



EDITOR'S CORNER

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The start of another golf season is rapidly approaching as we finish with sharpening, engine rebuilding and tuning up the equipment for the months ahead. One thing I have found to be helpful in public relations is painting the apparatus that golfers will be using. This requires only a few days of time and a couple gallons of paint to make that ten year old ball washer look like new. When you walk up to the first tee and see a freshly painted bench, ball washer, tee sign and tee markers, it says that the superintendent takes pride in the way his course looks. Oh, yes, don't forget the post that the ball washer is mounted on. This involves a trip around the golf course with a can of paint and a brush but

adds that finishing touch to the tee area. Other equipment such as flag poles, flags, cups, bag holders, rakes and 150 yard markers or posts should be inspected for damage and replaced or repainted.

As for the mowing equipment, painting every three to five years seems to keep the mowers looking like new with general cleaning throughout the other years. When the golfers see equipment that is well taken care of, it leaves an impression that the golf course is cared for in the same manner. True, this upkeep involves time and money but the image that is presented is well worth the effort.

Great turn out at Majestic Oaks with approximately 140 people in attendance to hear talks on geese control, marking the golf course, black layer, and an overview of golf from the USGA. Our thanks to Don Lindblad for hosting the mini-seminar and to the participating speakers.

Hope to see you on April 13 at Faribault Golf and Country Club. If the weather stays this great, we should be able to play golf. Good luck with the upcoming summer!

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