final round of the Masters Golf Tournament. Jim Wodash managed to get some "side games" going so he could lose a little of his hard earned money to some other enterprising players. All in all, it was a fun day and helped set the tone for a new season which I am sure is destined to be our very best yet.

Russ Adams has just about completed the arrangements for the rest of the season. Jim Wodash and Leif Erickson are hard at work planning our December Conference which will again be at the fine facilities of the Sheraton Northwest. Mark Smith and Don Lindblad are starting the annual surge for research programs. So stay in touch with that.

Be sure to notice the "Unforgettable Golf Holes" in the national Golf Course Management magazine. Warren Rebholz and the M.C.C.S.A. are getting some good publicity in that magazine. Hope to see many of you at Gary Peterson's course at Sundance on May 9. Get those reservations in early.

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At Edenvale we have three fairways that are constructed on peat. For the last six years they have been deteriorating, as only peat fairways can. Most of these areas have become so rough that play and maintenance have become impossible.

For the past five years a number of things have been attempted to correct these problem areas. First, a method of plowing and recontouring, followed by heavy rolling and seeding. Only one-half of the fairway area was revamped at a time to keep the hole in play. As with most methods this proved to be only a temporary solution; within three months, deterioration had started.

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Another method which proved to be more permanent but also much more expensive and time consuming was to fill the areas with 3 ft. of a gravel and clay soil; then 8" to 12" of top soil layer. This proved to be an unlikely solution due to the large areas involved.

The plan for this spring is to do a complete renovation of the fairways. This process may involve adding one or two ponds to try and stabilize the water table and stop the deterioration of the peat soil. We are also going to try a new fabric material which was developed for road construction...laying the fabric over the roughest areas and filling with two to three feet of soil. They use this fabric when building roads through swampy areas. Though it's very expensive, we are hoping it will solve our problems.

So I would like to ask association members that if any one has had success with a similar problem, share his experience. Any suggestion would be greatly appreciated.

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