

TEE TALK

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If you haven't paid them yet, your MGCSA Dues are past due.

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The Garske Scramble at Rochester Golf & Country Club went extremely well. Thanks to James Gardner for a great course to play.

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The Stodola Research Scramble flyers will be in the mail August 10th. This event will fill up quickly.

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Be sure to look for Susie Fobes' wildflower experiment between Wayzata Country Club's 15th and 16th holes while at the MGCSA Championship on August 8.

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Our condolences go out to Blair Hawkins whose mom passed away on June 10th.

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The 1994-95 Membership cards will be a little different this year. They will be a plastic card with embossed lettering. We ordered them from a company in Florida and hope to get them back by August 10th. We will mail them to the membership upon receipt.

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To help familiarize your way around Wayzata Country Club's course at the MGCSA Championship, I have jotted down a few thoughts about each hole.

No. 1, Par 4, 400 Yards — The fairway bunker on the left takes about 210 yards to carry. The fairway slopes left to right. Favor the left side and keep your second shot below the hole.

No. 2, Par 5, 483 Yards — Play your tee shot just left of the fairway bunkers unless you can carry the ball 245 yards over the middle of the traps. The second shot requires more placement than length. Play it short or right of the bunker short of the green. If you feel you can fly that trap, go for it.

No. 3, Par 4, 374 Yards — It takes 230 yards to fly the fairway bunker on the left. Any tee shot straying to the right will have tree trouble. It's best to stay below the hole on your approach.

No. 4, Par 3, 172 yards — Severe slopes on a large green. Long putts with a lot of break are common.

No. 5, Par 4, 425 Yards — The fairway bunker takes 240 yards to carry, but there is a small pond about 20 yards beyond. You're better off playing to the right of the bunker. Stay below the cup if the pin is back.

No. 6, Par 5, 499 Yards — The pond has a carry distance of 250 yards. Hit two good shots down the fairway and you'll have 120 yards to an elevated green.

No. 7, Par 4, 385 Yards — Tight driving hole with willow trees on both sides. The second shot is uphill and requires a little more distance than the yardage markers indicate. Big green.

No. 8, Par 3, 134 Yards — Large green with many greenside bunkers. Go for the pin.

No. 9, Par 4, 432 Yards — Sharp dogleg to the left. It's 235 to the top of the hill. You can hook your tee shot more than it looks. Second shot is downhill to a large green. Stay short of the pin and don't miss the green to the right or it will bounce out-of-bounds.

No. 10, Par 4, 418 Yards — Long, flat hole along Wayzata Boulevard. Stay in the fairway and knock it on the green and there should be no problem.

No. 11, Par 4, 382 Yards — Tight driving hole with out-of-bounds to the left. It takes 235 to carry both fairway bunkers. Elevated green that's faster than it looks.

No. 12, Par 5, 500 Yards — Dogleg left over a pond that takes 260 yards to carry. Small pond on right comes into play on second shot. Severe slope to the green. Stay below the cup.

No. 13, Par 3, 178 Yards — Large green with bunkers on both sides. Watch your alignment off the tee because it points you into the right bunker.

No. 14, Par 4, 361 Yards — Dogleg right with a tight driving alley. Fairway bunkers are 240 yards straight out. Big stickers can fly the trees. It takes 235 yards and a high tee ball.

No. 15, Par 5, 500 Yards — Long hole with a creek running up the right side. Fairway bunkers on the left come into play on the second shot and the fairway bunker on the right is 30 yards short of the green.

No. 16, Par 4, 394 Yards — Great driving hole from an elevated tee box. The creek on the right is 280 yards away. Out-of-bounds on the right and lots of trees on the left. Large green that breaks more than it looks.

No. 17, Par 3, 165 Yards — Tee shot is downhill and plays a half a club less. Difficult pitch if you fly the green. Out-of-bounds to the right.

No. 18, Par 4, 420 Yards — One of the best finishing holes in the state. Long dogleg right to an elevated green. The first set of fairway bunkers on the right takes 245 to carry. Trees line the right side. Stay left of the pin on your approach.

