

CAGCS SHOP TOUR
Jon Jennings, CGCS, Chicago Golf Club



2010 Chicagoland Shop Tour

Indian Hill Club

Over 80 individuals participated in the Shop Tour January 12. The 2010 CAGCS Shop Tour began with a visit to the Indian Hill Club with our host, **Dave Schlagetter, CGCS**. Dave works out of a well thought-out building that allows good flow for equipment and separation from the work area offices. A number of effective updates were made in the last five years in order to bring the facility up to compliance with safety. Set back away from the golf course, the maintenance facility had plenty of room to work around outside as well.



Although tight for space, all equipment is kept inside under cover in a heated environment. Studies show that equipment stored in heated areas are less prone to oil leaks and require fewer related repairs over the lifetime of the equipment.



Bob O' Link Golf Club

From Indian Hill, we traveled to Highland Park for our next shop visit at Bob O' Link Golf Club. **Rick Bowden** hosted us in his facility. Bob O' Link also featured a comfortable older building. As every superintendent has a tendency to wish for, Rick stated he would like more room to store equipment. There is a lot of history at Bob O' Link and it shows in the maintenance facility. Legends of the Industry like Bob and Bruce Williams manned the helm prior to Rick. The craftsmanship of wood-working is amazing. If you have ever seen the tee benches, you know what I speak of with the thick coating of sparr varnish on each board. The lunch table in their shop is equally as impressive and massive.



Bob O' Link host Rick Bowden shows off his new "skunk skin" cap.



Part of Rick's one of kind collection of broken golf club shafts courtesy of "Da Coach". There were at least three dozen shafts on display bearing Coach Ditka's name.

Lake Shore Country Club

Our final stop of the day was Lake Shore County Club with our host and lunch provider, **Jeff Frentz, CGCS**. The Lake Shore facility was large, well lit and heated throughout. There is plenty of room to work as well as ample storage space. Lunch at the end of the tour consisted of mostaccioli, fried, chicken, cole slaw and pizza. There was plenty of food and no one went away hungry. Thank you to our three gracious hosts for cleaning their shops for us, and to everyone in attendance.



Lake Shore's well lit shop only took one day to clean up before the guests arrived. (above and below)



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