



# Palm Beach Trade Winds



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There are three words in the golf course language that are often poorly stated and downgrade a professionally oriented turf industry. They are: "Greenskeeper," "Dirt," and "The Barn." The "Golf Course Superintendent," "Soil," and "The Golf Course Maintenance Building Complex," are far more appropriate and specifically define their true definitions.

When was the last time you went down to "the barn" and found some cows and chickens roaming around? Instead, one finds a building that often has been designed by an architect with much thought and input also designed by the course superintendent. Buildings nowadays are encompassing clean organized offices with secretarial quarters, employee lounges complete with microwaves, mens and ladies restroom facilities with showers and locker rooms, not to mention the aspects of the function of maintaining and storing of golf course maintenance

equipment. The shop areas are usually wide open with high rising garage doors to allow easy access and good cross air ventilation. Interior floors are designed with concave slopes with drains to allow thorough hosing down of the shop floor. Shop repair areas are much reminiscent of an auto dealership, complete with hydraulic lifts and parts inventory to self sufficiently operate nearly all major repairs. Irrigation rooms are ever so increasing, with the storage of all the needed parts and tools for repairs and they are kept within a designated work bench area. Storage of much respected and restricted chemicals are contained behind metal, locked doors. Fertilizer storage rooms are common sights with designed soil bins to accomodate various sands and soils. A central location of the building from throughout the project allows more efficient travel time. Buildings should be well marked for easy service and deliveries, and yes, since the maintenance building is what supports the great looking golf course — why not make "the barn" look great too!



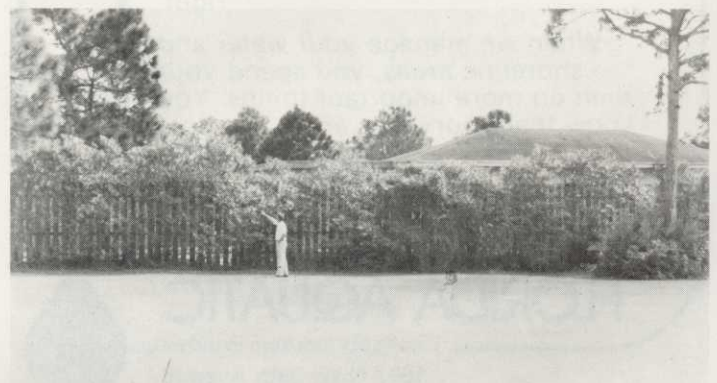
The old barn out back! "Darn Jed, I'm sure the things was over there yesterday, it must be over by them weeds."



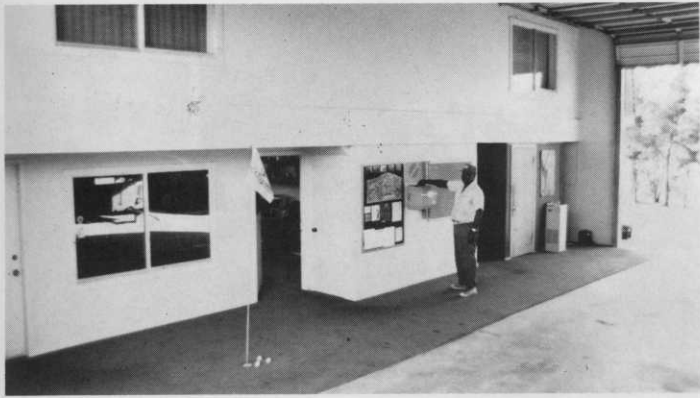
No, it is not the Taj Mahal. It's Steve Pearson in front of superintendents office at Boca Groves.



It is ideal for maintenance building to be well marked for easy delivery access along with proper landscaping.



East Pointe Maint. Bldg. is well landscaped with high perimeter fence to harmoniously blend with environment.



Boca Greens interior reveals office, lunch room, time clock area along with unique practice putting green.



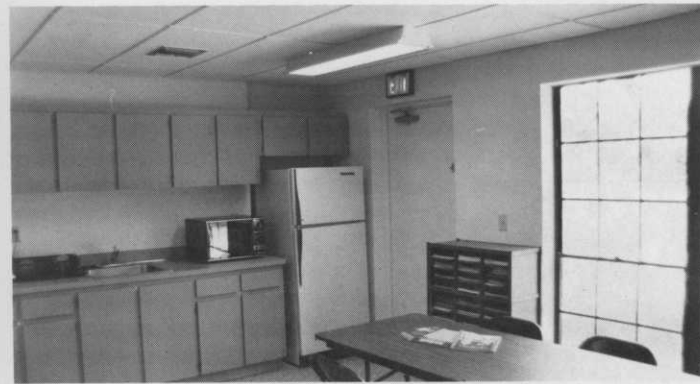
Boca Greens soil bins individually partitioned with roof overhand and high rising garage doors for easy entry.



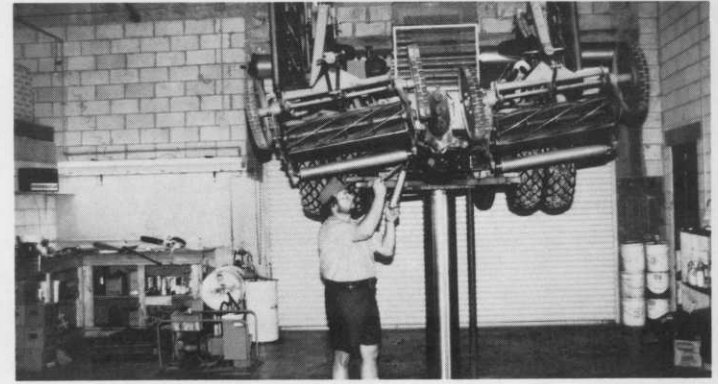
Atlantis C.C. Supt. Office with golf pictures and golf artifacts that depicts a clean organized office.



Jim Watkins of C.C. of FL. possesses an elaborate inhouse soil laboratory capable of many useful tests.



Boca Groves Lunch Room: everything from the kitchen sink to microwave oven, magazine rack, and full length window.



Boca Groves shop repair area utilizes a hydraulic lift to the max, as fairway unit access is greatly increased.



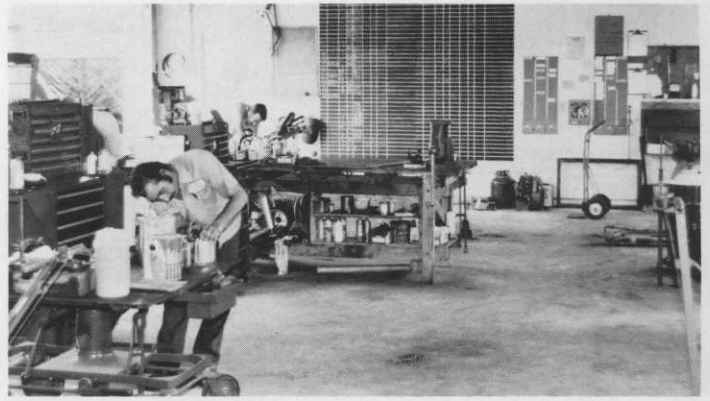
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Del Aire's parts room is stocked for major repairs and organized with labeled bins and good inventory control.



Del Aire's organized shop area. Note elaborate preventative maint. program on wall revealing pertinent info.



Frenchman's Creek maintenance building is perhaps one of the largest covered buildings in the country.



Frenchman's interior displays massive floor area allowing all equipment to park within the interior at night.



Highridge C.C. exemplifies properly locked metal chemical room door with signs posted and fire extinguisher.



Boca Greens chemical room is designed with easy entry, concave floor with drain, sink, and outside hose bib. ■



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