

Tim Anderson -N-



Linda, Tim, Rachel and Hannah at Rachel's first communion.



The monthly meeting for June takes us south to Prestwick Country Club. Built in 1963 and opened in 1964, Prestwick C.C. has been under the care of only two superintendents. Past president of the MAGCS Dick Trevarthan oversaw the construction by Wadsworth, served as grow-in superintendent and retired before Tim Anderson took the helm in November of 1996. Designed by Lawrence Packard, Prestwick lies in the flood plain of otherwise-developed property of Arthur McIntosh. Mr. McIntosh sold the golf course to the original charter members in 1983, making it a private, member-owned, equity country club.



Linda and the girls in Maui.

Since Prestwick C.C. was built in a flood plain, you may be surprised to know that the highest point in Will County is also part of the country club's property. Perched atop this vantage point is where you may find Tim Anderson if the flood waters rise. Thirty-nine-year-old Anderson is a native of Kansas City, Missouri. Tim and wife, Linda, moved to Naperville after she finished her residency in K.C. Yes, Linda is a doctor, and a successful one. You may ask yourself, why would the husband of the head of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at Edwards Hospital have a job at all, let alone a job as superintendent of a course situated in a flood plain? No, he isn't brain-damaged: contribution and dedication is the answer. As a former employer tells it, Tim had shoulder surgery one summer; his employer said it was no big deal and they would work around it. The surgery required a pillow that was in place under his arm to keep the shoulder in position. One irrigation leak later, and Anderson is in the hole, pillow and all, digging away. When the boss arrives on the scene, the pillow is dirty and sweaty and Tim is busy digging pretty effectively with one arm. "He is one of the hardest-working, most intelligent people I know," claims a former employer and friend.

Tim's dedication is a result of his late father and hero, Phillip Anderson. "He taught me to be honest, hard-working, to be your best at what you do, and to have time for your family." Tim and Linda have two daughters: Rachel, 10, and Hannah, 8. When they are not at home playing with "Fur Ball" the cat, they may be headed to compete in rhythmic gymnastics. Anderson says the girls enjoy the gymnastics and fundraising for events and competitions. The activity keeps them busy and gives them a sense of accomplishment. The Anderson family also enjoys traveling, be it back to Kansas City to visit family

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or Mexico, a vacation they take every year. "We like the beach, sand, and water," says Tim. "But in our business, vacations in the summer are not an option." Mexico offers the Andersons the warm weather and summer fun in December. Tim says his girls are like little fish and love to swim and play in the water. The Andersons took a trip to Napa this year for the first time; other trips have included Denmark and several to Hawaii.

Tim started work on the golf course during high school, when he spent summers at Melburn Country Club in Kansas City. He continued to work summers there through his college days, when he attended

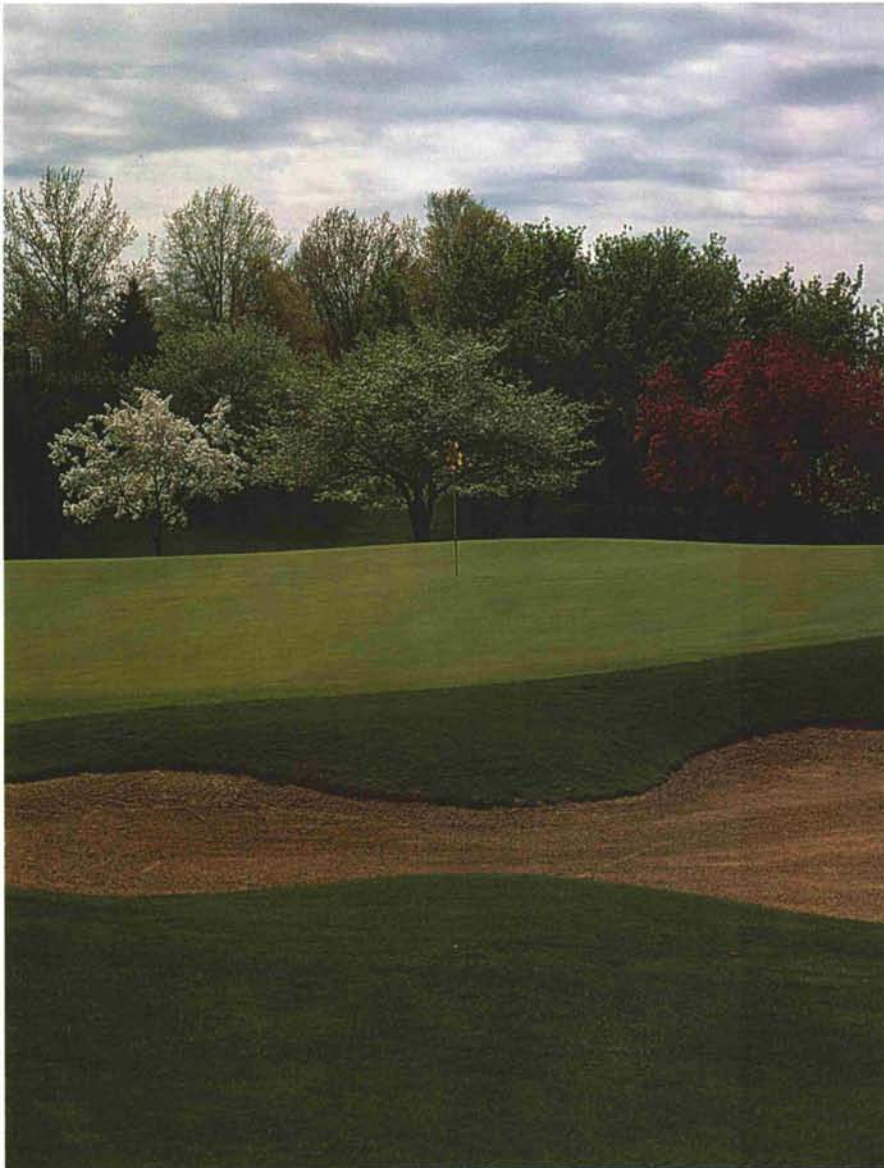
Rockhurst College in pursuit of a biology degree. After Rockhurst, he knew he wanted to pursue a golf career, so off to Penn State he went for the two-year turf program. Finishing Penn State, Anderson moved back to K.C. to work at Melburn once again, this time as assistant superintendent. Soon, he moved to nearby Loch Lloyd Country Club, again as assistant superintendent.

In 1993, Linda received an opportunity in Chicago; rumor has it Tim was ready to take a superintendent job at a private club in K.C., but dedication to wife and family took a front seat. The Andersons would head for the Windy City and Tim

found himself at Naperville Country Club soaring to new heights—literally (doubling as aerial photographer). The winds of change would blow for the Andersons again in 1996, when Tim accepted his current position. He remembers seeing all the pumps around the facility and thinking, "Hmm, sure are a lot of pumps around this place, wonder what they are for?" Prestwick C.C. is the watershed for about 7,000-8,000 acres surrounding it. Without much in the way of elevation change, a foot of water can flood massive areas of the course. What does having a course in a flood plain teach you? To ask the flood question in the job interview, Tim jokes.

Seriously, though, Prestwick's crew must be caught up at all times. "If the course floods, you will lose a week of routine maintenance. Any time it rains the drains must be checked and cleaned." Prestwick has in the neighborhood of 200 drains and Tim is fortunate that foreman Marcos Camargo knows each and every one of them. Marcos has been at Prestwick since Dick Trevarthan was there. In fact, Tim says he is fortunate that he has several key crew members that really keep Prestwick up and running. This "key team" includes Harry Schmidt, who is a second-generation golf course mechanic. "Harry is the best mechanic in Chicagoland," boasts Tim. Superintendent Anderson is also grateful to have Bob Cunningham as his assistant and Carlos Hernandez as another foreman. "These guys are the ones who run the show," says Tim. "I am just a puppet." Tim is grateful to have such good employees and speaks very highly of those working behind the scenes.

When the waters do rise, Prestwick is flooded by the mighty Hickory Creek, which may or may not have water in it when Midwest members play there June 16. Members of Prestwick are beginning to finalize a long-range plan for renovations. Since coming on in 1996, Tim and his crew have renovated all the green bunkers and surrounds with the design direction of architect Bob Lohmann. Tim has also replaced a majority of the bridges, expanded the



Hole no. 1 at Prestwick Country Club.

irrigation system and put in miles of drain tile. Current projects include expansion of the drain-tile fields.

Prestwick Country Club has more than just the potential to flood as its claim to fame. Prestwick has a mature stand of oaks aged about 200 years, which tower in one pocket of the course. In 1994-95, the tree inventory was taken and Chris Bachtell recorded the largest hawthorne tree in the state. The hawthorne can be found on the 15th hole near the tee; remember to stick your camera in your bag before heading down. While you are contemplating the compartment to house your camera, make sure it is accessible. Prestwick and the subdivision house a few celebrities. Jim Evans and Dave Ferris both worked at Prestwick early in their careers. Bernie Mac resides in the subdivision when not shooting "The Bernie Mac Show," and before jamming out "Mister Roboto," Dennis DeYoung of Styx grew up in the sub.

While we are on the subject of jamming out, don't let the mild-mannered façade Tim Anderson fronts fool you. Under the quiet, soft-spoken exterior lies a wild beast. If a flash of color races past you on I-55, it just may be Tim on his high-performance motorcycle. He can be identified by the tattoo on his ankle. More rumors claim most of this wild side was left in Kansas City in the alleys behind the barbeque joints. If you head that way, Tim recommends Gates & Sons or Bryants BBQ as two of the best K.C. has to offer. Kansas City is slower. It's a small town that Tim associates with family. The fast pace of Chicago is very different, but doesn't bother the Anderson family. "I have grown accustomed to the pace of Chicago," claims Tim, who enjoys the fact that you can "drive an hour and be in a different world." The lakefront and the downtown area are favorites of the Anderson family.

Tim served on the Education Committee of the Midwest Association

for two years before a Board vacancy opened up. He has served on the Board for two-and-a-half years now. Tim is currently serving as Arrangements Committee chair. What does he like about Board work? "It gives you a chance to give back to the Association," he says. That answer was not a surprise coming from Tim; it seems anyone you talk to who knows him will emphasize what a hard-working and giving person he is. Tim also believes that serving on the Board of Directors rounds a person out as a professional. The members at Prestwick recognize and support his Board involvement, a way of paying your dues to the Association as Tim puts it.

We would like to thank our host of this month's meeting. Please introduce yourself to Tim and personally thank both him and his crew for the work involved with preparing for our event. While you are at it, congratulate him on the recent (May 14th) 15th anniversary of his nuptials with Linda.



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