

## Rotary Mowers and Safety

Now that summer is upon us and school is finally out, we should have our full complement of High School and College students on board.

If you assign your employees like I do, usually the newest and least experienced employee is sent out the shop door with a trim mower to mow around trees and the lakes. This employee is, however, entrusted with probably the most dangerous piece of equipment in our inventory.

Before you send this employee out with the mower whose blade travels 200 mph, make sure he knows all

proper safety and operational procedures. These procedures include how to fill it with gas, where and how to wash it, how to disconnect the spark plug wire when working with the blade, how to fill it with oil, to turn mower off when cleaning discharge shoot, to wear shoes with skid-proof soles (safety shoes are better), not to mow over debris, and to mow slopes in a criss-cross pattern.

Just a few extra minutes of instruction and on the site training could prevent a serious injury and costly insurance claims against your club.

### THE INDISPENSABLE MAN

Sometime when you're feeling important  
Sometime when your ego's in bloom  
Sometime when you take it for granted  
You're the best qualified in the room;  
Sometime when you feel that your going  
Would leave an unfillable hole,  
Just follow these simple instructions  
And see how they humble your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water,  
Put your hand in it up to the wrist,  
Pull it out, and the hole that's remaining

Is a measure of how you'll be missed.  
You can splash all you wish when you enter  
You may stir up the water galore;  
But stop, and you'll find that in no time  
It looks quite the same as before.

The moral in this quaint example  
Is do just the best that you can:  
Be proud of yourself, but remember  
There's no indispensable man.

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### *Dates to Remember*

#### JULY 11

Loudon Golf and Country Club

#### AUGUST

Family Picnic - Gunpowder Country Club

#### AUGUST 16th and 17th

Penn State Turfgrass Field Days

#### SEPTEMBER

Philadelphia Tournament  
Wilmington Country Club, Delaware

#### OCTOBER

Superintendents Tournament  
Hunt Valley Golf Club

## Mid-Atlantic GCSA Family Picnic

Tuesday, August 8, 1978

Gunpowder Country Club

Laurel, Maryland

2:00 p.m. - until

Hot Dogs

Chicken

Corn on the cob

Steamed Crabs

Games for the "kids"