

THE WESTERN GOLF ASSOCIATION 57TH JUNIOR (BOYS) CHAMPIONSHIP  
TO BE PLAYED ON THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA COURSE  
JULY 9-13, 1974

The WGA Junior (Boys) Championship is returning to the University of Minnesota for the second time. It was played there in 1962. That was the first year Golf Course Superintendent Russ Adams was at the course as superintendent and he is still there. With Russ in charge the 1974 contestants can be assured of an outstanding conditioned course as he is one of our best superintendents and also a fine golfer. Because he has both of these qualities he knows what the tournament golfer wants, and should have in a golf course. He and his staff will see that the players will have a course that is a true test of golf and at the same time a fair course.



Russ Adams  
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The 1962 event was an all-Minnesota final with George Shortridge defeating Dave Gumlia 1 up in 23 holes. Both of these fine players later turned professional and joined the PGA tour.

This championship consists of 36 holes qualifying with the 32 qualifiers then going into match play. We asked Russ to name some of the holes he thought would play an important and deciding factor in this championship and he said that first, in his opinion, the championship would be won and lost on the back nine. Although the first nine is an interesting and fairly difficult nine it is shorter and considered a little easier than the back nine.

He named #2 - A par 3 with water between the tee and the green.

#12 - A long par 4 with heavily wooded area on both sides of the fairway and an elevated green.

#13 - A par 5 and the longest hole on the course and a dogleg to the left with out-of-bounds to the right from the point of the dogleg and the entire left of the fairway heavily tree lined.

#15 - A par 4 with trees on the left and out-of-bounds on the right.

#16 - Similar to #15, a par 4 with trees on the left and out-of-bounds to the right.

#17 - A par 3 playing over water.

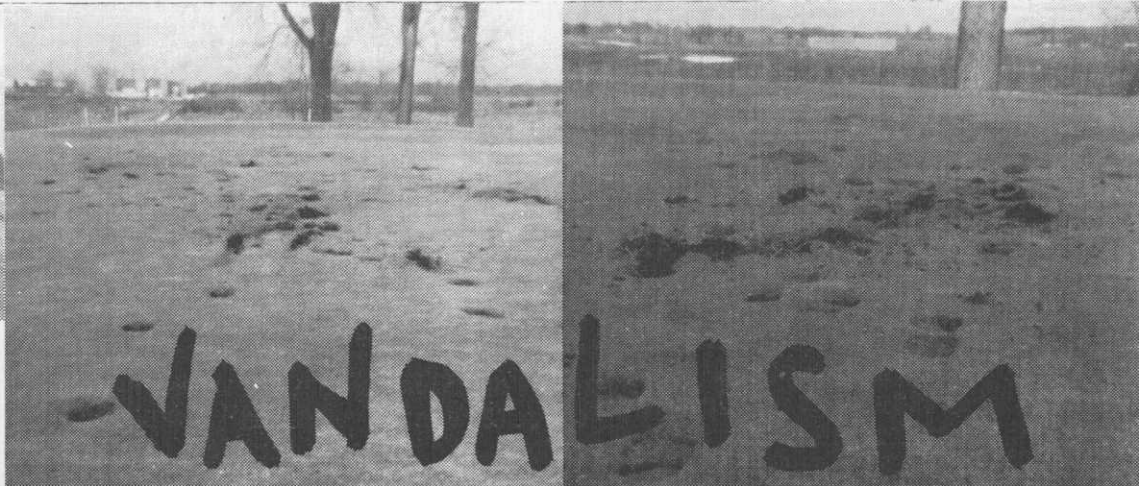
Some of these holes are pictured on the cover. It is the opinion of Russ that the players that play these holes in par or very near to it will be serious contenders for the championship.

We are proud to have this championship in Minnesota again and the members of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association join their member Russ Adams in wishing all of the contestants the best of luck and hope they enjoy their visit to Minnesota and the University of Minnesota course.

It is recommended that anyone wishing to see some great amateur golf to arrange to get to the University course during this championship, every day if possible, but at least a day or two. These young men play a game that is well worth watching. Again the dates are July 9-13.



Larry Mueller  
Golf Course  
Superintendent  
Minnesota Valley



A thing that causes a serious problem to a golf course superintendent and also a board of directors of a golf course is the damage done by vandals. The damage done by vandals upsets the work program of the superintendent and the financial budget of the board of directors as there is no way for either of the parties to contemplate these acts when making their plans and setting up a budget late in the fall for the following year.

Early this year the Minnesota Valley Country Club was hit by vandalism which caused considerable damage to their course. The eighth and eleventh greens and the seventh and eleventh tees were badly damaged by riders on horses riding over these greens and tees and the twelfth green by a rider on a motor bike. These uncalled for, ridiculous, senseless acts were apparently done in broad daylight, probably on a Sunday, a week or two before the course was open for play. These greens and tees were unplayable until April 30th, a delay of about two weeks, and then only after a considerable amount of money and 112 hours of work performed by the Golf Course Superintendent, Larry Mueller, and his staff.

As usual, the vandals left very little if any evidence that can be used to trace them, and therefore, they have not been apprehended, although every effort is being made to locate them. If found and convicted it is hoped that the court will deal with them in such a way that anyone having any idea of committing this kind of an act will give it some serious thought before creating this type of damage.

The Minikahda Club also had some damage done by vandals to their greens. However, the damage at Minikahda was done by kids with sticks or some other blunt instrument jabbing holes in the greens and scraping the turf on the greens. The damage at Minikahda was considered minor in comparison to that done at the Minnesota Valley Country Club.

The University Course also suffered damage by vandals. Large pieces of sod were cut out of #1, 10, 16 and 17 greens by the vandals and in one case the sod was cut out to spell a four letter word. The damage was done before the course opened and it was repaired by Superintendent Russ Adams and his staff so that the players did not see it and no one was offended.

The club officials and the golf course superintendents will have to sit down and try and figure out some kind of a program to combat this very expensive and damaging work by vandals. There have been several suggestions including setting up a reward-fund to be given to anyone furnishing information that would result in the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for this kind of damage; adding to, or using one or two of the superintendent's staff to work nights and patrol the course in conjunction with their other work and furnish these people with telephones so they could contact the police rather than try to apprehend the offenders themselves as people that do this kind of a thing usually are rough and tough and could be dangerous. These, of course, are only suggestions and if anyone reading this article has any ideas as to how to cope with this problem, please contact the MGCSA office either by phone or by mail and your suggestion will be gratefully accepted and turned over to the proper parties for handling.

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## MAY MEETING

The May meeting was held at the Indian Hills Country Club, Monday, May 6 and one of the largest turnouts we have ever had showed up. There were in excess of 50 who played golf and others entertained themselves by playing cards and visiting. Ted Ament was the host to the meeting. A new innovation was introduced which permits the advertisers in Hole Notes to display their supplies and equipment. At this meeting Cushman Motors and R. L. Gould took advantage of this new arrangement and at later meetings Minnesota Toro, Turf Supply and Kromer Co. will display their supplies and/or equipment. If there are others that wish to do this, please contact Jim Lindblad at the Rolling Greens Country Club for arrangements.



Ted Ament

Things that contributed to the fine turnout were the fine weather, an excellent course and the fact that several of the superintendents had never played the course. All were very generous in their praise and compliments about the condition of the fairways particularly in view of the fact that the course is comparatively new. The only exception being Dean Sime, who by his own admission did not feel qualified to comment on the fairways because he was never on them. Better luck next time Dean. This activity was followed by a social hour and a great dinner attended by 81.

A business meeting followed and applications for Class B memberships were read and will be voted on at the next regular meeting: Donald Glennie, Albert Lea Country Club; Robert Anderson, Indian Hills Country Club; John Heimsness, Wayzata Country Club and Daniel Diedrich, Arrowhead Lodge, Alexandria. Application from William Lancette for associate membership was read and approved.

President Vetter introduced Dr. Ward Stienstra of the Department of Plant Pathology of the University of Minnesota. Dr. Stienstra gave a very interesting and informative talk and illustrated his points with slides. He has also furnished us with a paper titled "Report One, 1974 Snow Mold Control Test" and we will reproduce his excellent paper here.



Dr. Stienstra

"Snow mold test plots were established in 1973 at the following locations: University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Nov. 2,3; Lester Park, Duluth, Nov. 5; Somerset Country Club, Mendota, Nov. 6, Alexandria, Nov. 12; Rochester, Nov. 13; Redwood Falls, Nov. 14 and Bemidji, Nov. 15, with the cooperation of J. Anderson, G. Murphy, C. Johnson, K. Erdmann, Q. Castle and J. Buettner. I planned to have a test plot in the Fargo-Moorhead area also, however, at the last moment those plans fell through. Disease pressure in 1973-74 was such that at Duluth, Mendota, Rochester and Redwood Falls meaningful test plot data was obtained. However, that data was not easy to come by. Three trips were made to Rochester, two trips to Redwood Falls and two trips to Bemidji before we could adequately evaluate the plots. In addition three visits were made to the Somerset Club to view the turf plots in March and April.

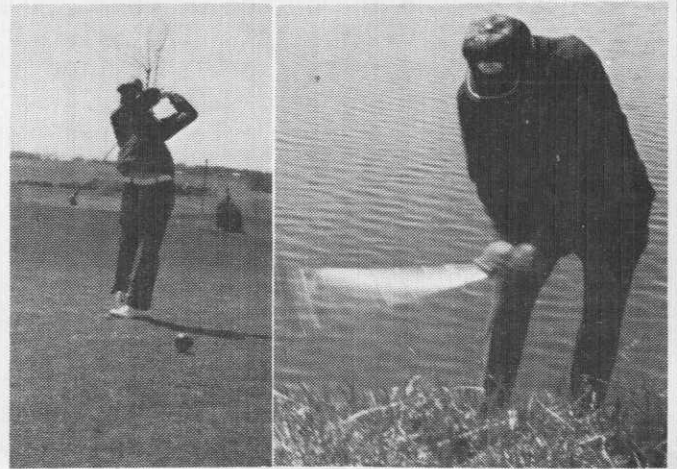
'In general, disease pressure was lightest at Redwood Falls where Caloclor, Cadminate, Tersan SP, and any other products mixed with Tersan SP performed fairly well. Eight ounces of Actidione-Thiram did not provide the protection needed at Redwood Falls Country Club even where disease pressure was low. At the Rochester Country Club, Caloclor, Cadminate, Tersan SP at the 6 and 9 oz. rate and mixtures of Tersan SP all performed well. The Actidione-Thiram plot had tip burn on it and did not perform satisfactorily, 50% of the turf being diseased. Other than Calogran and experimentals containing PCNB, no granule appeared to perform very well at Rochester.

'The Somerset plot was first observed on March 9. It appeared that very few materials performed satisfactorily. Caloclor at 5 oz. was spotty, Tersan SP at either 6 or 9 oz. did not perform satisfactorily, 50% of several plots diseased. Tersan SP mixed with Tersan 1991 or Actidione-Thiram with Tersan SP appeared to perform somewhat

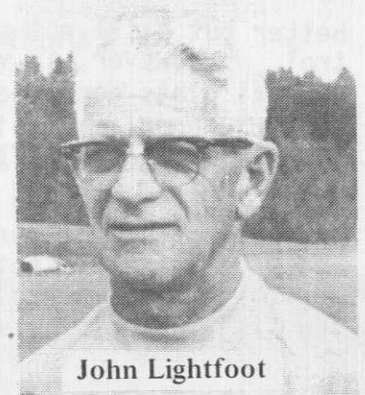
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Pictures taken at Indian Hills Country Club



The June outing and picnic will be at the Cloquet Country Club, Monday, June 10th. Golf Superintendent John Lightfoot of the Cloquet Country Club will be the host. From the things John has planned for the day, it will be a day to remember. First, there is the dinner consisting of Harry's famous roast round of beef, relish tray, salad, mashed potatoes, gravy and desert all for the nominal amount of \$5.50 per person and, listen to this, in addition to that dinner the \$5.50 includes golf, tennis, volleyball and what have you. Sandwiches and soup, coffee or milk will be available for those that wish it. Weather permitting, all of the activities will be outdoors.



John Lightfoot

John advises that there will be a Rotary Club meeting at the clubhouse that day from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. and he asks all MGCSA members and their wives to respect this meeting. Other than that meeting the place is ours.

THIS IS IMPORTANT

It is absolutely imperative that reservations be made so that proper arrangements can be made for food and beverages. These reservations can be made with either Jim Lindblad at the Rolling Green Country Club, 400 Evergreen Road, Hamel, Minn. 55340, phone (612) 478-6023 or with Al Wareham at the MGCSA office, 5600 Chowen Ave., Edina, Mn. 55410, phone (612) 922-6414. The reservations must be received by either Jim Lindblad or Al Wareham by noon Wednesday, June 5th.

Arrangements have been made with the Arrowhead Turf Association to hold the June Meeting at the Cloquet Country Club-Monday-June 10, the same day as the MGCSA picnic. They will join us in a day of fun and frolic. If any of the members attending the picnic would like to play volleyball, please let us know when you make your reservation-John will supply the necessary equipment. ● There will no doubt be some who will make a 3 or 4 day vacation at the time of the picnic and John has furnished the names of Campgrounds and Motels listed below. ● CAMPGROUNDS: Spafford Park on Dunlap Island, just off Hwy 33 in downtown Cloquet. KOA Campgrounds midway between Cloquet and Carlton about 7 miles from Cloquet. Buffalo House midway between Duluth and Cloquet about 12 miles from Cloquet. ● MOTELS: A new one (name unknown) at Jct. I-35 and Hwy 210. Driftwood Motel on So. Hwy 33 across from Radio Station WKLK. Sunnyside Motel North on Hwy 33 across from A&W Stand. Golden Gate Motel at Scanlon at present terminus of I-35. ● (Con'd on page 10)

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MAY MEETING - Dr. Stienstra (cont'd from page 5)

better but still not satisfactorily. All granular treatments failed to provide control. However, in viewing the plot at a later date when the grass began to grow, several plots appeared to be much better than others. Basically any fungicide that had PCNB performed fairly well. There was some disease in plots with PCNB. The best control was achieved at 16 oz. of a 60% experimental formulation of PCNB. This rate is very high and must be observed in the summer season for toxicity problems.

'The plot at Lester Park in Duluth was similar to Somerset in that Tersan SP at the 6 and 9 oz. rate did not perform satisfactorily in all replicates. Mixtures of Tersan SP plus 1991 or Actidione-Thiram appeared to extend the range of control. However, the best control was with the formulations containing the PCNB fungicide. Nearly all granular formulations performed unsatisfactorily.

'After reviewing the snow mold test plot data and culturing several of the organisms I can report that in 1974 I found Sclerotinia patch caused by Sclerotinia borealis on two golf courses in northern Minnesota at Duluth and Bemidji. I suspect this organism is also active in the Twin Cities. The symptoms on 'Penncross' bentgrass immediately after the snow melts, are dark, gray spots, 2-4 inches in diameter. The grass plant appears to be water soaked. A dark gray mycelium may be seen growing near the outer margin of the spot. Several spots may coalesce and many small, dull-gray to black sclerotia are imbedded in and on the leaf axils and shoot bases. These sclerotia do not look like Typhula sclerotia. This disease seems to be more severe in areas where snow cover is slowest to melt."

The Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association is deeply indebted and very grateful to Dr. Stienstra for taking the time to talk to us and illustrate his talk with slides and for this very fine report on Snow Mold Control Test.

Remember members this is the kind of work that is being done by the University of Minnesota in conjunction with our Research Program. Keep those funds coming in. They can be mailed to Dean Sime, % of the Interlachen Country Club, 6200 Interlachen Blvd., Edina, Minnesota 55436.

● GREENS' CLIPPINGS

Monday, May 6, was a beautiful day and it brought out a big group of golfing superintendents. It was so nice to see Burt

Joramo. Burt has been ill for some time but is making a great recovery and with his guts and determination he will be back as an active superintendent before we know it.



Burt Joramo

Hope we have nice weather on all of the meeting days so you can be with us again soon, Burt.

Others of our retired members attending included Richard Ryshavy and Carl Anderson and there were, no doubt, others that we did not have an opportunity to meet.

Dave Streater writes and tells us that he is now located at his new club, Lakeview Country Club, Hayward, Wisc. The exact location is 12 miles east of Hayward. The course is bordered on one side by beautiful Lake Lovejoy and on the other side, less than a block away is Round Lake and the way Dave talks about the Northerns, Bass, Pan fish etc. it is hard to keep ones mind on golf. (cont'd on page 10)

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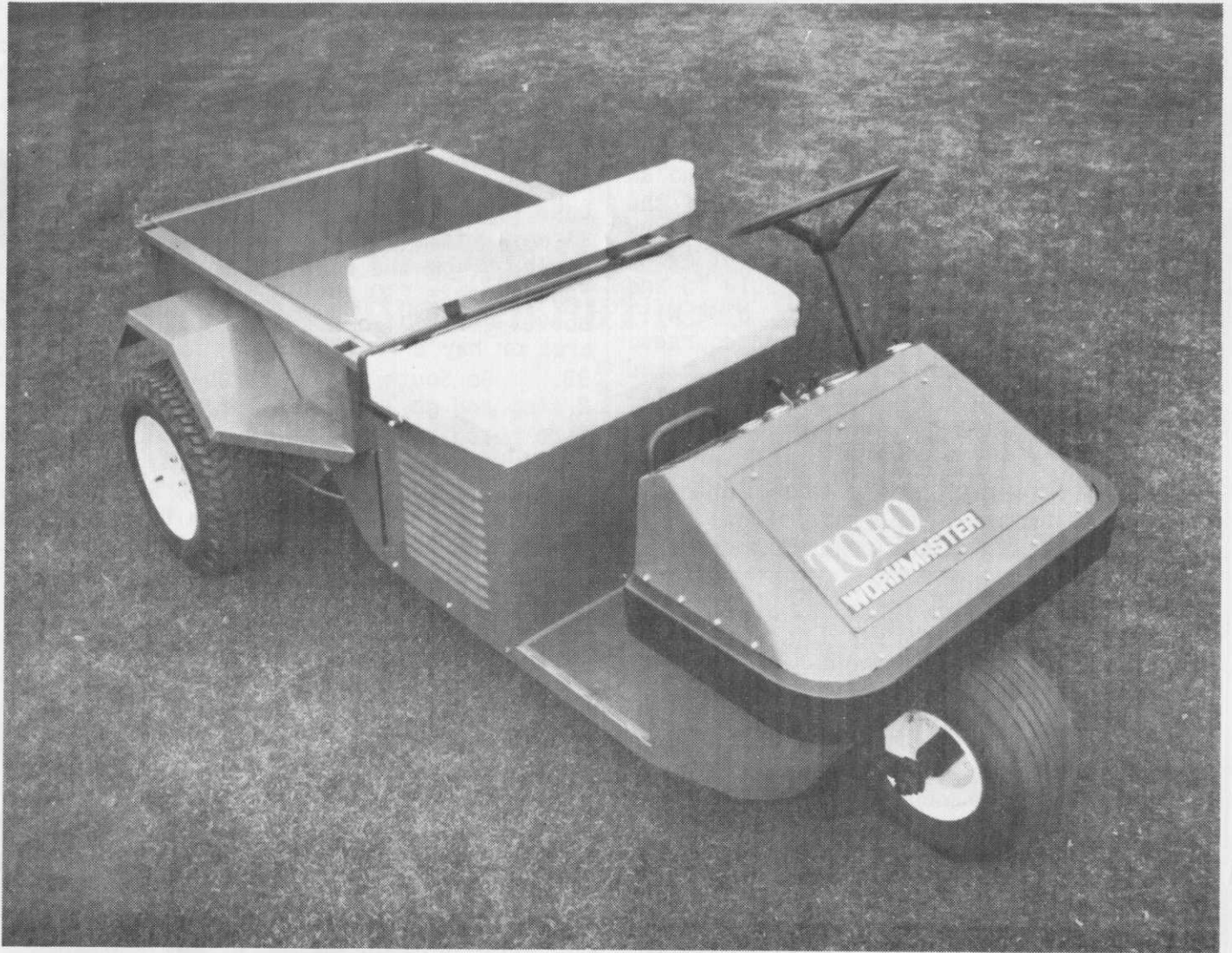
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**GREENS' CLIPPINGS cont'd from page 8**

The P.G.A. of Minnesota is sponsoring a new program to be known as the Boys and Girls Junior Golf Association. The purpose is to promote junior golf and to teach the rules and etiquette of the game. A very worthy undertaking and the MGCSA wishes them great success and pledges their full support and cooperation.

The program is open to boys and girls between the ages of 8-17. They will be divided into two groups for both the boys and the girls; one group will be for ages 8-12 and the other 13-17. It will be necessary for those wishing to enter the Junior Association to pay a yearly dues of \$2 and an additional entry fee of \$1 for each of the events they wish to enter. There will be 3 events for each group on the following dates, Monday, June 24, Monday, July 15 and Monday August 19. The 13-17 year olds will play on the following regulation courses: Hillcrest C.C., North Oaks Golf Club and Edenvale Golf Club, and the 8-12 will play on the following par 3 courses: Country View, Gem Lake and Braemar.

Additional information and entry forms may be obtained from any PGA Professional. If interested see a Professional at once.

**JUNE MEETING cont'd from page 7**

**HOTEL:** Solen Hotel in Cloquet, 10th Street and Cloquet Ave., a good clean place to stay. Cloquet also has several small but attractive eating places such as the Copper Skillet on Arch Street, Jim's Hamburgers on Cloquet Ave., the Viking Steak House, the Golden Gate Supper Club both in Cloquet and Rudy's Restaurant, just off Hwy 33 at the turn to the Golf Club.

Now for a repeat of the directions to Cloquet. From the Twin Cities take I-35 to 33, jog slightly to the right off I-35, stay on 33 for about a mile, after passing Hardee's Restaurant and the National Guard Armory. Take first turn to left to Big Lake Road stay on Big Lake Road to Birch Street, take right on Birch to the Club House. From the West (Brainerd and Little Falls) take 210 to I-35 turn left to 33 as above. From the North take 53 from Range area or Hwy 2 from Walker. Both intersect 33. Go South on 33 through Cloquet past 2 stop and go lights. Turn right just before reaching Hardee's and the National Guard Armory. Go up hill to Big Lake Road to Birch street, turn right on Birch to the Club House. There you are my friends. See you in Cloquet, Monday, June 10th.

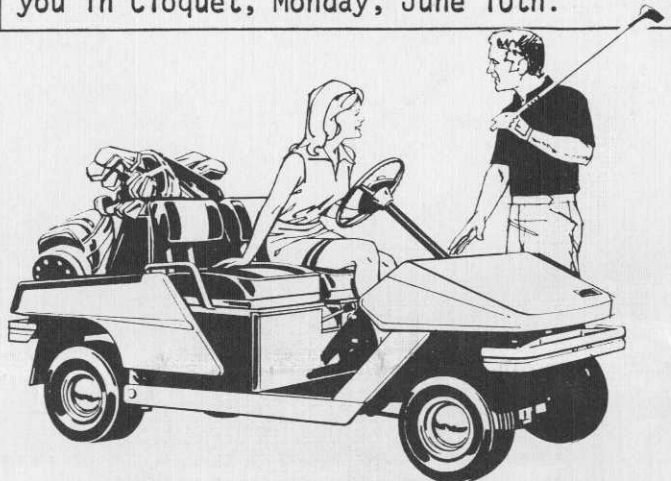
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