

The nuts 'n bolts of the matter at Caves Valley

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OWINGS MILLS, Md. — To make their job more efficient, golf course equipment managers must have a vast array of tools, parts and supplies at their immediate disposal, using time/motion management techniques. A good example of an efficient

equipment shop servicing area is at Caves Valley Golf Club here, where Steve Glossinger is the certified golf course superintendent.

“Our acetylene torch bottles are mounted on a portable cart



with wheels for easy access around the shop, or to be easily transported out on the course,”

Glossinger said.

SHOP TALK “The portable cart has a tray for spare torch tips and rods and it has a 25-foot-long hose to get close to any job.”

As per Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety regulations, Caves Valley’s spare acetylene and oxygen bottles are kept vertical by using a safety chain.

“Like most modern equipment shop areas, we have a vast assortment of nuts, bolts and washers, available in standard and metric sizes, that are in separate open-front bins that are easily identified by sizes and types with self adhesive color-coded stickers,” Glossinger said. “Next to the nuts and bolts are a series of storage drawers that house a variety of necessary repair and replacement items.”

These include: hydraulic system “O” rings, snap rings and fittings; light bulbs; fuses; copper fittings; zerk fittings; radiator hose clamps; pop rivets; key ways; etc.

Glossinger is pleased how the shop has become more efficient by using “every conceivable wall space available to bring much-needed tools and supplies in easy reach for our very valuable equipment managers.”

Without these storage wall space areas, a lot of time would be lost walking further distances to other areas of the shop, he added.

Dredging

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renovation. The rest is used as a recyclable mulch that is hauled away by a local nursery.

“This is the first golf course we have ever worked on, as our primary business has been with electric power companies,” said McAlester.

Five or six other courses in the Dallas area have contacted McAlester about his unique dredging operation, he said, adding: “We hope to do business with them.”

“We are very pleased with how we could provide more irrigation water storage capacity at the two pump station locations, while providing the much-needed topsoil for our total renovation of the course, all while recycling the waste material as well,” said golf course architect Jay Morrish.



Nuts and bolts and other frequently used supplies are within easy reach of the equipment mechanic at Caves Valley Golf Club.



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