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After this informative presentation, we returned to Parker Lodge, where the fire was bigger and we were soon seated in the dining area for a freshly cooked meal of steaks and other tasty food. A continuing refrain of our hosts at Farmlinks was that we should enjoy ourselves, and the food seemed especially prepared to satisfy the appetites of hungry golf course superintendents. When dinner was complete, we retired to the ground floor of Parker Lodge, where—if my experiences are any indication—one is allowed to lose at billiards, ping pong and Playstation, all in the same evening.

Day Two

The next day began with a traditional Southern breakfast of bacon, eggs, grits, and biscuits and gravy. A representative from Toro then made a presentation, first in the conference room at the lodge, where he explained Toro’s role at Farmlinks and the methodology that Toro uses when developing innovative products. Pictures were shown of some prototype equipment and technologies, and we then went to the turf nursery to operate and observe some prototype equipment for ourselves.

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