

ST.CLOUD C.C. HOSTS MAY MEETING

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The St. Cloud C.C. was started in the early 1900's at the present Veterans Hospital location in St. Cloud. In 1919 the club purchased its present location next to the Mississippi River. The club's first greenskeeper, Chris Nelson, began work on the course which was next to his farm which includes our present back five holes as well as part of the Mississippi River flood plain. In 1946 Cliff Vohs, a life-member of the MGCSA, began work as head greenskeeper, holding his position for thirty years. In 1958 and 1959 three holes were reconstructed on an old dump site and the additional nine was constructed. In 1968 our new clubhouse was built with our practice green being built on pure sand over the old clubhouse site. Our swimming pool was bought from the Edina Country Club, cut in half and trucked up to St. Cloud.

We have hosted in the last ten years the 1971 and 72 State PGA Tournaments, the 1971 MGA Junior Championship, the 1973 MGA Amateur Championship and the largest State Pro-Am which was held September 11-14, 1980 and will be continued annually. We are currently instituting a sand topdressing program which was reaffirmed by the August 1980 visit by the USGA North Central Greens Section agronomist, Stanley Zontek, upon his assessment of our soil conditions. Since 1979 we have upgraded our equipment inventory, installed an automatic greens irrigation system with improved pumping capabilities, and are currently striving to upgrade our greens and tees. Overall, we maintain our 18-Hole course, the club house grounds, the swimming pool, six tennis courts and our golf cart fleet.

The St. Cloud Country Club is in the southwest portion of St. Cloud, just about one-half mile from I-94 at the St. Augusta exit. I would like to invite all members and non-members in our area to visit our course on May 11, 1981.

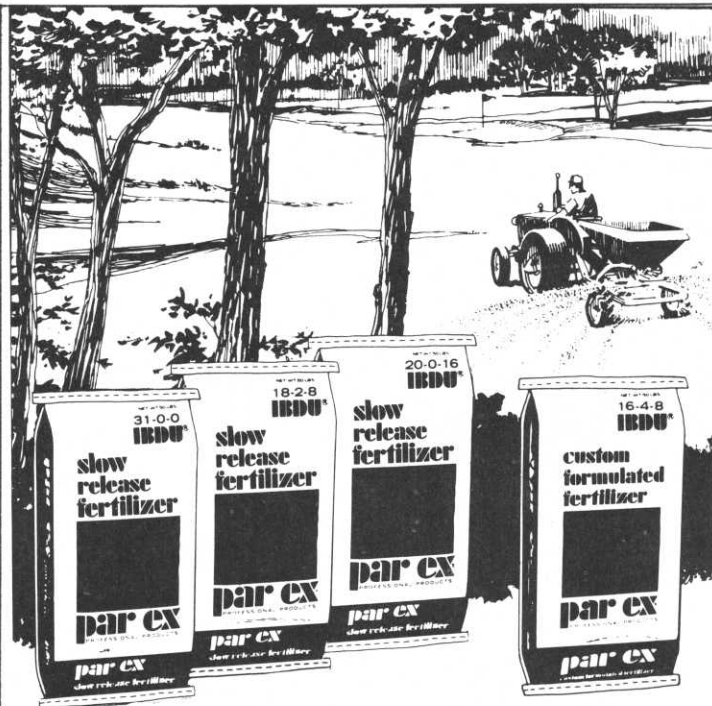
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