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PrairieView Opens April 5!

Byron Forest Preserve officials and staff would like to welcome all golfers to another great season of golf at PrairieView.

PrairieView's official opening day, weather permitting, will be on Wednesday, April 5.

Regular spring hours of operation, from 8 a.m. to dusk weekdays and 7 a.m. to dusk on weekends, will be in effect April 5 - April 28.

Many exciting new things are happening this season to make your golfing visit more enjoyable.

Mother Nature, Grounds Superintendent Steve Storz, and his crew are hard at work shaping up the course for our third full season of play.

Last year, end of the season projects included spreading and seeding over 160 truck loads of topsoil brought in to smooth roughs; more brush and woods clearing; major erosion repairs and sodding (including #5 and #7 fairways); and the addition of three new driving range target greens.

A new practice sand bunker on the driving range will become a reality this year thanks to a generous donation from the Golf Club at PrairieView golf association.

Other plans include the establishment of native vegetation and prairie areas on the course as PrairieView joins the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for golf courses.

The PrairieView staff is pleased to present several new savings programs for our golfers benefit and enjoyment:

New daily county green fee rate structure... offers last season's non-resident green fees to county residents at no increase with purchase of county discount ID card. Byron residents with a discount card will also have no increase in daily green fees for the 1995 season. A higher fee out-of-county rate structure for daily green fees is new for this golf season.

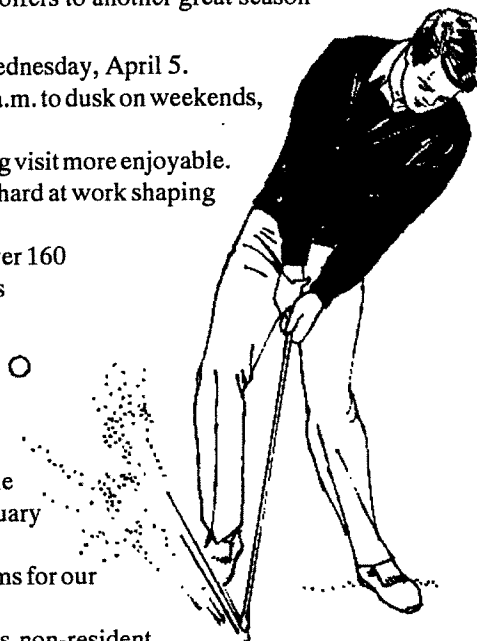
New "VIP" Voucher program for green fees and cart rentals offers Byron and Ogle County residents the opportunity to save seven days a week with the new "combination" green fee/cart pass.

New Driving Range Discount Card saves golfers up to 50 percent on range ball usage. Purchase either the new VIP Voucher or driving range plan by April 1 for maximum savings!

Tee Time Express for quicker, easier phone reservations when making weekly golf reserves. Requires advance registration. Free reserves on weekdays, including Byron discount cardholders and all season passholders, and \$1 on weekends.

New single rider cart rate on weekdays before 4 p.m. Weekday senior cart special also extended to 4pm on weekdays for 1995 season.

As you can see, exciting new changes are happening at PrairieView! Thanks again to everyone for their continued support for another great year of fun at PrairieView in 1995.



Pilot "VIP" Voucher Program

Check out the unique "combination" pass available at PrairieView this season!

The new VIP Voucher Pass offers golfers regular discounts on both green fees and motorized cart rentals - **all in one pass**. The VIP pass is available to individuals, couples, families, and local businesses residing or located in the Byron Forest Preserve District or Ogle County.

Initially, three voucher plans will be offered in 1995 at \$150, \$300, and \$600 values (see table below). Any dollar amount, up to the full voucher value can be, applied toward either daily cart fees or green fees.

Depending on the plan chosen and time of purchase, golfers can receive 10 - 25 percent discounts at all time periods including weekdays, weekends and holidays, leagues, and twilight!

Best yet, all VIP Voucher Passes purchased in 1995 carry over to the entire 1996 golf season!

Photo ID VIP Voucher Passes will be for sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. starting March 22-26 and again March 28-April 2. Please call 234-GOLF (4653) for more information.

Plan #	Selected \$ Voucher Value	Resident/County Actual Cost	Resident - Early Bird Price Before 4-1-95	Resident/County Savings	Resident - Early Bird Savings Before 4-1-95
1	\$150	\$135	\$127.50	\$15 (10%)	\$22.50 (15%)
2	\$300	\$255	\$240	\$45 (15%)	\$60 (20%)
3	\$600	\$480	\$450	\$120 (20%)	\$150 (25%)

1995 EVENTS AT PRAIRIEVIEW

April 30 Spring Ultimate
 May Challenge Ladder Begins
 May 28 Luau
 May 29 Men's Holiday Event
 June Match Play Begins
 June 16 Couples 2-Ball & Steak Fry
 June 17-18 Lincoln Highway Qualifying
 July 4 Men's Holiday Event

July 23 Men's Team Play
 August 4 Couples 2-Ball & Steak Fry
 August 12-13 Club Championship
 September 3 Western Shootout
 September 4 Men's Holiday Event
 Sept. 9-10 Gold Medal Tour.
 September 30 Fall Ultimate

New Driving Range Program

Serious about improving your game in 1995? Why not take advantage of PrairieView's new range discount savings card?!

Save up to 50% on range balls by purchasing the new card before April 1.

PrairieView's new bar-coded range discount card offers the convenience of being able to select any bucket size (three sizes this year) and knowing immediately your current range card balance.

Choose among three plans or values below for either yourself or family.

Range Card Value	Range Card Cost	Savings Per Range Basket	Special Card Price by April 1, 1995
\$30	\$24	20%	\$21 ...save extra 10%
\$52	\$36	30%	\$31 ...save extra 10%
\$100	\$60	40%	\$50 ...save extra 10%



CLUB DONATES CHECK TO PRAIRIEVIEW



Denny Dunham, Golf Club of PrairieView, presents check to Ken Ledene, PrairieView Clubhouse Manager/PGA Pro. Left-right: Edward C. Clift, Ledene, Dunham, and Fred Brune.

Denny Dunham, representative of the Golf Club of PrairieView, recently presented a \$500 check from the golf club to PrairieView Clubhouse Manager and PGA Pro Ken Ledene.

Edward C. Clift is the Executive Director of the Byron Forest Preserve District, and Fred Brune is a Byron Forest Preserve District Board Commissioner and a member of the Golf Club of PrairieView.

The check will be used to build a practice sand bunker on PrairieView's driving range.

PrairieView, which is owned and operated by the Byron Forest Preserve District, is located on North German Church Road, one-half mile south of the Byron bridge. The golf course will open for the season on April 5.

For more information, call 815-234-GOLF.

1995 Summer Junior Lesson Program

Area youth are again encouraged to participate in PrairieView's popular eight-week summer lesson/play program. Expanded last season to accommodate 118 eager young golfers, the eight classes quickly filled.

Junior lesson registration forms will be accepted starting March 22 at the PrairieView clubhouse from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Early junior class registration, season pass sales, and resident ID card sales will continue from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. March 23-26 and again March 29-April 2. Official opening day for the course is Wednesday, April 5.

The success of the junior program will again depend upon donations of used golf clubs and for adults/parents to sign-up as summer volunteers. Classes for younger/inexperienced juniors will start on Monday June 12 and end August 7. Older and experienced juniors start on Thursday June 15 and finish on August 7 with a tournament, picnic, and awards for all Monday/Thursday classes.

Weekly classes on Mondays and Thursdays start at 1 p.m., ages are from 7 - 17, and no experience is necessary at any level. See enclosed registration form for more information and program fees. Please call Ken Ledene for more information at 815/234-GOLF(4653).

Ken's Clubhouse Notes

Help Wanted

PrairieView Golf Course is now accepting applications for the following clubhouse, part-time seasonal positions: cashiers, rangers, cart attendants, concessions, certified foodservice personnel, and catering. Applications may be picked-up and returned to the Jarrett Prairie Center. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1-4:30 p.m.

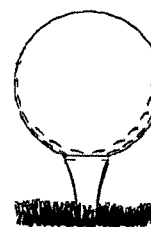


Photo ID's

PrairieView Golf Course will begin to issue new photo identification cards for all season passholders and resident discount cardholders during special hours in March. Please bring your old photo card with you as we will be able to reissue the same card and number in some instances.

The PrairieView clubhouse will be open on the following days specifically for this purpose, hours 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.:

Thursday: March 24, 31

Friday: March 25, April 1

Saturday: March 26, April 2

Regular golf course season opening hours begin on Wednesday, April 5, after which photos may also be taken. **Please, no photos on Saturday or Sunday before 10 a.m.** All previous passholders\ ID cardholders must renew their 1993 cards for the 1994 season without exception. Please help us serve you more efficiently by stopping before April 15! Special savings coupons available to those who stop by early and renew.

TURF NOTES

By Steve Storz, Golf Supt.

As I look forward to the fourth golf season at PrairieView, my mind is drawn back to our early developmental stages.

Do you remember when there were bunkers with no sand, washes in fairways too big to cross with a golf cart, and woods rough with brambles as tall as a person?

While I'm thankful we've been able to improve playing conditions beyond that level, there remains, nevertheless, plenty of room for improvement at this young golf course.

I would like to list and briefly describe several Byron Forest Preserve District project goals for PrairieView Golf Course.

In 1995, we will attempt to complete as many of these projects as time and funds will allow:

- Plant More Trees - As in previous years, the Golf Division will select the locations and Park Maintenance will transplant the trees from BFPD nurseries.

- Continue Erosion Control Program - Seed and mulch areas which need more, denser turf.

- Install Practice Sand Bunker at the Driving Range - This project was made possible by a donation from the Golf Club of PrairieView.

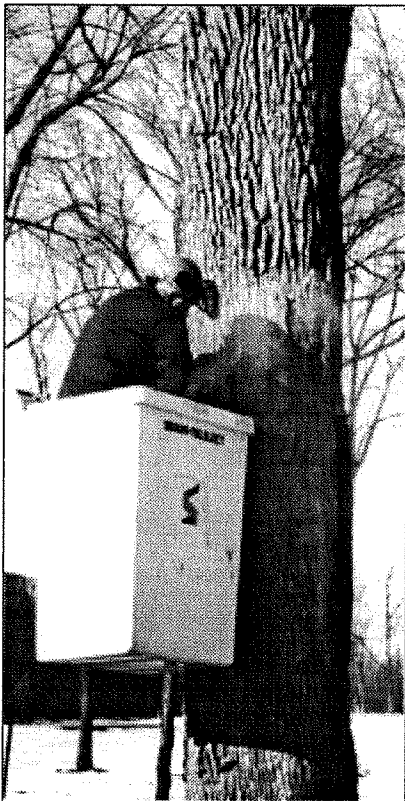
- Rebuild Bunkers Guarding 6 & 11 Greens - The present design causes the sand in them to wash severely whenever it rains.

- Design and Install Native Landscape Plantings - Needed around PrairieView's entrance and clubhouse area.

- Install Drainage Lines - In water retention areas, sand bunkers and drainage swales in fairways.

- Continue Working Toward Certification as an Audubon Sanctuary Golf Course - The main thrusts will be to establish new prairie in low play rough areas such as between 7th and 11th fairways, between 7th fairway and the driving range, in front of the 16th tee, and between 17th green and 18th tee, to put out nestboxes and feeders for birds in appropriate locations on the golf course and to create a clubhouse display which will explain the Audubon Sanctuary Program and chart its progress at PrairieView with maps and charts. We also will establish a resource committee composed of local citizens to provide input in the development and implementation of this program.

Our goal is a lofty one: to develop PrairieView into the finest golf facility in this region. With continued cooperation and hard work we can achieve this goal.



Park Maintenance staff member Charles Holeton assists with cutting down a dead oak tree behind #6 green.



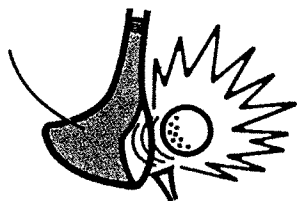
Timberrrrrrr!!

The Golf and Park Maintenance staff cut down an old dead oak tree behind #6 green at PrairieView in February.

The wood will be used for boiling the sap for the district's maple syrup operation. It will also be used in the fireplace at the south shelter.

A 10-12-foot stump was left standing. If anyone is interested in volunteering to turning this stump into a chainsaw sculpture or if anyone would like to donate funds to the district to have a sculpture carved, please call Executive Director Edward Clift at (815) 234-8535.

If time or funds are donated, a recognition plaque will be placed on the sculpture when completed.



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Audubon Sanctuary Program

Naturalist Josh Skolnick and his two assistants, Todd Tucker and Lisa Johnson, are already hard at work implementing the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program at PrairieView.

The parking areas at the golf course have undergone major changes this spring. Josh and Todd are turning the islands dividing the parking areas into raised beds for prairie plantings.

So far, the two have hauled about 23 tons of native limestone to build two-foot high retaining walls. The areas inside the walls are then filled with a sand and soil mix to mimic dry prairie conditions. A variety of native flowers and grasses will be plugged into the soil mixture.

Josh, along with Lisa and Todd, have carefully selected just the right combinations of prairie plants to provide color throughout the golfing season while also attracting many kinds of birds and butterflies.

Some plants that will be used include nodding onion, little bluestem, lead plant, pale purple coneflower, prairie smoke, blazingstar, lupine, prairie dropseed, spiderwort, and butterfly weed.

These areas are called prairie gardens because they have a higher ratio of blooming plants to grasses than real prairies. These unique gardens will beautify the clubhouse area and, we hope, increase everyone's interest in and knowledge of our native plant species.

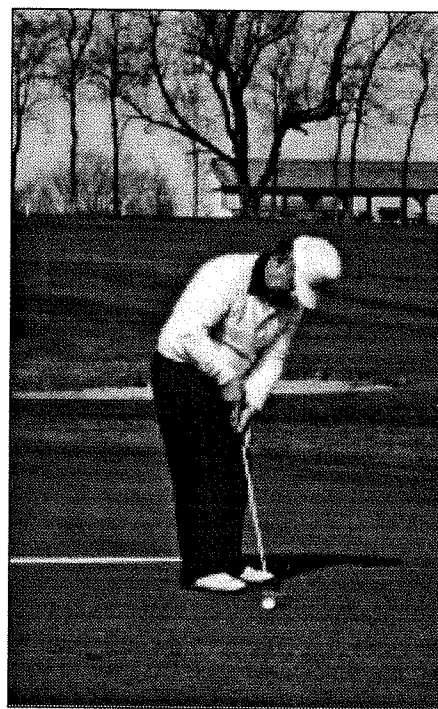
The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program (ACSP) for golf courses is co-sponsored by the United States Golf Association and the Audubon Society of New York State.

The purpose of the program is to promote ecologically sound land management and the conservation of our natural resources. The program provides an advisory information service on how to conduct environmental projects on golf courses.

Since PrairieView joined the ACSP last fall, staff members, including Golf Maintenance Superintendent Steve Storz and his crew, have set certification in the program as their goal.

The certification process is designed to recognize and support golf courses which have worked to ensure a high degree of environmental quality on the golf course. To become certified, the course, must complete and manage tasks in seven Achievement Categories: environmental planning, public involvement, wildlife cover enhancement, wildlife food enhancement, integrated pest management, water conservation, and water enhancement.

Once a plan for a category is written and implemented, a certificate of achievement is granted for that category. When all seven categories are accomplished, the golf course will be designated a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.



Although this is hole #13, this golfer was lucky enough to get in 18 holes between rain showers recently.

"Pace of Play Clocks" Coming Soon!

PrairieView in its continuing efforts to improve speed of play and to make golf more enjoyable will be implementing a new concept to the golf course - Pace of Play Clocks.

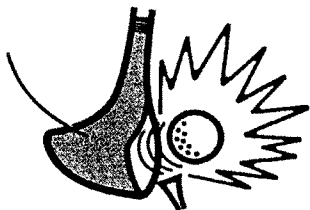
Our initial goal will be educational - to make all golfers starting off the first tee aware of the pace of play we will be trying to establish as our standard - **4 hours and 12 minutes for 18 holes including stopping between nines.**

The pace clocks work simply as follows. All five clocks on the course will be synchronized to the pace of 4 hours and 12 minutes for 18 holes. At registration, each group will be told their tee time or have it written on their score card. Whenever a group comes upon any pace clock, whether hole #7 or #16, the time on the clock should come close to matching their tee time if they are on pace.

Slow play can be solved simply if every group maintains the same 8 1/2 minute interval established between groups on the first tee. Then it just becomes a matter of keeping up with the players ahead of you. Everyone must make playing at the proper pace their personal responsibility. Save your learning and practicing for the practice areas!

Watch for the announcement of special our kick-off pace of play day to introduce the pace of play clocks. Spalding Golf has already donated a free two-ball pack of golf balls for the occasion. Watch the clubhouse for an announcement, other activities are being planned as well.

Thanks to our volunteers for making the clocks, and to the Golf Club, especially Fred Brune, for their help in developing and promoting this project.



PrairieView Needs YOU!!

Prairieview is looking for a few special volunteers interested in helping at the course this season.

The warm, summer months place high demands on the course, especially the extra sensitive tee and green areas. As in the past, our volunteers will be out in force on weekdays helping to repair tee divots with sand and seed mix. This is a very important, but labor intensive, maintenance program that is needed to help maintain our excellent tee conditions. We encourage anyone interested to sign-up and help out.

Also, with ever increasing play, there is a need for more ranger coverage. The golf course will have full, **all day weekend ranger coverage** for the first time this summer. We still have a need to supplement the paid staff with volunteers, however.

In the new Volunteer Ranger "Eyes and Ears" program, authorized, volunteer golfers are issued two-way radios and they simply call back to the clubhouse to notify staff of established rule violations. Staff will handle any situation at this point and the volunteer can continue playing golf.

The second volunteer ranger program available is one where individuals perform full, on-course ranger duties on a regular schedule and do not play golf at the same time. We encourage anyone who is interested in either program or has any questions to stop in and see Ken at the clubhouse or call (815) 234-4653.

Course Etiquette

The pro shop is well supplied with ball mark repair tools, including a sturdy, inexpensive economy model! Please purchase one and use it often! It only takes a few seconds to repair a mark and to "leave the green in at least as good a condition as you found it" for the group to follow. If every golfer fixed his own mark and one other, all our greens would be void of ball marks at all times. Try it!

PrairieView's First Hole-in-One



Pictured here are witnesses (l-r) Denny Dunham, Heinz Lange (first ever hole-in-one), Brad Adams, and Ken Hoel.

Byron resident Heinz Lange hit his first hole-in-one ever and PrairieView's first of the season on May 20.

Lange accomplished the feat on hole number 4 using a six iron from 164 yards out. Witnessing the event were Denny Dunham, Ken Hoel and Brad Adams.

PrairieView Clubhouse Manager and PGA Pro Ken Ledene presented Lange with a PrairieView hat, towel and a free 18-hole round of golf.

VIP Vouchers & Driving Range Coupons

PrairieView's new "VIP Discount Voucher" program can still be purchased by Byron or Ogle County golfers. Local golfers can save an additional 10% -20% off the already low Byron or County resident rates.

VIP Vouchers not only can be applied to daily green fees, but may also be credited towards the rental fees for motorized carts - 7 days a week! All VIP vouchers sold in 1995 are valid until October 30, 1996.

Stop by the clubhouse today and let us explain all the features and advantages of our new gold VIP card!

PrairieView's new range discount savings card can be purchased anytime during the golf season. Frequent range users can enjoy savings up to 40% off our regular range bucket prices depending upon the plan chosen. Come out and take advantage of our great range facility today. Rental clubs are always available.

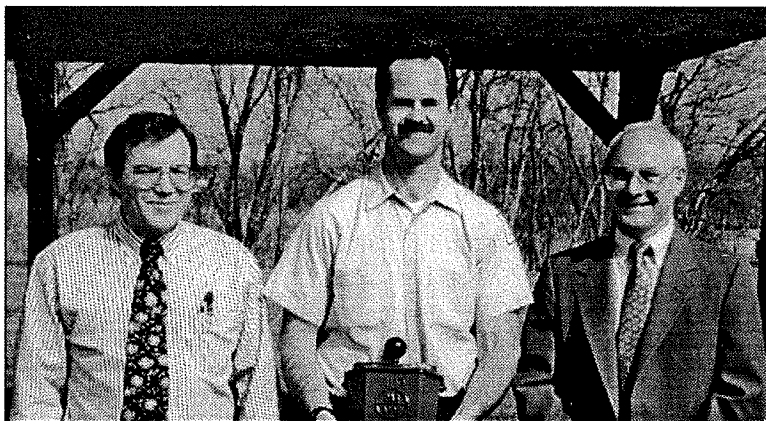
Our new practice range bunker is expected to be ready and in use by the time you read this. Funds for the project were generously donated by the Golf Club of PrairieView this past spring.

The new practice bunker will be a welcome addition to our summer junior instruction program as well as for everyday practice open to the general public.

Reserve Tee Times

Remember, as we enter the busier summer months, reserving tee times on weekends, especially before 1pm, will become more essential. The cost to Byron residents and season passholders is only \$1 on weekends (free on weekdays), guarantees your group the exact time you would like to play, and can be made 8 days in advance. Reserves for all others are 7 days in advance with a cost of \$2 per day.

Thanks, Kysor!



PrairieView Golf Course's Maintenance Department would like to thank Kysor of Byron for painting 19 waste baskets and 19 ball washers for the golf course.

Kysor donated some paint and all of the labor for the project.

Pictured above are (l-r) Gary Schreiber-Process Engineer, Steve Storz-PrairieView's Golf Maintenance Superintendent, and Bill McCaffrey- Vice President of Manufacturing.

Ken's Clubhouse Notes...

Cart Control Very Effective

Our new cart control stakes have been very effective for the most part in reminding golf car users where to drive. Thanks to everyone for cooperating and keeping your cart out of these designated areas. It certainly makes the rangers job easier when you do! We appreciate the fact that the Golf Club and Fred Brune, in particular, suggested the idea and then followed up by actually installing all the new stakes on the golf course.

The Golf Club was also instrumental in installing the new, high visibility yardage stakes. Let's hope they serve their primary purpose - to promote faster play!

"Welcome To Golf" **Publication Available**

Look for a great new, complimentary National Golf Foundation publication at the clubhouse front desk. The new booklet is entitled "Welcome to Golf" - Everything You Need to Know to Get Started. Don't let the title mislead you, however. The section starting on pages 20-21 called "Suggestions for Playing Quick and Courteous Golf" is recommended reading for players of all levels.

Please pick up a copy during your next visit to PrairieView.

Hello, Hamburgers!

Ready for a few new menu selections at the clubhouse? Stop by on weekends and you may be surprised to find a welcomed addition - *hamburgers!* Ever increasing weekend play allows for more staff to offer extra services not available in the past.

Junior News

Junior Golf League Proposed

Qualified youth interested in playing in a morning junior golf league, should sign-up at the PrairieView clubhouse as soon as possible. The new proposed league is being formed to give our older, more experienced junior golfers the opportunity to become involved in organized play on a weekly basis.

A player signing up for the league must be 12 years old or older, must have had more than one year's experience of playing nine holes or more without an adult, must have good knowledge of rules and etiquette, and must be committed to playing on a weekly basis.

Adult volunteers and clubhouse staff will be involved initially, but the goal is for the junior golf league players to eventually manage the league themselves with minimal adult assistance.

Tentatively, the league will play on Mondays at 8am. Play begins in mid-June.



Mini-Series Junior Lessons

PrairieView is offering a new four-session, mini-series lesson program for junior golfers age 18 or under starting in June. The four sessions will be completed in a period of two weeks.

Classes cover basic full swing and short game fundamentals including wood and iron shots, sand play, chipping/pitching, and putting. Classes are limited to only four students allowing for more personal instruction and attention.

Students signing up for the junior mini-series must be of similar age and experience. The series includes four hours of instruction for a fee of \$25 per student including range balls. Rental clubs are available. Please call Ken at (815) 234-4653 for more information and to sign up.

1995 Junior Lesson Program

PrairieView kicks off its eight-week summer junior lesson program on Monday, June 12 this season. The program, available to 7 - 17 year old boys and girls living in the Byron area, reached full enrollment of 118 students in early May.

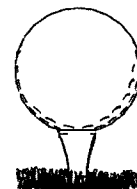
Student class assignments are made on the basis of age and experience. Class sessions will be once a week on either Monday or Thursday. The entire program concludes in early August with a combined golf tournament/picnic for all students.

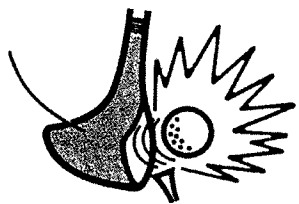
Class content will include an introduction to basic golf fundamentals, equipment, rules and etiquette, and on-course play. Following the weekly instruction, students will have the opportunity to play up to nine holes on the golf course based on their experience level.

Adult and parent volunteers are needed on both Mondays and Thursdays. Minimal or no golf experience is necessary for some of the volunteer assignments, such as check-in, food, and class aides to help with the younger students. Adult/parent volunteers are a key element to the continued success of the program. We thank all of you who have helped in the past and we hope to see you again this year!

Outing Schedules Available

Updated lists of scheduled golf outings are posted and available at the clubhouse now. Please pick up a copy.





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1995 GOLD MEDAL TOURNAMENT

Dates have been set for the 4th Annual PrairieView "Gold Medal Classic" Golf tournament on September 9th & 10th. The thirty-six hole event will be held over two days, Saturday and Sunday, with all golfers playing both days. The tournament is open to all amateur golfers age 16 or over.

Flighting will take place after the first 18 hole round on Saturday. Golfers are reminded that on the first day they may choose one other player to be paired with. Pairings on the second day will be determined by individual score and flighting.

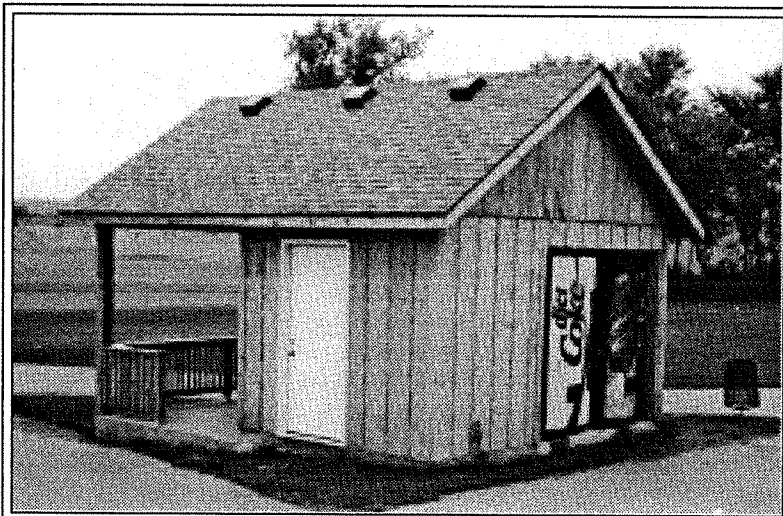
Over \$5,000 in retail prizes were given out last year in the event which attracted nearly one hundred players from all over Northern Illinois. Information and entry forms may be picked up at the PrairieView clubhouse or forms will be mailed to you if you call (815) 234-4653 and request it.

NEW CONCESSION SHELTER

By mid-July, PrairieView golfers were beginning to enjoy the benefits of the new concession/vending shelter between #5 and #14 greens. The two new beverage machines located on the back side of the building became operational just before the 100 degree weather hit!

The beautiful new amenity to the course is a joint effort of the Golf Club at PrairieView, several board members, and the golf course staff. A big thank you to all the individuals who donated many hours of labor to make this project possible. Several regular golfers gave up valuable weekend golf playing time more than once to help in the construction.

Plans call for staffing the concession area on weekends and busy days from mid-morning until mid-afternoon. Most quick snack items, including candy, chips, beer, etc. will be available for sale. Please remember to make your purchases without delay to not adversely affect pace of play.



Audubon Sanctuary Program Progresses

As a part of its involvement in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System, the Byron Forest Preserve's Nature Department staff members have been planting prairie areas on PrairieView Golf Course.

Our first prairie planting, located at the PrairieView sign at the corner of North River and North German Church Roads, is doing well. Twenty-nine different species were plugged in, including leadplant, white indigo, nodding wild onion, compass plant and blazingstar.

At the beginning of July, five species were already blooming: pale purple coneflower, wild quinine, spiderwort, butterfly weed and black-eyed susan. Thanks to Diane Balch for the mature purple coneflower plants, which are also blooming.

Because the Golf Maintenance staff pitched in to help with watering, almost all the plants survived the dry, hot weather.

Be sure to stop between holes 16 and 17 to take a look at the unfolding beauty of our native prairie flowers.

The prairie gardens in the clubhouse parking lots are also taking shape. Eighteen and one-half tons of limestone blocks were used to build the walls. They were then filled with 90 yards - that's about 15 dump truck loads - of sand and soil mix.

More than 24 different species of prairie plants have been planted. For spring bloom we have pasque flower, prairie smoke, wild lupine, and cream indigo.

Some summer blooming species are butterfly weed, pale purple coneflower, black-eyed susan, coreopsis, wild petunia, purple and white prairie clover and cinquefoil.

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Golf Feats

Winnebago resident Jerry Meyerhofer hit a hole-in-one at PrairieView on hole #17 on June 18.

John Nelmeyer of Rochelle and Gloria Gates of Silvis hit eagles on June 18.

Allen Mathewson of Stillman Valley eagled on hole #12 on June 18.

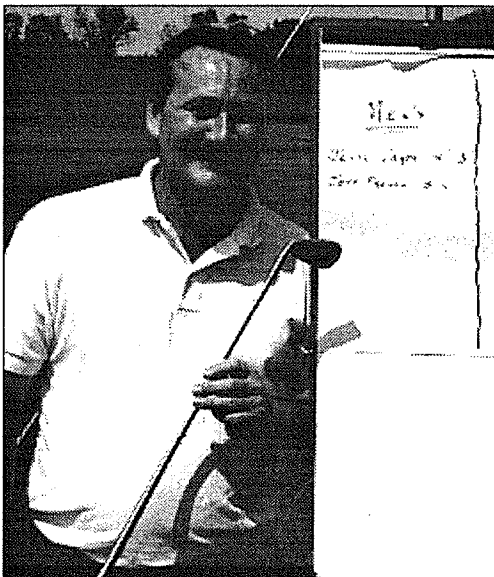
Bob Ruud, Machesney Park, scored a double eagle on hole #2 on June 25.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

A limited number of end-of-the-season positions will become available at the PrairieView clubhouse in August. Some short term positions are expected to be available when some of our summer help return to college.

Please stop by to pick up an application or call Ken Ledene or Karla Coy at (815) 234-4653 for more information.

Congratulations Winners!!



Left-Jeff French of Stillman Valley was the Overall Winner of the "Closest-To-The-Pin" Contest held at PrairieView during ByronFest weekend. The winning distance was 5 1/2 inches and the prize was a \$75 gift certificate.

Above-Linn Weber of Byron won the 1993 Pontiac Sunbird raffled off by the Chamber of Commerce during ByronFest. Weber is employed at PrairieView Clubhouse.

Charles Foster Show - Big "Hit"

The nearly 100 people who turned out for the Charles Foster Golf Show at PrairieView July 11 got to see more than just a few golf tricks.

Foster, a golf pro who has played with the rich and famous, did, of course, demonstrate his golfing expertise. More than that however, he entertained the crowd with his wit, and then drew caricatures of all who asked while they waited. The skillful likenesses amply illustrated that the versatile Foster is good at more than golf alone.

PrairieView Clubhouse Manager and PGA Pro Ken Ledene said he hopes Foster can work PrairieView into his schedule again next year.

"It was a really entertaining show," he said. "He covered golf instruction, told lots of anecdotes about his career, plus the fact that he's got a lot of golf talent. No matter what he hits, he hits them all perfect."

Ledene said Foster put on a clinic for young golfers after the show. He worked individually with each youngster, watching while each hit a couple of shots and offering personal tips.

Foster, who is from Detroit, Mich., began golfing in 1955 and turned pro in the late 1960s. He puts on about 130 shows a year in the U.S. and Canada.

NEW PACE CLOCKS ON COURSE

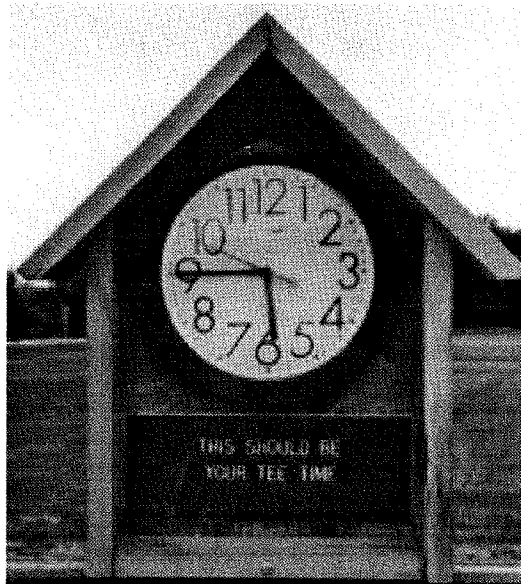
The PrairieView staff and the Golf Club at PrairieView are cooperating in an effort to promote and educate golfers to play "ready golf" or golf without delay on a regular basis.

Slow play on many golf courses has become a national epidemic, seriously effecting the enjoyment of golf for many. Our goal at PrairieView this season is for all golfers to play 18 holes of golf at approximately a 4 hour and 12 minute pace.

National organizations such as the United States Golf Association and the National Golf Foundation are becoming very active in promoting and encouraging golfers to pick up the pace of play nationwide. The staff at PrairieView also believes that slow play is a serious issue that needs to be addressed.

On Sunday, July 23 PrairieView introduced golfers to the five new "time pace" clocks located on holes #4, #7, #10, #13, and #16. In cooperation with Spalding Golf, all golfers playing that morning received a sleeve of two new Spalding "SD" golf balls for participating in the promotion.

Included with this newsletter is pullout insert explaining how to use the new pace clocks and also a list of helpful timesaver hints. Similar copies were handed out to all morning golfers on July 23 with the free promotion golf balls.



Ken's Clubhouse Notes...

PLAYDAY SCHEDULE

In order to keep our patrons better informed of upcoming events, PrairieView periodically publishes an updated list of times, dates, and anticipated size. Schedules are available at the clubhouse.

Please check with the clubhouse registration staff before leaving young juniors to play. Sometimes larger groups require the course be restricted to players in the event for a period of time.

LINCOLN HIGHWAY TEAM RESULTS

PrairieView would like to congratulate the team of players representing our course at the 76th Annual Lincoln Highway Tournament held this year at Kishwaukee C.C. in DeKalb.

Team members included: Tim Mitchell, Kurt Lukan, Ken Hoel, Mike Barnes, Rick Canfield, and Mel Geyer. Play was over 54 holes in one weekend on July 15 & 16. The team finished eighth in a field of ten teams from area golf courses. PrairieView's turn to host the prestigious event happens in the year 2000!

JUNIOR GOLF LESSON PROGRAM

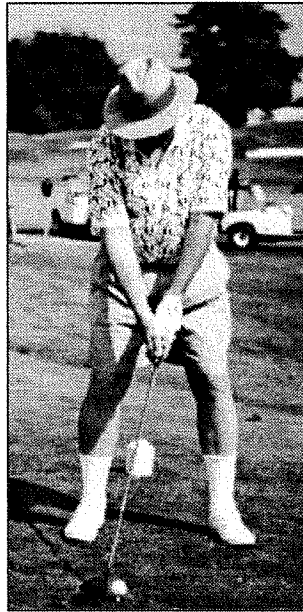
The PrairieView summer junior lesson program is winding down to its conclusion on Monday, August 7 with a picnic lunch, games, and a tournament.

The participation in the Monday/Thursday classes has been outstanding again this season with 118 youth entered in the eight week program. More news and pictures of the kids in the next newsletter. Thank to all the volunteers who helped out this season, especially Chuck Gordan who hardly missed a single session.

Annual Staff Playday Held July 27

A big thank you from all the staff at the Byron Forest Preserve to The Golf Club at PrairieView, Matthews Distributing, Vock Distributing Inc., and Brownstone Beverages for generously donating the prizes for the staff playday on Thursday, July 27. It was greatly appreciated.

Also, thanks to former board treasurer, Fred Brune, for all his help and assistance with scorekeeping, picture taking, and cooking for the staff.



Left-Executive Director Ed Clift tees off. Above-Naturalist Josh Skolnick (center) provides some additional entertainment with his harmonica. Looking on from golf carts are Stewardship Assistant Todd Tucker (left) and Sam Stephenson (right), Custodian/Golf Maintenance.

Audubon Sanctuary Program Progresses

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The fall bloomers will be flowering spurge, silky aster, smooth aster and rough blazingstar. Three prairie grasses were mixed in: little bluestem, prairie dropseed and junegrass.

Many species of birds have been seen nesting on and near the golf course. Killdeer and horned larks nest right on the ground while bluebirds and tree swallows use the nest boxes put up by the staff and volunteers. Many species can be heard singing around the wooded areas. Listen for catbirds, orioles, vireos, wrens, cardinals and woodpeckers.

We hope to see and hear more and more of these wild ones as we create more habitat for them to live in. Thanks to all the golfers and golf course staff who have been patient with and supportive of our work.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program (ACSP) for golf courses is co-sponsored by the United States Golf Association and the Audubon Society of New York State.

The purpose of the program is to promote ecologically sound land management and the conservation of our natural resources. The program provides an advisory information service on how to conduct environmental projects on golf courses.

Since PrairieView joined the ACSP last fall, staff members, including Golf Maintenance Superintendent Steve Storz and his crew, have set certification in the program as their goal.

The certification process is designed to recognize and support golf courses which have worked to ensure a high degree of environmental quality on the golf course. To become certified, the course, must complete and manage tasks in seven Achievement Categories: environmental planning, public involvement, wildlife cover enhancement, wildlife food enhancement, integrated pest management, water conservation, and water enhancement.

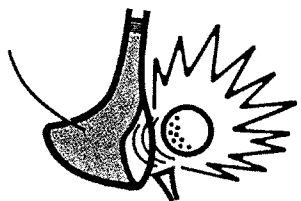
Once a plan for a category is written and implemented, a certificate of achievement is granted for that category. When all seven categories are accomplished, the golf course will be designated a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.

CART CONTROL

As a follow-up to an article in the Spring newsletter, we announced the addition of the new white and red-tipped cart control stakes located around greens, tees, and other sensitive areas on the golf course. The purpose of the stakes was to direct motorized carts away from restricted driving areas and to eliminate the need for miles of directional rope.

The golf course staff is happy to announce that the golfers have been very cooperative in following this trial program. The turf on the moguls and in close in areas around the greens look great as a result, even during a dry summer. Steve and his crew also appreciate the time savings to them by eliminating all the rope and stakes needed in the old method.

Please keep up the good work for the remainder of the season.



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Season Wrap-up

By Ken Ledene, PGA Pro/Clubhouse Manager

As the 1995 golf season comes to a screeching, snowy halt, does anyone remember another year of such weather extremes? The season began with great promise - balmy, 70 degrees days in early March! Rain and cold quickly became the norm in April and May, record heat and humidity arrived in July and August, frost came on September 16, and finally the season skidded to a halt in mid-October with steady cold, rain, and good grief, daily snow and cold in early November.



Clubhouse Manager &
PGA Pro Ken Ledene

Oh well, that's golf in the Midwest. In between, Prairieview experienced another great season of golf, the golf course continued to mature and even thrived when most area courses were losing tees, greens, and fairways due to fungus and disease. Steve Storz and his staff receive an extra pat on the back for another job well done.

Great new additions to the course included cart control stakes, highly visible yardage stakes, the new vending machine /concession shelter, and the practice range bunker. The Golf Club at PrairieView golfers' association contributed much to the above while conducting another full season of fun events. Thanks to all their members and officers for another year of great support at PrairieView.

Even though total golf rounds will be down 5-7 percent from last year, PrairieView again received such record support and usage by district residents, passholders, and the public that the end result will be that 1995 golf revenues will up over 1994 levels. The staff and I appreciated the many compliments over the season very much and look forward to another great year in 1996.

Watch for details this winter, as many exciting new additions for PrairieView are in the planning stages. So don't delay in buying your new, 1996 season golf pass now!

PrairieView Listed in "Places to Play"

PrairieView was included recently among a select group of golf courses by Golf Digest subscribers!

Listed in Golf Digest's new 1996-97 "Places To Play Guide", PrairieView was featured as one of only 12 golf courses in the entire state as "the best golf for the money". Of the hundreds of public golf facilities in the state, only 150 received enough interest among subscribers to be listed.

The Byron Forest Preserve District residents and area golfers can take great pride in our facility as we continue to strive to make PrairieView even better in the future.

1996 SEASON GOLF FEES

Weekend/Holiday	Weekday & Noon Fri. (5/26 - 9/2) 9 / 18 holes	Mon.- Thurs./ Fri. AM 9 / 18 holes
Daily Green Fee:	\$15 / \$23	\$11 / \$18
County*	12 / 19	10 / 16
Resident*	10 / 17	8 / 13
Senior**		
Daily	--	\$10 / \$15
County*	--	8 / 12
Resident*	--	6 / 10
Junior**		
Daily	\$10	\$10
County*	8	8
Resident*	6	6
2 PM Special		
Daily	\$11 / \$18	\$10 / \$15
County*	10 / 16	8 / 13
Resident*	8 / 13	6 / 10
4 PM Twilight		
Daily	\$12	\$11
County*	10	10
Resident*	8	8
5:30 Twilight		
Daily	\$8	\$8
County*	8	8
Resident*	6	6

*Special Byron in District and Ogle County resident rates with "discount I.D. cards" only!

**Special Senior/Junior rates offered before 3 PM on weekdays and juniors after 3 PM on weekends/holidays. Seniors 60 & over and juniors 18 & under both by 10-31-96.

Weekend rates & restrictions begin at noon Friday between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

	Weekend 9 / 18 holes	Weekday 9 / 18 holes
Daily Cart Fee:	\$14 / \$20	\$12 / \$18
Senior/Single*	--	8 / 12
Twilight**	8	8

*Senior/Single - Mon.-Thurs./Fri before noon excluding holidays, coupons, promos, etc.

**Twilight - after 5:30 PM Mon. - Sun.

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SEASON GOLF PASSES

	BY 12-21-95	BY 3-31-96	AFTER 3-31-96
RESIDENT / SINGLE			
ADULT	\$315	\$330	\$375
SENIOR *	\$195	\$210	\$230
JUNIOR**	\$50	\$55	\$70
COLLEGE***	\$95	\$110	\$125
RESIDENT COUPLE/FAMILY			
ADULT	\$525	\$540	\$575
SENIOR*	\$345	\$350	\$380
OUT OF DISTRICT/SINGLE			
ADULT	\$430	\$450	\$495
SENIOR *	\$260	\$275	\$295
JUNIOR**	\$80	\$85	\$100
COLLEGE***	\$135	\$150	\$175
OUT OF DISTRICT COUPLE/FAMILY			
ADULT	\$640	\$660	\$695
SENIOR*	\$450	\$470	\$495

'95 Golf Feats

The PrairieView staff would like to congratulate all those individuals who accomplished an "outstanding" golf feat during the 1995 golf season.

Of special note is Joyce Hess, only the second lady in the four-year history of PrairieView to accomplish a hole-in-one! Both, by the way, occurred on hole #13.

Even rarer than an ace is a double eagle, three under par on a hole. This rarest of feats happened to Bob Rudd on hole #2 on June 25. Congratulations again to all and please let the clubhouse staff know next year when your turn comes!

- 5/1 Dean Rieck - Eagle #11
- 5/12 Tom Miller - Eagle #14 - Driver & Sand Wedge
- 5/18 Steve Clark - Eagle #2
- 5/20 Heinz Lange - Hole in 1 #4 - 6 Iron
- 6/11 Gloria Gates - Eagle #6 - Driver, 5W, 5W
- 6/11 John Niemeyer - Eagle #2 - 3W, 3W, Sand Wedge
- 6/18 Allen Mathewsom - Eagle #12 - Driver, 7 Iron
- 6/18 Jerry Meyerhofer - Hole in One #17 - 5 Iron
- 6/25 Bob Rudd - Double Eagle #2 - 3 Iron
- 7-5 Mark Skadoske - Eagle #2 - Sand Wedge
- 7-21 Steve Hudgens - Eagle #15- 4 Wood/5 Wood/Putter
- 7-23 Sean Lyons - Eagle #2 - 3 Wood/3 Wood/7 Iron
- 8-8 Grant Landis - Hole in One #4 - 8 Iron 145yds
- 8-10 Roy McNames - Eagle #15 - Sand Wedge
- 8-12 Dan King - Eagle #9 - Driver/Sand Wedge
- 8-29 Joyce Hess - Hole-In-One #13 - 7 Wood
- 9-17 George Scott - Eagle #18 - Driver/Sand Wedge
- 9-30 Doug Reber - Eagle #16 - Driver/Wedge
- 9-30 Steve Clark - Eagle #3 - 3W/Sand Wedge
- 10-4 Dave Hickman - Hole-In-One #13 - 8 Iron
- 10-11 Jim Robinson - Hole-In-One #8 - 5 Iron

Ken's Clubhouse Notes...

Pro Shop Sale

Remember all the golfers on your Christmas gift list with either a PrairieView gift certificate or an item from the pro shop!

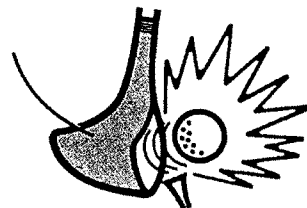
All merchandise is now on sale through December 21. Savings from 15 percent up to 40 percent! Please call 234-GOLF Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and ask for Ken.

The Perfect Golfer Gift

Christmas gift giving is just around the corner and what better gift than a 1996 season golf pass at PrairieView!

The good news is that you can purchase a 1996 golf pass at the 1995 pre-season price if you purchase a new pass by December 21, 1995 (see table below). Gift certificates may be purchased at the clubhouse Monday - Friday in November from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. or in December at the Jarrett Prairie Center Monday - Thursday from 8:30 am - 8:30 pm, Friday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Please remember in order for your pre-season gift certificate to be valid at the early-bird prices below, **you must stop by the PrairieView clubhouse before March 31, 1996 to convert your gift certificate into a photo ID golf pass.** Former season passholders, please bring your 1995 season pass with you.



PrairieView Gets Donation

The junior golf lesson program at PrairieView Golf Course, Byron, recently received a \$100 donation from the John Ferb Memorial Fund, which is administered by the Byron Park District.

PrairieView Clubhouse Manager and PGA Professional Ken Ledene said 118 youngsters ages 7-16 took golf lessons last summer. He said the donation will be used to offset the cost of the program.

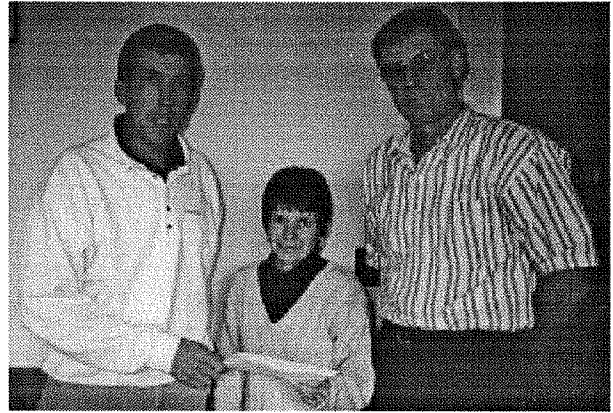
"We really appreciate this donation," Ledene said. "The program is growing every year with more and more kids coming out to learn how to play golf. We have a picnic at the end of the lessons with games and contests. Everyone seems to really enjoy that."

The family of John Ferb established the fund in his memory at the Byron Park District, where he served as the board president. Ferb was also a Byron School Board member for many years.

His son, Gary Ferb, said his father loved children and sports, particularly golf.

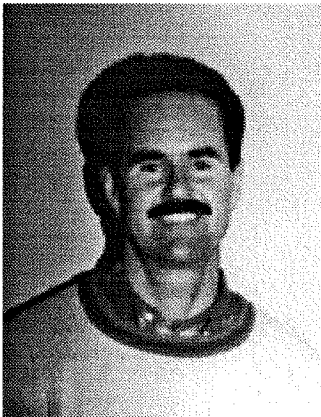
"My father had golfed as a young man and then didn't have time for it until after he retired. He really enjoyed kids and he really enjoyed recreation. Golf was his recreation and passion," Ferb said.

For more information or to reserve a tee time, call 815/234-GOLF.



PrairieView Clubhouse Manager and PGA Pro Ken Ledene (left) accepts a \$100 donation for Byron Park District Office Manager Becky Little while Gary Ferb (right) looks on.

TURF NOTES



Golf Maint. Supt. Steve Storz

Despite record heat and humidity, PrairieView sustained minimal turf loss during the summer of '95.

Unlike the staff at many other Midwest golf courses, our Golf Maintenance Division did not have to spend considerable time and money overseeding and sodding damaged areas. We worked on course improvement projects instead.

The Park and Golf Maintenance Departments joined forces to plant 260 new trees and shrubs in various locations on the course.

These, plus 70 new trees, planted during the spring planting season will have major impact on PrairieView's playability and aesthetic appeal in 1996. Look for significant tree groupings to the left of 1, 6, 11, 12, 13 and 16 fairways and shrub planting behind 7 and 13 greens.

I think it is important to note that all the red, sugar and silver maples, green ash, walnuts, spruce, pines and gray and red dogwoods planted this year, came from the Byron Forest Preserve's own tree nurseries. Using even a VERY conservative estimated purchase price of \$40 per plant, the cost savings to the Byron Forest Preserve District is \$13,200 (\$40 x 330 plants).

The Golf Maintenance Division worked with an independent contractor to install tile and French drains in PrairieView's three worst drainage problem areas.

These include a couple of very soggy areas 200 yards out on hole number two, the green bunkers on hole number 17, and the two right green bunkers on hole number 16.

We removed the old, silty soil from the bunkers before drainage work and then added 130 tons of new sand. I think anyone who played PrairieView in 1995 will appreciate the benefits of this project next year.

This winter, Audubon Sanctuary planning sessions will continue. Our goal is to achieve certifications in at least of the seven categories in 1996. (Please note the related Audubon Sanctuary article and photographs in the district newsletter.)

One will provide for the placement of 1700 tons of much-needed sand in PrairieView's bunkers, while the other will finish the installation of drainage tile in PrairieView's remaining wet areas.