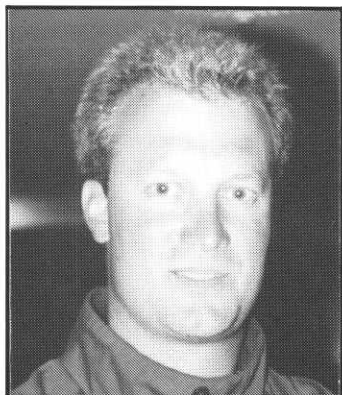


What Do You Like Most About Your Place of Employment?

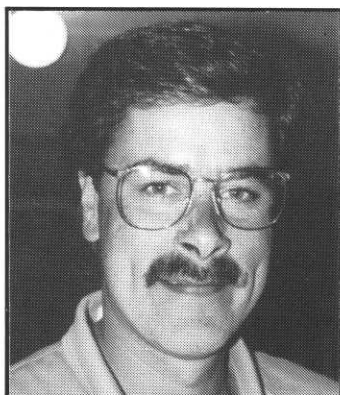


DAVID DEEM
Hazeltine National G.C.

Hazeltine National Golf Club has been my place of employment for the past 10 years. Before playing Faribault Golf and Country Club, Dale Wysocki approached me with this question and I immediately knew my answer.

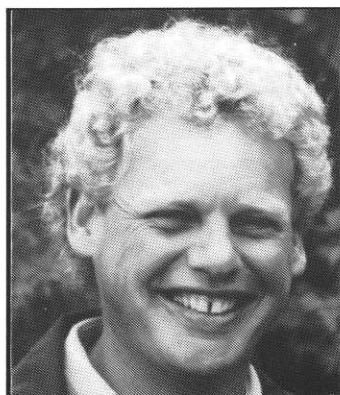
Obviously having worked two major championships (both being United States Opens) has been my career high points. Hazeltine even during non-Open years sets standards that parallel close to Open conditions.

So what I have liked the most is training and assisting a fine staff to accomplish team work and tournament playing conditions on a daily basis that members and guests can be proud of.



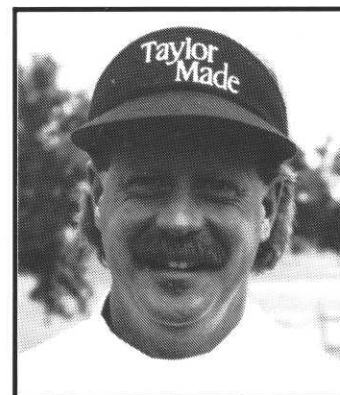
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Former Minnesotan Bob Feser Praises Larry Vetter's Articles, Adds More Historical Data

To: Editor of Hole Notes:

Larry Vetter's articles on *Hole Notes* were interesting and amusing. Here are a few items that might add to the history of *Hole Notes* and your area of wonderful golf courses.

The average attendance of the Minnesota Greenskeepers Association prior to and through WWII was only 12 or 15 members. A three-cent postcard was sent out to inform members of monthly meetings.

After WWII Roy Nelson became Secretary and held the position for nearly 10 years. He was Superintendent at Golden Valley C.C. His father, Ludvig Nelson, made the best sod cutters in the country; they were the kind you kicked and pushed by hand. Ludvig worked for Minikahda for years. In the mid-to-late '50s Roy left the Minnesota area and took over the job at Ravisloe Country Club in Chicago.

At that time I took over the job of Secretary and decided that our organization needed a monthly news bulletin. As Larry mentioned, we had a mimeograph, but we also purchased an addressograph machine which alleviated the work of sending out the bulletin. This really was the beginning of what later became *Hole Notes*.

Ray Hall, (Greenhaven, Anoka) took over a couple years later as Secretary and editor of the monthly newspaper. He did a very competent job and, as I remember, got a lot of help from his wife, Betty. After Ray, Carl Anderson took over. He was probably the best of the three of us. His newsletters were folksy, newsy and interspersed with good humor. Ray and Roy were both WWII combat veterans in the ETO. Carl was Superintendent at Woodhill after having been at Nemadji Club in Superior, Wisconsin. Carl, as you all know, became known as "Mr. Woodhill."

My own connections with Woodhill were long and deep. As you approach Woodhill Country Club, the hill up on the right is the site of my great grandfather's farm. He was a Kentuckian who fought for the Union in the Civil War. He was mustered out after being wounded at Resaca, Georgia during Sherman's campaign to take Atlanta. He moved to Minnesota after the war and built a two-story log cabin on that hill. One of his sons was my grandfather, Charles Ice, who hunted and fished as a boy on what is now Woodhill. An article in the November, 1913 issue of *Sports Afield* magazine told of an earlier hunting and fishing expedition (1888) to the Woodhill area. It sounded like a sportsman's paradise. My grandfather became the village blacksmith in Wayzata and later Excelsior.

The hill up on the left as you approach Woodhill belonged to Albert Crosby. Mr. Crosby financed the massive evergreen plantings undertaken at Woodhill during the '20s and '30s since the membership felt it was too expensive a project. Albert Crosby was a member of the Washburn-Crosby Company which later became General Mills. For the information of you younger members, WCCO Radio & TV got their call letters from Washburn Crosby Company.

My dad, Leo, was superintendent at Woodhill for 30 years. I can remember being a small boy and seeing the draft horses work, three teams of them. In the winter the Woodhill

crew used those teams to help harvest ice from Lake Minnetonka. Dad also had about 75 sheep at Woodhill. My sister and I always had lambs to care for when we were little. The horses belonged to the company, but the sheep belonged to my dad personally. They helped graze the rough areas and were kept in the barn in the winter. All the manure was composted and used on the greens as topdressing. The compost piles were located just below the shop (then a barn) on the edge of a marsh where the skating pond is now. During the '30s wool brought less money than what it cost to take it to market and the sheep were done away with.

Woodhill's barn burned down during the '30s. When this happened the horses were sold and replaced by Toro tractors. The grass on the steep sidehills was kept cut in those days with scythes. I remember well the two men who did this at Woodhill. They were Sam Lundgren and Martin Donlin, both bachelors who lumberjacked in the woods of northern Minnesota during the winter and swung scythes on the golf course in the summer.

My dad built Orono Golf Course and opened it in 1926. It was a sideline business and secondary to his main occupation as superintendent at Woodhill. The Greenskeepers' picnic was held annually at Orono for many years. My sister and I as little kids became acquainted with other "little kids" whose folks were in the golf or golf-related business. They included, among others, Paul Miller's kids, Gordy, Don and Marilyn, and Carl Anderson's kids, John and Miriam. Orono was the first public golf course in Minnesota to have grass greens. The Minneapolis municipal courses converted from sand to grass greens in the early '30s. Incidentally, Woodhill and Interlachen were the first golf courses to try bent grass greens and not too successfully either. Charlie Erickson was the dean of Minnesota Greenskeepers in the '20s and his Minikahda course was the first to use power mowers (but they were pulled by horses).

World War II raised havoc with the golf industry. At Orono, we grossed less than \$500.00 for the whole year of 1944. The first weekend after VJ Day in August, 1945, we took in \$500.00 each day. Gas rationing had been taken off the day after VJ Day and people in Minnesota were ready to play golf and they did. I started working on the golf course at the age of 12, the first full year of the war. The neighbor boy and I mowed greens together the first couple of mowings of the spring when the pushing was hard. Yes, we pushed them then, in our case, one pushing on the left handle, the other pushing on the right handle. I've been behind or on a greensmower nearly every year of my life since then. I'm presently a superintendent of a resort golf course in the mountains of western North Carolina. My younger brother, Dave, is a superintendent of a new course in Gainesville, Georgia. Between my dad, my brother and myself, we have put in over 125 years as superintendents or in other golf-related positions.

As an expatriated Minnesotan, I'd like to extend greetings and best wishes to all of you in the golf industry and especially to my old friends and acquaintances.

—Bob Feser

TARTAN PARK: A Brief History

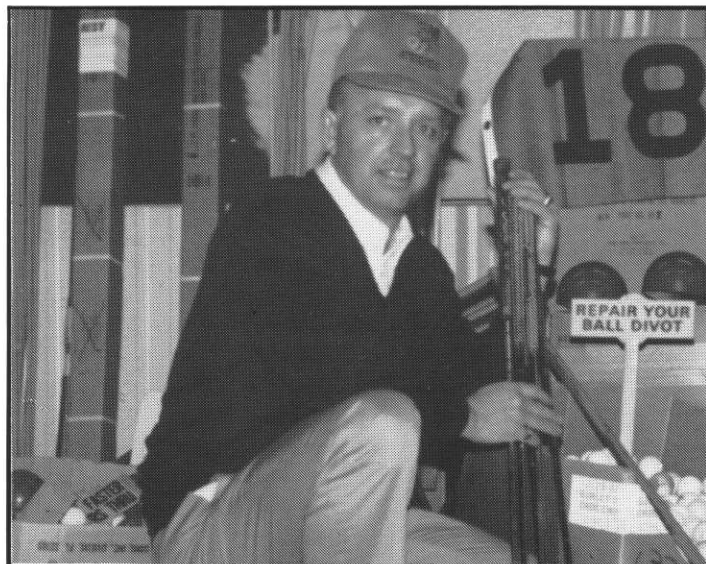
When many people who are not familiar with 3M or Tartan Park think of either, they think of "Scotch" tape and a 27 hole golf course. Like 3M, Tartan Park is a multi-faceted complex that is operated by a staff of trained professionals.

The property that makes up Tartan Park Recreation Area consists of 483 acres and is located adjacent to Lake Elmo in Washington County. The land at Tartan Park was acquired in 1959, with the golf course opening in 1966, and the clubhouse opening in 1968. The recreational outings at the park are part of the 3M Club of St. Paul, Inc. The professional staff at Tartan Park is responsible for the administration of the 3M Club and the facilities.

There is much more to Tartan Park than the well manicured 27 hole golf course, there are the 12 tennis courts, 4 lighted and fenced softball fields, 4 bocce ball courts and the Hexagon Picnic shelters. When winter arrives the staff prepares cross country ski trails and snowmobile trails. The two large picnic areas feature anything to make a family picnic a perfect summer family event keeping everyone entertained from the smallest toddler to the retired 3M'er who would like to get in a quick game of horseshoes. Of course no recreational facility is complete without a center of operations, Tartan Park's clubhouse is well supplied with dining areas, conference rooms, sport shop and meeting rooms.

The idea behind the 3M Club is to provide members with constructive outlets for their recreational, hobby and cultural interests. In addition to the recreational advantages that the Club offers to employees, there is also the strong bond of fellowship which flourishes when people share mutual interests.

Compiled from information provided by 3M Club of St. Paul, Inc.



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6th Annual Turf Tourney a Resounding Success

Once again the MGCSA Turf Tourney, conducted annually to raise funds for research, was a resounding success in practically every way you look at it.

Thanks to a turn-out of some 151 players, and thanks to the 14 clubs who provided the facilities on which the competition was conducted. Midland Hills Country Club was the sight for what was termed "a sparkling dinner". All the committee persons did what was necessary to make this year's sixth annual event a resounding success. Approximately \$4,500 was raised for research, according to Chairman Greg Hubbard.

Research projects to be funded are:

A continuation of a snow mold control study by Dr. Ward Steinstra at the University of Minnesota;

An ice cover study under the direction of Dr. Steinstra and Dr. Phil Larson, also at the U of M.

The third year of leachate study at Baker National in Medina.

In addition the MGCSA will continue its support of both USGA and GCSAA research programs with contributions of \$1,000 to each organization.

This year's winner in the two-ball net competition with a nifty -29 at Interlachen Country Club was the team of Steve Knight, Jamie Sipes, Steve Posthumons and Greg Hall, four strokes in front of the foursome of Mike Monson, Troy Stutz, Larry Palmquist and Dave McCarthy, who also played at Interlachen.

The winning team received \$100.

Following are the leading teams.

1st - Interlachen (-29) \$100	Steve Knight Jamie Sipes Steve Posthumons Greg Hall
2nd - Interlachen (-25) \$90.00	Mike Monson Troy Stutz Larry Palmquist Dave McCarthy
3rd - Midland Hills (-21) \$80.00	Dave McDonald Terry Bonk Dan Bonk Greg Belde
4th - Oak Ridge (-20) \$70.00	George Harper John Edwards John Meldahl Jake Jurisz
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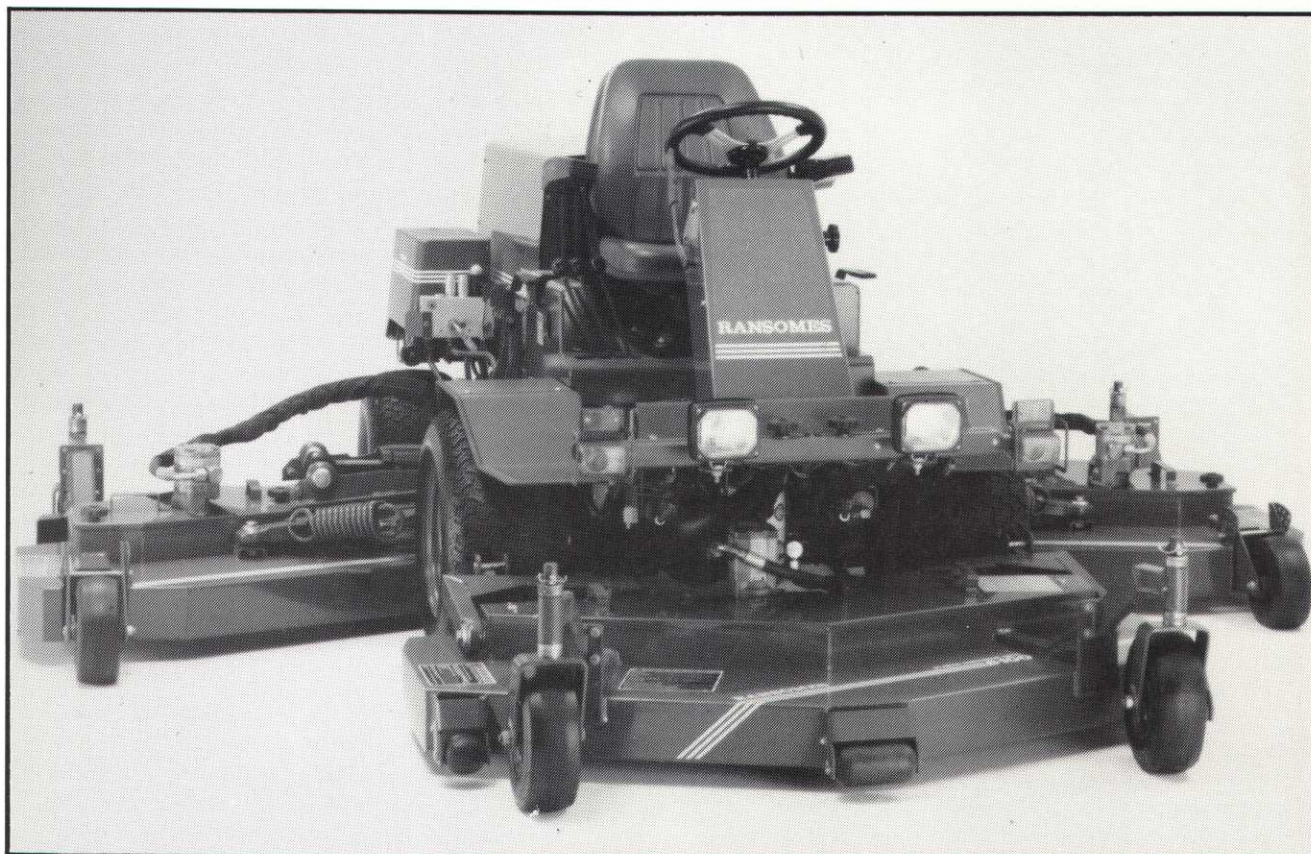
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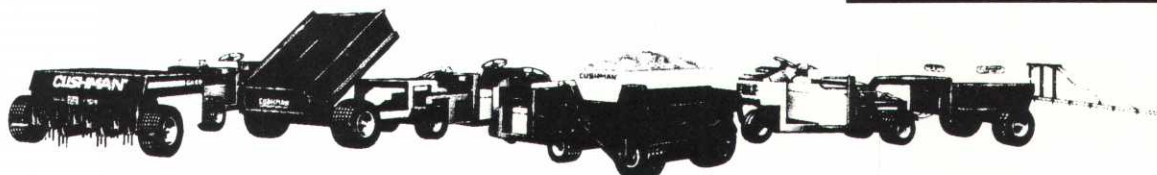
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EDITOR'S CORNER

By Dale Wysocki
Faribault Golf & Country Club



playing field will be set at 132 members of the MGCSA, so when you get your form, please send it in quickly. The date for the MGCSA Amateur Championship is Monday, August 17. John Nylund of Braemar Golf Club is the defending champion.

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Look for updates for your Environmental Handbook to be sent upon receipt of your 1992 MGCSA dues.

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Did you happen to see the May/June issue of the *USGA Green Section Record*? First there is an excellent article written by Robert C. Vavrek, Jr., agronomist with the Great Lakes Region of the USGA Green Section, about the use of "Curlex Greensavers" with a photograph of Edina Country Club's Professional Golf Course Superintendent Bill Johnson.

Then on the following page is a photograph of MGCSA President Rick Fredericksen, CGCS presenting a check to Jim Snow, National Director and Chairman of the USGA Turfgrass Research Committee. This is what you would call part of our national reputation for being leaders in the golf course industry. The MGCSA is constantly being recognized as an organization on the move.

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Maybe this is just one of those things you can only blame on "El Nino" but, snow on Memorial Day is getting a little carried away, and then putting through one inch of the white stuff made me think of making little skis for the golf ball.

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With the summer solstice already passed, what are you doing to keep yourself from "burning out"? Remember to spend some time relaxing. Try walking your golf course in the morning instead of riding it. Also, don't forget about your families. Children are only young once and they do grow up fast. If you can give some good quality time to your family, the return on it is priceless.

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Dr. James B. Beard has retired from Texas A&M University after 35 years of public service in turfgrass research and teaching. Dr. Beard plans to continue his full-time involvement with the turfgrass industry.

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The MGCSA wishes to thank Turf Supply Co. and North Star Turf for the complimentary beverage cart at the June meeting in Faribault.

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— Dale Wysocki
Editor

It's only July but Shane Andrews has been a very busy person organizing speakers for the MGCSA's Annual Turfgrass Conference and Show. Shane has been able to secure Dr. Joe Vargas of Michigan State and Dr. John Roberts of the University of New Hampshire. With these two speakers secured it appears that the annual turfgrass conference will be a very well-attended event. The dates for the conference are November 18, 19 and 20. If you have any subjects that you think are of interest to the MGCSA, please let anyone from the Conference and Education Committee know.

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From time to time, do we as Professional Golf Course Managers stop to thank the people who work along side of us keeping our golf courses in impeccable condition? Our support staff, where would we be without them? These are the people who are there when we need them; they are people who are extremely attentive to the needs of the golf course; they are people who sometimes go unnoticed during the course of the day. Remember a kind word—a word of encouragement—goes a long way.

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Congratulations to Dan and Debbie Mickelson, proud parents of Tyler Daniel, born on June 7 at 3:58 p.m. Dan is the Chief Mechanic at Oak Ridge Country Club.

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A reminder that to qualify for Petro-Fund reimbursement, your UST must be registered with the MPCA. Also there have been changes in how you can apply for reimbursement. For further information call the Department of Commerce at 297-4017.

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How does the membership feel about how the MGCSA is being run? How does the membership feel about *HOLE NOTES*? As a Board member, I am curious as to how you feel about the organization. Are we doing enough for the membership? Are we doing a good job? And if we are doing a good job, have you told a board member that there is an item that you're pleased with? With the '90s being a service-oriented decade, we as board members would like to know what we can do to make the association better and stronger, but we do need your input.

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Plans are now being made for the MGCSA Amateur Championship at Midland Hills Country Club. Scott Austin, CGCS, has told me that the course will be in excellent

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