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one professional
to another...**



TALK ABOUT A GOOD FRIEND!

Tom Butler, sports columnist for the Wisconsin State Journal, had a nice visit with Andy North just before Andy flew off to New Zealand. He and his family were invited there for some competitive golf and some relaxation and, as he mentioned at our Symposium, they were there through Thanksgiving. The article written by Butler was really good and gave readers a feeling of what Andy North is all about. It was an interview that probably was much like North's luncheon appearance with us in Milwaukee last October.

North took the opportunity to express some thoughts that will flatter all of Wisconsin's Golf Course Superintendents. During the conversation about how much he loves and enjoys Madison and Wisconsin and how he intends to stay here, Andy got around to the subject of golf courses. He thinks the people of Madison and of Wisconsin are spoiled; they don't appreciate what they have here. "Even the golf courses, public and private, are superior to most

places," he said, "and people still gripe about them."

"I get tired of people complaining that this isn't right or that isn't right or there's nothing to do here in town or the golf courses are this or the Civic Center isn't very good," he said. "There are golf courses in Dallas and Los Angeles and on the East Coast where a membership at a course like Odana Hills (municipal 18 hole golf course in Madison) would cost \$20,000 a year."

Dr. David Cookson made some very similar remarks about the quality of the playing conditions on Wisconsin's golf courses in the Spring 1985 issue of the WSGA "Amateur Golfer." That same column was reprinted in the GRASS ROOTS' "A Players Perspective." These two men are in as good a position as anyone else to make these kind and valid comments about the job being done by Wisconsin's Golf Course Superintendents for the costs involved. We are fortunate they are willing to share their feelings publicly.

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