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HOST SUPERINTENDENT MATT ROSTAL HAD COURSE IN SPECTACULAR SHAPE FOR TOURNAMENT

USA Wins Solheim Cup At Interlachen

For the second time in two months, the national spotlight of golf focused on Minnesota, and, once again, participants and fans were rewarded with excellent competition *and* excellent golf courses on which to compete.

September 16-22 was Solheim Week for two of the state's top courses: Interlachen Country Club in Edina, where the 2002 Solheim Cup was contested, and Oak Ridge in Hopkins, where the inaugural Junior Solheim Cup was played.

In August accolades also went to Hazeltine National in Chaska where the successful PGA was held as well as to the TPC in Blaine for the PGA Seniors.

One might think that considerable advance preparations would have to be made at the Solheim courses for these prestigious events, but those who know their golf course superintendents – Matt Rostal at Interlachen and Keith Scott at Oak Ridge – also knew that the courses would be in prime condition, even without any special preparations.

Ahh yes, there was *some* extra work to do, but nothing too much out of the ordinary. Interlachen hired 10 extra persons, primarily for routine mowing and bunker work

while Oak Ridge pursued everything with its normal staff.

Early morning hours, as one might expect, focused on mowing greens, fairways and tees while tidying up bunkers

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THE SOLHEIM CUP OPENING CEREMONIES AT INTERLACHEN kicked off what proved to be a great tournament between the best women players from Europe and the United States. The USA won the Solheim Cup by a score of 15^{1/2} to 12^{1/2}.

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