

Delhi mechanics school 'a success'

DELHI, N.Y. — A four-day Turf Equipment Mechanics Advanced Training School, the first program of its type at the State University College of Technology at Delhi, has drawn rave reviews from participants.

Sponsored this spring by Delhi College, the Golf Course Mechanics Association and the New York State Turfgrass Association, the program emphasized hands-on training for golf course mechanics in specialized welding techniques and troubleshooting turf-equipment electrical systems.

"Participants from around the Northeast who attended the program gave us very positive feedback," said Dominic Morales, Delhi College Plant Sciences Department chairman. "They were enthusiastic about attending an intensive workshop designed to update their skills."

The school is a spin-off of Delhi's new Turf Equipment Management program. The one-year certificate program, devel-

oped in concert with the industry, will train students to maintain, repair and manage the golf course equipment. It's a natural addition to Delhi's golf education curricula, according to Morales.

Strong golf industry support for Delhi led to the Turf Equipment Management program, according to Morales. "Industry support also results in more than \$100,000 each year in equipment donations from

leaders such as Jacobsen, Toro, John Deere and Ransomes/Cushman/Ryan," he said.

"There is a tremendous demand nationwide for trained technicians to maintain equipment on golf courses and landscape companies," Morales said. "In fact, there are about 50 job opportunities for every graduate of turf equipment programs."

For more information about the certificate program, people may contact the Plant Sciences Department Office at 607-746-4410 or the Delhi College Enrollment Services Office at 1-800-96-DELHI.

Hitch

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on the piece of 4-by 1-1/2-by 3/16-inch channel, leaving the drawbar off center of the channel towards the bottom. Clamp the drawbar in place and weld it. Welding is a necessity in building this assembly.

When building this assembly, make sure that you weld the drawbar in place on the channel before the tubes. If not, the channel will warp from welding the drawbar and throw off the tubes from properly fitting into the receiver.

Cut off the piece of the drawbar that remains protruding from the back of the channel if you want to.

Then, using the receiver (part #897007) as a template, install the two tubes and four pins (part #882770). Stand the assembly upright and place your piece of channel with drawbar onto the two tubes. After placing the channel on the tubes, make sure the tubes are flush with the end of the channel and that the tubes are off center in the channel, with them being about 1/2 inch from the bottom angle. Tack-weld the tubes securely in place.

Remove the four pins from the receiver and remove the hitch. Finish welding the tubes securely to the channel. When you are finished, the hitch assembly should slide into the receiver and fit with no problem.

Finally, to install the receiver on the Cushman, remove the bed for the ease of accessibility to the rear frame area. Remove both rear shocks and slide the receiver (part #897007) into place.

All of the mounting holes should already be drilled in the Cushman frame and the receiver. Install 3/8-inch bolts in all the holes and tighten. Reinstall the shocks and then slide your hitch in place. Install the four pins with clips. Reinstall your bed.

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