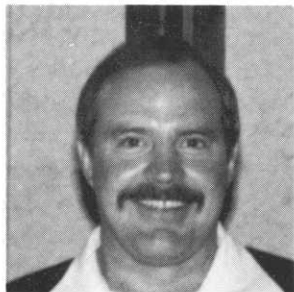


much area the bentgrass takes over.

Compared to poa fairways, all plots were more playable, had better color, and easier to manage at low heights of cut. I invite everyone out to Midland to see our plots. We are going to put the plots under severe stress next season to compare them to poa fairways.



EDITOR'S CORNER

FRED ANDERSON, JR.

Congratulations to our 1985 M.G.C.S.A. Golf Champion John Nylund, Braemar Golf Course, who brought the Golden Valley Country Club to its knees. And that was some undertaking, especially with the "tough" pin placements and weather that

seemed to change almost every hole. So congratulations again, John. A job well done goes to Mike Olson, host superintendent, and your staff for the preparation of Golden Valley Country Club for our event. Also please thank the entire clubhouse staff for the use of facilities and the fine meal and service.

Thanks to Jack Kolb and staff from Turf Supply Company for providing our speaker, Mr. Tom Perkins, and his talk on "Growth Regulators." It's a topic we'll hear and read more about in our industry for years to come. And to last month's HOLE NOTES contributors Jerry Murphy, Somerset Country Club; Kerry Glader, St. Cloud Country Club; and Robert C. Shearman, Department of Horticulture, University of Nebraska.

John Nylund has an update on the vandalism done at Braemar this summer. The seven college students must each make a \$105.00 restitution payment. There were no other charges. Another reminder to send your "blue certification" seed tags to Kerry Glader. He'll collect and forward to the

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I must apologize for my lack of creative juices this month. I have spent many hours with pen in hand and nothing flows. Sorry. See you at the annual conference.

TRANSITION AT STILLWATER

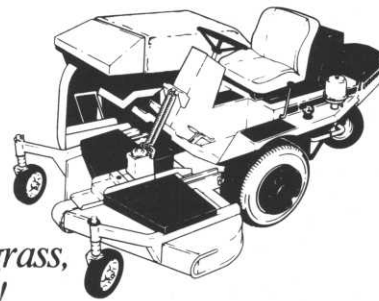
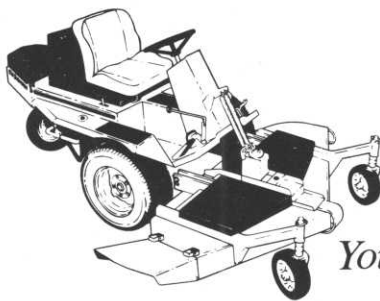
by KEVIN CLUNIS
Superintendent Stillwater Country Club

As winter draws near at Stillwater Country Club I've taken some time to reflect on this past season. My first year here started on a sad note. I replaced the greenskeeper, Lyle Cran, who had worked here for 37 years. I had worked under him during the summers I attended college in

the late 1970's. I remember him as a man who worked hard and never complained. He was hired in 1947 as greenskeeper after one year's experience working on the grounds crew. He learned over the years what worked and what did not and stuck by those values all the time. He changed very little with the times but was successful at his job for doing so. He was able to get by for years with a shoestring and baling wire to keep the machines running. He spent very little money and, thus, kept the dues of the members down. Lyle gained construction experience when Stillwater expanded from nine holes to eighteen holes in 1957. That was the same year I was born.

What really helped Lyle out the most over the years has been the help of volunteers from the club. There were many rock-picking parties right after the construction was over. Lyle never turned down a volunteer worker no matter how big or small a job. One of Lyle's earliest memories was getting enough volunteers to round up a herd of cows that settled upon the lush fairways for grazing! Another
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