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The **Markland Woods Golf Club** opened in 1965. The **18 hole Eric Hanson** design is located on the Etobicoke River surrounded by mature hardwood trees bordering narrow fairways. Slightly elevated fast paced greens are protected by strategically placed sand traps requiring precision and accuracy from tee to green. The course plays 6300 yards from the tips with seven sets of tees to allow all members to challenge their games.

Superintendent Owen Russell a Penn State turf graduate is entering his 4th year with the club. Formerly the superintendent of Woodington Lake and Assistant Superintendent at the Weston Golf Club, Owen brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the course allowing the membership to enjoy some of the finest course conditions in the province. **Assistant Superintendent Ben White** and **Equipment Technician Tony Caliandro** round out Owens's management team. Their dedication and professionalism in their roles have created an atmosphere for success.

Owens relationship with Turf Care has grown over the years; he says **“the company is a class act from top to bottom”**. He is currently using many of our products including **Toro Procore series aerators, Buffalo Blowers**, mowing equipment, and the **Toro network LTC irrigation system**. He states that **“our reliability in sales and service coupled with the quality and performance of the products we sell has given him the confidence to use Turf Care Products as a supplier”**. After recently installing the **new 835 irrigation heads** around his greens he feels that the ability to precisely adjust the radius of the heads around his perimeters allows them to target dry areas more effectively. This season, Owen will also be adding the **Toro’s new 14 blade triplex reel** to his equipment inventory. The increased frequency of clip will surely add speed and consistency to the current championship condition green surfaces.

Markland Woods is a proactive club dedicated to environmental stewardship. Last year the club achieved its **Audobahn Certification** as well as being recognized with an honor role award from the **TRCA** for their efforts in a creek revitalization project. This spring Owen purchased **three CKB3 Buffalo Blowers** which he uses to disperse clippings behind his fairway mowers. This practice has had many benefits for Owen including the opportunity to return nitrogen to the plant by avoiding the removal of clippings, drying the plant to prevent disease resulting in less chemical dependency, and a cleaner finished product for his members. These benefits coupled with the clubs already established I.P.M practices show leadership and innovation is a priority for Owen.

Turf Care Products Canada has established a strong distributor relationship with Owen and the Markland Woods Golf Club, through quality service and a professional product line-up. We are proud of the partnership that has been forged through our commitment to grow the business of golf and look forward to continuing to partner with Owen and his staff in the future.

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Left to Right:
Ben White, Assistant
Tony Caliandro, Equipment Technician
Owen Russell, Superintendent