

# *The Jewel Set to Host the Harold Stodola Research Scramble on August 28*

The Jewel Golf Club was being built between 2002-04 and opened in July 2005. The course was designed by Hale Irwin and Stan Gentry.

Doug Mahal, CGCS, has been Superintendent at the course for four years. His first assistant is Marc Exner and his second assistant is Jeff Fjosne.

Unique design features include a combination of links-style and wooded golf holes on rolling terrain along 500 ft. bluff land; five sets of tees ranging from 4,900 to 7,000 yards of playing length; many acres of native fescue and a variety of native prairie areas; three major water features that come into play; 54 strategic sand bunkers; generous 32 acres of bentgrass fairways (in addition to green and tee bent), but minimal bluegrass rough perimeters before encountering unmowed fescue or prairie, and fast, tightly groomed surfaces (greens - .125, tees & approaches - .250", fairways - .375")

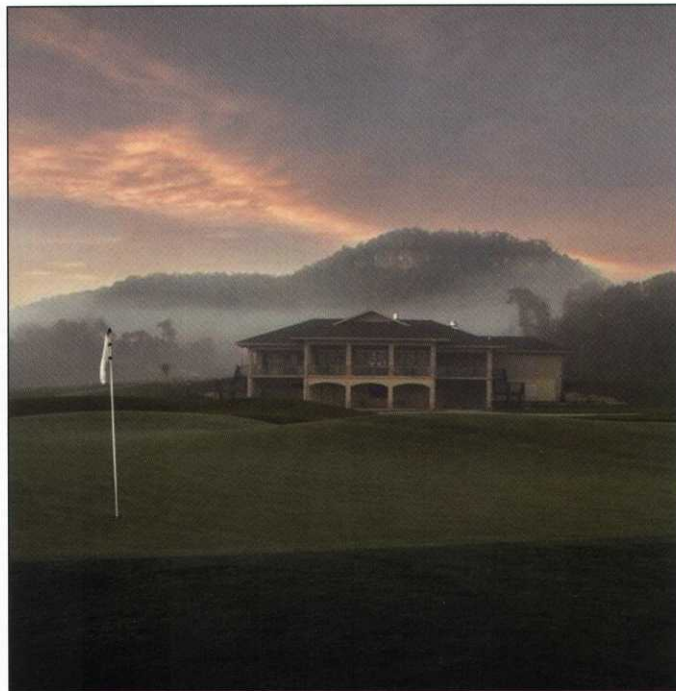
Major challenges:

**Soils.** By and large, all topsoil was removed from the golf site, leaving a predominantly native silt soil in which to establish and grow new turf. Surfaces can get very firm and tend to drain poorly

**Drainage.** Minimal subsurface drainage was installed, creating long surface flows to drain off excess moisture recovering from substantial rainfall and washouts immediately following seeding operation

**Weeds.** There is considerable undeveloped land around the

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*The Jewel's clubhouse and ninth green.*



## **GROUPS STAFF AT THE JEWEL**

**Back row:** (left to right) 1st Assistant Marc Exner, Chuck Pelowski, Turf intern Nick Lewison, Brendan Getschmann, Dylan Schroeder, Bob Ziebell, Mechanic Bob McLean, Travis Krucker and 2nd Assistant Jeff Fjosne. **Front row:** Anstasio Trejo, Carlos Lopez, Abel Gonzalez, Mike Shequen, Justin Denzer, Tom Carmichael and Juan Ortiz.



## The Jewel—

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course, providing ample blown weed seed into the play areas. The wind is almost always a factor when playing the Jewel, even while putting.

The Jewel has received a variety of awards including being honored as a "Top Ten Best New Course in America" by *Golf Magazine* in 2005; 2005 Seed Research of Oregon "Golf Course of the Year"; 2006 *Golf Digest* "Top Ten Best New Public Course" (under \$75 category)

The golf course was built on the former site of the historic Jewel Tree Nursery. A few recognizable remnants are still visible from the course

### *Superintendent Bio Doug Mahal, CGCS*

Doug Mahal, CGCS. Superintendent since 1979 with stints at Interlachen C.C. (1979-89), and The Minikahda Club (1990-2002) and was involved in the early construction & grow-in of The Big Fish Golf Club in Hayward Wisconsin before signing on with The Jewel in 2003. CGCS since 1986. MGCSA Past President -1987. Wife Norma of 30 years with three grown sons and two grandchildren. Interests in hunting, fishing and golf.



### *1st Assistant Bio Marc Exner*

First Assistant at The Jewel since spring 2005. Hired from 2nd assistant position, which he had held since his arrival in 2004. Marc is engaged to be married to fiancé Jenn in March 2008. He grew up in south central North Dakota and has a BS Degree from University of Minnesota - Crookston. Marc's experience includes time at King's Walk in Grand Forks, Minnesota Valley Country Club and The Minikahda Club.

### *2nd Assistant Bio Jeff Fjosne*

Jeff arrived at The Jewel as 2nd assistant in June 2006. He's been married to wife Darcy since April 2003. No children but a clever little dog named Sophie. Jeff also holds a BS degree from U of M Crookston (2002). He performed his internship at Deacons Lodge and has been 2nd assistant at Midland Hills in St. Paul and Spanish Peaks in Montana. Jeff grew up in extreme northwest Minnesota (Karlstad).



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