

name of a gun, doesn't it?) also report no incompatibility problems between their Express Dual reel grinder and their Foley auto traverse bedknife grinder. That's interesting in that I was convinced by the Express Dual rep at the tradeshow that my new Foley bedknife grinder was probably not accurate enough to be used in tandem with their Express Dual grinder. Was this guy trying to sell me a new grinder, or what?



The Foley Accu-Spin Grinder is designed for both spin and relief grinding.

Initial cost of the Express Dual and the Neary are about the same, around \$9000, while the Foley spin grinder is priced considerably less, around \$5700. With any of these grinders, either the economical Foley or the quality-built Express Dual, the justification for the high purchase price is the long-term labor and equipment wear savings. The Express Dual computer analysis that I completed (one with Steve Barritt from Reinders and one at the tradeshow) both showed annual savings of around \$2500 in the areas of sharpening time, backlapping time, lapping compound cost, extended bedknife life, extended reel life, extended bearing life, and less teardown and unit inspection time. So, assuming that my bedknife grinder is in good shape, I only need buy the real grinder. Simple division shows that my grinder pays for itself in less than four years. After four years this grinder saves my operation quite a bit of money, hassle and the frustration of constantly lapping mowers. The high initial cost has definitely frightened off some superintendents, but if you're sold on the concept then your decision to go with the Express Dual becomes an easy one.

Before doing this article, I really had my doubts about spin grinding. For the years that I've been grinding reels relief grinding has always worked just fine, or has it? What about all the time spent lapping tee, green, and collar mowing units (the interval between lappings

always seemed to get shorter as the season wore on). And what about all the fairway and rough mowing units that needed lapping or sharpening by July or August, but couldn't be touched because there just wasn't time to do it?

Consider changing over to spin

grinding. The soundness of the theory is good, the quality of the grinder is excellent (especially the Express Dual), and the benefits are definitely there-if the program is carried out to the letter. Check it out fellas, and do some homework on it-you might just find yourself becoming a convert to spin grinding.

Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association 1987 Education Program

Once again, Carl Grassl has done an outstanding job in putting together our 1987 Educational program. Note these dates on your calendar.

Date	Location	Topic/Speaker
January 19 (Monday)	Travelers Inn Fond du Lac, WI.	Board Meeting
March 23 (Monday)	Travelers Inn Fond du Lac, WI.	Business Meeting
April 27 (Monday)	Janesville Riverside C.C. Janesville, WI.	Spin Grinding/ Steve Bernhard
May 18 (Monday)	Reedsburg Country Club Reedsburg, WI.	Winter Overview/ James Latham, USGA
June 15 (Monday)	Brown County Golf Course Oneida, WI	Pre-Emergent Herbicides Dr. Bruce Augustin
July 13 (Monday)	Lake Wisconsin C.C. Prairie du Sac, WI.	Aquatic Weed Control/ Scott Seymour
August 17 (Monday)	Bull's Eye Country Club Wisconsin Rapids, WI.	New Design Concepts/ Dick Nugent
September 14 (Monday)	Mascoutin Country Club Berlin, WI.	Golf Reporter/ Rob Shultz
October 12 (Monday)	Deer Run Country Club Brillion, WI.	Relief Grind/ To Be Announced
November 2 (Monday)	Travelers Inn Fond du Lac, WI.	Business Meeting
December 7 (Monday)	Travelers Inn Fond du Lac, WI.	Board Meeting
January	1987 Wisconsin Turfgrass Association - Seminar	
March	1987 Golf Design Seminar	
August	1987 Wisconsin Turfgrass Association - Field Day	
October	1987 Rules of Golf Seminar	
October	1987 Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium	

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