Champion and noted Golf Course Architect. After much discussion, the members agreed to retain the services of Tom Bendlow, Golf Course Architect from Chicago, to alter the Willie Parks design to their specifications. Willie Parks had previously returned to Scotland.

Minneapolis Golf Club was mostly completed by 1918. The first Golf Professional was D. W. Clark, hired in 1917. The membership had reached the limit of 400 in 1918, memberships selling for $210 and dues set at $80 per year. Caddies were bused to the club in a Ford bus purchased for that purpose.

In 1917 the club budget which included construction was $74,000. $54,000 for grounds construction and $20,000 for irrigation and clubhouse reconstruction. In 1925 the fairways were irrigated. This system was updated again in 1937-38 and the new maintenance area was established at that time too. The irrigation system was updated again with a two row Toro electric system in 1972.

The club has hosted the 1940 Western Amateur, the National Amateur in 1950 and the 1959 PGA Championship. It has also hosted the Minnesota State Amateur and is scheduled to host it again in 1988. The Minnesota Golf Championships are held annually at the Minneapolis Golf Club.

The Minneapolis Golf Club has had six golf pros; D. W. Clark, Dow George, Ernest Penfold, Lester Bolstad, Gunnard Johnson and Joel Goldstrand. The Minneapolis Golf Club has has seven Golf Course Superintendents; Victor Larson, Herb Cohrs, Jack Kolb, Vern Hanson, Dan Evavold, Mark Smith and Dale Caldwell.

Minneapolis Golf Club has carved a niche for itself historically on an international scope in the field of golf course maintenance. The first greensairre was designed and used at the Minneapolis Golf Club as was the first Mete-r-matic topdresser. Both of these pieces of equipment helped revolutionize the art of golf course maintenance. They are still being used today in basically the same form as they were when they were developed.

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CORRECTION

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