

# In search of the better idea

By TERRY BUCHEN

BELTON, Mo. — Nels A. Lindgren, CGCS, golf course superintendent here at the Loch Lloyd Country Club, grew in this tournament-caliber golf course in 1989 and hosted a Senior PGA Tour event

just 13 months after it opened for initial play. Quite a feat, to say the least.

The course, just south of Kansas City, was designed by Don Sechrest and built by Wadsworth Golf Construction Co.

I like to tour other superintendents' maintenance facilities as I always learn at least 10 new ideas on how to operate a modern, functional, efficient maintenance building operation. I was at Golf Course Superintendents Association of America headquarters in September for a Research Committee meeting and had the pleasure to stop off at Loch Lloyd with Don Tolson, CGCS, and Mark Esoda, CGCS, for a "Cook's Tour" and came away with the following neat ideas:

## GRANULAR FERTILIZER/PESTICIDE STORAGE

Making the best use of available space in a maintenance building is always a superintendent's goal. Lindgren found

some used warehouse racks for his 30-by-60-foot cold storage building. This building has 12-foot-high garage doors with 13-foot ceilings. The racks were cut with a torch to fit on all three sides of a building that did not have garage doors.

The club mechanic rebuilt an old forklift by putting in a new short block and they started putting in pallets of fertilizer that weighed about one ton each. Where the pallets were three across, the metal sagged slightly but remains structurally strong on the free-standing racks. Lindgren and his crew use space underneath the lower racks for additional equipment storage, which works quite effectively.

Lindgren has one additional used warehouse rack outside one of his other maintenance buildings that was not cut off with a torch. The rack is 16 feet high. It is used for palletized storage for tournament supplies, irrigation pipe, irrigation spools of wire, etc. The racks had brackets welded to them and bolted to the outside of the building. Because of their additional height, they needed this extra strength.

## FOAM MARKERS

Foam markers are common on boom-type golf course sprayers to show the operator where he/she has sprayed and where he/she hasn't. The markers are becoming more common for use with tractor/truckster-mounted rotary and



Granular products can be stored easily and neatly with a forklift.

oscillating fertilizer spreaders.

Lindgren has mounted a Richway Foam Marker on the front of a turf tractor and has two hoses out in front (in-between the front wheels). He uses a red piece of rebar steel for weight.

When his personnel fertilize wheel track to wheel track, a foam spot is left in-between each wheel mark. For added insurance, a green dye could be added just in case the foam disappears during a hot, sunny day while the spreader is being filled up with material.

Electric switches, which operate the marker, are located on the dash board and the 12-volt electrical is hooked up to a spare fuse.



The foam marker mounts easily on frame bolted to front weight tray of tractor.

## Levar: For turf's sake

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root-zone environment. The benefits of superior health, pathogen suppression and reduced reliance on artificial substances further justifies the use of peat in root zones.

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## Public chemical concern

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indicate they currently use a lawn care company.

- People strongly believe pesticides are safe when used as directed, but are less certain if their neighbors are using pesticides safely.

- Approximately half of those surveyed believe pesticides made available to the public are thoroughly tested, with the remaining respondents indicating they are unsure if pesticides are thoroughly tested.

- "Maintaining public health" was the reason given by almost 8 in 10 respondents for applying pesticides to control pests and weeds in public areas.

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