

# HARBOUR VIEW

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Harbour View Golf Course and Recreation Complex in Kil-Cona Park is sailing through its third year of operation.

Originally conceived in 1974 as a joint venture for the purpose of sanitary landfill, storm water retention and future park use, Kil-Cona Park has been gradually developing since 1977. It is expected that by about 1990, at 400 acres, the park will be the largest within the boundary of the city of Winnipeg.

According to Harry Brotchie, the Harbour View golf professional and facility manager, the park is an indication of "politicians and administration looking years ahead of the fact."

The first phase was the development of Harbour View.

A 67-acre site located in the south-east corner of Kil-Cona — the golf course, pro shop and driving range act as the focal point.

The facilities, however, don't end there. Also on site are:

- a clubhouse/recreation building with dining area, banquet room, classroom/meeting room and locker room.
- pedal boating and other water related activities
- tennis courts with practise area
- 18 hole miniature golf course
- horseshoe pitch
- shuffleboard



Brotchie: Harbour View "fairly far-sighted".

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- cross country skiing, ice skating and tobogganing
- a range of family recreation and leisure programs from aerobics to sailing conducted by the East Kildonan-

Transcona parks and recreation branch

- a soon to be completed lawn bowling green.

Calling Harbour View, "an oasis of  
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relaxation and activity right in the neighborhood," program co-ordinator and tennis pro, Stephen Read has worked at the site since it first opened to the public.

"I've watched it grow," said Read.

Currently rough attendance figures estimate 282 golfers, 250 miniature golfers, 25 shuffle board and tennis players, 100 people utilizing the boats, and 100 out on the driving range on an average weekday. The numbers rise to 330, 250, 50, 200, 150 respectively come Sunday.

"These statistics don't necessarily reveal the actual utilization of the site when one takes into account tourists and 'first-timers' who have not been here before," Brotchie pointed out.

"People are astonished that something like this exists. The area has always needed it. For a long time Assiniboine Park was the other regional facility."

Admittedly, making the public aware of the park's existence is one aspect which has to be worked on.

For one thing the Springfield Road signage is at best obscure, with the yellow lettering barely visible when the sunlight shines on the weathered wood.

Having found one's way to the 1867 Springfield Road site though — the design of the buildings, the water, the open space and reasonable cost per recreation hour make it ideal for navel gazing or, of course, something more rigorous.

With goals such as bus transportation to enable both seniors and children to take greater advantage of the available activities, of Harbour View, Brotchie notes, "It's certainly reaching its intent as a family recreation facility — that's definitely the crowd we're seeing."

Capital funds expended on the 67 acre site to the end of 1983 amount to some 4.7 million dollars.