



## WATER WAGON

The Lyman Orchards Golf Club in Middlefield, Conn., is a 45-hole facility covering 850 acres with elevation changes of 350 feet. This great idea is used to fill a dozen 10-gallon water coolers distributed throughout all of the courses. A 120-gallon potable drinking water tank, with tie-down straps to hold the tank onto the trailer, was purchased from a local golf course supply house. It was mounted to an old utility trailer that was modified with 2-inch square metal tubing "beefed-up" with metal rebar for the hitch and support under the tank, metal unpainted fenders acquired from Great Plains, an electric Flojet "on-demand" 5-gpm RV water pump, on/off switch, alligator clips to hook up the pump to the tow vehicle's battery, sanitized potable water hose with gate valve and metal nozzle. The rangers clean the water coolers each night and fill them with ice each morning. The course set-up crew member tows the water wagon and fills the water coolers as they go staying ahead of play. This idea saves three labor hours per day compared with bringing the coolers into the shop, cleaning them and taking them back out. The water wagon tank is cleaned daily with a mild bleach solution and stored in a dedicated clean area. The pump and water tank cost about \$125 and it took two hours to build. Mark Pelkey, superintendent, Senad Begovic, equipment tech, designed and built it. Matt Fauerbach is the director of agronomy, northeast region, for Billy Casper Golf. **GCI**

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