

# HISTORY OF GOLF IN MINNESOTA

## TARTAN PARK GOLF COURSE

by Joe Moris  
Superintendent, Tartan Park Golf Course

Purchased by 3M in 1959, Tartan Park is a 483 acre multi use park that includes the following facilities:

- .. Clubhouse with 24,000 square feet
- .. Two large picnic areas that feature pavilions, more than 100 picnic tables, kiddie playgrounds, barbecue grills, fireplace, horseshoes, 4 volleyball courts, softball fields, frisbee courses and blacktopped parking lots.
- .. 2 Hexagon picnic shelters
- .. 27 Hole golf course
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- .. Astronomy Club facility
- .. Ham Radio Club facility

The original 18-hole course opened in 1965. The 1975 rains began a series of flooding which destroyed four holes, only to be rebuilt and destroyed again in 1978. Presently some of these areas are under three feet of water. 3M management decided to build a third nine. The new nine opened in April of '87. Could there be any doubt '86 was a terrific year for establishing new turf? The new nine plays 2880, 3290 and 3515 yards from three sets of tees and provides management with good length adjustment flexibility. Based on the flood control measures installed by 3M and the Watershed District, we feel quite confident that Noah's Ark can remain parked and will not be needed in the foreseeable future.

The new nine has a double row Toro computerized irrigation system with a new 1,600 G.P.M. pumping station which serves the irrigation system and also fills lagoons and dissipates flood waters. The old ski hill was removed with a 42 foot cut. A total of 290,000 cubic yards of material was moved on the total project. Five lagoons were constructed without sealing to be used for hazards and also to percolate storm water excesses. Total project cost was 2 million dollars, which covers about 100 acres, 7,000 square foot average greens, 7,120 feet of 8 foot wide asphalt cart paths, 1,000 trees, 1,140 feet of 35 inch culvert, 20 acres of wild flowers and prairie grass in remote non-rough areas, (some of us that play the real, real wide fairways may get a worthwhile opportunity to

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see these areas - the rest of the players will have to go out of their way), 7,922 square yards of bunkers, 8.6 acres of ponds, 43,000 yards of sod, and relocation of four tennis courts.

The project started with the mass grading construction in October '84, tees and greens construction began in spring '85, irrigation and pumping station were installed in summer of '85, seeding and sodding was done in fall of '85, and the trees were planted by Tartan Park staff in fall of '86 and spring of '87. The project was scheduled to open for play in July of '86, but was delayed by unusually heavy rains late in '85 and throughout the '86 season. The golf course architect was Dick Nugent and the site and flood plane engineering was handled by 3M's civil engineers. We are looking forward to hosting the June monthly meeting.

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