Vinkemeier, Huwe, Hahn, Vinkemeier
Win MGCSA Spring Mixer at Deer Run

The Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association held their Spring Mixer at Deer Run Golf Club on May 14. Sixty-six players teed it up on a warm and windy day.

Host Superintendent Barry Provo and his staff had the course in great shape, not a blemish on the track. Tom Abts, General Manager and Head Golf Professional along with his staff helped make our Spring Mixer fun and successful.

Guest Speaker Gail Franc, LifeLine, Inc., gave valuable information on the importance and uses of Automated External Defibrillators.

Glencoe GC's Jeff Vinkemeier and his crew of Marv Huwe, Brian Hahn and Jeff's dad Manley Vinkemeier blew away the field by shooting a 25-under par score of 117. Finishing in second place was the team from the University of Minnesota, scoring an 18-under par 124. Team members were Charlie Pooch, Brian Horgan, Carl Mielke and Eric Watkins. Finishing one stroke back was the team of Tom Notch, Bent Creek GC; Bill MacDonald, Tiziani Golf Car; Paul Diegnau, CGCS, Keller GC, and Randy Ryski, MTI Distributing.

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Kurt Ruehling, Versatile Vehicles shot a 73 for the low score of the day. Bill MacDonald and Tom Notch both shot 75s.

We had six proximity events. The four closest to the pin winners were Charlie Miller, Goodrich GC; Erik Pille, The Meadows at Mystic Lake; Chad Belland Oneka Ridge Golf, and Larry Gorman, GreenImage. Sinking the longest putt of the day was Tom Stout, Deep Tine LLC. Hitting the longest drive was Ron Manske, Versatile Vehicles.

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Thanks also to Kevin Norby and Dave Newinski who supplied the field with some Deer Run yardage books.

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