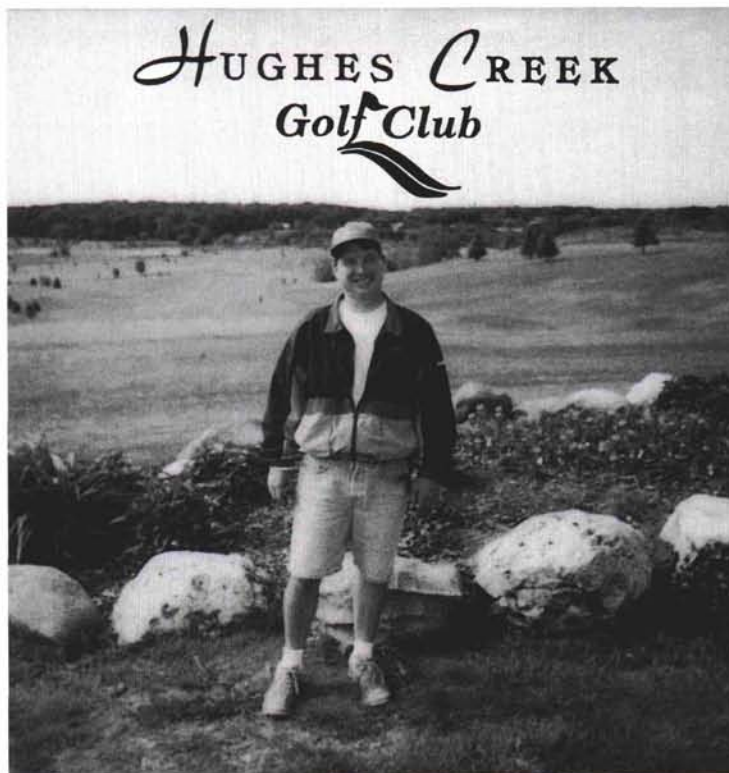


# David Braasch -N-



David Braasch, superintendent of Hughes Creek Golf Club.

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This month's "Super -N-Site" stars Dave Braasch of Hughes Creek Golf Club. Hughes Creek is the site of our July 20 MAGCS meeting. This is a repeat performance at Hughes Creek with our last meeting being held there in 1995.

Hughes Creek was built and is owned by one of our own, Mr. Dave Meyer. It is situated on the rolling hills of Elburn. The course plays to 6,506 yards and has a course rating of 71.4 with a slope of 118. It is an open course, and the wind could be a factor when we play on the 20th.

Dave has been the superintendent since two weeks before our last meeting at Hughes Creek.

With a wide grin on his face, Dave states that this time he will be able to have more of an influence on the course setup and conditions.

Dave is a "working superintendent" and is on the golf course constantly. His hands-on management style is ideal for the Hughes Creek operation. He has a seasonal crew of nine, and as we know, training and delegation are important factors to insure that the course is in top condition. This is something that Dave takes great pride in.

Dave grew up on the south side in Chicago Heights. It was in high school that he went to work at Idlewild for Ted Mochel. He spent his summers working on the golf course and upon graduation took Mochel's advice and studied

Turf Management at Joliet. He graduated in 1990 and continued to expand his knowledge by interning and working for several South Side superintendents, including Dave Ward.

He felt that he could better prepare himself for a career as a golf course superintendent by returning to school, so he enrolled at Illinois State. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Plant and Soil Science. He worked as an assistant at Eagle Brook before taking the position at Hughes Creek. Dave is single and lives in Naperville. His hobbies include playing golf and doing what most red-blooded single men like to do. 