

Matt McKinnon Receives NCO of the Year Award

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Cragun's Resort

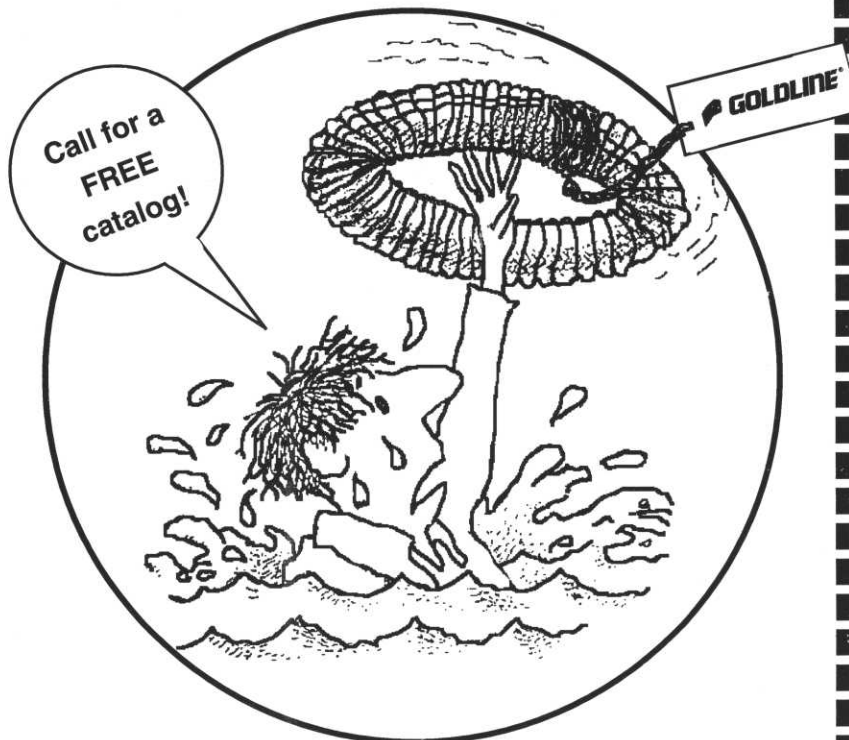
Cragun's Resort in Brainerd is undergoing a great change. This change is the new golf complex! Designed by Robert Trent Jones II, it is the largest

addition this outstanding Northwoods Resort has seen in many years. In order for a project of this nature to come to a successful completion, many



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talented people need to be brought together.

Matt McKinnon is one of those talented team members. Matt moved to Brainerd last March to become the Assistant Golf Course Superintendent. Matt made this move from Town & Country Club in Bemidji.

In addition to an extremely busy work schedule, Matt has found the time to continue his work in the United States Army Reserves. He has been with the Army Reserves for 8½ years and holds the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Matt is the recipient of the NCO (Non-Commissioned Officer) of the Year Award for the 3rd BDE, 104th Division for 1998; he was nominated by his superiors to compete against other NCO's from the Western United States.

Matt fully intends to hold this award again in 1999! The amount of studying is 3-4 intense months. Matt is an instructor for Det.1, 3rd Brigade, 104th Division. He instructs classes on Military Occupational Specialties as well as courses in Leadership. In addition, Matt and his fiancée Shelly Erickson find time to enjoy a game of golf, camping and hiking.