

courses have to route their cart paths in a few areas in patterns that are less convenient or different from previous traffics patterns. The addition of traffic aids to encourage use such as signs, chains, ropes, lines, landscape plantings or movable barriers. They are positioned to direct traffic to the path. Golfers will hopefully adopt the new patterns and allow the eventual removal of the aids.

More drastic measures like new bunkers, trees, grassy mounds or shrub plantings may be necessary in extreme

TABLE 1

Cart path construction materials by percent use.

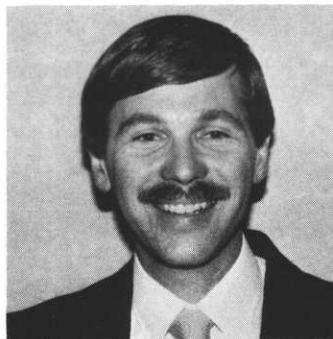
Asphalt .....	65	Gravel .....	45
Other .....	17	Don't have cart paths .....	12
9 mentions: Cement/concrete			
3 mentions: Dirt			
1 mention each: Limestone-Shells-Lava rock-Sand-Woodchips.			

cases. On golf courses with complete path systems, carts are sometimes restricted to the paths. Even with incomplete paths, courses sometimes restrict cart traffic to the paths on the holes where which have them. These regulations are best enforced by meetings with the club membership.

There are obviously no absolute guidelines for golf cart use on a cart path system. All decisions should be made on the basis of the course's topography, the extent of the cart path network, the physical soil conditions, and perhaps most importantly, the opinion of the course's clientele.

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

TOM FISCHER

We would like to thank the Association members, especially Mike Leitner, for this year's fantastic family picnic held June 13 at Tartan Park. The picnic was well organized with a train ride, treats and playground for the kids, golf for the guys, a raffle of beautiful plants for the gals and excellent food enjoyed by all. The day was a great success not only for the members with families but also for those who came for the camaraderie of the Association. I know my family missed not having a picnic last year but with the success of this year's, I hope the picnic will become an annual event.

Many thanks to Joe Moris and his staff for hosting the golf and picnic grounds. This is an excellent area for recreation and relaxation.

HOLE NOTES is still looking for articles to be published monthly. I know many of you have helpful ideas and sound turf knowledge that could be shared with your fellow superintendents. The article does not have to be lengthy thesis, just good common sense ideas to aide in turf management. Also of interest to write about would be the history of your golf course and/or club and tips from your mechanic on how to keep y our equipment in top condition. Hope to hear from you soon.

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