

HOW SWEET IT IS!

From the August 21st sports page of the **Sheboygan Press** comes a quote from a true gentleman. The gentleman is Jeff Radder, green committee chairman at Sheboygan Country Club, and the comment came following a second round of golf in the state open at Brynwood Country Club which gave Jeff a 5-shot lead. He had fashioned the lead with some outstanding putting (30 putts in the first round and 31 putts in the second round) and was very complimentary of Brynwood and Steve Blendell. The quote, however, was also directed toward Rod Johnson. Radder credited his putting and the work of Rod Johnson, Golf Course Superintendent at his home in Pine Hills, for his two sub-par rounds.

"The greens at Pine Hills are as fast and hilly as these and Pine Hills is in such good shape that I didn't have to change anything to play well here," said the soft-spoken Radder.

Jeff has a strong connection to golf course management. After a degree in business from Purdue University, Jeff considered a career change that would get him closer to golf. He took course work at the UW—Madison under the guidance of Dr. Jim Love and worked part-time at Blackhawk Country Club. From there he moved to Brynwood to work with Bob Bolz for a period of time. Since then, he has devoted himself to the Pine Hills golf course. It has obviously paid off.

Asked for a reaction to the quote, Johnson only said, "Some things are better than sex or money!" Many of Rod's friends are wondering what that "ink" cost him.

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"ARNIE DAY" AT SENTRYWORLD

By Bill Roberts

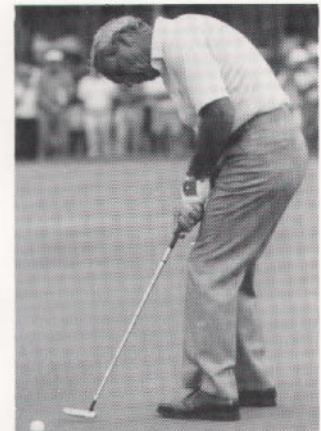
Although officially billed as the Sentry Challenge Cup, there was never any doubt that the main event at SentryWorld on August 27th was Arnold Palmer. The man who became the game came to Stevens Point, along with five other "names" from the world of golf and played for \$50,000.00.

Actually, when the sixsome finished the match, which pitted Palmer, Betsy King and David Marr against Jan Stephenson, Miller Barber and Bob Toski, King and Company left with \$53,000.00 to split for the day's effort. The 5,000 plus sellout crowd left with an even greater respect and appreciation for "the man" and his game and the SentryWorld staff stayed with pride in knowing that they had provided the ideal environment for the event.

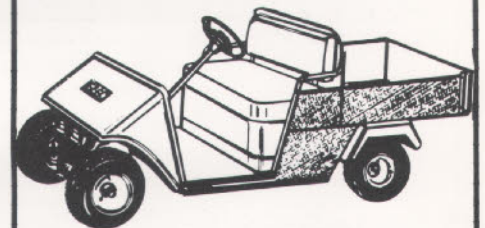
The Challenge Cup was a great motivator, an occasion to point for and, in the end, a lot of fun to be a part of. Logistically, there was parking and food stands and pro shops and staking and roping and signs and camera angles. Course preparation called for double cutting greens and tees and fairways and all roughs mowed within two days and proper pin placements and yardages and "trimming around all those trees." Timing of assignments and coordination and transporting of staff was imperative. The match was not the "challenge," preparation for and implementing the event became the challenge, and it was met by people like Rick Fedie, Kevin Roland, Mike Burns, Gary Tanko, Jane Johnson, Joe Wozniak and John Stack and the rest of the SentryWorld Golf Course/Grounds staff.

Once the day started, and there was really no stopping it anyway, the long hours, lack of sleep and endless meetings were forgotten. The thrill of standing on a tee and seeing 2,000 people surrounding a Par 3 or 4,000 people lining a Par 5 as they waited for Arnold Palmer to hit his next shot became the reward.

The golf itself was not the National Open. The men, playing from 6600 yards were led by Palmer's 75, followed by Barber's 76, Toski's 80 and Marr's 81. Betsy King, the 1984 LPGA leading money winner, beat the field with an outstanding 70, two under par while Stephenson slipped to 74 after a 34 on the front side. The scores ultimately, however, did not matter to the galleries or to the staff. Arnold was there and Miller, David, Bob, Betsy and Jan helped out. Jan Stephenson definitely helped out. But the Sentry Challenge Cup was unofficially known as "Arnie Day" from the beginning and that is the way it will be remembered.



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