

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Past MGCSA President Kurt Erdmann Enjoying Retirement in Rochester

Kurt Erdmann, a past president of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association and a superintendent in Rochester for approximately 45 years, has been retired since 1988.

But he still has fond memories of his service to the association, which he joined in 1946, and his involvement in the industry.

Kurt was employed at Soldiers Field Municipal Golf Course in Rochester from 1944 to 1957 and at Rochester Golf & Country Club from 1957 to the final day of 1988.

Since then he and his wife, LaVina, have lived in Rochester, and he's keeping busy fishing, hunting, golfing,

gardening and traveling to visit a daughter in California, a daughter in Fargo, N.D., and a son in Wilmington, Del.

"I enjoy the freedom to come and go when I feel like going fishing or golfing or visiting children and grandchildren," he said, "and I also enjoy the relief of no responsibility."

But he readily admits he misses the monthly and annual meetings with fellow superintendents.

After serving on several MGCSA committees including Membership and Research, he was the MGCSA's vice-president in 1965 and the association's president in 1966 and 1967.

"I enjoyed serving the MGCSA in various capacities and in sharing knowledge with fellow superintendents," he said, "and it's always nice to look back and enjoy the fruits of your labor."

Now his traveling usually takes him to Delaware to visit his son in October, to California in February to see his daughter and during the summer to visit his daughter in Fargo.

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