

GOULD TURF DEPARTMENT BECOMES NORTH STAR TURF

Gordy Miller, Dan Miller and Kirby Burmeister have purchased the Turf Department from R. L. Gould and have formed an independent company, North Star Turf.

The Turf Department has operated as a division of R. L. Gould since its inauguration some fifty years ago. As R. L. Gould has grown and changed, it became apparent that the Turf Department must develop into a separate company in order to focus completely on the needs of their turf customers. North Star Turf employees are excited about the change and are committed to establishing an excellent product and service resource for the turf industry.

At this time, North Star Turf has arranged to lease space from R. L. Gould. This will allow North Star to provide uninterrupted service to their customers during the 1988 turf season. The address and phone number will be the same as it has: North Star Turf, Inc., 3711 North Lexington, St. Paul, MN 55126. 612/484-8411.

North Star may be a new company, but the employees are knowledgeable and experienced. Gordy, Dan and Kirby have over 75 years combined experience with the Turf Department of R. L. Gould. Al Gerdin and Jeff Chur-

chill provide valuable knowledge and experience about their products and services.

North Star Turf, Inc. will continue to provide all the same quality lines they have offered in the past. These include Jacobsen, Ryan, Northrup King, Smithco, Par-Aide, Standard Golf, PBI-Gordon and Mallinkroft/Sierra. These are the people and products you have come to know and trust in the past and will be there for you in the future.

HISTORY OF GOLF IN MINNESOTA FARIBAULT GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

by Dale Wysocki, Superintendent
Faribault Golf & Country Club

Faribault Golf and Country Club has its earliest corporate beginnings to March of 1920 under the name of Faribault Realty Co. It remained in operation for 30 years. In 1922 another corporation was organized under the name of Faribault Country Club; this was organized for social and athletic purposes and was intended to be the operating end of a golf club arrangement with Faribault Realty Co. as the owner of the land and the buildings. The original location was located just to the southwest of the center of town in a very hilly area which is quite different from the present location.

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In December 1943 a new corporation was formed, the Faribault Golf and Country Club. The course was located on 32 acres and was quickly becoming surrounded by platted property and improved streets. A committee was formed to find a new location. In 1955 new property was purchased and remains of the current property of the Faribault Golf and Country Club. In developing this new area, basically everything including the clubhouse, the old greens were lifted and moved over to the new location. The old greens had their sod cut and laid on the new course which consisted of nine holes and was designed by Willie Kidd, Sr.

At the time they developed only 80 acres with the idea of developing the other 48 acres. In the early sixties it was decided to develop the remaining 48 acres and to re-design the current nine holes to fit architect Bob Carlson's new design for a championship 18-hole golf course. The new golf holes were 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. Of the original nine holes only 1, 2, 15, 16, 17 and 18 remain intact from Willie Kidd's original design. When the golf course was re-designed an irrigation system was installed for the fairways and greens.

Since the mid-sixties many improvements have taken place, many trees were planted, most of which were donated by the members and to this date we still have members donating trees and tees. The membership continues to remain active. In 1987 a group of members donated a 24' windmill and underwrote the cost of erecting the windmill and drilling the well to assist in sustaining the pond level behind 12 green and the creek in front of 3 green. During other years the Ladies League has donated the funds for the large directional sign by Highway 21 and the tree plaques.

With the continued support of our Board of Directors and the continued guidance of a very excellent Greens Committee, Faribault Golf and Country Club shall remain one of southern Minnesota's finest golf courses.

Adding Flowers to the Golf Course Landscape

by Dr. Lois C. Berg
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Flowers for many years were almost exclusively in separate "flower gardens," whether in private yards, commercial landscapes or public gardens. Landscape architects and contractors traditionally relied on evergreens, deciduous trees and shrubs, turf and a few groundcovers. Flowers were reserved for the avid gardener, and flower gardens were an afterthought to the landscape design.

Times have changed! The fine line that once separated landscaping from gardening has blurred, and more flowers are being used everywhere — not just in flower beds, but as integral parts of the landscape. The increased use of low-maintenance annuals, perennials and bulbs can be seen in the landscapes of gardeners and non-gardeners alike, creating an urban environment that changes dramatically from one season to the next.

These changes are evident on golf courses, too. In the past, flowers were found only near the clubhouse. Bulbs added a spark of color in spring, and summer color was derived from sunny beds of marigolds and geraniums, and from shady beds of impatiens. Recently, the use of flowers on the golf course has expanded greatly. Many golf courses have added perennial gardens, wildflower plantings and non-traditional groundcovers. But even more exciting, there has been an increased emphasis on the use of flowers as specimens, much the same as shrubs have been used in the past.

Flowers have much to contribute to the golf course landscape. One obvious attribute is color — flowers offer an endless array of shades, hues and tints from early spring until hard frost. A second attribute is variety. Flowers vary tremendously in texture, color, size, shape, habit, season of flowering and foliar interest, making possible an infinite number of combinations. A third and perhaps more subtle attribute is the effect of that variety on the landscape. Flowers change dramatically from one season to the next. A landscape of trees and shrubs can be quite constant, but a landscape using flowers changes constantly. Each season has its own look: a touch of color brightens the spring landscape, full color develops in summer, textures emerge in autumn, and the color of flowers gives way to the architecture of trees and shrubs in winter. This change can be a great asset on a golf course relieving the sameness of the view from one

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