

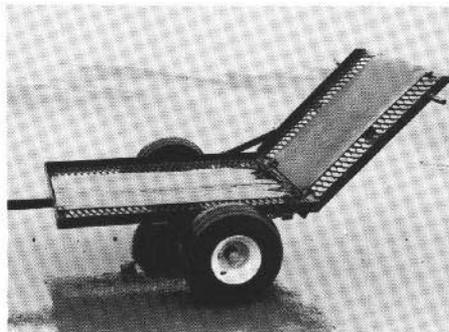
SMALL TRAILERS

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More and more golf courses are starting to hand mow greens and tees, which creates the problem of transporting these mowers. Walking the mowers to the area is too time consuming. As a mechanic for a major golf course, I knew there had to be an easier way of dealing with this problem.

First we tried loading the greens-mowers up a ramp onto a utility vehicle. This failed because the vehicle was too high and it was difficult to push the mower up the ramp. This also resulted in damage to the utility vehicle and to the greensmower.

I had in mind a trailer that would transport mowers and enable us to utilize the vehicle for removing clippings. I talked to other golf courses to see how they handled it, but none of these ideas appealed to me. I started searching for trailer companies that might have one to fit our needs. I did try a few



The Blackwolf trailer.

trailers, but they did not live up to our standards for quality and durability.

So I checked into the cost of materials and decided to build my own. I designed the trailer out of 3/16" gauge steel and a full axle for strength. It also has leaf spring suspension to give this expensive mowing equipment an easy ride. I also added complete roller bear-

ing hubs for durability and a longer ramp for easy loading.

Since the construction of these trailers and putting them to the test, we have found that they have met our needs. We have also used this trailer for transporting other heavy equipment, such as sod cutters and small trenchers.

I believe trailers like these are going to be of great use to other golf courses.

Editor's Note: Joel has started to build trailers like those he built for Blackwolf Run and is offering them for sale. If you are interested, contact him at:

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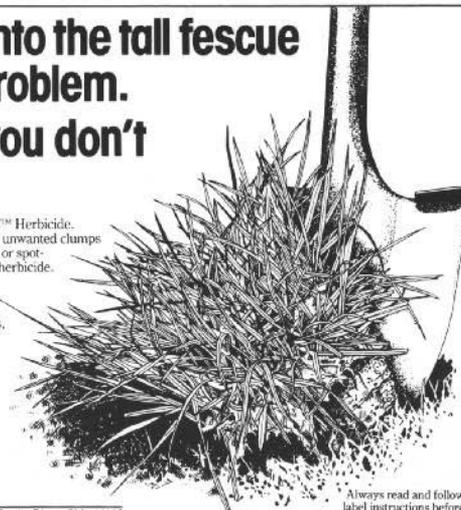
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