

# A Mini-Conversation With John Harris, National Amateur Champ

*(Ed. Note: Following are some responses to questions asked of insurance executive John Harris, 1993 National Amateur Champion, consistently the Minnesota Golf Association's "Player of the Year" and a competitor in the 1994 Masters, where he was the only amateur to make the cut and finished the 72 holes with a score of 305. He is a member of Edina Country Club.)*

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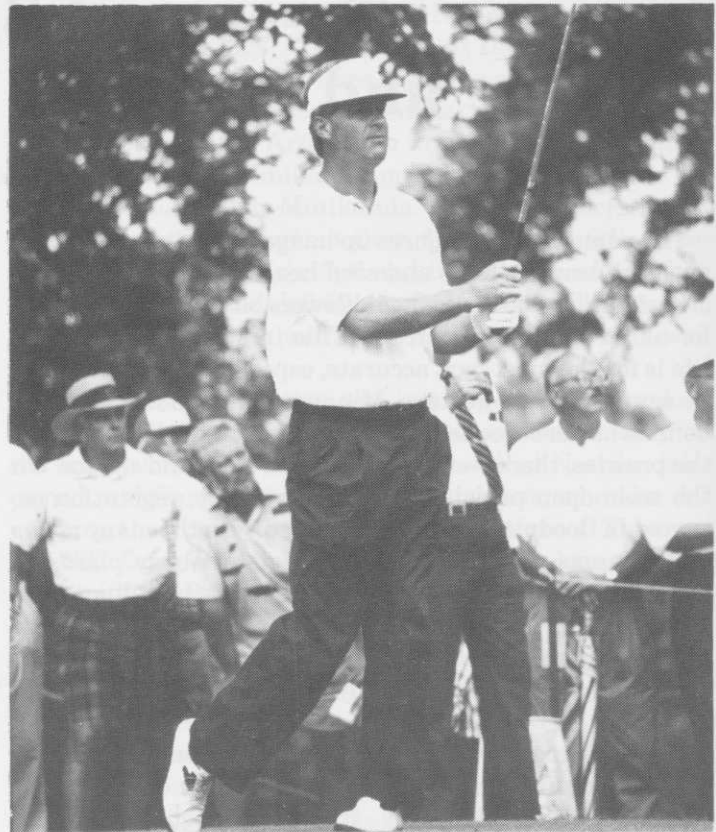
What are your favorite golf courses in Minnesota?  
*Hazeltine, Edina, Interlachen.*

Any favorite holes?  
*I like shorter holes that have a high risk/reward potential that all players can play - in many different ways.*

With your play in 1993 being exceptional, what are you planning for 1994?  
*Augusta, Memorial, Colonial, U.S. Open, British Open for Pro tournaments. George Coleman Invitational, Sunnehanna Amateur, Porter Cup, National Car and U.S. Amateur and U.S. Mid Amateur.*

How does John Harris set goals?  
*I try to keep improving, try to keep challenging myself to get better. I listen to people who know more about golf than I do.*

How do you feel about the Superintendent's role at the golf course?  
*Very important role. Communication between pro and manager is essential. Superintendent's role has changed in the last five years. Besides current education requirements, communication skills are key.*



**USGA National Amateur Champion John Harris** was also low amateur in the 1994 Masters.

Who is your role model and why?  
*Jack Nicklaus and Jay Sigel. They both keep golf in perspective, family comes first. Good organizational skills. They have been good for a long time.*

When playing golf courses, do you have any favorite architects?  
*I have had some success on Pete Dye courses. I admire the work of Donald Ross and Alister McKenzie.*



**Edina CC's Dream Team** threesome from left are Bill Johnson, superintendent, John Harris, USGA National Amateur Champion and Dave Simeon, assistant superintendent.