

MIDWEST BREEZES

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Geneva Golf Club, Ed Braunsky, CGCS

Geneva Golf Club was founded in 1900 and built by James Foulis Jr., the first golf professional at Chicago Golf Club and winner of the second U.S. Open. Remarkably, in the 107-year history of Geneva Golf Club only three superintendents have cared for the course: Frank Mastroleo, charter member of the GCSAA, Albie Staudt, long time stalwart and past president of the MAGCS, and current Superintendent and also Past President of MAGCS, Ed Braunsky, CGCS.

There is a rich tradition and history at Geneva Golf Club, and with that in mind the club hired Dave Esler in 2006 to

remodel the tees and bunkers to a more vintage style. The tees were built with a 7-2-1 Waupaca growing medium, and seeded to Penncross. The greenside faces of the bunkers were grassed with four-year old fescue sod. The sod was cut as deep as the sod cutter could go down, and stapled on to the perimeter of the bunkers, generally one to two rows wide. Ed reports that the fescue sod established very well, and he has mown the fescue just once in the spring and once again in the fall with a hedge trimmer. **-OC**



One of the major changes at Geneva GC, increasing tee space and squaring off the corners.



Fine fescue now lines each bunker face on the golf course. Mr. Braunsky, CGCS and Geneva GC will host a MAGCS Scholarship Fundraiser in July of 2008, plan to come and see the changes in person.