

TURF, TREES AND TRAPS: A GREAT DAY IN JUNE

Being Host Superintendent and Editor of *HOLE NOTES* gives me a neat perspective into a monthly meeting, especially when the meeting is held on your very own home turf. One hundred ten members of the MGCSA made the trip to Faribault Golf and Country Club. An excellent equipment display was laid out by North Star Turf, and Dr. Tony Koski from Colorado State University was brought in by Turf Supply Co. to give members of the MGCSA a very informative talk about subjects that ranged from "grass mites" to using Polymers in turfgrass. After a terrific lunch, it was time to grab the sticks and attack the golf course, or would the golf course be attacking the golfers? Maybe the latter of the previous sentence is true, but only if you happened to stray into the rough and found a couple dozen pines between you and the green. Putting for dough was the venerable Russ Adams, driving for show was Denny Owen and the most accurate awards went to Harvey Boysen and Steve VanNatta.

On July 13th it's the First Annual Scholarship Scramble at Tartan Park. Host Superintendents Joe Moris and Randy Allen will look forward to seeing you there.

WHY ARE SAND TRAPS CALLED "BUNKERS"?

"Bunker" comes from the Scottish bonker, meaning a chest or box where coal is kept, usually dug into the side of a hill. Often cows would graze in the marshlands adjacent to the old links courses, standing alongside the dunes and creating a depression that reminded Scottish players of these chests. Eventually these area became known as bunkers.

WHY IS THE WORD "BOGEY" USED TO DESCRIBE A SCORE OF ONE OVER PAR?

The term comes from an imaginary Colonel Bogey of the Great Yarmouth Club in England. It is believed that a Major Charles Wellman, while playing against ground score (par), referred to failing to get par as "getting caught by the bogey man," a phrase from a popular 18th Century tune. The members of the club began referring to an imaginary new member, Colonel Bogey, who would always shoot even par. As the game spread to the United States, "bogey" was narrowed to represent a score of one over par on a hole.

WHY IS THE TRADITION OF "HAVING THE HONOR"—ALLOWING THE PLAYER WHO SCORED THE LOWEST ON THE PREVIOUS HOLE TO TEE OFF FIRST—USED, AND WHAT, IF ANY, ADVANTAGE DOES IT BESTOW?

Having the honor is part of the rules, establishing a uniform system of order for playing first off the tee. To hit first can be a distinct advantage, as a good shot may put pressure on an opponent.

WHY IS THE WORD "DIVOT" USED TO DESCRIBE A PIECE OF EARTH DISLODGED BY A CLUB STROKE?

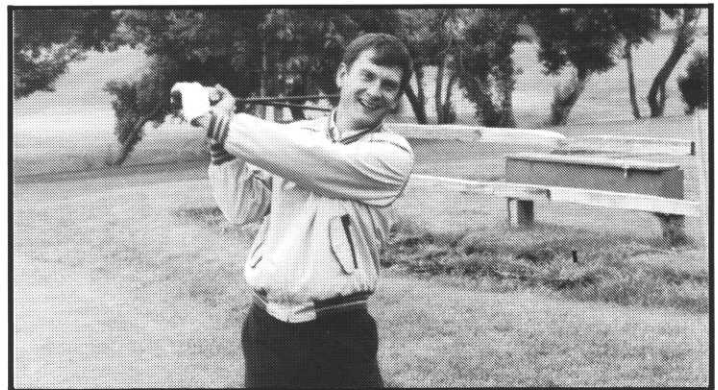
"Divot" is a Scottish word for a piece of turf.

WHY IS THE TERM "DORMIE" USED WHEN SOMEONE IS AHEAD BY THE SAME NUMBER OF HOLES LEFT IN THE MATCH?

"Dormie" probably comes from the Latin *dormire* "to sleep." "The player who is ahead cannot lose though he go to sleep."



THE BOYS FROM NORTH STAR TURF, INC. (L to R) Scott Liestman, Dan Miller, Joe Churchill and Jeff Churchill.



DR. TONY KOSKI of Colorado State University.



TURF SUPPLY COMPANY's John Wiley getting out of the trap.



DALE PARSKE just before sudden impact.