TREES FOR WET SOILS

European alder - Alnus glutinosa
Green ash - Fraxinus pennsylvania
Hackberry - Celtis occidentalis
Kentucky coffee tree - Gymnocladus dioicus
Swamp white oak - Quercus bicolor

TREES FOR ALKALINE SOILS

Amur corktree - Phellodendron amurense
Amur maple - Acer ginnala
Blue ash - Fraxinus quadrennulata
Japanese tree lilac - Syringa reticulata
Ponderosa pine - Pinus ponderosa
White poplar - Populus alba

TREES WITH FEW PEST PROBLEMS

Amur corktree - Phellodendron amurense
Blue beech - Carpinus caroliniana
Ginkgo - Ginkgo biloba
Ironwood - Ostrya virginiana
Kentucky coffee tree - Gymnocladus dioicus

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Fred Anderson thought that his task was "awesome" replacing Doug Mahal as editor of the HOLE NOTES. Well, I must say I indeed have some BIG shoes to fill replacing Fred.

Before any new president of MGCSA makes his committee assignments for the coming year there is a great deal of anxiety and apprehension felt by each board member. Such was the case at Bunker Hills on December 15, 1985 as we directors all learned of our new tasks to serve the MGCSA. President Kerry Glader made the following committee appointments for 1986.

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I feel I express many others opinions when I say that our annual conference was a tremendous success. Even though we did not have as many technical speakers this year, we did give our members a wide assortment of topics. Our keynote speaker, Bobbie Gee, will long be remembered for her talk on "The Superintendent's Image." The "Thinking Superintendent" session Friday afternoon also set a record for attendance. You may have noticed that your lunch tables were a little more crowded than usual because the total meals served for each day were 255, 290 and 275. The Friday night banquet was also well attended by 192 people. All these figures represent the tremendous job done on our conference by Chris Hague, Tom Fischer and Lyle Olson. Thanks again, gentlemen.

Because our conference attendance has been increasing these past years, we have been forced to move our conference to a larger facility. Next December the conference will be at the St. Paul Hilton in downtown St. Paul. Being in the heart of St. Paul will give conference attendees many options for evening dining. The ladies will enjoy their shopping sprees more with the skyway system between buildings.

While we are speaking of conferences do not forget to attend the G.C.S.A.A. Turf Conference and Equipment Show in San Francisco, California January 27-February 3, 1986. This is a great educational opportunity and a good time to see what's new in equipment from our equipment manufacturers. Don't just kick a few tires, but express your feelings and ideas to the engineers and sales representatives. They want your input to provide better products for us and for use by the entire turf industry.

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Our MGCSA chapter will also be well represented at the GCSAA golf championships in Palm Desert, California on January 27 & 28. Eight of us members have entered and if we shake off enough frozen cobwebs from our clubs maybe we can bring home the team trophy.

Do not forget to pre-register for the great fishing getaway at Iazty's Lodge on January 6th. It is a good time to relax for a day and enjoy a delicious steak dinner. The board also voted to make our ex-officio walk out to his fish house to give us others first chance at the big ones.

From all of us on the board, we hope to see you in San Francisco and HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY.

OOPS! WE'RE SORRY

On the January meeting flyer Wally Benson was listed as the host superintendent. Calvin Schmidt is the new superintendent at Iazty's Golf Club and he has been working in that capacity since May of 1985.

MINNESOTA'S GOLFING HERITAGE

NORTHLAND COUNTRY CLUB
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by W. K. Montague
President 1936-37

The question of when golf was introduced into the United States has been a controversial one. However, the first generally recognized golf club in the United States, the so-called St. Andrews Club in Westchester, New York, was organized in 1888. In the next ten years, there were a few other clubs organized throughout the United States. According to Reidar Lund, the earliest mention of golf in Duluth was found in newspaper files of the late 1890's in which some visitors were quoted as saying that Duluth was "slightly on the 'jay' side for not having ground upon which to play this game called golf."

The first steps towards creation of a course in Duluth were taken in 1898 when several businessmen journeyed to St. Paul to inspect the Town and Country Club links in that city. They became enthusiastic about the idea and wasted no time considering sites for a course upon their return to Duluth.

Many years afterwards, Alfie Taussig loved to tell how he, D. G. Cutler, E. P. Towne and C. B. Woodruff rode their bicycles over the hill on East Superior Street and from a vantage point on a convenient hay stack, looked over the site of the first Northland golf course.

That was just ten years after the first generally recognized U. S. golf club was