

BOULDER CREEK CC - The round table discussion on equipment at Boulder Creek brought out several points. As always it was agreed that preventive maintenance is the best insurance for having trouble free and dependable equipment. It will also extend the life of most equipment.

A tip for checking for hydraulic leaks on triplex mowers--always park them in a clean spot and observe the area for oil before mowing each day

Some superintendents adapt parts from other manufacturers - example Toro rollers on Jacobsen fairway mowers.

The distributors suggest that superintendents question their representatives about the adaptability of equipment to be sure they get the right mower for the right job. After purchase continue to use the equipment for what it was bought for or take the risk of a shorter life and less than desirable life.

THANKS to Leonard Walsh for the great hospitality.

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IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE - Jack Baker, H. V. Carter Co., Inc. Oakland

An old joke has been told over the years about the lady who drove her car into the service station and asked the attendant to change the air in her tires and put in fresh air. When we look around and see the way we operate in this world today one begins to wonder if she did not have a point? Landsakes don't we agree there's enough "smog" around with all the air pollutants that a good solid breath of fresh air would be most welcome.

However, what we're driving at is a need for change. All of us get into a "rut" or a habit of doing things the way we did them 50 or a 100 years ago and will resist to the nth degree any recommended or suggested change. This involves our every day living and habits as well as the tools and equipment that may be our life's work. Sometimes it just takes a little effort to try and then be convinced that the "new" way is better - faster - more economical and efficient. But, unless we give it a try, we'll never know.

Manufacturers in general are constantly striving to engineer and design the tools to get the job done, with more efficiency and at a saving in time. True, maybe the costs are greater, and they probably will be, but measured in time-saved the balance of power will readily shift over to the newer item. Think of the inventive genius that have come down through the ages to give us the conveniences we take for granted today. Let's not stifle that which has made America great by not keeping up with the wonders of our century.