

It's in the Hole



Joe Maloney, Assistant Superintendent at Hazeltine National Golf Club, stated that an interesting thing happened at Hazeltine shortly after hurricane Katrina went through the gulf states. A guy from Savage showed up and said he used to work here on the grounds crew back in the '70s. He then told Joe about the time he broke into the old shop and stole some things. A stringtrimmer, some tools, sockets, etc. So as he's watching the hurricane coverage and sees all the looting going on, he starts to feel guilty and wants to make up for what he did 30 years ago. He told Joe "I'm not like that, I don't do those things." He said he brought money and wants to know how much he should pay us. I brought him into the shop to get Ralph's (*Hazeltine's head mechanic*) opinion. Ralph and Joe felt that it's been so long and they really don't miss whatever it was that was taken so Joe told him that since it was the hurricane that made him want to come clean he should donate the money to the Red Cross or he could also just stop by Fox 9 TV station in Eden Prairie and contribute there also. Ralph agreed and we settled on a figure of \$250! So that's what he's gonna do!

You never know what's going to happen from one day to the next, do you?

The DuCharme's Announce Birth of Son Brady Thomas



Will and Rachel DuCharme are proud new parents of their first son Brady Thomas DuCharme. Born June 9. Brady is doing very well.

Van Natta and Spitzner Receive CGCS Status

Steven A. Van Natta, CGCS, at Owatonna Country Club, along with Jason Spitzner, CGCS, Moorhead Country Club have been designated as Certified Golf Course Superintendents (CGCS) by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Van Natta has been the superintendent at Owatonna Country Club since September 1991. Spitzner has been a MGCSA member since 1990.

GCSAA instituted the certification program in 1971 to recognize outstanding and progressive superintendents. Approximately 1,900 golf course superintendents worldwide, currently hold "CGCS" status.

To become certified, a candidate must have at least three years experience as a golf course superintendent, be employed in that capacity and meet specific post secondary educational requirements and/or continuing education points. The candidate must then pass a rigorous six-hour examination covering: knowledge of GCSAA and its certification program; rules of golf; turfgrass management; pest control, safety and compliance; and financial and human resource management.

As part of the certification process, an on-site inspection of Van Natta's golf course operation was conducted by two certified golf course superintendents: Greg Hubbard, CGCS, Manitou Ridge Golf Course, Birchwood, Minn., and Kevin Clunis, CGCS, Tanner's Brook Golf Course, Mahtomedi, Minn.

Since 1926, GCSAA has been the leading professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to more than 21,000 individual members in more than 72 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf. For more information, visit GCSAA at www.gcsaa.org.

Membership Report

*September 2005
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Sanborn, MN
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Class B - GCSAA (pending)
Legacy Golf Course
Faribault, MN
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Associate
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