

Planning Ahead for 1976

The year 1976 could well be one of the big years in Minnesota Golf as to start the year off, in February 1976, the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association will be host to the Annual Meeting of the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America. That is a major event, for example, this year, in Anaheim, California, there were in excess of 5000 members of the GCSAA and their wives attending the Conference and Show.

The meetings and exhibits will be in the Minneapolis Auditorium with the social events and entertainment at various places in our area. The MGCSA is highly thought of by the GCSAA and it is hoped that one of the MGCSA members will be on the Board of the GCSAA when the conference is here. As everyone knows, when you host an event as large and important as this one, there is a lot of good old hard work in making preparations, but the MGCSA is a well organized group and will be very capable of handling the job.

Another golfing event that could follow the GCSAA Conference is the United States Golf Association Public Links Championship. The Bunker Hills Golf Course located in Coon Rapids has been unsuccessful in two previous attempts to have this championship played on their course, extend another invitation to the USGA for the 1976 Championship.

Bob Ulsaker, a member of the United States Golf Association Public Links Committee, will extend the invitation of the City of Coon Rapids at the meeting of the Public Links Committee during the tournament At Pasadena.

This writer cannot see how the USGA Public Links Committee can do anything but accept this invitation as this championship has not been awarded to the Midwest since it was played in Indianapolis in 1972. Since then it was played at the Flanders Valley Golf Course in Flanders, N. J. in 1973, in Pasadena in 1974 and to Hawaii in 1975.

Bunker Hills Golf Course is a championship course which can be played from 6500 yards to over 7000, depending on how the committee in charge want to play it. The course has 57 sand traps, three lakes that come into play on six holes, an executive 9 hole course

in addition to the championship 18 hole course, a new club house which houses a pro shop, a very fine restaurant and lounge, a locker room, handball and paddle ball courts. There is adequate parking space available. Motel accommodations are within ten minutes from the course and the course has been highly recommended by one of the USGA Agronomists, Mr. Lee Record, and if awarded this event they can be sure of a well conditioned course as this feature will be supervised by Golf Course Superintendent Clem McCann, one of the best in the business. Other things around the pro shop, club house locker room etc. will be handled by the Pro-Manager, Dick Tollette, a very capable individual, and you will enjoy the food and atmosphere in Marv's restaurant and lounge.



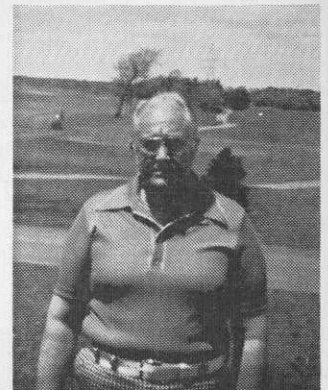
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