

Super Ideas

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back of a Toro Sandpro in a three-point hitch style.

"He had to do some welding and make a few modifications, but we can use the hy-



A side view of Balco's converted Billy Goat blower attached to the hydraulic lift of a Toro SandPro

draulic lift to raise and lower the blower as needed on tough tee slopes," he continued. "The Billy Goat blower does the work of two people with backpack blowers."

The machine also has the 360-degree turning for the quick movements required before falling off a tee, said Balco. "I checked out the prices on several new blowers, but we ended up using old equipment that I didn't even remember having in the shop," he said. "Needless to say, it isn't the best, but my general manager was very happy about saving to the club money." ■

Oxford Greens

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sloping topography that will provide views of the surrounding countryside. "We expect Oxford Greens to become one of Connecticut's finest golf clubs," said Hill.

\$150 MILLION PROJECT

In addition to golf, the \$150 million Oxford Greens Estates and Golf Club development will offer its 400 future homeowners a gated community and amenity-rich, main-

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- Andrew Tedford

tenance-free lifestyle. Model homes are expected to open in Fall 2002. The development is projected to generate more than 250 jobs and \$2.5 million in annual taxes for the town.

Milford, Conn.-based TDP is targeting the Oxford Greens residential community to the state's soon-to-retire baby boomers - particularly those in Fairfield, New Haven, and Litchfield counties - who want a country club lifestyle without a move South. According to developers, there are more than one million baby boomers in the state, which represents the eighth-highest percentage for a state in the country.

"Oxford Greens has been carefully planned to provide Connecticut's active adults with a lifestyle they typically had to move South to obtain, yet remains close to family, friends and everything else they want to enjoy in life," says TDP's Tedford.

Oxford is located in northwestern New Haven County, 70 miles from Manhattan. ■

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