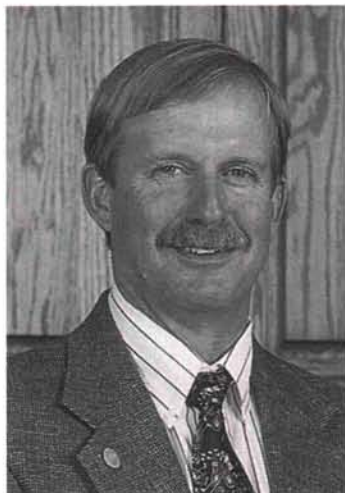


# JIM MCNAIR -N- ORCHARD VALLEY GOLF COURSE

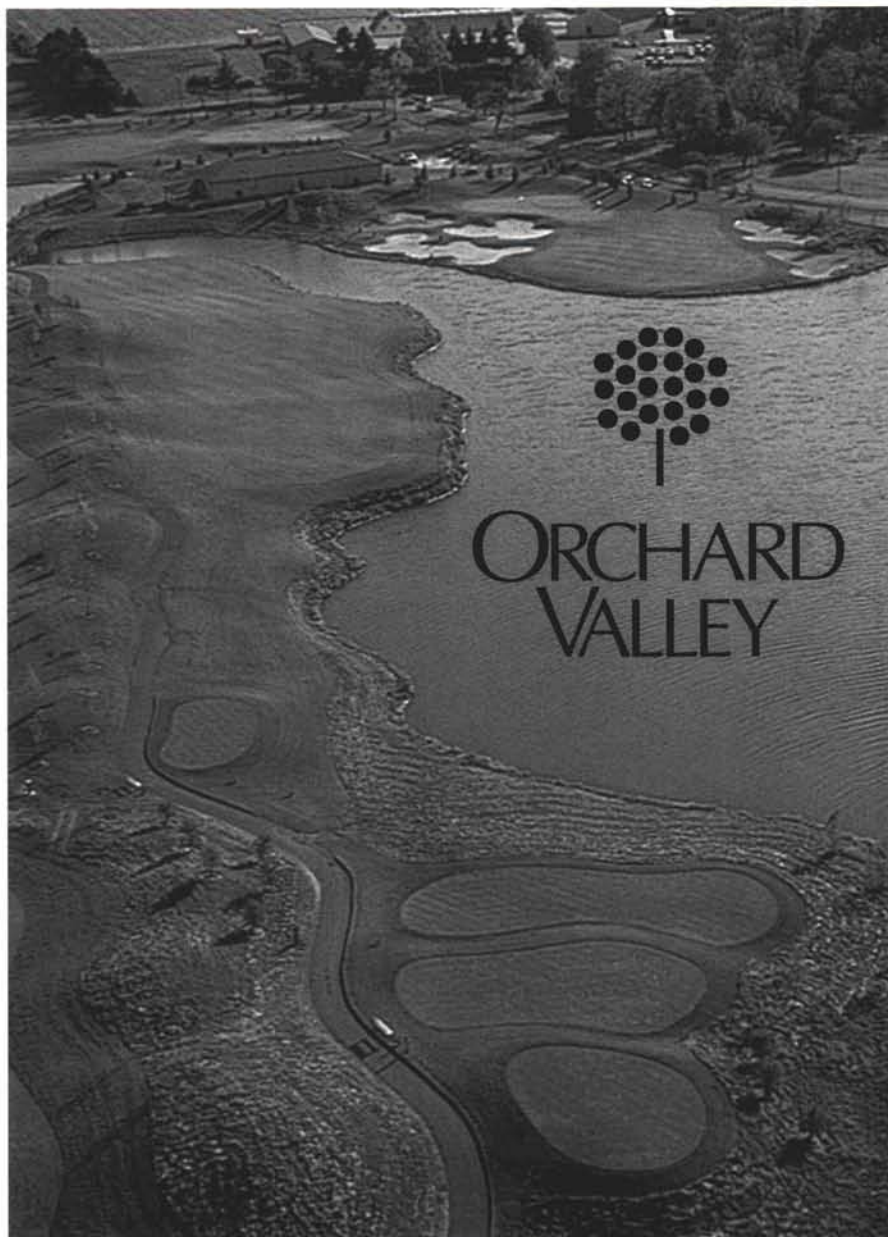


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Just when you think the fireworks are over, they'll continue. July 7 at Orchard Valley G.C., Jim McNair, CGCS, is happy to extend the 4th of July weekend by hosting the MAGCS golf event.

Orchard Valley, owned and operated by the Fox Valley Park District, was built in 1992 and opened for play in July of 1993. Designed by Ken Kavanaugh, the course features several different looks. With 50 acres of wetlands, there'll be several demanding tee shots, while the seven-acre waste bunker gives a few holes that "desert" look.

Jim has been at Orchard Valley since construction and prior to that was superintendent at Fox Bend for 23 years. This year, Jim's project of educating his golfers on the benefits of soft spikes has been very successful. Being a public golf course that averages 33,000 rounds a year, the golfing public wearing soft spikes will be very beneficial. Last fall, Jim took on the big task of cleaning up all of his tall fescue areas. According to Jim, the greatest reward that



*15th hole at Orchard Valley. It's a layup to the left for most; but big hitters can try to carry 200+ yards of water.*

comes with his present position is "being able to work at a well-designed facility."

With a bachelor of science degree in education from Bradley University, Jim has been able to mold one of the smartest crews in the Midwest. With his free time, Jim likes to bike and rollerblade with his three kids: Dan, 23, Carrie, 19, and Matt, 12. In

August, Jim will hit that half-century mark.

So, let's continue the 4th of July weekend celebration at Orchard Valley G.C. I'm sure the hospitality of Jim and the golf course staff will make that day very special! ■