

Coming Up Aces

Holes in one are not easy to make, so imagine the surprise of golfers at the Tommy Hilfiger Pro-Am in Las Vegas last November when not one, not two but *three* holes in one were shot in the course of the tournament on the same hole — two of them coming back-to-back.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Joe Dahlstrom, head golf professional at Royal Links GC, which hosted the tournament. "A single hole in one is rare enough, but three on the same day and two back-to-back is unheard of. If I hadn't been there, I wouldn't have believed it."

The 8th hole, designed to mimic the famed Postage Stamp hole at Royal Troon in Scotland, yielded the three aces to Scott Hatch of Stratham, N.H., as well as Arthur D'Allesandro Jr. and Jimmy Dee of Marshfield, Mass., back-to-back.

Let's hope the lucky golfers treated their friends at the gaming tables that night.

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of good universities have learned the latest technologies.

They have an edge over us unless we're willing to spend time to keep up with the latest practices. It's not all about agronomics anymore. Clubs want strong business-oriented superintendents and good communicators. Those who work hard at learning the best new ways to maintain a course and train quality crews will succeed.

On the need to stay fit:

You should watch your health as you mature. I was once overweight and to the point where if I saw exercise coming, I would lie down until it passed. But I lost 50 pounds last year by eating a healthy, balanced diet combined with several hours of weekly aerobic exercise and weight training. I feel better than I have for years.

Watch Your Gas

THINK ABOUT HOW YOU POUR AND STORE

Did you know a typical gasoline can emits nearly 8 pounds of hydrocarbons through spills and evaporation each year? (Trust us, hydrocarbons are bad.) Compare this to a new car, and a portable fuel container emits twice the amount of hydrocarbons that a car does annually.

Charlotte, N.C.-based Husqvarna Forest & Garden Co. recently signed on with the newly created Alliance for Proper Gasoline Handling, to promote improved environmental, health and safety. Husky and the Alliance offers the following common-sense tips:

Use proper containers

- Use approved gasoline storage containers with a proper spout for pouring.
- Keep the container tightly sealed and out of direct sunlight.
- Always open and use containers in a well-ventilated area.

Store carefully

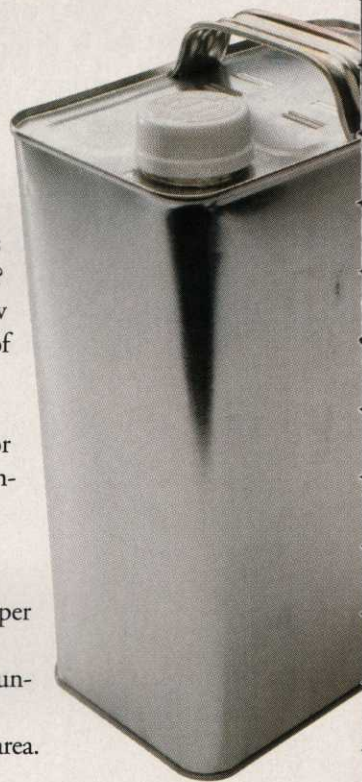
- Store no more than 10 gallons.
- Store gasoline in a cool, dry place.
- Buy and use fuel in the season purchased.
- Store at ground level, not on a shelf to minimize the danger of spilling.
- Store and use far away from drinking water wells. Gasoline moves quickly through soil and into groundwater.

Fill cautiously

- Always use a funnel and/or spout to prevent spilling or splashing.
- Always refuel outside where there is adequate ventilation to disperse vapors.
- Refuel on concrete or asphalt rather than on soil or near water.

Avoid spills/Dispose properly

- If a spill occurs, use kitty litter, saw dust or an absorbent towel to soak up the spill, then dispose of it properly.
- Never dispose of gasoline down the drain, into surface water, onto the ground or into the trash.



The Smell of Victory

A shout of approval for U.S. Micro-bics, a California company that has successfully taken the stink out of horse dung.

The company announced recently that its patented Bio-Raptor process and proprietary microbial mixtures have "successfully reduced offensive odors, pathogens, and seeds from horse manure and turned the organic matter into a high quality soil amendment for landscape and architectural projects."

The Bio-Raptor is a shredder, conveyor and screening system for solid manure applications. The one-step process pulverizes, aerates and sprays the manure with a microbial blend. Recent tests with horse manure have shown impressive results, including odor reduction within three days, pathogen and seed reduction within seven days, volume reduction up to 45 percent and ammonium reduction of 95 percent, according to the company.