

their vandalism plans while they were at an area gas station. The gas station attendant is an avid golfer and overheard their plans for Braemar that evening. When they left he phoned police who were at the course before the vandals arrived. With lights out and car hidden, one partolman was waiting by the clubhouse. The vandals arrived and parked away from the clubhouse and proceeded to throw accessories from the course in the lakes and do damage to greens and tees. The lone policeman hearing that many vandals on the course called for reinforcements from Eden Prairie and Bloomington which borders our course. They also had police dogs.

Eventually the vandals got to the clubhouse area and wrecked a refreshment stand, tried to break the golf cars out and set off the alarm in the pro shop. When that went off all seven scattered different directions. To their unfortunate surprise the place was surrounded. Some went to their car and were immediately apprehended. Others were chest high in muck in the swamp, hiding. The dogs had no problem with them.

Needless to say, the vandals were flabergasted by all the excitement that evening. They were booked and charged with destroying public property and attempted burglary. They were all members of a U of M fraternity who wanted to outfit their residence with tee markers, ball washers, signs, etc.

I have to believe these young men have learned a lesson and will refrain from any further golf course vandalism. Our congratulations go out to the young man at the gas station and the police for the fine teamwork that evening. The newspaper also did its part to publicize the event and, hopefully, will deter future night time vandalism.

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