

# Jack Kolb Uncovers Interesting MGCSA History

Now that Jack Kolb is working toward his 70th birthday, he considers himself somewhat qualified to do a little contributing as a historian for the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Jack's wife has ordered him to clean out shelves, files and drawers of all outdated material and superfluous material that he had accumulated during his affiliation with the Minnesota organization. Some of the material was given to Tom Fischer a few years ago, and Jack has uncovered another gem that he would like to share with the present group.

The document referred to was written as a secretary's report by Erich Pahl, then of Interlachen Country Club. There are club names used in this report that may confuse contemporary members of this Association. An attempt shall be made to explain those that do not sound familiar.

For instance: Northwood Country Club no longer exists; it was up near North St. Paul, just south of highway 36. The clubhouse continued as a supper club for a number of years after the golf course disappeared. Armour Golf Club was named after Tommy Armour and is now Gross Golf Course in the Minneapolis public system. Hilltop Golf Club is a mystery; it's not known whether it was a name change, or a club that went out of business. "The Country Club," presumably is the predecessor of Edina Country Club, since Leonard Bloomquist was the greenkeeper there before moving to Brookview in Golden Valley. Glenwood later became Theodore Wirth.

The following is dated April 28, 1928 and pertains to a meeting held at what was referred to as "The Country Club." The local association at that time was known as "Minnesota Greenskeepers Association" and Erich Pahl wrote the following "Preamble" as secretary's report:

Realizing the necessity of a permanent organization in this Northwest District, following a meeting of Greenskeepers at Minikahda last summer, it was decided to organize such an association, and a date set for such meetings. Whereupon Mr. James A. Hunter, of the Country Club offered the use of his club for the meeting and also arranged a dinner for the occasion.

There were 17 Greenskeepers present out of a total of 26 clubs in the Twin Cities district.

Charter Members and Clubs were: Charles Erickson, Minikahda Club, President; Leo J. Feser, Woodhill Country Club, Vice President; Erich W. Pahl, Interlachen Country Club, Vice President; F.G. Anderson, Town and Country Club;

Victor Larson Minneapolis Golf Club; M.P. Schiefner, Somerset Country Club; Mike Sanko, Golden Valley Golf Club; Matthew F. Byrne Meadowbrook Municipal Course; John Pearson, Armour Municipal Course; Carl Erickson, Glenwood Municipal Course; Emil Anderson, Columbia Municipal Course; Emil H. Picha, Midlands Hills Golf Club; John Streed, Hilltop Golf Club; Gustav Olson, Minikahda Club; Leonard R. Bloomquist, The Country Club; Arthur W. Anderson, University Folf Club, and J.E. Benson, Northwood Country Club.

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