

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.

**RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER!**

*If you know someone, a friend, an assistant, a co-worker who is interested in our association . . . be sure to bring them to our next meeting.*

**SECOND JOHN DEERE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COMPETITION ANNOUNCED**

From May 1 through September 30, 1988, hundreds of teams of amateur and professional golfers again will compete in PGA-sanctioned tournaments across the United States to determine qualifying teams for the second annual John Deere Team Championship tournament to be held at PGA West, Palm Springs, California, in November.

"Last year's Team Championship was a huge success," said Gary Gottschalk, manager of golf and turf products for Deere & Company, "thanks to the hard work of people in the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and The Professional Golfers' Association of America, and many club managers and John Deere golf and turf distributors. Because of their efforts, more than 3200 amateur and professional golfers from more than 800 golf courses were able to enjoy friendly competition for trophies and prizes." Thirty-four sectional teams qualified to compete in the 1987 national finals at PGA National in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The sectional tournaments are the only PGA-sanctioned events that provide an opportunity for a golfing facility to field a team of four golfers composed of a PGA profes-

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sional, a GCSAA superintendent, a club manager and a club president (or two members from the board of directors). Teams in the national tournament include a fifth member from the sponsoring John Deere distributorship.

Plans call for a sectional qualifying tournament in each of the 41 PGA sections. The winning team from each sectional one-day tourney qualifies to play in the 2-day, 36-hole national championship.

The format of sectional tournament play is a "modified scramble." The PGA professional team member plays his own ball. The rest of the scramble team players use the best of three shots until the ball is holed. The team score is the sum of the scores of the scramble team, minus 20 percent of the scramble team's handicap, plus the professional's score. All players must have an established USGA handicap; the maximum handicap an individual may use is 30. Handicaps used in the sectional events will be carried forward to the national tournament.



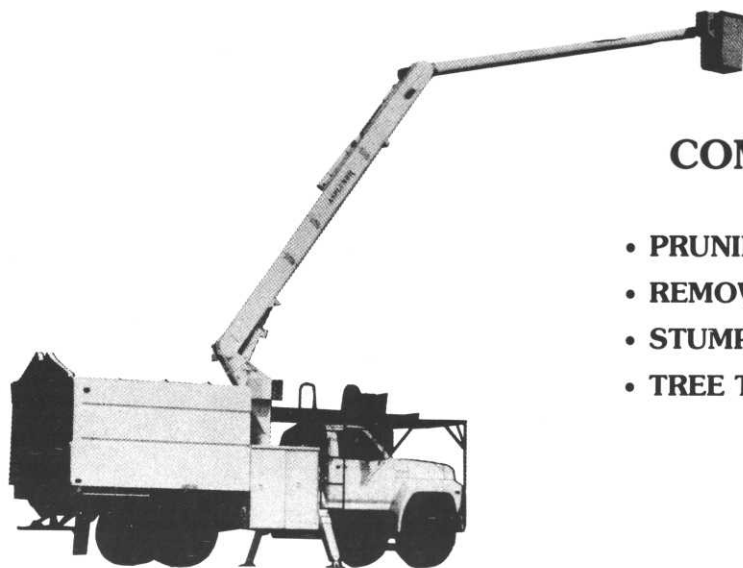
## EDITOR'S CORNER

BRAD KLEIN, CGCS

Oh the spring rains! It seems Kevin Clunis has a direct line upstairs to control the rain, who else could have 100 guests and have the rain stop at the designated tee time. A great day was had by all, I'm sure.

Our next meeting will be at Tartan Park for the annual picnic. This event is sponsored by our associate members and is a great time and place to take your family for a much needed break from all the spring headaches. The picnic is on Monday, June 20.

The second annual Turfgrass Research Tournament is Friday, June 17, and is a great chance for you and your memberships to play one of the finest private clubs in Minnesota. You not only get to play but in the long range, you are supporting what will be a self sufficient Turfgrass Research Foundation.



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