

Do it yourself, and better, with paver blocks

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — Paver blocks, traditionally used for home driveways and other landscaping, are an alternative to surfacing a cart path with asphalt or concrete.

Superintendent Carl A. Wittenauer of Brookside Golf and Country Club here needed a unique golf car parking lot directly behind the practice teeing area, so he devised an interesting conceptual design.

Wittenauer and his crew laid interlocking paver blocks on a bed of straight sand. The blocks were tinted a brown earth-tone color for aesthetic appeal.

As golf cars enter the parking area, they drive over some octagonal bricks that border the asphalt cart path. Instead of painting parking space stripes on the brown paver blocks, a row of contrasting gray-colored cinder block-style bricks were inset to mark the individual golf car parking spaces.



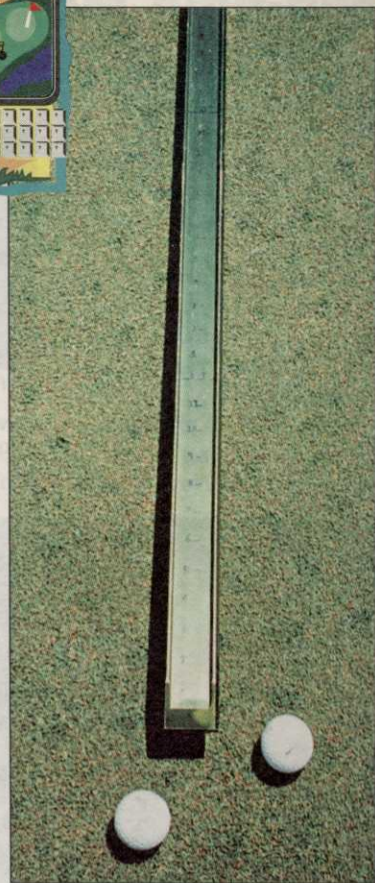
Brookside Golf and Country Club's new golf cart parking area, built by superintendent Carl A. Wittenauer and his crew.

Concrete curbing borders the parking lot on three sides.

"All in all, eight golf car parking spaces were used and we planted some

trees and annual flowers at either end for added appeal," Wittenauer said.

"Our members and guests have made many compliments."



'Metered' Stimp saves super time

NEW ALBANY, Ohio — Tony Mancuso, superintendent at New Albany Country Club, has done away with a tape measure when using his Stimpmeter.

How? Simple: marking 1-inch measures on his Stimpmeter.

"Since the U.S. Golf Association Stimpmeter is exactly 36 inches long, we put 1-inch grids on the back with a black permanent felt-tip marker," Mancuso said.

"Each foot increment is also marked and highlighted. The 1-foot and 1-inch increments could also be painted on with a contrasting color paint or with the traditional or new-type label markers currently on the market."

Pump-station mechanics, maintenance on menu

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Golf course superintendents interested in learning more about pump-station mechanics, electrical circuitry, preventive maintenance and other related topics can select from an expanded schedule of 24 course offerings throughout the United States this fall.

"FinalNet," an eight-hour course designed specifically for golf course superintendents, irrigation consultants and other pump-station users drew 600 industry professionals last year. Some of them also earned continuing education credits from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) for completing the instruction.

Sponsored by Flowtronex PSI, the course is planned for the following cities:

Chicago, Oct. 6; Columbus, Oct. 8; Philadelphia, Oct. 9; Washington, D.C., Oct. 10; Charlotte, N.C., Oct. 11; Raleigh, N.C., Oct. 14; Myrtle Beach, S.C., Oct. 15.

Also, Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 17; Atlanta, Oct. 18; Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Oct. 22; Orlando, Fla., Oct. 23; Sarasota, Fla., Oct. 24; St. Louis, Oct. 28; Kansas City, Kan., Oct. 29; Denver, Oct. 30; Las Vegas, Nev., Oct. 31; Chandler, Ariz., Nov. 1; Laguna Hills, Calif., Nov. 4; Ontario, Calif., Nov. 5.

Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 6; Pleasanton, Calif., Nov. 7; Portland, Ore., Nov. 8; San

Antonio, Texas, Nov. 12; and Dallas, Nov. 14.

Exact site locations will be announced, although every class will be held at a golf course. The dates are subject to change.

FinalNet costs \$50 per participant. Because all classes are limited to 45 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis, interested superintendents should contact Greg Lush at Flowtronex PSI at 214-352-7718.

Initial reservations can be placed by faxing the participant's name, phone and the course location closest to the participant to 214-352-7743, or by sending information by e-mail to Greg.lush@onramp.net.

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Saint Andrews' Reagan certified

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, N.Y. — John L. Reagan, superintendent at Saint Andrews Golf Club here, has been designated a certified golf course superintendent by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Reagan has been superintendent at Saint Andrews since 1992 and lives in Cromwell, Conn. The GCSAA instituted the certification program in 1971 to recognize outstanding and progressive superintendents.

To become certified, a candidate must have five years experience as a golf course superintendent, be employed in that capacity and meet specific educational requirements of college credit or continuing education units.

The candidate must then pass a rigorous six-hour examination covering knowledge of the GCSAA and its certification program; the rules of golf; turfgrass management; pest management; safety and compliance; and financial and organizational management. More than 1,600 active GCSAA members currently hold CGCS status.