

Get to Know 'em



Bill Gullicks
Superintendent
Bellwood Oaks Golf Course
Hastings, MN

Hobbies/Interests: My hobbies and interests have slowly changed as my family has grown. I always enjoy watching my children participate in their activities, especially sports. I like to be involved with the coaching aspect of sports during the winter season. I also

enjoy vacationing, camping during the summer and going to warm places in the winter. My cooking skills would be the one hobby/interest that I know my family really enjoys.

Piece of equipment your course has created or modified: Our Grasshopper zero-turn out front rotary is our most useful piece of modified equipment. We added spray features so we can spray Roundup around the base of our trees. A hitch is attached to the rear to pull a spray tank and the deck is removed to mount a customized boom to the left side of the machine. Each spray tip is sized for the travel speed around the tree and can be controlled individually by a valve bank. Spraying around trees turned into a one person task and a more precise job.

Favorite piece of equipment and why: My favorite piece of equipment is actually a tool. It's a 4"x1/4" flat blade screw driver we use to fix ballmarks on the greens. We carry them in all our cup changing buckets. It does a great job of mending ballmarks as well as blending the edges of a newly changed cup. The more you use it the better you get, and the more worn down the blade gets the better it works. I think it works better than any of the high priced ballmark repair tools available.

Why did you get into the industry: I got into the business for the love of being outdoors. I worked on a golf course throughout my high school and college years. After graduating from college I

lasted five months at an office job in a hospital and realized how much I missed the golf course and the great outdoors. I returned to school to get my turf degree, and the rest is history. It's been extremely rewarding seeing what we create every day.



Jeff Vinkemeier
Superintendent
Glencoe Country Club
Glencoe, MN

Family: My wife, Sheila, and I started our married life in the Brainerd area, working for GrandView Lodge and The Vintage. We moved back to my hometown of Belle Plaine right before our first child was born. We now have three "flower" girls, Lily, Daisy and Sage, and are expecting our fourth

child this summer. How will we keep up the flower tradition if it is a boy?

Hobbies: My main hobbies is spending time with my family. We love camping and just spending time in our backyard playing. I also enjoy playing basketball with my Church group. And if a Nascar race is on, just leave me alone to my TV.

Life lesson learned: Take the time to stop and smell the roses. Many people would love to have our job, and what better office could you get. I try everyday to look around and find something new at the course. And I always try to leave work at work because it is just a job.

Piece of equipment created: We built a hose reel with a cart. We got a free cable spool from the local phone company, and we built a trailer for it to mount to. We never had to drag another hose. We just rolled it up and moved to the next area.

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Posted February 19

FOR SALE

Box of 2005 E-Z-GO Golf Car parts.
Filters, switches, manuals, plugs.

Free or Best offer!

Contact: Kevin Clunis, CGCS
Tanners Brook GC
651-464-4118

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FOR SALE

1990 Cushman core harvester,
incl. mounting hardware for J.D. Pro
Gator.

Asking \$1,000

The unit is serviced, in great shape and
ready to work.

Contact: Eric Ritter
Spooner Golf Club
715-635-6438

Posted January 11

FOR SALE

Greens Tender Conditioner (groomer,
Part # MP21020) for John Deere 2500
reels. Good shape just need new

groomer shaft bearings and seals.

Pictures available. \$750/OBO.

Contact: Seth Petersen
Luck Golf Course
715/491-3424

Posted December 21

WANTED

John Deere 2500 Reels
Contact: Jeff Vinkemeier
Glencoe Country Club
320/864-6872

Posted December 15

FOR SALE

2-2004 John Deere E-Gators. One has
new batteries. \$5500.00 for both or will
sell separately.

Contact: Jamie Bezanson
Oneka Ridge Golf Course
715/699-0178

Posted December 8

WANTED

Looking for Electric Brake System for a
TY-Crop MH-400 Model

Contact: Nikk Dickerson

Owatonna Country Club
507-451-4144

Posted November 25

FOR SALE

2003 Jake 4700 Reelmaster, 7 gang,
Canopy, 3300 hours, runs great, no
issues at all. We simply found a newer
of the same model. \$10,000 OBO.
Also looking for the front deck on a
TORO 4000.

Contact: Jason Swanson
Hidden Greens GC
651-295-9771

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WANTED

Toro Plug Pulverizer 2563
PTO 3-point hitch
Contact: Robert Distel
Wayzata CC
612/801-5503

Posted November 10

FOR SALE

2003 J.D. Fairway mower,
sharp reels. \$3,000

Contact: Charlie Schultz
Indian Hills GC
651-770-3091

Posted October 26

FOR SALE

Jacobsen Model 40
3-Pt Blower-\$500.00 or BO,
Bernhard Rapid Facer RF-1000
\$150

Contact: John Koury
Southview Country Club
651-451-1666

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