

class, and that is my opinion of the type of operation that Wedgewood Valley has attained. Even though there were hints of confusion during the construction phase of the course, I think the end product speaks for itself and is a tribute to Denny Hendrickson and the fine organization he is associated with. I can imagine the many hours of frustration which must have been conquered to complete a project of this magnitude. I think each of us in attendance at the meeting would say to you personally, well done, Denny.

Each of our MGCSA members has received the flyers concerning our annual conference at the St. Paul Radisson. You are again urged to not let the move to St. Paul deter you from attending this very educational conference. MGCSA always has a wealth of knowledge in attendance at this conference and we would like to share it with our membership. However, only by your attendance will you benefit by this information. If you haven't already filled out the housing and pre-registration forms do so today and send them to the appropriate locations.

If this issue of HOLE NOTES makes it to you before our November meeting at Greenhaven I will just say. let's hope for one more great day for golf. Think Spring!

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## Greenskeeper? Groundskeeper? Superintendent!

by W. H. BRAUNIG, JR.  
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Lost Spur Country Club

It seems to me we have an image problem. Not among ourselves, but with the golfing public.

The title "greenskeeper" came from THE KEEPER OF THE GREEN, a man hired to be the pro, superintendent, manager, club maker, stable man and waiter. As his image improved, his duties became teaching, club making and course care. Somewhere in the 1800's the pro-superintendent split into two separate professions. The golf professional's image improved even greater and the superintendent was left with the image and title of the greenskeeper.

That image and title was acceptable and served the "greenskeepers" for a great period of time and by no means should we think lesser of our predecessor, the greenskeeper.

Now days, however, golf has become a very fine tuned game. Professional and amateur alike have demanded better playing conditions; truer and faster greens and so on. To produce such conditions takes a greater amount of knowledge and expertise than that of the old time greenskeeper. Enter the Golf Course Superintendent.

Golf Course Superintendents are much better educated (quite often with a college degree) than the greenskeeper of the past. The Golf Course Superintendent of today is not merely a greenskeeper or a groundskeeper. His is much, much more than either of them. He is a professional in the turf grass management field. So next time someone introduces you as the greenskeeper or groundskeeper, do yourself a favor and correct him. A professional image can only help us!

I would like to thank Turf Supply for its one page "pat on the back" to superintendents in our HOLE NOTES a few months back. I have it posted in our clubhouse and the National's commercials on cable TV this summer were great to see also.

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## MINNESOTA'S GOLFING HERITAGE Prairie View G. C.

by DON GROSS  
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Prairie View Golf Course

Prairie View Golf Course is an 18-hole, par 71 course located 1/2 mile northwest of Worthington, Minnesota, on Highway 266. Construction began in 1981 and was completed in May of 1982. The course opened for play late in the summer of 1983. Tim Westland was course superintendent during the construction and seeding period and I became superintendent in March of 1984.

Prairie View was designed in the traditional linksland found in Scotland with an American emphasis on prairie grasses and flowers. The result is a golf course with a undulating terrain and a