

Dan Albaugh -N- Ruffled Feathers Golf Club

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It was indeed a pleasure to visit with Dan Albaugh, superintendent of Ruffled Feathers Golf Club, and tour the golf course.

Ruffled Feathers is an upscale gated community providing 18 holes of challenging golf. The course was designed by Pete Dye and his son P.B. Dye. It is believed to be their first joint venture in golf course design. There are 28 acres of federally protected wet lands throughout the golf course; and in cooperation with the Audubon Society Adopt-a-School Program, Ruffled Feathers is seeking help from Lemont Township High School in the management of these areas. The golf course has five sets of tees, and its most challenging rating is 73.1-134 slope from the black tees at 6,878 yards. The golf course recently became the home of the Illinois PGA and is managed by American Golf Corporation.

A golf course of this quality could not be successful without help from Dan's assistant, Joe Franssen. Another member of Dan's crew is Bubba, his Chesapeake Bay retriever, whose responsibility is goose control—a large task, indeed, with all the water and wetlands on the property.

This is Dan's fourth year at Ruffled Feathers. He started working on golf courses at a very young age with his father, Julie Albaugh, superintendent at Westmorland Country Club. Dan also served as assistant superintendent to the late Bruce Sering at Glenview Club for eight years. He holds two bachelor of science



Bubba and Dan Albaugh

degrees from Southern Illinois University. One degree is in geography, and the other degree is in plant science. He also earned the title of Master Gardener and

presently serves on the Education Committee for MAGCS. His favorite pastime is deer hunting with bow and arrow where he holds three Pope and Young bowhunting records for North American white-tailed deer. One of Dan's prized possessions is a 1979 Harley motorcycle.

The design and character of Ruffled Feathers will be an excellent test of golf for the MAGCS championship participants. Bring an ample supply of golf balls in case you stray from the 40 acres of bent grass fairways. Dan is looking forward to hosting the tournament September 22, 1997. The members of MAGCS extend their appreciation to Ruffled Feathers for their generosity. ■



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