Special Golf Tourney
At Somerset CC Earns
$2100 for Scholarships

Thanks to a not often played golf competition organized by three enterprising Trans-Mississippi Golf Association directors, 30 Twin Cities area golfers participated in an enjoyable one-day tournament that also raised approximately $2100 for the scholarship funds of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association and the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association.

A 36-hole, foursomes event, coupled with teams playing each of their morning and afternoon rounds in approximately two and one-half hours, spawned some attractive golf and rosie-cheeked smiles under brilliant autumn sun at Somerset Country Club in Mendota Heights, a suburb of St. Paul.

Tournament chairman was Tom Garrett, a member of Somerset, who worked closely with Somerset member Ward Johnson and Hank Wilkinson, a member of Minikahda Club in Minneapolis. The three Trans directors circulated invitations to a variety of Twin Cities golfers age 40 or more. They also have been working with the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association to encourage contributions by Minnesota golf clubs to the scholarship funds of the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association and the superintendents' organization.

Capturing first place in the "Walker Cup-style" competition was the Interlachen team of Pete Anderson and David Hays, three points ahead of runners-up Rick Soskin and Paul Wernick of Oak Ridge Country Club, and four in front of two teams tied for third: Mark Polich and John Ponterio of Hazeltine National GC and Bob Tickle and Rich Anderson of Interlachen CC. Scoring was built around a modified Stableford system.

All entrants were treated to a special "Scottish-style" lunch and modest prizes were awarded. The lunch featured pork accompanied by two Scottish sauces, walled pike, buttered carrots, mashed potatoes with rutabagas (known as Clapshot in Scotland), herring, smoked salmon, baked apples and Scottish trifle.

"Several contestants later expressed their appreciation for the weather, the food and the event," said Garrett. "Because of the pleasant response, we plan to make this an annual competition, probably limiting it to 24 teams."