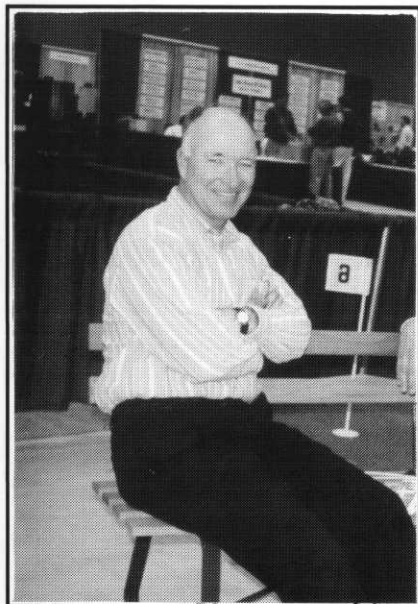


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Mary Burg organized the silent auction. Mary accumulated auction items from suppliers, golf courses and individuals. Leif Erickson built a nine-hole putting green. Sport Court supplied a basket and backboard to help create the Olympic Village. Keith Faber of Five Star Deep Aerifying won the basketball shooting contest. Together the three events raised over \$1500 for the MTGF.



MARY BURG, Brightwood Hills GC, organized the Silent Auction at the 1996 MTGF Conference.

Putting Champ!



BURT BURMEISTER, North Star Turf, left, accepts the putting contest trophy from Dave Kemp, Catholic Cemeteries, at the trade show.

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Special Golf Tourney At Somerset CC Earns \$2100 for Scholarships

Thanks to a not often played golf competition organized by three enterprising Trans-Mississippi Golf Association directors, 30 Twin Cities area golfers participated in an enjoyable one-day tournament that also raised approximately \$2100 for the scholarship funds of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association and the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association.

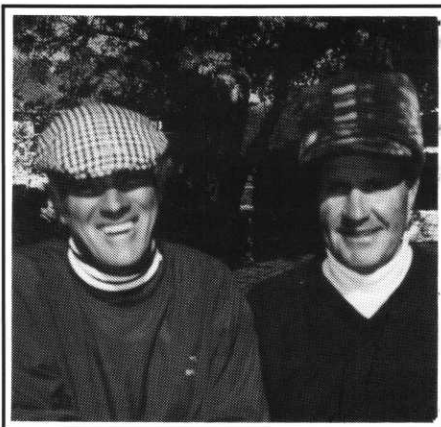
A 36-hole, foursomes event, coupled with teams playing each of their morning and afternoon rounds in approximately two and one-half hours, spawned some attractive golf and rosy-cheeked smiles under brilliant autumn sun at Somerset Country Club in Mendota Heights, a suburb of St. Paul.

Tournament chairman was Tom Garrett, a member of Somerset, who worked closely with Somerset member Ward Johnson and Hank Wilkinson, a member of Minikahda Club in Minneapolis. The three Trans directors circulated invitations to a variety of Twin Cities golfers age 40 or more. They also have been working with the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association to encourage contributions by Minnesota golf clubs to the scholarship funds of the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association and the superintendents' organization.

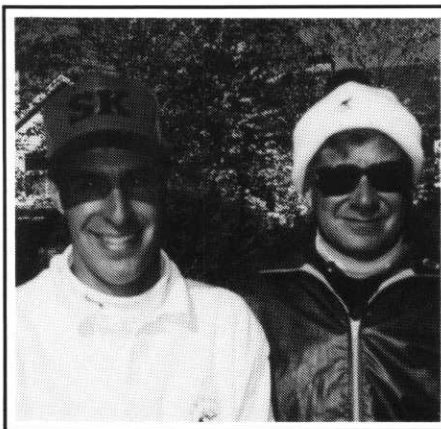
Capturing first place in the "Walker Cup-style" competition was the Interlachen team of Pete Anderson and David Hays, three points ahead of runners-up Rick Soskin and Paul Wernick of Oak Ridge CC, and four in front of two teams tied for third: Mark Polich and John Ponterio of Hazeltine National GC and Bob Tickle and Rich Anderson of Interlachen CC. Scoring was built around a modified Stableford system.

All entrants were treated to a special "Scottish-style" lunch and modest prizes were awarded. The lunch featured pork accompanied by two Scottish sauces, walleyed pike, buttered carrots, mashed potatoes with rutabagas (known as Clapshot in Scotland), herring, smoked salmon, baked apples and Scottish trifle.

"Several contestants later expressed their appreciation for the weather, the food and the event," said Garrett. "Because of the pleasant response, we plan to make this an annual competition, probably limiting it to 24 teams."



WINNERS of the special Somerset competition to raise scholarship funds were, from left above, David Hays and Pete Anderson of Interlachen. Runners-up below were Rick Soskin, left, and Paul Wernick of Oak Ridge Country Club.



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Two Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Boots Fuller, Mankato Golf Club, and Randy Nelson, Hidden Greens Golf Club.

The Watson Award went to Leif Erickson for his journalistic efforts for *Hole Notes*. Scholarship honorees were Andrew Larsen, Ann Paulisich, Reid Paulson and Shannon Schornack.

— Scott Turtinen
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CRAIG SCHREINER, golf course architect, gave three talks at the MTGF Conference.

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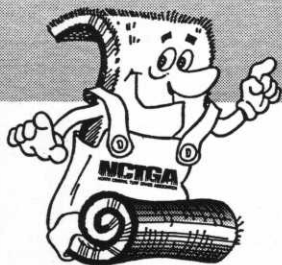
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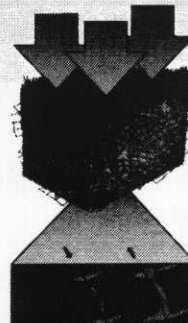
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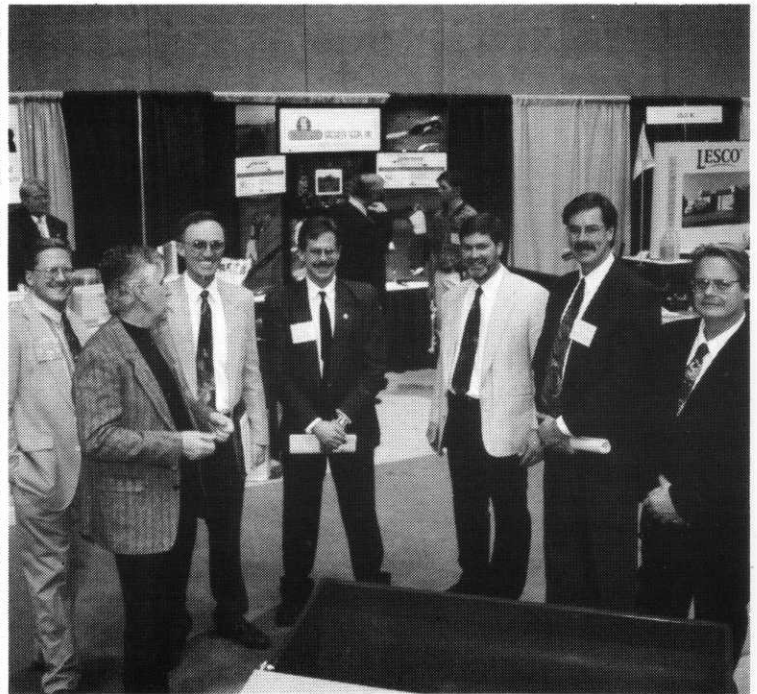
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