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 many reasons. I grew up in a small town and played golf when I was young. 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 everyday.

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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