of hand shovels, brooms, blowers, ice scrapers for sidewalks (and skating rink).

We have four full time employees (maintenance) that are on call for the week and on weekends if it snows, we have back up person come in to assist. We are fortunate to have club house managers assist with shoveling of sidewalks and rink when needed. Ice melt used as necessary when conditions warrant. We also use 1995 Cushman Truckster with mounted top-dresser to apply sand/salt mixed throughout parking lot and main entrance when needed. Yes, it always snows on my weekend!

- Tom Proshek
Brackett's Crossing CC

At **Tartan Park**, we are responsible for snow removal on roads, parking lots, sidewalks and entrances. Roads and lots are maintained by a 2003 3/4 ton Chev pickup with a 8 1/2 foot plow and a enderson 8' spreader. We have a Kabota M6040 with cab and snow bucket. This tractor has a rear mounted Lorenz 6' snow blower for blowing curbs and guard rails. Entrances and side walks are done with shovels and/or a Toro

CCR2400 snow blower. We use ice melt on the walks and 100% treated salt on the roadways. We have one employee that does the majority of our plowing and we all pitch in when necessary. We maintain a "call list" for weekends and evenings. Our goal is to have snow removed before the arrival of customers.

- Randall W. Allen
Tartan Park GC



Windsong Farm Golf Club Superintendent Scottie Hines, CGCS, shares one of his favorite recipes for Pheasant Wild Rice Soup. Check it out on Page 27 of this issue of Hole Notes. Pictured with Scottie is his beautiful golden retriever Sadie.



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