Continued from previous page lines and play patterns, but we will not dictate it. Either the engineers or management will have final approval on roadway location.

But all is not gloom and doom, if one recognizes the potential problem and takes adequate precautions. First, golf car roadways should not exceed local engineering and safety standards for automobile roadways, particularly for slopes, sight lines and turning radius.

Second, place the pathways along the right side of a hole if possible, but never in a position that subjects the golf car to a face-on ball strike. Make sure roadways are adequately wide (8' or more is preferred) and/or the edges have either a curb or run-out room.

Provide traffic controls and warnings you will never be sued for providing too many. Pay particular attention to bridge approaches and steep grades. Make sure roadways are inspected daily for safety, especially after storms. Properly texture roadway surfaces for maximum tire grip.

Provide golf cars that have been certified by the manufacturer as being able to safely negotiate all roadways or expected travel areas. Include all possible safety devices on golf cars to include warning signs, hand holds, windshields, all weather tires, warning signals, etc. Inspect and maintain golf cars daily, keeping records of repairs particularly dealing with tires, brakes, steering and safety devices.

Only rent to drivers with a valid automobile driver's license. Ask if the driver has ever driven a golf car before, and if not give them a safety orientation. Enforce all rules. Discourage alcohol consumption by golf car drivers. Have good insurance and use lots of common sense.

I can't over emphasize the importance of the golf car running surfaces and tires. Old or worn tires may not provide suitable grip for wet surfaces, turf, or fallen leaves.

Again, common sense and vigilance are key, although even then one can not feel too secure. For example, I heard of one case where during a brief rain shower all golfers had left the course and the superintendent closed it while he determined if the course should reopen. His judgment was that the rain was so brief that no damage would be caused by play, so he told the golf pro to open the course.

The golf pro asked, "Can I let out golf cars and do they need to stay on paths?" The superintendent gave the go-ahead and said "paths only" was not necessary. During the following play, a golf car starts down a wet grassy slope, the driver applies the brakes, the wheels lock up and start an out of control slide that finally results in the golf car flipping over and injuring the golfers.

A lawsuit followed and the superintendent became the focus of it simply because he allowed the golf cars to go out on wet turf and did not restrict them to roadways. The case settled out of court but not before a great deal of stress to all parties, especially the superintendent.

Similar horror stories can be told about many other such incidents, even deaths, mainly because people see these conveyances as carts not cars, and treat them like motorized toys not serious power vehicles. Sadly, now they are so woven into the fabric of North American golf that nothing short of a major crises will reduce their use.

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