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following Plan A for our long range program.

After all the problems I have experienced in hiring an architect, I still feel personally it is in the best interest of the golf course as well as the superintendent to have a long range plan to follow, instead of year to year changes with new board members.

I hope my experience will help you if you are considering hiring an architect.

## NEW TOURNAMENT

Golf course superintendents are pleased to be involved with PGA professionals, managers and presidents of the nation's country clubs in a national golf championship recently created by the John Deere Company.

The announcement was made by Riley L. Stottern, CGCS, president of the 7,000 member Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), with

headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas.

The event, the John Deere/PGA Professional-Superintendent Championship, will feature four-man teams competing in a scramble format at the 41 PGA Sections throughout the country.

Qualifying is scheduled between June and September, with the 36-hole Championship in November. The date and site will be announced later. Teams will be made up of the PGA Professional, the club's course superintendent, club president and club manager.

"It is gratifying and fitting", observed Stottern, "that superintendents are recognized as among the most important people in the game of golf. It is they who make and keep our nation's golf courses playable. Many superintendents play golf frequently not only because they enjoy the game and are good, but also because they know it is the best way to understand how to keep their courses in the best possible playing condition.

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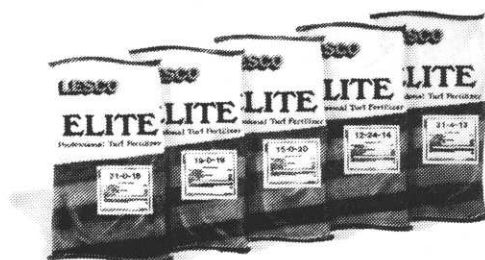
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development of the tournament. Our members are looking forward with great enthusiasm to playing in it with the PGA professionals, club presidents and managers, who also are so essential to the game and industry."

Gary Gottschalk, manager of John Deere's Golf and Turf Division, said the firm is "excited about the concept. This program provides an opportunity for the club professional and club superintendent to play together on a team with other club officials. I am not aware of any other competition like it."

## GOLF COURSE INSPECTION FORMS

by DALE WYSOCKI  
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Golf course personnel make a great many trips around the golf course grounds on a

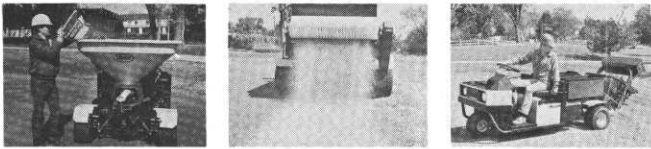
daily basis. Each and every time around the course something different is noticed - whether it be a patch of weeds, disease on a green, gopher damage or some trim work that needs to be done. Since a golf course is such a diverse blend of trees, turf and hazards, both natural and created, obtaining a uniform, practical picture of the overall condition of the course is often a formidable task.

At the Faribault Golf and Country Club, a golf course inspection form was designed to aid in observing and recording the needs of the course per each given hole. The form provides a much desired consistency in helping to determine the needed improvements on the course. And as the members and the chairman of the greens committee change, the form provides flexibility in adjusting to the changing priorities.

The form also provides a general picture of the overall needs of the golf course,

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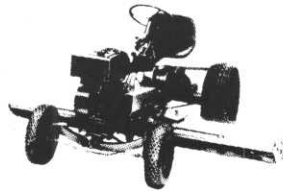
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