

RIVER FALLS  
GOLF CLUB

**In Celebration of Life**  
**EDDIE MANDERVILLE**

**A Minnesota Golf Icon**

# PROGRAM

Welcome .....	Traci Bransford - Emcee
Invocation .....	Mike Terry - Preacher Man
Remarks .....	Mayor Jacob Frey
Guest Acknowledgments.....	Officials & Lorraine Manderville
Remarks .....	Al Bangoura - Park Board Superintendent
Theodore Wirth Presentation .....	Roxann Maxey & Theodore Wirth - Golf Opr. Mgr.
Remarks .....	Kevin Stuki - Wirth Putting Association (WPA)
Remarks .....	Darwin Dean - Bronze Tournament
Remarks .....	Kevin Foote -JWJ Travels Golf Club
Remarks .....	Dennis Blue - PARSeekers
Remarks .....	Erick Goodlow - Fairway Foundation
Remarks .....	Tom Ryan - Minnesota Golf Association (MGA) Ex. Dir. & CEO
Remarks .....	Marico Green - PAR3 Kings
Remarks .....	Derek Stendahl - Gen. Manager Rush Creek Golf Course
Remarks .....	Pam Stoddard - BWOC
Remarks .....	Kristen Baker - Eddie's Student
Reflections.....	George Robinson
Closing Remarks.....	Martha Arradondo - Co-Founder BWOC
Benediction To Be Held At Putting Green.....	Mike Terry - Preacher Man

# EDDIE'S STORY

Eddie Manderville is not only a legend in Minnesota but a legend around the world. He was nationally recognized after CNN did a story on him following his two back-to-back hole in ones on the Par Three at Theodore Wirth Golf Course on August 13, 2014. The national hole in one registry states that chances are 67 million to one that anyone can hit two hole in one's in one round of golf. But for Eddie, who played golf for over 65+ years, it should not surprise anyone that he defied all odds.

He taught golf at Anwatin School filling classes to capacity and creating many golf legends through his instruction at Anwatin, Theodore Wirth, and other golf facilities in Minnesota.

Eddie first placed his hands on a golf club when he was 26 years old when he purchased his first set of golf clubs at Gardner Hardware where he saw them in the window. Garner Hardware named those clubs in the window after Eddie!

Eddie had an outgoing personality and a wonderful smile which made Minnesota golfers color blind. He was a Minnesota golf icon and has single handily shattered the color barrier in Minnesota golf. He was able to make anyone enthused about golf and his motto was that he took nothing for granted in golf.

Golf really came easy for Eddie even though he did not have the learning curve that most players had. He admitted that he felt he was green and often embarrassed himself. When he started playing with other black players they told him that no golf club would allow a black man to join their club. He proved them wrong when he joined Theodore Wirth and had a great team and got acquainted with other great golfers around the Twin Cities.

Eddie played in the U.S. Senior Open and the Senior Amateur. Over the past 50+ years Eddie has played in most Minnesota Golf Association (MGA) Golf Championships.

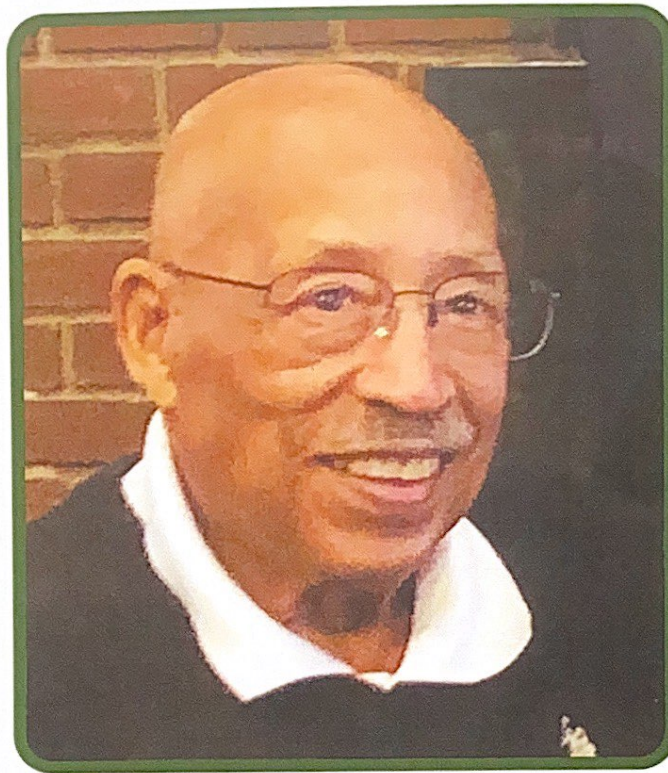
In high school Eddie excelled at football and boxing. He was a two time Minnesota State Welterweight Boxing Champion and he went on to box Golden Gloves for several years. He was also a wonderful downhill ski instructor and he formed the Gelende Ski Club. He also became a professional archer finishing third in a Minnesota championship.

He spent 20 years as a Minneapolis building inspector and served as executive director for the Neighborhood Housing Service in North Minneapolis.

He was awarded a Proclamation from the City of Minneapolis in 2018. The Friends of Minneapolis Park Board also dedicated a bench to Eddie in 2018 where it sits on Hole #7 of the Theodore Wirth PAR3. Eddie was very proud of his bench. As a memorial to honor Eddie, Theodore Wirth Staff has named a ball washer by the putting green, as Eddie self-titled himself as "The CEO of Ball Washers."

He was a constant fixture at the putting green at Theodore Wirth and now that same putting green has a ball washer with his name and title. Eddie will be remembered for his smile, infectious laugh, love for life and the game of golf.

**We love and miss "Fast Eddie"**



## *Life Is Like A Round Of Golf*

*“Life is like a round of golf with many a turn and twist.  
But the game is much too sweet and short to curse the shots you’ve missed.  
Sometimes you’ll hit it straight and far, sometimes the putts roll true.  
But each round has it’s errant shots, and troubles to play through.  
So always swing with courage no matter what the lie.  
And never let the hazards destroy the joy inside.  
And keep a song within your heart, give thanks that you can play.  
For the round is much too short and sweet to let it slip away.”*

*- Criswell Freeman*

# HOLE IN ONE CARD

"That's What I'm Talking About!"

Replace Divots  
Carts Off Greens and  
Boxes

Course Rating/Slope:  
25.3 / 58 Women: 26.3 / 65

YARDS	PAR	HDCP	FOOTE	JOHNSTON	RUNDLES
114	3	8	2	4	4
121	3	6	4	3	3
200	3	1	4	1	1
104	3	9	5	3	3
143	3	4	3	4	4
150	3	3	6	4	4
161	3	2	11	5	3
131	3	5	11	3	4
116	3	7	3	3	4
1240	27		29	30	35



Pictured Above:

- Fast Eddie Manderville
- Lyle Jonhston
- David Rundles
- Kevin Foote

more than one ball may be played.  
A player is required to have a set of clubs.  
A player must not drive from tee until players in front are out of  
play to any putting green until preceding players have hole  
played away.  
except players will be allowed on course.

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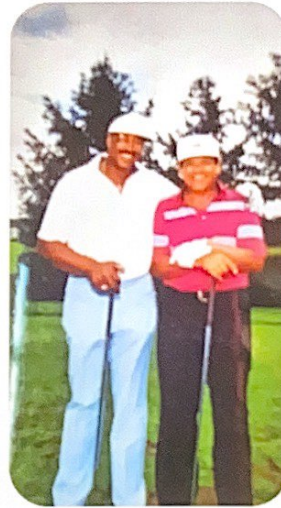
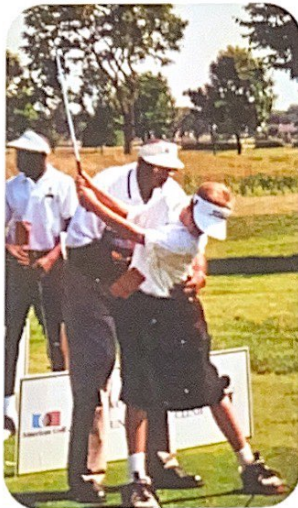
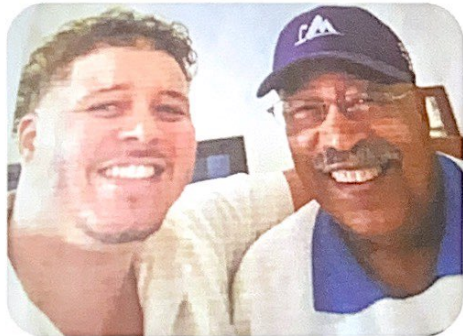
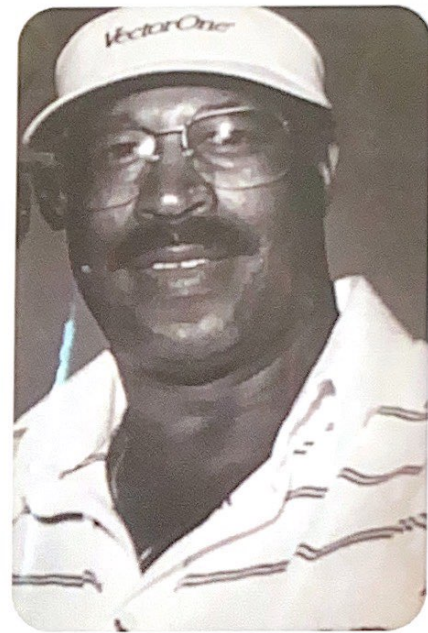
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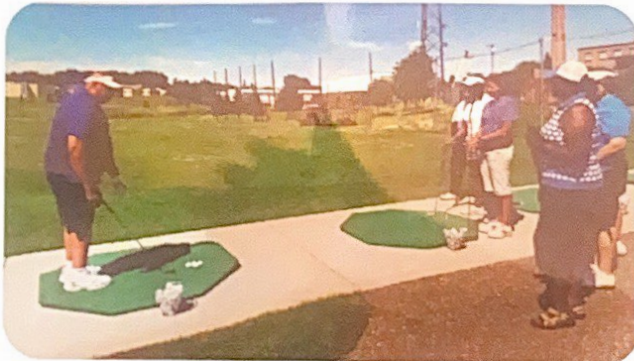
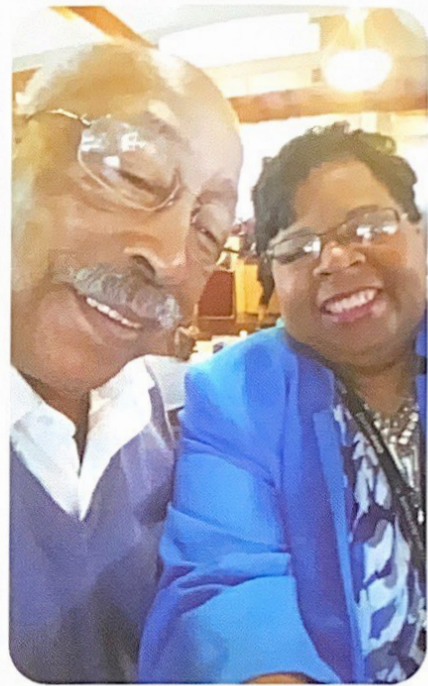
Mayor Jacob Frey,  
proclaimed July 28, 2018  
*Ed Manderville Day*

**Whereas:** Ed Mandeville, "Fast Eddie" is a golf legend at 87 in Minneapolis and especially at Theodore Wirth Golf Course where everyone loves and respects him.

He currently has 11 hole in ones. He is not only a legend in Minnesota, but a legend around the world after CNN did a story on him after his two back to back hole in ones on two Par 3's 7&8 at Wirth on August 13, 2014. The national hole in one registry states chances are 67 million to one that anyone can hit two hole in one's in one round of golf.









# CEO OF BALL WASHERS

Eddie Manderville is no stranger to Google through his achievements in Golf and was a common face around Play Golf Minneapolis.



In 1959 Eddie was renting a house in the neighborhood, when his landlord knocked on the door and told him to wake up, he has a tee time to play golf. Eddie had never played golf until that day, at the last hole - he shot par, leaving him the desire to return back to the course. He started hanging out at the driving range and meeting talented golfers in which he asked to learn from them. He purchased his first set of clubs after walking by Gardner Hardware on Washington Ave and seeing them in the window. After hitting back to back Hole in Ones on Theodore Wirth Par 3 Course hole 7 & 8, they named those clubs in the Window after Eddie! You will find an honorary bench on hole 7 at the Par 3 to share with all future golfers that anyone can learn the game of golf at any age, you just never know what talent you may not have been exercising.

Eddie spent 20 years as a Minneapolis Building Inspector, Served as Executive Director for Neighborhood Housing Services, and Taught Golf at Anwatin School filling his classes to capacity and creating many golf legends through his instruction. He has worked at Theodore Wirth over the past 10 years and he called himself the CEO of Ball Washing. Eddie was in charge of cleaning and changing out the ball washers found throughout the course and make any repairs to them. He also has worked Event Rentals and was the first guy on sight when the Alarm System triggered.

So many stories he has. Many days you could stop by the Café at Theodore Wirth Chalet to find Eddie bellied up to the bar telling stories and looking for someone interested in playing. Eddie's smile and energy would make anyone enthused about Golf and Theodore Wirth Golf Club. Eddie participated in the WPA- Wirth Putting Association in which he would compete for quarters on the putting green. He often times would call on a Sunday morning to see if we could add in extra holes to the putting green for a big competition.

What I miss is looking out my office window to see Eddie's car slowly rolling through the handicap lane. His smile and his stories will bring me joy as I reflect on a great mentor and friend that I feel so blessed to have crossed paths with. Theodore Wirth has a memorial Ball Washer on the Putting Green for those looking for a little reflection time to share stories, be thankful for the great friendships, time in nature and memories that the game of golf can provide to each one of us.

To learn more on his successful golf career, google for one impressive golf legend and instructor that was nestled right here in the Northside.

*Roxann Maxey*  
*Golf Operations Manager*



# SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



## Fairway Foundation History

The Fairway Foundation was founded in 1993 by members of 3M Championship, the Minnesota Golf Association (MGA) and the Minnesota Section of the PGA. In 2005, Fairway Foundation partnered with St Paul based Personal Enrichment Program for African Americans (PEPAA) on the “Sponsor a Future Tiger” to serve those who would otherwise not be exposed to the great game of golf. Together, we will continue to serve underrepresented communities in the Twin Cities.

2020 was a terrible year in the Twin Cities. The Covid pandemic, George Floyd’s death and subsequent protests, riots, and the loss of a golf icon in the African American community. Communities of color have historically been under-represented in the game of golf. This is your opportunity to change that narrative.

Please consider donating to the Eddie Manderville Scholarship Fund via the GoFundMe website, or you can send your donation through the address or website link below. The Fairway Foundation will recognize all donations and will highlight your generosity at our events.

## Donation Information

Website: [www.fairwayfoundation.org](http://www.fairwayfoundation.org)

Mailing Address:

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636 Aurora Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55104



# EDDIE'S PARK BENCH



*"Success in golf depends less on strength of body than upon strength of mind and character."*

Congratulations to long time MGA Senior Tour member, Eddie Manderville for being honored Saturday, November 3, 2018 at Theodore Wirth Golf Club for back-to-back, holes-in-one he had on the Wirth Par 3 course on August 13, 2014. A bench was dedicated to Eddie for this accomplishment which is placed on the 7th hole. The Ed Manderville Day celebration was held in the beautiful Wirth Chalet Fireplace Room. Over 100 people were in attendance including many Senior Tour players.

**Way to go "Fast Eddie!"**

# THANK YOU

**Martha Arradondo - Arradondo Planning Group**

**John Baker - JLD Group**

**Al Bangoura - Minneapolis Park Board Superintendent**

**Jacob Frey - Minneapolis Mayor**

**Erick Goodlow - The Fairway Foundation**

**Ladies of Black Women on Course (BWOC) - Volunteer**

**Elizabeth-Ann Lasley**

**Lorraine Manderville - Eddie's Wife**

**Roxann Maxey & Theodore Wirth - Golf Operations Manager**

**Walter Qbear - Production**

**Gustavo Rosso - Patagoniavs Productions**

**Joel Taylor - Production**

## COMMITTEE

**Ann Thompson**

**Kevin Stuki**

**Steven "Shorty Fats" Lasley**

**Martha Arradondo**

**Gary Rassumuson**

**Raymond Boyd**

**Gloria Harris**

**Special Thanks To:**

