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UPSCALE COUNTRY CLUB USES MOBILE STORAGE TO EXPAND AND ORGANIZE ITS GOLF BAG STORAGE

Ozaukee Country Club, located in Mequon, Wisconsin, recently expanded its 80 year old facility and built a new golf shop, locker rooms and golf bag storage room.

At the time the club was built, golf storage was not a service typically offered to members and, as a result, the club was not built to accommodate it. Eventually, when the club offered a limited bag storage service, a small portion of the building was designated for storage, but as storage needs increased, it became overcrowded.

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"We didn't have enough room for bags in the past," said Rich Tock, golf pro at Ozaukee Country Club. "Bags were stacked on top of each other and we had a difficult time locating their whereabouts. When we renovated, I felt that it was an opportunity to expand our storage to hold everything we need well into the future."

The increase in bag storage requirements have expanded over time as golf has become more of a form of family entertainment. Bag storage has increased for an average family to as many as three to four bags, as compared to ten years ago when an average family only stored one bag.

"Golf bag storage is not just for the man in a family anymore," said Tock. "More and more women are golfing and, with the support of the junior programs in the PGA, there is also an increase in the number of junior golfers."

Tock required that the bag storage room hold at least 1,000 bags for the club's 300 members. Spacesaver and the local area sales representative, John Butler of Storage Systems Midwest, Inc., designed a large mobile system that would accommodate the club's storage needs for up to 30 years.



A powered mobile storage system accommodates the growing need for golf bag storage.

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Powered controls with block movement were used to help facilitate moving the carriages' heavy weight loads and speed retrieval. During the summer season, efficient storage and quick retrieval is critical with bag storage being accessed up to 200 times a day. The system also includes PowerLink™ feature, which provides diagnostic detection 24/7 and emails system status information to Spacesaver and the local service representative.

"The electric system is the best solution for the storage of golf bags," Tock explained. "It is smart to invest upfront - if you don't, you will likely pay for it in the long run."

Four-post shelving with specialty metal dividers facilitates storage of bulky, heavy bags. Bags are simply set onto either the lower or upper shelf, then lean onto a divider. Up to eight bags can be stored in a single 42" shelf range, top to bottom.

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Tock uses a systematic approach to organizing bags. Golfer's names are listed alphabetically on a reference board then each name is assigned a location within the mobile system. For example, a member could be assigned A32 - aisle A, shelf position 32. In addition, once a member is assigned a storage location, their name is put onto a label and placed on the shelf above their bag. This ensures that bags are put back accurately and facilitates quick retrieval.

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