



Put a Little More Light on the Subject

Today's lighting has changed from night to day. This past February our maintenance shop was reborn with new lighting (along with a cleaning of the ceiling and walls). On a scale from 1 to 10 our lighting is now a 10. Before the month-long project started, the brightness was about a 4 by my rating. My eyeglasses transition lenses actually tint a little now when I walk into the shop. Now, as people arrive at work, I notice they all squint upon entering the shop. I removed every one of the extra lamps that were suspended above various work areas such as the machine shop area grinding room, and the work benches. Considering that each new light fixture cost less than \$200, this was a much needed and welcome improvement not just to my daily life, but to the golf course. The anticipated energy savings are remarkable.

The project started with some planning. Cleaning supplies, scaffolding, protective gloves, face shields, and towels were

collected, and then we emptied the shop of as much machinery as possible. The quantities of hot water we used while cleaning in the frigid month of February did cause moisture and humidity to accumulate. That was expected. It was important to lubricate and cover shop equipment for protection. The reel and bed knife grinder were most protected. Our only mishap involved setting off the security alarm and having the police and fire department show up. Water had entered an outlet that powered the alarm system and direct phone link.

Since completion of the project, I have noticed a reduction in eye strain and the use of eye drops. The shop is more enjoyable than ever to work in (if that was even possible).

I hope by this time everyone is geared up and running. As always, "keep 'em cutting straight and true." **-OC**



The winter maintenance at Wilmette included more than equipment this year. The shop was deep-cleaned and new light fixtures were installed. (Left picture shows the old lights and prep work for the cleaning, right picture shows the results.)