

# FLASHBACK

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Some great impressions and words from one of Minnesota's greatest Greenkeepers, Harold Stodola.

As the last of the greenkeepers, I would like to give my impressions of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents.

First, I am all for your Executive Secretary, Al Wareham. He was my Green Chairman and President at Keller. We called him Mr. Public Golf.

Now for the Superintendents, alphabetically, as I know them.

Russ Adams, goodwill man of the Association. A miracle worker to grow turf on busy University Course.

Oscar Bergman, Park View Golf Course. Up in years but young in heart. Starting all over again with a new course.

Bob Borovansky, Town and Country. Confident, capable and well liked by his members.

Arnie Bodhaine, Dawn Golf Course. He succeeded Doug Jabaay, who went up the recreation ladder.

Jake Cassidy, Owatonna. Always looking for better ways. Seldom misses a meeting.

Kurt Erdman at picturesque Rochester Country Club. Best man to raise turf and trees together.

Maynard Erickson, followed his Dad at Theodore Wirth, and has a son following him.

Dave Feser, Minnreg Golf Course. Slow talking, deep thinking, well educated. Handling a big job at Honeywell.

Bob Feser, Manager of Medina Golf Club and practical teacher at Anoka Tech.

Vince Frost, White Bear. Honest, outspoken, doing a faithful job.

Irv Fuller, Mankato Golf Club. Has been there so long he knows every blade of grass by name.

His brother John at Midland. Keeps that busy place humming summer and winter.

Dick Grundstrom, Dellwood. Raises fine turf and drains low fairways at the same time.

Ray Hall, Minnetonka. Been at more courses than any other superintendent and each new job better.

Vern Hansen, Minneapolis Golf Club. Capably filling the big shoes of Jack Kalb.

Ron Helming, Hazeltine. Successfully held National Open. Now bidding for National PGA.

Bob Hickman, Fort Snelling Golf Club. So busy with his many duties we seldom see him. A great host.

Tom Hopf, Greenhaven, Anoka. Everything we hear about his course is complimentary.

Allen Ista, Northfield. Always see him at the Short Course.

George Jenarich. Quiet, dignified, smooth operator of beautiful Woodhill.

Bill Johnson. Plays golf and curls as well as he manicures well-kept Edina.

Carl Johnston, young Superintendent at Alexandria. Ambitious and enthusiastic.

Duane Kahmeyer. Helping at Golden Valley until he gets a course of his own again.

Roger Kisch. Silent, resourceful, hard worker at Southview.

Gary Kwas. Sharp, active, intelligent import from Wisconsin. At home at Wayzata Country Club.

## Lightning — (Continued from Page 10)

patrons of their courses. Some private weather forecasting companies offer a service called lightning detection, which allows them to track lightning with unprecedented accuracy.

Some companies offer a paging system to warn owners when storms are headed toward their course. This gives owners time to warn golfers and get them off the course when lightning is nearby.

Although you can't control the dangers of severe summer weather, using a private weather forecasting service is one way to help lessen the risk of a death or injury on your course when Mother Nature is at her worst.

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Clarence Larson. Finally he has revamped Columbia Golf Course in play, and do his members ever love it.

John Lightfoot, Cloquet. Small in stature but big in ideas and the ability to carry them out.

Jim Lindblad. As up to date as his modern championship. Rolling Green.

His brother, Don, is at Majestic Oaks and they say it is a Majestic layout.

Bill Lundquist, serious veteran at Forest Hills.

Orland Maenke. Must be lonesome at women-less Olympic Hills.

Busy Tony Magina. Have hardly seen his handsome sideburns this summer.

Walter Mann, Mendota Short Course. It has never been so good.

Clem McCann, with a smile as big as his spreading Coon Rapids Course.

His son owns a closely operated course in neighboring Dayton.

Dick McCory, assistant at Interlachen. Best amateur bartender I know. Very steady on bus trips.

The Morris' - father and son, at Tartan Park. What a layout. What a job they are doing.

Newly married Larry Mueller at Minnesota Valley. Snowmold never phased him when he returned from his honeymoon.

Garold Murphy. So diversified he should be able to retire to his Wisconsin cabin at fifty.

Spencer Nelson. Little Falls in the summer. California or Florida in the winter. Couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

Tall Irv Novak. All we hear about Austin Country Club in the Twin Cities is praise.

George Ostler. Quiet, calculating, far-seeing Superintendent at Hillcrest. Course is immaculate.

Jerry Parizek, Lost Spur. Doesn't say much, but thinks and produces a lot.

Cal Polsean and son in South Dakota. Keep maintenance standards high in their state.

John Queensland, Cedar River Country Club, Adams. Young, enthusiastic; anxious to learn how to do the best for his club.

Rich Rannels, Golden Valley. Smooth operator. Just gave golfers a fine golf course for state tournament.

Keith Scott. Just as polished as superb Oak Ridge. They both have class.

Dean Sime, Interlachen. His club is in the first ten in America and so is he.

Tom Stelter, Como Golf Course. I never saw a young superintendent come along so fast. But who wouldn't under Mike Weinhandl.

Dave Streater, Orono. We miss you at our meetings.

Charles Suter, Highland. How does it feel to have another nine added to your course.

Dick Toupal at well designed North Oaks. What a pleasure it must be to belong to your club.

Dick Ulrich, Lafayette. Happy in his new job and loves his course.

Larry Vetter. Golfer, superintendent and promoter for bigger and better association through education.

Cliff Vohs, St. Cloud Country Club. His work is tops just like his Cadillac.

Dick Wise, Detroit Lakes. Up where the fishing and hunting are best. So is his golf course.

Jim Wodash, Albert Lea. Father of large family. Father of interesting golf course.

Arthur Yanke. Phalen. Perhaps retired by now. He earned it.

Bernie Zimmer, our longtime Secretary. Is overdue for a fine club which he deserves.

What a pleasure it is to see our golf courses in such fine hands.

Ye Olde Greenkeeper,  
Harold Stodola