Leif Erickson and his Conference Committee wanted to create some activities at the 1996 trade show. They came up with a putting green and silent auction.

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.