

Jim Lindblad Removes "Work" from His Schedule

Chronological History

At age 11, Jim Lindblad starting pushing a hand mower two days a week and was given free golf. Jim originally wanted to be an engineer but as he got closer to his senior year he decided to attend Penn State University and pursue the profession of golf course maintenance.

Harold Dale, the manager, pro and Superintendent at Willmar Golf Club wanted Jim to get into the profession.

In 1961, between his first and second years at Penn State, Jim worked at Wayzata Country Club. During that summer, Gene Hanson won the Minnesota State Amateur at Wayzata Country Club.

Upon graduation in 1962 he was hired as the Assistant Superintendent at Hazeltine National Golf Club by Milt Wiley. Hazeltine opened that year.

Jim was hired as Superintendent at Normandale Golf Club in 1963. The City of Edina directed the Rauenhorst Construction Company to build this 9-hole golf course as a buffer between the expensive \$60,000 homes and the industrial park that Rauenhorst was building.

Brookview Country Club in Golden Valley hired Jim in 1965. Brookview Country Club was sold to the village of Golden Valley.

In the fall of 1967, Jim was involved in the clearing and construction of Rolling Green Country Club. The course was completed in the fall of 1968 and opened in the spring of 1969.

Jim was Superintendent at Wayzata Country Club from 1974-1992. During that time, the club hosted the 1981 State Amateur, won by Tom Lehman, and the 1984 USGA National Junior Championship.

Jim headed west in 1993 and accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent at the Vintage Club in Indian Wells, Calif.

He was hired as Superintendent at Desert Island Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif. in 1994 and held that position until his retirement last December.

At his retirement party at Desert Island, Jim was given an Honorary Club Membership.

Favorite Golf Course

Jim's favorite golf course is Wayzata Country Club. In 1988, he oversaw the installation of a computer irrigation system.

Growing Grass

Asked if it's easier to grow grass in Minnesota or California, Jim replied, "Believe it or not, there is more disease pressure in Minnesota but because of over-seeding in the Desert I would favor Minnesota."

Minnesota Ties

Jim's mom, two brothers and his sister reside in Minnesota. "Sherlie and I enjoy our trips there, especially at Mom's house on Green Lake," said Jim.

Looking Back

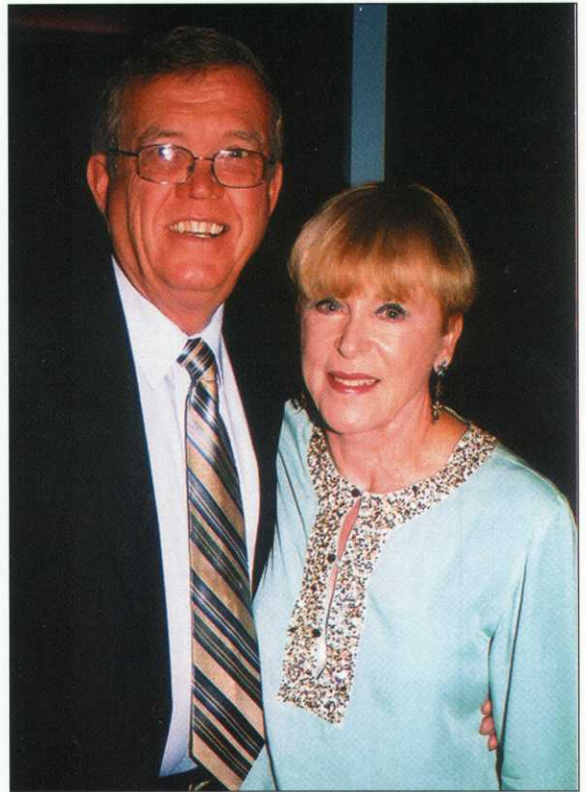
Looking back, Jim feels the career choice he made in his senior year was a good one and offers this advice:

"Get a good education if you are considering a career in Golf Course management."

Looking Ahead

In retirement, Jim has removed the word "work" from his vocabulary. His retirement schedule is to

play golf, lower his 14-handicap, and spend time with his wife Sherlie.



Jim Lindblad and his wife Sherlie Broughton

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