

## Bill Fischer—

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— it was now Twin Cities Country Club. Because of war-time injuries, he did not excel in the game of golf but his sister Lorraine Fischer McManus won two Public Golf Association championships. Lorraine won her first championship at Como Golf Course in 1948 and repeated again in 1949 at Meadowbrook Golf Course.

In 1956 Twin Cities Country Club was sold to its membership who then changed the name to Mendakota Country Club.

Bill Fischer and his father Louis, with a spirit of adventure and pioneering, went to Puerto Rico to develop and open a new golf course. Although Americans have been encouraged to start businesses in this country, it is still a foreign land and not like Mendota Heights, Minn. After a year of wrangling with foreign red tape, the Fischers returned to Minnesota and Bill became superintendent of The Lafayette Club.

Bill supervised work at Lafayette from 1958 until 1963. During this tenure Lafayette had a disastrous fire which destroyed the maintenance building and much of its equipment. In trying to salvage the equipment Bill suffered severe smoke inhalation which further contributed to his health problems.

In 1963 Milton Wiley and crew, consisting of dad John Wiley and son John Wiley, had completed work on Hazeltine and invited Bill Fischer aboard as the first superintendent in charge of Hazeltine. At the end of the 1966 season Bill decided St. Petersburg, Fla. would be a great place to open a garden nursery and moved there to pursue this business until retirement in 1978. Bill tried Las Vegas as a retirement community for four years but moved back to St. Petersburg in 1988 until the present.

The Fischers, Bill and Lucy, came back to Minnesota to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this past November. They have two adult children, a daughter Faye and son Jim.

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Michael Klatte is currently listening to several brokers in an effort to assemble a great group plan for what he says "the smaller clubs that don't have and can't afford health benefits."

Klatte has found an insurance broker from the Insurance Mart who tried to get the Minnesota Golf Association interested in a policy that uses pre-tax dollars. This would lower your club's payroll tax as well as the individual tax liability.

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