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We found a house we liked (which took a while as the housing market in rural areas is quite different than the cities) and our offer was accepted. Now all we had to do was sell our house which according to our agent wasn't going to be too difficult as the housing market around the cities was very good. We had our house on the market for approximately three weeks and it worked out well that the couple that bought our house was able to close on it in a matter of weeks which was a great relief as I had been spending the past month commuting. The five hours a day I was spending on the road was getting old.

If you are doing all the packing yourself, try to do a little everyday and when the time comes to load the truck it won't seem so overwhelming. Before starting to pack I looked around and although we haven't accumulated that much, when it came time to load the truck it was amazing how it multiplied. There were times when I would take a box out and when I came back there were two in its place or so it seemed.

As soon as you know your new address and the date you will be moving, let the post office know along with utility companies and any other agencies or organizations you are affiliated with.

It's been a few weeks since we've moved and we're still getting settled in. Our lifestyle is somewhat getting back to normal and we've met a lot of nice people. Divot (our Australian Shepherd) has had some trouble adjusting and one morning left a few surprises in the lower level on our new carpet. (I think we'll have to find some geese for her to chase). My wife grew up in a small town so I'm the one who is dealing with culture shock. We're living just outside Redwood Falls, it has a population of 5,100 which is a good-sized town and we have all the modern conveniences — running water, indoor plumbing, a Dairy Queen not far away — but I've lived in the big city my whole life and I'm still trying to get used to looking out my windows and seeing haybines and bailers drive by within feet of my house. Just the other night I was standing outside and couldn't help but notice the incredible display of stars and it was right about then I felt that I could get used to this "country livin'"
Here's a Hole-by-Hole View of North Links GC

By JERRY STORJOHANN
Superintendent, North Links Golf Course

North Links Golf Course is a 6,073 yard, 18-hole public course with a two-hole practice facility and driving range. It is part of The Wilson Golf Group, owned by Ken and Ruth Wilson. This is a links style course with small trees and natural rough areas (no mow areas). This course was built to challenge all levels of golf with four different sets of tees, sloping greens, narrow fairways and many bunkers. Many upgrades have been and are being done to the facility since purchased by Ken Wilson two years ago. Look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, August 17 and hope everyone can make it.

This is a brief description of NLGC.

1 479 Yards Par 5
Dogleg right with sand and grass bunkers bordering left side of fairway. Water hazards on both the left and right side of fairway that will grab a mis-hit approach shot. Green slopes from back to front.

2 318 Yards Par 4
This is the second shortest par 4 on the course. Straight away hole with a narrow green placed in front of a deep ravine to collect long approach shots.

3 151 Yards Par 3
A ravine on two sides borders this hole. It features a double green shared with hole 12—a similar par 3. The tee shot must carry a large bunker that fronts the green and also stay below the hole to avoid a slippery putt on a severely sloping green.

4 377 Yards Par 4
Hole 4 starts by crossing a 220-foot suspension bridge that spans a deep ravine. Large trees line left side of the fairway. Bunkers guard both sides of the fairway. Easy approach shot to green with a bunker left side of green.

5 386 Yards Par 4
Easy par 4. Slight dogleg right with fairway bunkers on right side. Narrow green with bunker on right front.

6 352 Yards Par 4
Dogleg right with trees bordering right side of fairway, bunkers on left side of fairway. Easy approach shot to medium-sized green.

7 497 Yards Par 5
Right side of one of the longest par 5s is lined with trees. Hole starts out straight, dogleg right with approach shot of 100-125 yards over pond to reach small, narrow-sloped green.

8 108 Yards Par 3
Really short par 3 with a bunker to left and front of green. Backdrop consists of dense woods waiting to catch shots that fly too far.

9 365 Yards Par 4
Tee shot through a chute of trees to a large landing area. Out-of-bounds stakes guard right side of this hole. Bunkers guard left and right side of undulating green.

10 307 Yards Par 4
Shortest par 4 on the course. Water hazards on right side of fairway and behind green, with a bunker on left side of green makes this a short

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but challenging par 4.

11 327 Yards
Par 4
A light dogleg left with water hazards all around tee. Narrow landing area, easy approach shot to severely sloped back to front green, with bunker left front.

12 154 Yards
Par 3
Almost a mirror image of adjacent hole number 3 but with a more severe slope from back to front. Keep the ball below the hole to avoid a very slippery downhill putt.

13 487 Yards
Par 5
Hole starts out straight, then doglegs left with dense tree line on left side of fairway and bunkers on right. The green has steep undulations with a small left front bunker.

14 414 Yards
Par 4
Longest par 4 on the course. Narrow fairway with nice landing area and no surprises. Grip it and rip it! Green is challengingly sloped and guarded by three bunkers, one on the left and two on the right.

15 497 Yards
Par 5
This hole is the same distance as number 7 — the longest two holes on the course. Narrow fairway doglegs left, no mow areas on both sides of the rough, beware of long grass. Small sloped green with a large deep bunker left front.

16 164 Yards
Par 3
Longest par 3 on course. Straight forward hole. Large sloped green with bunkers guarding right front and side. No mow areas bordering green surround.
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In addition to an extremely busy work schedule, Matt has found the time to continue his work in the United States Army Reserves. He has been with the Army Reserves for 8½ years and holds the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Matt is the recipient of the NCO (Non-Commissioned Officer) of the Year Award for the 3rd BDE, 104th Division for 1998; he was nominated by his superiors to compete against other NCO's from the Western United States.

Matt fully intends to hold this award again in 1999! The amount of studying is 3-4 intense months. Matt is an instructor for Det.1, 3rd Brigade, 104th Division. He instructs classes on Military Occupational Specialties as well as courses in Leadership. In addition, Matt and his fiancée Shelly Erickson find time to enjoy a game of golf, camping and hiking.

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