

Alexandria Course Praised at Tom Lehman PGA Day

"Gosh, it looks like the Masters!"

That was PGA Touring Pro Tom Lehman's reaction when he stepped up to the first tee at Alexandria Golf Club where he played an exhibition match with PGA professionals Paul Azinger, Keith Clearwater and Duffy Waldorf on June 21.

Tom grew up in Alexandria and learned many of his shotmaking skills on this Alexandria course, but in recent years he has spent most of his time on the PGA Tour or with his family at their home in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Lehman's reference to the famous course in Augusta, Ga. was caused by the impressive looking diagonal cuts on the well-manicured fairway.

"The fairways really looked neat, and so did the entire course," said the former University of Minnesota golf star who, after several attempts, finally made it to stay on the "Big Tour." He has done well ever since.

"We all liked it (the course) a lot,

and the grounds crew deserves a lot of praise," Lehman said.

Credit for the attractive appearance of the Alex course, site of the popular Resorters tournament, goes to Head Superintendent Steve Hamelau, who has been here for 13 years, and his crew.


"We made every effort to get the course in great shape for Tom Lehman PGA Day, just like we do for the

Resorters," said Hamelau, who also is an excellent fishing guide, producer of fishing videos and TV fishing analyst on television. *(But more on that in a future story.)*

"We also paid particular attention to the sand in the bunkers," Hamelau said. "We wanted true, sharp edges so that they looked nice for the galleries and played well. Moreover, with all the rains we had, we wanted to make sure

(Continued on Page 29)

Williams-Gill



& Associates

Garrett Gill, Principal

Office (715) 425-9511
Facsimile (715) 425-2962

Golf Course Architects

Williams, Gill of Wisconsin
421 North Main Street
River Falls, WI 54022

TURF SUPPLY COMPANY

2797 Eagandale Blvd.

Eagan, MN 55121

**"ANAEROBIC" SOIL CONDITIONS
HAVE YOU STANDING
ON DRY GROUND**

Our complete line of ADJUVANT PRODUCTS
Will **PENETRATE** your problem

TURF SUPPLY COMPANY
*The most complete source of WETTING AGENTS
for your Course.*

(612) 454-3106 --- 1-800-551-4857

Alexandria—

(Continued from Page 4)

there were no shallow spots, so the players wouldn't bottom out and get injured."

In preparation for the special day, Hamelau's crews also double-cut the greens on Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night.

The rains, of course, didn't help Hamelau's efforts, but the sun shone brightly on June 21 and all concerned — players, gallery, members and staff — had good reason to smile.

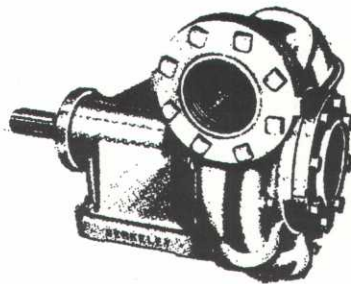
Alexandria Golf Club President Jon Haaven also heaped generous praise on Hamelau and his crew. "They really did a remarkable job, as they always do," Haaven said. "We usually work to have our course peak for the Resorters, but this year it was about a month earlier. However, I'm sure Steve will maintain this excellent appearance."

"I kidded Steve that, for the 40 hours preceding the exhibition, he must have been out all hours of the night with a flashlight making certain that every blade of grass was cut properly," Haaven said. "Our members were proud of the way the course looked, and the nice comments we received from the players. In fact, Keith Clearwater said our back nine, with its trees and narrow fairways, is every bit as tough as Pebble Beach."

For Lehman, obviously, it was a special day — *and week* — for him and his wife, Melissa, and their two daughters, Rachel, 3, and Holly, 10 months. Likewise for Duffy Waldorf and his wife, Vicki, and their two sons, Tyler, 3, and Shea, 14 months, all of whom relaxed at Arrowwood in Alexandria. Both Lehman and Waldorf spent countless hours on Lake Darling fishing with their youngsters.

At the end of the week the two touring pro's headed for the Western Open. No doubt Tom must have been particularly proud that his hometown course looked so great when he brought his three golfing buddies to Alex.

Said Club President Haaven: "Everything went so well that we're contemplating having another Tom Lehman PGA Day next year."



**COMPLETE
MACHINE SHOP**



Brainerd 1-800-448-7867

Metro 1-800-950-8265

Willmar 1-800-232-1431

**NOW IN STOCK:
Berkeley Centrifugals**

CORRUGATED POLYETHYLENE PIPE

Prinsco pipe
will keep your greens
and fairways dry...
and always
ready to play.



PRINSCO INC

Manufacturer of GOLDFLO Dual-Wall and
GOLDLINE Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe

800-992-1725

**CALL FOR A FREE CATALOG
and the distributor nearest you.**