



EDITOR'S CORNER

RANDY NELSON

I am not sure if all of you superintendents are glad that May is over, but I for one sure am. My crew and I have been working in water or wet grass for so long that I noticed a few of them developing webbed feet. We were also developing a great rain tan. You know the kind of tan where the more wrinkles you have the better you look. I also feel our equipment manufacturers should develop reel mowers that are capable of floating on a cushion of air for just such soggy spring conditions. Seriously, this spring was so cloudy and rainy for so long that when we did see the sun we thought we had done something evil.

The only day I can remember in May that was really warm and dry was our MGCSA meeting at Hastings Country Club. Warm yes, but windy. Even windy doesn't describe it properly. It was so windy that Brad Klein, superintendent at Detroit Lakes, started out for work that day but the wind started buffeting his pickup so bad that by the time he got it under control he was in Hastings. The fifty members who attended the meeting and played golf were fiercely challenged by the wind and Steve Schumacher's great golf course. Steve and his crew did an outstanding job preparing for our arrival. Jerry Commers and Co., (Cushman Motors) had their reliable line of Cushman's, sprayers, and walk behind mowers on display until midafternoon. The supper buffet which was excellent was topped off by an interesting presentation by Larry Vetter from the Northrup King Co., concerning seed availability. Larry informed us that because of poor weather conditions seed growers inventories of certain bluegrasses and bentgrasses will be extremely short again. In addition, another wrinkle has been added to the Penncross bentgrass shortage as well. Southern courses have started to add Penncross bentgrass in with their ryegrass

overseeding to develop better putting surfaces. I guess we can't blame our fellow superintendents from trying to improve the quality of their greens. However, it just means we as managers must plan well in advance for our seed needs.

Looking ahead this month, we have the opportunity again to rub elbows with our constituents in the allied associations. What I am referring to is the annual Minnesota Green Industries Expo at Anoka's VTI campus. I feel this event is a good one to invite a few of my key crew members to attend. They enjoy scrutinizing the equipment and salesmen, and to just get away from the routine to relax.

Remember also our MGCSA meeting on June 16 at Detroit Lakes Country Club. Turf Supply Company will be sponsoring Dr. Clinton Hodges as our guest speaker for the meeting. If you haven't spent any time around a resort community before, give it a try. Call Brad and he will try to arrange lodging for you. If you can't spend the weekend at least come for our meeting and a chance to play at the home of the annual Pine-to-Palm Tournament. See you there.

MINNESOTA'S GOLFING HERITAGE SHATTUCK GOLF COURSE

by Rick Christianson
Superintendent Shattuck Golf Course

Shattuck Golf Course is located in Faribault, Minnesota which is located about fifty miles south of Minneapolis on Interstate 35. The golf course is owned and operated by Shattuck-St. Mary's School which is a traditional, college preparatory boarding and day school for girls and boys, grades seven through twelve. The school was founded in 1858 as an Episcopal mission school, and the school grounds today covers 250 acres of land situated above the Straight River, in the northeast section of the city. The nine-hole golf course totals 44 acres and is just east of Shattuck-St. Mary's main

campus.

The construction of the Shattuck Golf Course began in the summer of 1927 and was ready for play the following year. The land on which the golf course was built was originally farmland, of which half was owned by the state (Minnesota School for the Deaf). Most of the 44 acres were in crops, except for a small section of marshland located about in the middle of the acreage. The land is rolling and somewhat hilly in nature. The plot was almost completely void of trees except for a line of black sugar maples along the west boundary, some willows in the wet middle section, an elm just southwest of the willows, and an oak and hickory tree on the northwest edge of the farmland.

Shattuck was a military school at the time the golf course was being constructed. The course was designed and built under the direction of C. W. Newhall, Jr., Shattuck Class of 1923. Charles Erickson, greenskeeper at the Minikahda Club, Minneapolis and Tom Vardon, professional at the White Bear Club, St. Paul advised and assisted Mr. Newhall in the layout and construction of the course. Mr. Newhall's

father, Dr. C. W. Newhall, was the school's headmaster when the course was being developed. The Newhalls were very instrumental in bringing about the construction of Shattuck's golf course.

Albert Turek was in charge of the actual construction of the golf course and became Shattuck's first greenskeeper. After building the greens, they were seeded with a mixture of Colonial and Washington creeping bent grass. The fairways were seeded with selected bluegrass after they were carefully prepared by frequent plowing and dragging. The contours of the land were not altered much and it remains an area of rolling topography. Some of the sand traps were built at this time. The course, when it was built, consisted of nine-holes, 3100 yards in length, and a Par 36. There isn't any water hazards on the course but because of the rolling nature of the course, small greens, and strategically placed bunkers it can be quite challenging.

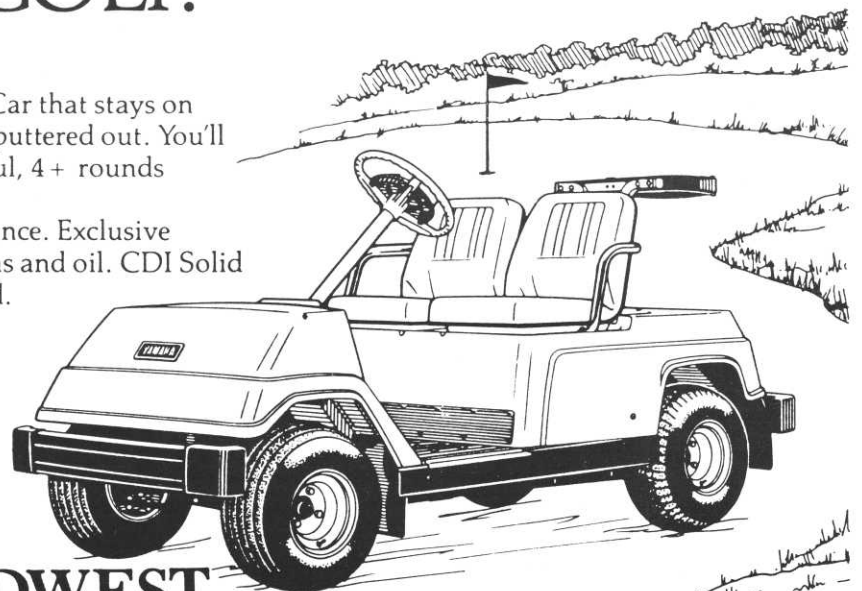
When the course was first opened, it was strictly a private course. Only the Shattuck cadets, parents of the cadets, faculty, and alumni were allowed to use

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the facility. A yearly fee of \$20.00 was charged to those playing golf. The Shattuck varsity golf teams have been competing with other schools since 1932. Around 1936 the course was opened to the public because of the rising cost in operating and maintaining the golf course.

Today the layout of the course is virtually the same as it was back in 1928. Some of the fairway yardages are shorter than they were because of the widening of some of the surrounding city streets. Also a practice green was built around 1955 and that shortened one fairway, by moving the tee closer to the green, because the practice green was built where the old #8 tee used to be. Some of the greens have been enlarged but in general they are the original greens. The course still doesn't have very many mature trees but in the last few years there have been quite a few saplings planted. Shattuck Golf Course remains open to the public and the golfers are charged a daily fee.



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BEING SECURE: A GOOD FEELING

by Fred Anderson
Supertendent Purple Hawk Country Club

My maintenance and storage shed at the Purple Hawk is located four miles north of north of Cambridge and has easy access from Highway 65. Away from any homes and only a security night light, I felt a need for a security system. I contacted a member of our sheriff's department that installs systems and we worked out a security system detailed to our location and needs.

I have two metal sheds connected, one being a 30'x 60' cold storage shed, the other being a 30' x 30' heated maintenance shed. There are three metal sliding doors, a main entrance door and my office door. Magnetic door contacts were placed at each of these doors (when the system is on, there is approx. 3" of play before the magnetic contact is broken thus triggering the alarm). Inside my heated shed there

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