

MORE FROM STARK

"I keep a rigorous grinding schedule here at CC of Orlando. We grind quite often. I'm not a fan of 'facing' bedknives. Some guys hand-grind them. With the technology available today, just take the bedknives off and grind them again! You get everything true. It may take a little longer, but the results are better. With the technology available today, it's easier to do it now than ever."



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1. JRM 4JPB22

JRM INC. Turf Technology's newest offering is its super-thin line of bedknives for Toro, John Deere, Jacobsen and Barons bedknives, including the 4JPB22 for Jacobsen 22-inch mowers, pictured. JRM's Duranium-801 greensmower and fairway bedknives are designed to cut as low as .050-inch. They are great alternatives when hosting a big tournament, or for superintendents who need that extra pop going into a big weekend. JRM knives are used at roughly 60 percent of all golf courses hosting PGA Tour events, the company says. Constantly improved, there is a new and shinier look to these bedknives which feature a straighter and more consistent cutting edge.

jrmonline.com

2. Turf Pride Premium

TURF PRIDE Premium bedknives will ensure a true golf ball roll on all putting surfaces. With Turf Pride premium knives, the overall thickness from end to end is guaranteed not to vary more than .001-inch. In low-cut settings even the slightest difference in thickness will result in a deviation in cutting heights and will be more amplified the lower the cut. Knives with a "smile" shape cut at the ends and not the middle; frown shapes cut the middles and not at the ends. Premium bed knives are made of spring-type steel with high carbon content and chrome/nickel alloys. They are 3mm thick and rate a 48-49 on the Rockwell C hardness scale.

Turfprideusa.com

3. Legendary Bedknives

JACOBSEN'S line of Legendary Bedknives provides top quality-of-cut. Made of alloy or hardened carbon steel, Legendary Bedknives provide longer wear and more strength than after-market alternatives. A patented austempered heat treating process provides a tougher bedknife with minimum distortion. Jacobsen's Legendary Bedknives are also 100-percent straight with closer tolerances between the reel and bedknife, giving a great cut every time. They come in seven different thicknesses and are guaranteed for quality, fit and function.

Jacobsen.com



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SHARP AND STRAIGHT

THE WORDS 'DULL' AND 'FINE TURF' JUST DON'T GO TOGETHER.

1. Frontier Equipment

The newest family of reel and bedknife grinders from **JOHN DEERE'S** Frontier Equipment brand includes the RG5000 Manual Spin and Relief Reel Grinder, RG5500 Semi-Automatic Spin and Relief Reel Grinder, BG1000 Manual Bedknife Grinder and BG1500 Semi-Automatic Bedknife

Grinder. The grinders provide precise reel and bedknife maintenance. The BG1000 is a simple, economical system for maintaining bedknives with precision. A fixed grinding stone and rigid mounting system allow for a precise grind. The RG5000 is another simple, economical system that can maintain reels to a true cylindrical shape on a

consistent basis. A rigid mounting system and grinding carriage, paired with a positive rail alignment system, assist in eliminating cone shaped reels. BG1500 is a premium bedknife grinder, featuring an integrated traverse sensor system for semi-automatic grinding.

Johndeere.com



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2. Power Edge II

Set up the PowerEdge II reel sharpener from **TURF PRIDE** with no special tools. It sharpens reels without the need to disassemble the unit by having the stone turn perpendicular to the reel. This eliminates the impact grinding associated with conventional grinders. The PowerEdge has pneumatic motors so there are no electric switches, sensors, circuit boards or fuses.

Turfprideusa.com



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What can I get you? A draft beer.... Bass, if they have it.

So did you catch the finale of Breaking Bad? I did watch it. That show wasn't a ritual for me until the last season. They wrapped everything up, but it was a bit oversold. You know, that show is kind of like working for the City of San



Diego... every time you think you've got it all figured out, they throw a twist at you!

Tell me about your golf highlight.

Lauren Thompson from GolfNow came out to do a show. I was on camera and came three inches away from making a hole-in-one on No. 3 at Torrey Pines South. They showed it on TV a couple times.

That's the time to hit a nice shot, when the camera is rolling. Yeah, you don't want to shank one off the hotel right then.

Have you ever wanted to try out the hang gliding that goes on by the cliffs at Torrey Pines? You know, I'm built to stay on the ground. It sure is interesting looking, but it's not on the forefront of my to-do list.

You do woodworking, right? How did you get into that? I got into it primarily because I'm cheap. When the kids were a younger age and needed something — say, a bookcase — that's when I was into it. I haven't been doing much lately. But I

made some stuff, like some Mission style furniture, that was acceptable.

The U.S. Federal Government is shut down right now. Does that have any impact on you, working for the city? And what do you think of the whole mess?

It hasn't had a direct effect on us, no. The biggest bummer is that it validates the belief that the government is screwed up. I think it may get worse as you go up, from city to state to national.



What was your favorite car you ever owned? I had a 1971 Volkswagen Bus I really

liked. I was in my early 20s, it was a fun car. It worked fine until I had to put car seats in it...

Exactly! I just wrote my column this month (see page 6) about selling my Z28 Camaro. So let me ask you... am I making a huge mistake, or is it just a part of life? It all de-

pends, but when you think about it, a Z28 is a huge pain when you have kids. What I think you should do is go buy one later in life when you're rich and famous, and get one that's fully restored — so you don't have to worry about the little things that are probably wrong with it by now.

As interviewed by Seth Jones, October 7th, 2013.



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