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The business-oriented superintendent likes to be well informed on operations pertaining to his golf course. With more and more activity on golf courses, a superintendent must stay abreast of current activities on his course.

As an assistant I have had the responsibility of the superintendent during his absence. I try to run the golf course including the maintenance shop as I think the superintendent would like to have it run.

I compile all my notes into an informal report so that when he returns, he can sit down and look over the report. In a matter of minutes, he can bring himself up to date on happenings that took place while he was away.

The following is an example of such a report that I gave John Ebel (superintendent) upon his return after an absence from October 20 through October 26, 1972. First of all, the memos he gave me upon his departure, and then the report which I handed him upon his return. Notice that I included weather conditions for each day which enables the superintendent to see why I chose the direction for each day's work.

Memo to: Dennis Willms

From: John Ebel

Subject: Work schedule

I will be away Oct. 20 - Oct. 26. Please use the following outline to help you supervise the men.

Regular Maintenance

- Check course daily for damage, etc. Change tee markers as necessary.
- Mow greens tees fairways if possible on Friday, Oct. 20. Rake traps.
- 3. Police club house grounds.
- 4. Leaf removal.
- 5. Log daily hours and labor distribution.
- 6. Record all important messages.
- Be sure to secure buildings and check tools and equipment daily.
- 8. Check lights and thermostats.
- 9. Other Be Careful Safety First.

Other Projects

- 1. Clean, wash, wax pickup truck.
- Karl install plugs and points in truck.
 Remove screens, install storms, wash all windows

inside and out, in employees quarters.

- 4. Clean out flower beds, bring in the flower boxes.
- 5. Start setting up skeet about Wednesday.
- 6. Check roof halfway house and tar leaks.
- 7. Clean out ditch along service road near #12 tee.
- 9. Bring in equipment, rakes, signs, etc.
- Apply lime to greens and tees, approx. 200 lbs. of lime per green. Also nursery.
- 11. Put cover on septic tank.
- 12. Repair tile lines.
- Memo to: John Ebel
- From: Dennis Willms
- Subject: Weekly work report. Week running Oct. 20 Oct. 26.
- Friday, October 20
 - Tem. 25 degrees A.M. Heavy frost.
 - Tem. 50 degrees P.M. Cloudy, Windy.
 - A. Put storms on house.
 - B. Put lid on the septic system.
 - C. Mowed all greens and started on tees.
 - D. Started picking up equipment.
 - E. Brought flower boxes in.
 - F. Finished project by tennis courts.
 - G. Picked up leaves and used blower.
 - H. Repaired halfway house roof.
 - 1. Karl and Don off for day.
- Saturday, October 21
 - Tem. 44 degrees A.M.
 - Tem. 51 degrees P.M. Rained all day.
 - A. Worked on truck, cleaned, painted, waxed.
 - B. Brought in more equipment all day.
 - 1. Karl and Don and Juan off all day.
- Sunday, October 22
 - Tem. 41 degrees A.M.
 - Tem. 45 degrees P.M. Rained all day.
 - A. Dennis Checked course and unlocked gates.
- Monday, October 23
 - Tem. 51 A.M.
 - Tem. 44 P.M. Rained off and on all day.
 - *Course flooded #17 and #18, total amount of rain 2".
 - A. Brought in more equipment
 - B. Worked on truck, waxed, painted, tuned up and replaced upper hose.
 - C. Worked on loader, cleaned, degreased, painted, touched up, waxed, tuned up, complete
 - D. Picked up leaves and used blower.
 - E. Unplugged drain on #17 five times because of leaves.

Tuesday, October 24

- Tem. 40 degrees A.M.
- Tem. 46 degrees P.M. Cloudy Windy.
- * Course flooded, no carts allowed out.
- A. Worked on truck and cleaned engine.
- B. Worked on loader, finished touch up paint.
- C. Picked up leaves and used blower.
- Unplugged drain on #17 three times because of leaves.
- E. Applied lime to greens and tees.
- F. Watered all greens and tees.
- G. Finished taking all flowers out and spaded beds.
- H. Karl serviced tractors for anti-freeze.
- Wednesday, October 25
 - Tem. 32 degrees A.M. Light frost.
 - Tem. 57 degrees P.M. Sunny.
- * Course flooded, no golf carts allowed.
 - A. Cleaned shop and wash rooms.
 - B. Finished applying lime to greens and tees.
 - C. Drained roller.
 - D. Unplugged drain behind #18 tee.

- E. Started putting skeet up.
- F. Karl filled tank at septic system.

Thursday, October 26

- Tem. 36 degrees A.M.
- Tem. 62 degrees P.M. Windy and Sunny.
- * Carts allowed only on front nine in A.M. and on total eighteen holes in P.M.
- A. Finished work on skeet.
- B. Mulched leaves.
- C. Unplugged drain behind #18.
- D. Picked up leaves and used blower.
- E. Gave Ford truck last touch up.
- F. Karl serviced pumps and made sure they're in good working order.

Conclusion

- All things ran smoothly at Barrington Hills, except the weather that is!
- I believe everyone put forth a very good effort during this week's period.
 - Respectfully submitted
 - Dennis Willms, Assist-Superintendent
 - Barrington Hills Country Club
- * Dennis "Skip" Willms Started golf course maintenance in Omaha, Nebraska. Held position as assist-superintendent on Benson Park Golf Course, Highland Country Club and Applewood Golf Course. Presently assist-superintendent at Barrington Hills Country Club



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No one is right all the time and no one is wrong all the time. The clock that has not run for many years is right twice a day.