

Central Florida Crowfoots



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The Bay Hill Club and Lodge Maintenance Facility has experienced many improvements because of the continuing need for more efficient and modern storage and operating conditions. Each year we will take a particular area of our maintenance facility and up date it to meet our growing needs.



DAILY SERVICE AND CREW QUARTERS BUILDING

The daily service building is primarily used for parking equipment that is used on a day to day basis, such as greens mowers, tee mowers, transportation vehicles, and a large variety of small spreaders and hand tools. Sectioned out within this building is a men' locker room, shower and restroom facility. A female restroom facility, a designated lunch area and a private miscellaneous course supply room. An additional wing has been added to the far left side of the building for storage of all fertilizer and chemicals. Other additional wings include a complete irrigation parts and repair room, and a complete mechanical shop for service and maintenance of all equipment.



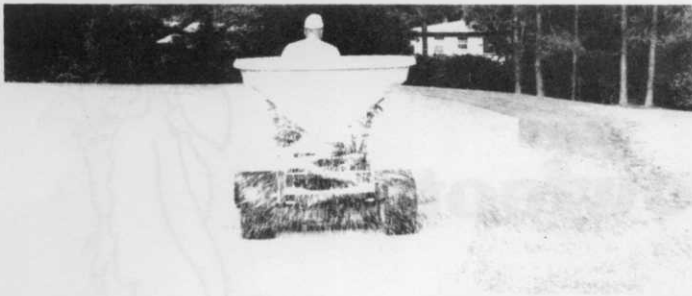
OFFICE AREA AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE

The recent addition to the maintenance area includes a new office complex with a large private office for the superintendent, a large office area for the assistant superintendent and the office secretary, plus a small foyer waiting area for visitors. On the right hand wall as you enter the office is a large master irrigation plan of all twenty-seven holes. This plan is laminated on a large sheet of plexi-glass mounted in a wooden frame. The plexi-glass allows us to write on job locations and descriptions, then afterwards, can be easily cleaned off. Down to the far end of the master plan we have a master control system for all irrigation controllers on the course, and control switches for all irrigation pumps, and a main line pressure gauge.

The first rolling door down from the office is used for storing small miscellaneous tournament items. The second rolling door area is used for a painting room. For signs, tee markers, putting cups, ball washers, etc. The third rolling door area is used for tournament storage for ropes, stakes, and metal trash racks. Next down we have drive-under equipment storage — not shown in picture is

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Progress in the practice of top dressing at San Jose has now reached the state of the art. A maintenance practice that once took several men two to three days to accomplish can now be achieved in three hours by one man. The motorized riding top dresser with a 1,000 pound spreader attachment has brought greater speed, quality and efficiency to our top dressing program that will now increase in occurrence.



The present literature on top dressing points to many benefits that will help cut maintenance costs. Less disease, faster renewal of growth, less aerifying and better percolation are benefits that will save chemical, man power, and water expenses.

Top dressing practices at San Jose Country Club over the last 55 years have gone through different phases of development along with overall club development. It is progress made in our profession as in the practice of top dressing that helps us to do a better job for the members we work for and to enhance our professional capabilities.

THE TURFGRASS INDUSTRY IN FLORIDA

The Turfgrass Industry in Florida, totaling 523 million dollars is equivalent to 24 per cent of the 1974 cash receipts from the sale of ALL farm commodities in this state.

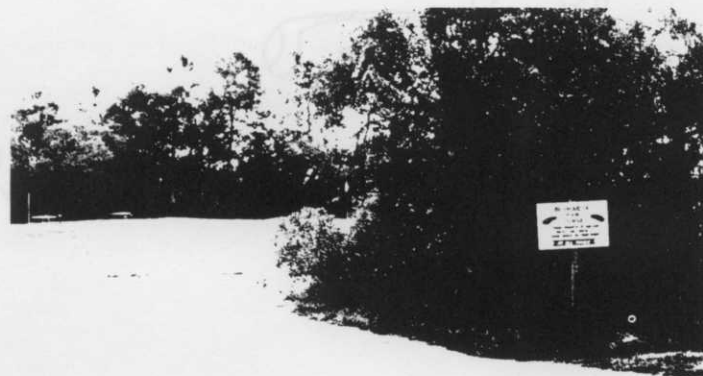
This survey did not take into consideration the total cash receipts from Golf fees (Greens fees and golf car rentals). If these figures were added to the total effect upon the economy of the state, the Turfgrass Industry would unquestionably surpass all agricultural crops in Florida.

The Florida Turfgrass Survey reveals that our industry is only 11% smaller than the 1974 cash re-

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an equal amount of drive-under shelter directly across from area shown.

The large 50 x 100 metal building is used only for the Bay Hill Classic Tournament equipment, such as large scoreboards, 18 status boards, fencing to protect residential areas during the Tournament, and hospitality pavillion tents and equipment.



A SIGN FOR EMPLOYEES TO OBSERVE

The above illustrates a sign as a reminder to all maintenance personal as they leave the maintenance facility in route to their responsibilities on the course. The sign reads: BE PROUD OF YOUR COURSE — SHOW COURTESY TO GOLFERS — POLICE FOR TRASH — SHOW PRIDE IN YOUR WORK AT ALL TIMES.

Regardless of the size of any maintenance facility, the most important factor is that it be neat, clean and organized as possible at all times, and from that you will see better attitudes and work habits throughout your entire staff. ■

cepts from all citrus, which has always been considered Florida's most important farm commodity group.

Turfgrass is 21% larger than farm income from oranges. It is 27% larger than cash receipts from all vegetables. Here is a condensation of the first Florida Turfgrass Survey.

A complete report can be obtained from:
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