

U of M Men's Golf Club Honors Russ Adams

On April 15, the University of Minnesota Men's Golf Club honored retired Golf Course Superintendent Russ Adams. Russ had recently retired after 29 years of service at the Les Bolstad University of Minnesota Golf Course. The event was part of the annual spring banquet held by the Men's Golf Club at Midland Hills Country Club.

Men's Golf Club President George Benson spoke to the group about Russ' achievements and his always positive attitude when presented with never-ending tasks of taking care of the golf course for golfing events, but also preparing it for cross country meets, assisting with the track and field program, and for those of us that attend Golden Gopher hockey games at Marriucci Arena, there's always that friendly corner of the arena, where you can meet a handful of superintendents discussing their ideas on how their golf courses are making it through the winter or on how the referee has no real idea on what he is doing. In summing up his talk, President Benson mentioned with Russ Adams "it was always *Why not* instead of *Why?*"

Roy Tutt, Executive Secretary, then took over the podium and explained how when retired athletes retire, the club that they retire from will also retire their game jersey, but with Russ the idea of retiring his jersey just isn't feasible, so instead the Men's Club will honor Russ with a new game day jersey, Number 1, Lifetime Member at Les Bolstad Golf Club.



CHARLIE POOCH of Les Bolstad University of Minnesota Golf Club gives **RUSS ADAMS** some final advice.

In short, it was nice to see this fitting tribute to a man who has given so much of himself. And remember, when your down in that deep pot bunker raking it out, and a short gentleman calls your name, you will first notice the grin that extends from ear to ear and a quick handshake with a "How's it going?" I'll wager that it will be Russ Adams enjoying his well-deserved retirement at your golf course. Maybe someday his handicap will be down to 1 or 2, but he will always rate a perfect 10.

— Dale Wysocki

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