

(Orland Park continued)

to name just a few. Imagine what would have happened if the names listed were expanded to the same 15 mile radius as the golf courses listed.

Just as this story was being completed, Channel 7's Tim Weigle aired a Hot Links segment proclaiming Mundelein as the Golf Capital of the World. He stated that Mundelein had eight eighteen hole golf courses within its corporate limits. Congratulations to Mundelein for being the Golf Capital of the World from Orland Park, the World's Golf Center.

I apologize in advance for any inaccuracies or omissions. This is not an easy list of names to compile. The possibility of error is good and the possibility of omission is tremendous.

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Landscaping the Details

by Bob Lohmann

Landscape design for the golf course has two distinct phases. The first is the tree planting plan, which has an impact on how the golfer plays his game. Large tree plantings are positioned throughout the golf course for definition of target areas, strategy, depth perception, and safety. These trees should be deep rooted, high and open branching, and relatively litter free.

The second phase of landscaping the golf course is the detail planning, which provides the most visual and functional value to the golfer. These plans should include use of smaller structured plant materials including ground covers and flowering shrubs. Also included are retaining walls, planters, paths, mounds, and all other unique design features. These items should have a visual impact on the golfer without affecting the way he plays the game.

Color, texture, form, and scale are the characteristics of detail landscaping that provide a pleasant atmosphere for the golfer during the golf round. If he fails to notice the beauty of these design features, his golf game will not be affected.

The majority of the visual design features should be placed in the clubhouse areas or adjacent to tees and other out-of-play but not out-of-site areas. Flower beds and shrub masses should not be placed adjacent to greens, fairways, or areas that are in play for the golfer. These colorful plantings may be aesthetically pleasing, but they hinder the game by causing slow play and forcing local rulings.

The functional impact of detail landscaping is evident through the use of materials that direct circulation patterns. A curbed cart path, a heavily planted mound, or a raised flower bed can direct traffic to eliminate wear areas or unsafe conditions. The use of mulch beneath flowers, shrubs, or tree plantings eliminates grass cutting and reduces maintenance. Stone or timbers placed on creek or lake banks eliminate erosion problems and minimize the maintenance of cutting grass or removing weeds.

Similar to tree plantings, the detail landscaping plan must include all the proper techniques. Neglecting any of the design elements can result in a golf course that is merely decorated with plants. Detail landscaping designed and implemented in balance will accent the golf course design and create a completely shaped exterior space.

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