

MINNESOTA'S GOLFING HERITAGE

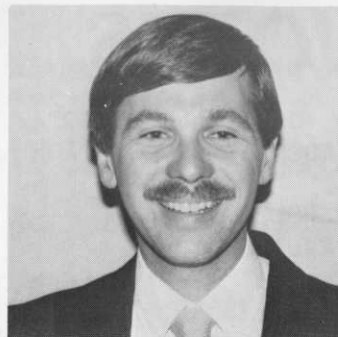
MINNEWASKA GOLF CLUB

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The idea of a golf course for Glenwood (Gateway to the park and lake region of Minnesota) originated in April 1920. The first persons interested in this idea were E. E. Kaldahl and J. E. Griffith. These two donated one summer time to removing rocks from the site overlooking Lake Minnewaska. Mr. Clark of Minneapolis was brought to Glenwood to lay out the original 9-holes. Mr. Aune and Henry Peters of Glenwood were two of the originators who helped furnish the financing and labor needed. Mr. Peters contributed a three section horse drawn lawn mower for the fairways. The land needed for the 9-holes came to 58 acres plus several acres leased to the club by the Minnesota State Game and Fish Commission. The 58 acres cost \$3,231.90. The first greens were sand but the conversion to grass greens came soon after. The cost of the watering system was \$3,000.00. During the winter of 1923 and 1924 the Glenwood Ski Club donated their clubhouse and was moved across the winter ice on Lake Minnewaska at a labor cost of \$150.00.

The ladies of the club (membership 59) furnished the clubhouse with the needed furniture. On April 7, 1930 Tom Vardon (a nationally noted authority on golf and golf course construction) revamped the 9-holes. The par 34 and yardage of 2777 yards was changed to a par 36 and yardage of 3200 yards. In 1968 the original clubhouse was removed and a new structure was built. The Minnewaska Club today has excellent greens and summer rule fairways. The club overlooks Lake Minnewaska and without question boasts of its scenic view as one of the best in Minnesota.

I want to thank Ralph Cheeseman for helping me prepare the history of the Minnewaska Golf Club.



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With the days becoming noticeably shorter and the temperatures cooler, fall projects can begin whether it be aerifying, rebuilding tees and greens or some other special project.

It is also a time for relaxation and to reflect on one of the toughest summers during the past five years. With a summer such as 1987, it is at this time that superintendents should be called golf course managers due to managing the many aspects in our job, striving to be successful. We oversaw fertilizing, watering, chemical application, staffing, budget managing, the general public and/or private sector playing our courses, floods, windstorms and just about anything else Mother Nature could toss our way. In the future I speculate we will again be asked by the National Association to change our title to golf course manager as I feel the title is well earned and we'd gain more respect within our field of business.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual Golf Course Superintendents' Tournament at Edinburgh USA on August 10. The day was a great success. There were 110 golfers playing the course and a few more for dinner. I hope a good time was had by all. A special thanks goes to my crew for the hard work they put forth in preparing Edinburgh USA for this season and for the tournament.

MTI was the distributor for the Annual golf Course Superintendents' Tournament. To them, many thanks for the prize donations of a greens cover and one year's use of a utility cart for closest to the pin on the par three holes. They also generously donated the beverages consumed on the golf course and two kegs of beer at the dinner.