

Records Are Meant to Be Broken!!!

Tom Lehman and Minneapolis Golf Club Host '97 Dayton's Challenge

By Dale Wysocki

Each year goals are set and the previous year's records are examined. When planning how to help the Children's Cancer Research Fund and figure a way to assist the people in the Red River Valley, the plan was to lay out a two-day tournament. On Sunday a competition would be held utilizing PGA touring pro's that did not make the cut from the Fed Ex St. Jude's Classic. The Monday golf tournament would include some of Tom Lehman's closest personal friends.

The two-day tournament would require some extra work for Golf Course Superintendent Dale Caldwell's fine staff. Given this year's dry spring, that would pose no problem. Sometimes drier is quicker. The thoughts of having a limited gallery of 7,500 onlookers wandering around might make your stomach revolve. However, your spine might quiver ever so slightly especially if an inch of rain fell, and if the rain gods decided to make up the deficit for this spring over the weekend, you might consider doing a hammerhead dive in a P-51D as a form of stress reduction. The rain gods decided that a nice gentle soaking rain on Sunday would give the area's irrigation pumps a needed respite and that the PGA tour-



MSC's Mike Max interviews MGC's Dale Caldwell, CGCS.

ing pro would have the chance to go right at the stick. A number of firsts and seconds would take place during the golf tournament. Scott Simpson would beat Payne Stewart. Steve Jones would shoot a record 10-under par and defeat the host of the challenge. A record \$675,000 would be raised for the CCRF. In addition \$100,000 would be donated to flood relief. The tournament next year has set its goal of raising over \$1,000,000. Given the dedication of the host and the cooperation of the host club, it is a goal that many children will reap the benefits.



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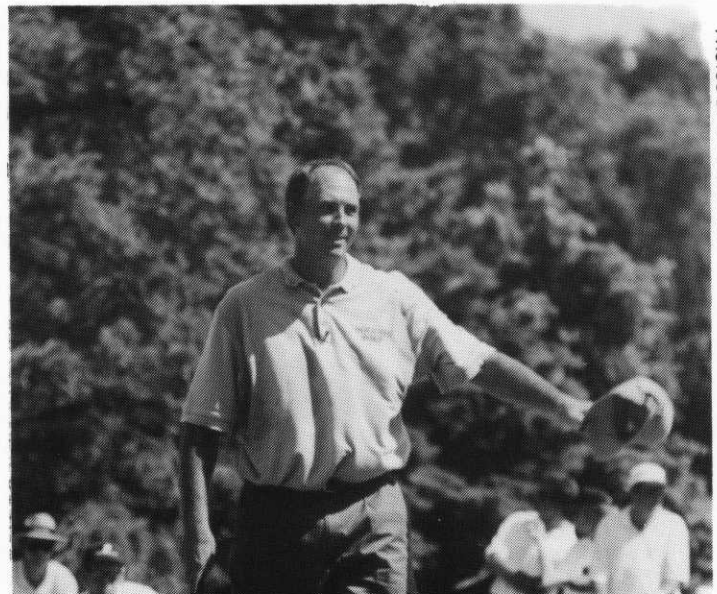
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