

Wild Marsh Golf Club Set for June 1 MGCSA Scholarship Scramble

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Wild Marsh Golf Club is an 18-hole championship public golf course located in Buffalo, Minn. The course originally opened as Buffalo Run in 1995.

Landscape Unlimited Inc. purchased the property in the winter of 1998. They along with Senior PGA Tour Player Graham Marsh and Construction Superintendent Dirk Rehbein renovated the entire property in 1999 and re-opened in June of 2000.

In 2004, LUI was beginning to sell off some of its properties due to a down-turn in golf. At that time, the City of Buffalo stepped up and became the new owners. It has been a perfect match for our staffs working together with the goal of making Wild Marsh the best value in Minnesota. I have been the Golf Course Superintendent since 1993.

My Assistant Superintendent, Ben Thompson, is 32 years old, lives in Buffalo and is an avid poker player. This will be his sixth season officiating varsity softball for the State High School League. His only hole-in-one is at Wild Marsh.

The Golf Course

Wild Marsh, a par 71 course measuring 6,505 yards, features numerous tees per hole which gives golfers a variety of yardages to carry over six wetlands. The course has bentgrass fairways along with 48 well-placed, deep-faced bunkers. We also have nine treated wooden bridges.

Challenges

We have 32 acres of L-93 and Southshore bentgrasses and, when the summers are dry, you find out how good your irrigation system is. Other challenges



No. 1 at Wild Marsh Golf Club, site of the 2009 MGCSA Scholarship Scramble.

include chemical demands on bentgrasses and poa is beginning to creep in.

Personal Info

I have been married to my wife Nancy for 20 years. Nancy is a Hair Designer / Owner at Salon Bellezza in Plymouth. We

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have two children. Our daughter Alysa, who recently married a Green Bay Packer fan and family and with us being Vikings season ticket holders makes our visits very interesting - especially in the fall. Our son Adam has started to follow in my footsteps. He has been interning at golf courses in Wisconsin, and now this year in Minnesota.

We enjoy family vacations, golfing and fishing. I have a love for Formula 1 and Indy Car racing. My DVR is used a great deal.

I grew up in Faribault where I spent just about all my youth at the Faribault Golf and Country Club. I decided after working in the Pro Shop for three years, I needed to get outside and get a great tan so I went to see if the grounds crew was hiring.

Well, on my first day in 1972, Supervisor Howard Doty showed two of us the first hole and directed us to begin push mowing around all of the tree bases on the golf course. As most of you remember, the Jacobsen push mowers back then felt like a ton

of bricks. Nobody told us how long it would take.

By Friday, when we made it to the 18th hole, we punched out, I mean wrote in our time. I went home and thought, do I want to put on jeans for grounds the next morning or do I want the double knits back on? Well, that was not the last time I mowed around those trees.

In 1977, Craig Waryan, who I knew very well from his time in Faribo, gave me an opportunity to interview for the Superintendent position at Sundance Golf Club in Osseo. I spent four great years there. But, with change always comes good things.

I was job searching in the Carver County area and coincidentally ran into Nick Dunn in Hazeltine National Golf Club's parking lot. I asked him if any jobs were available for the coming year. He took my name and number and said he would look at his staff for the upcoming 1982 golf season. I received a call at home that evening from Nick and he told me to bring a lunch for Monday. That was the greatest interview I ever had. I spent the next 11 years at Hazeltine and quickly learned that all courses are not created equal.

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Dunn left Hazeltine that fall and I remember two members on the practice putting green during the hiring process for Superintendent say that a guy from Indiana is going to accept the job. Well, that guy was Chris Hague, whom I owe a great deal, too. He taught me that when you go through the maintenance gate into work, you are there to work and leave all your baggage behind. He also taught me and the staff that showing up early and staying past the normal 8-hour day was a sign of dedication.

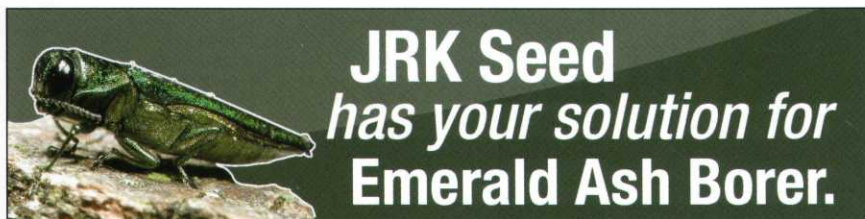
If I could go back and add up all of the hours that I put in over the normal 80, I could be on a beach by now. But, you have to love the game to understand. I became Chris Hague's Assistant Superintendent in 1986 and in 1991 we hosted the United States Men's Open Championship.

In 1993, I was approached by a company based out of Coon Rapids (thank you Mike Redmond) who were looking to hire a Superintendent to help them build a golf course in Buffalo.

We struggled for two years with weather and resources but we did not give up and I am very proud of the effort we put into that project.

But, now after working with LUI on the renovation, it has really turned out to be a terrific golf course that the City of Buffalo is very proud of.

I would like to thank my grounds staff for its dedication and loyalty to me and the golf course. They all do a terrific job. Thanks also to Joe



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Malone and his staff for making this day possible for the MGCSA. Lastly, I would like to thank my family for always understanding that when I go to bed in the summer when it is still light, that it's not that I am unsocial, but that I am really tired.

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As all of you know, in your career there is always someone you can call and they will drop everything to talk turf with you. With Rick, I had that. Our family always laughed about when

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they would call Rick, he was always too busy to answer. They would say "Dave, you call him, he always answers for you."

I, to this day, still have him as a contact in my phone hoping someday I will get that chance again. Rick, on behalf of myself and your family, we Love You and miss you daily.

It has been a long journey for me here in Buffalo and I am very excited for you, my peers, to come and play June 1 at Wild Marsh Golf Club.