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Starting with five holes in 1987, Essex County Country Club has kept pace with the rising standards of golf course design and maintenance through a tradition of ingenuity and problem solving. For the past 12 years, this responsibility has been in the hands of John Schoellner, who serves as both golf course superintendent and club manager. He has preserved the private club's exclusivity through droughts, rising real estate taxes, a population boom, and increasingly stringent environmental regulations. The frugal Schoellner spends the club's budget where it counts, on the latest techniques in disease control, irrigation and renovation. Today the course is winning the battle against annual bluegrass and diseases to maintain some of the highest quality bentgrass greens, tees and fairways in New Jersey.

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A knack for planning and a management program refined over a dozen years allow Waukegan Park Superintendent Greg Petry and his staff to keep Grosche Field and 26 other ball fields in remarkable condition. Grosche Field, winner of the 1989 Baseball Diamond of the Year Award in the park and school category, serves as the centerpiece of the district's productive youth baseball program. The field meets double-A baseball standards on a park budget. As a result, Waukegan's baseball leagues have produced numerous players for professional and collegiate baseball teams. Petry describes in detail the plan that allowed Waukegan to win the coveted national award despite record heat and drought in the Chicago area last year.

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