

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

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

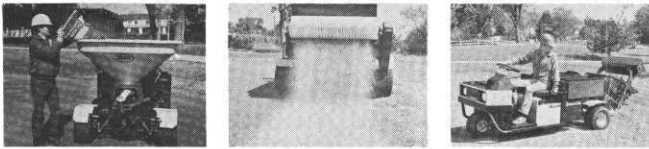
daily basis. Each and every time around the course something different is noticed - whether it be a patch of weeds, disease on a green, gopher damage or some trim work that needs to be done. Since a golf course is such a diverse blend of trees, turf and hazards, both natural and created, obtaining a 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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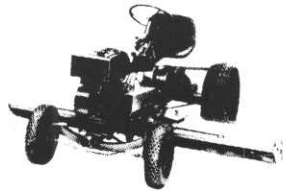
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making budgeting for the coming year more workable. Planning improvements for the coming year and any "surprise" projects can be seen in more realistic and practicable terms with the aid of these forms.

Upon completion of the "tour" of the golf course with the greens committee, the necessary projects are worked into the daily maintenance schedule. In addition, at the end of the golf season, the grounds superintendent and the greens committee chairman analyze each hole - recording observation on each hole from tee to the green - including the fairway, the rough, trees, shrubs, bunkers, ponds, and any other features on a given hole. The next phase is writing down everything that was

done to remedy each area in need of improvement.

Once the entire project is compiled, the findings are presented to the Board of Governors in December, and then to the general membership at the annual meeting. The findings are presented in a positive manner, in order to attract the interest and attention of the members who are starting to think about the upcoming golf season. Any other comments or suggestions are solicited.

In sum, we feel that the forms provide a uniformity and consistency to the operations of the grounds department of the Faribault Golf and Country Club, and in doing so are a valuable asset.

GOLF COURSE INSPECTION FORM GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

TEE AREA

- General Condition
- Landscaping
- Irrigation
- Winter Treatment
- Other

FAIRWAY

- General Condition
- Width
- Irrigation System
- 150 Yard Markers
- Fertilization
- Herbicide
- Aeration
- Other

ROUGHS

- General Condition
- O. B. Markers
- Herbicide
- Other

TREES

- Replacement
- Pruning
- Stumps
- Tree Wells
- Other

SAND TRAPS

- General Condition
- Edging
- Consistency

ADJACENT AREAS

- General Condition
- Other

SHRUBBERY

- General Condition
- Placement
- Other

PONDS & WATER HAZARDS

- General Condition
- Aquatic Problems
- Herbicides
- Animals
- Other

BRIDGES

- General Condition
- Approaches
- Exits
- Other

NURSERIES

- General Condition
- Bent Grass
- Sod
- Other

GREENS

- General Condition
- Height of Cut
- Fertilization
- Aeration
- Verticuts
- Winter Treatment
- Other

EQUIPMENT STORAGE AREA

CLUBHOUSE, PRACTICE GREEN & PARKING LOT AREA