

The greens are watered for nine minutes at night to move the sand below the turf canopy.

The amount of sand that is applied on this schedule is slightly less than the amount of sand that was formerly applied with our tow-behind topdressing unit, but our intervals are more consistent. I am expecting the weekly application of sand to better match our growth curve.

Using this method, there is no waste of sand from being thrown beyond the putting surface. And we have eliminated the compaction weight of the utility cart, which was used to brush the sand in.

Our former method of brushing the sand in after application required a follow-up mowing to clean up the tufts of grass, which were lifted by the drag broom. But the rotary-spreader method has eliminated the clean-up motions.

—Brad Anderson
Midlane Country Club

Selecting an Architect for Renovations at The Oak Park Country Club

The Oak Park Country Club has retained the services of Rick Jacobsen to develop segments of a renovation master plan, including greens, tees, fairways and bunkers. The master plan will also address trees that have grown to affect the playing surface and the game.

During the process of selecting an architect, Alan assured the committee members that he would be able to work with any architect that they chose. Alan also encouraged the committee to be absolutely sold on what the architect could bring to them and do for them, and to adopt completely the theme and concept of the architect's plan.

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