



The above pictures show how the divots were once repaired at the Glen Oak C.C. These pictures were taken in 1943. Donald Gerber once did this job for his Dad and said when you got to the par 3 holes like the 11th hole that is pictured you wondered why am I doing this. If the night waterman didn't do his job well all of your work was wasted for the plugs died. The divot repair tool is in the office at Glen Oak as a reminder of maintenance practices of the past.



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Spring Start Up:

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Well, it's that time of year when we are all trying to get the golf course ready for 1984, irrigation system included. After a winter like this one there are some things to consider when activating your water system. Extreme cold and high moisture can cause excessive heaving in the soil which can be rough on any pipe system, so for 1984 think "slow". Start filling your system as early as possible and fill it with a minimum of pressure. This will allow a better condition for testing and flushing of your pipe system. A check list that will help you with a smooth turn on is listed below, take into consideration your own local conditions and type of system.

Start at the source - **PUMP HOUSE** Check:

- Proper voltage and phase
- Tighten all electrical connections, Disconnects, Starters, etc.
- Clean cabinets and Electrical Boxes
- Lubricate motor bearings and pump bearings. Change oil
- Check all screens in control valve, and all sensing lines to pressure switches, flow switches, and safety circuits, etc.
- Test system gauges for accuracy
- Inspect intake structure, wet well, foot valves, etc. Test run all pumps and be sure the power is disconnected when working on any electrical panels or switches

PIPE SYSTEM:

- Check all manual valves, Gate, Butterfly, Ball, etc.
- Insulate, fill and flush slowly a section at a time.
- Inspect any bridge crossing and exposed pipe, creek crossing manual drain valves, etc.
- Inspect and mark all valve boxes.

CONTROL SYSTEM & VALVES:

- Power to all locations, check fuses and wire connections.
- Proper activation, sequencing station to station, timing, proper valve activation, time of day and day sequencing.
- Inspect cabinets, lubricate hinges, clean inside, Insect and rodent control.
- Check ground rods and lightning arrestors.
- Valve activation, positive on off, flush thoroughly.

SPRINKLERS & QUICK COUPLING VALVES:

- Proper activation and rotation.
- Set to grade.
- Nozzle performance, plugged, scored, out of adjustment, replace if necessary.
- Caps & Covers replace if damaged.
- Broken or missing hinge covers, weeping valves

The above check list will help you with the basics for a smooth start up, remember the "slower the better". I'm sure mother nature will cooperate, and 1984 will be a great year for Golf and growing quality turf.

"Shelter"

by David Hughes

Mt. Prospect Golf Club

"Lord, Shelter Us From the Rain,
 But Leave It Come to Grow Our Grain,
 And Keep Green the Land
 Where We Play Our Game."