

Jack Kolb Uncovers Interesting MGCSA History

Now that Jack Kolb is working toward his 70th birthday, he considers himself somewhat qualified to do a little contributing as an historian for the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Jack's wife has ordered him to clean out shelves, files and drawers of all outdated and superfluous material that he had accumulated during his affiliation with the Minnesota organization. Some of the material was given to Tom Fischer a few years ago, and Jack has uncovered another gem that he would like to share with the present group.

The document referred to was written as a secretary's report by Erich Pahl, then of Interlachen Country Club. There are club names used in this report that may confuse contemporary members of this Association. An attempt shall be made to explain those that do not sound familiar.

For instance: Northwood Country Club no longer exists; it was up near North St. Paul, just south of highway 36. The clubhouse continued as a supper club for a number of years after the golf course disappeared. Armour Golf Club was named after Tommy Armour and is now Gross Golf Course in the Minneapolis public system. Hilltop Golf Club is a mystery; it's not known whether it was a name change, or a club that went out of business. "The Country Club," presumably is the predecessor of Edina Country Club, since Leonard Bloomquist was the greenkeeper there before moving to Brookview in Golden Valley. Glenwood Municipal Course later became Theodore Wirth.

The following is dated April 28, 1928 and pertains to a meeting held at what was referred to as "The Country Club." The local association at that time was known as "Minnesota Greenskeepers Association" and Erich Pahl wrote the following "PREAMBLE" as a secretary's report:

"Realizing the necessity of a permanent organization in this Northwest District, following a meeting of Greenskeepers at Minikahda Club last summer, it was decided to organize such an association, and a date set for such meetings. Whereupon Mr. James A. Hunter, lessee of The Country Club offered the use of his club for the meeting and also arranged a dinner for the occasion.

There were 17 Greenkeepers present out of a total of 26 clubs in the Twin Cities district.

Charter Members and Clubs were:

Charles Erickson	Minikahda Club, President
Leo J. Feser	Woodhill Country Club, Vice Pres.
Erich W. Pahl	Interlachen Country Club, Secretary
F. G. Anderson	Town and Country Club, Treasurer
Victor Larson	Minneapolis Golf Club
M. P. Schiefner	Somerset Country Club
Mike Sanko	Golden Valley Golf Club
Matthew F. Byrne	Meadowbrook Municipal Course
John Pearson	Armour Municipal Course
Carl Erickson	Glenwood Municipal Course
Emil Anderson	Columbia Municipal Course
Emil H. Picha	Midland Hills Golf Club
John Streed	Hilltop Golf Club
Gustav Olson	Minikahda Club
Leonard R. Bloomquist	The Country Club
Arthur W. Anderson	University Golf Club
J. E. Benson	Northwood Country Club

★ HOCKEY SCHEDULE ★

NEXT SESSION: THURS., JAN. 14, 1993

The Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association Hockey Club have their blades back on.

REMAINING ICE TIME IS AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, January 14	11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.	Augsburg "B" Rink
Thursday, February 11	11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.	Augsburg "B" Rink
Thursday, March 11	11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.	Augsburg "B" Rink

Any association member is welcome to play. Ice time is courtesy of Associate members.

Join us for pizza at Davanni's after the contest.