

## EDITOR'S CORNER

FRED ANDERSON, JR.

It looks like our luck finally ran out on us as far as having good weather at our Monday outtings. And the rain-out was by no means the fault of Mark Poppitz, Host Superintendent of Island View Golf Club. We were only sorry we could not finish the tourney on his fine course. The tournament has been rescheduled and information will follow from Randy Nelson. Thanks go to your staff Mark and the clubhouse staff for the fine meal and the use of your facilities for the day. And I think everyone that participated in the putting contest did quite well, except myself, but it was still fun.

The "Violet Vulture" was this year's site for the M.G.A. Junior Championship. Our

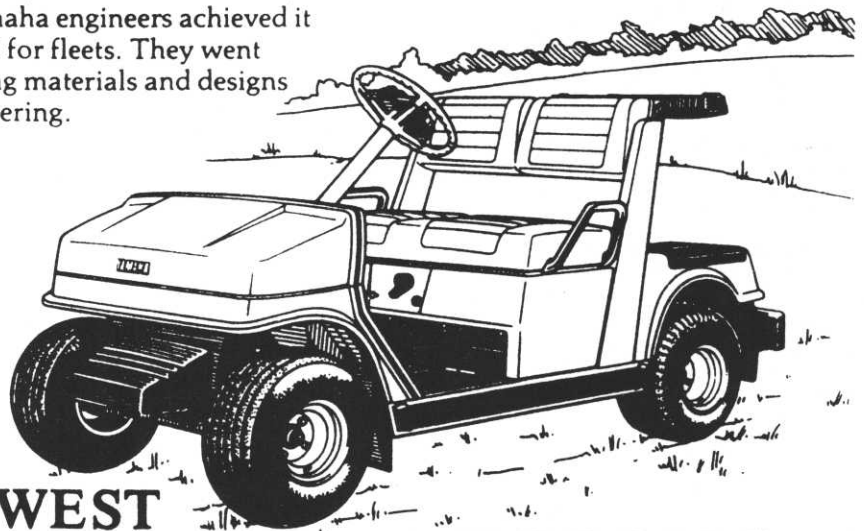
preparation began over a year ago with major dredging and recontouring of two of our ponds and the digging of a bunker on a par three. The fall was extremely wet so there was a lot of rutting by heavy equipment going off and on the course. The dredging material was to remain along side the pond until such time allowing it to dry enough to be pushed where I wanted it (this wouldn't be until late spring due to the nature of the material, clay and peat). I was fortunate in that the construction areas were areas that were not in major playing areas, but seeing this mess everyday was still depressing enough. The bunker, however, was another story. It was named "Anderson Lake" for a while this spring before we could get it drained, tiled and filled. It takes a while to fill with sand when you've taken out 15 dump truck loads. Then, due to wetness of the area plus hand shoveling sand into Cushmans this 1/2 day project took about 2 days. The other areas were disked, harrowed and seeded. Looking at the area now you'd never know that major surgery had been performed months earlier. The rest of the preparation was quite basic but yet something we never have time to do like cleaning-up around the M.G.A.

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medallion, mowing and properly staking O.B. stakes as well as direct and lateral water hazards stakes, changing water in the ball washers, new towels, making sure all bunkers have rakes and trees mowed around. These are many things I know we should do on a regular basis but like I've said sometimes end up on the back burner. Having the M.G.A. staff, Warren, Ross and Guy, there to ensure a properly run tournament will guarantee a successful tournament which it was. Even the weather cooperated. So if your club is ever asked to host an M.G.A. Junior or any other event, don't say no if at all possible. It is a great experience plus doing our part to enhance Minnesota golf.

I'd like to thank the following HOLE NOTE contributors, Doug Mahal, Interlachen Country Club; Ransome Corp. and John Nylund Braemar Golf Club; and to Tom Haugen, Brayton Chemicals for providing one of our speakers and to Kent Kromer, Kromer Company for our other speaker. It really makes for an enjoyable day and we all can learn something.

Don't forget our September 9 member-guest

scramble tournament at Hazeltine National Golf Club, Chris Hague, host, and October 7 meeting at Golden Valley Country Club, Mike Olson, host. Don Lindblad is requesting the 2nd call for names for election of new directors. Please call Don at Majestic Oaks. He usually isn't doing much this time of year so call him with your name. See you at Hazeltine National.

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If all goes well sodding should begin in mid-April and end within 30 days. It is our objective to have 9 greens playable by June 1 and the second 9 holes available by June 15.

Overall the process has been very interesting and rewarding. As a Green Committee our number one concern was to get the support of the membership and help everyone understand that Hazeltine, as many others, is faced with a very uncontrollable situation that would take some extreme measures to correct. This we feel has been accomplished.

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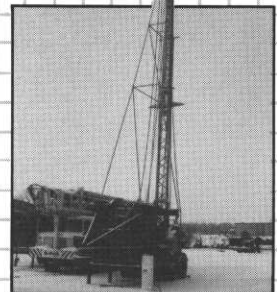
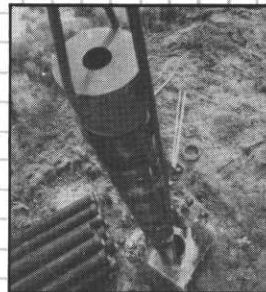
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