Nolan, Pille, Keyes and Swanson Win Fall Mixer at Le Sueur Country Club

The MGCSA has not been rained out for an event in over 20 years. The October 8 Fall Mixer at Le Sueur Country Club came close to ending the streak but a nice, cool wind blew the rain away. The day turned out to be very comfortable with blue skies and white, puffy clouds. Carts were not available due to wet turf so everyone walked and got a nice workout in this year’s final MGCSA golf event.

Seventy-five members signed up for the event and 61 braved the early morning weather scare and played.

Host Superintendent Tom Meier and his staff had the course in excellent shape. The MGCSA appreciates the efforts of General Manager Jerry Carpenter and his staff for providing excellent accommodations to hold our meeting.

Our speaker was Molly Moriarty of Heart & Soil. Her informative talk centered around garden design basics.

Winners of the event at Le Sueur CC were Pete Nolan and his two assistants, Erik Pille and Andy Keyes from The Meadows at Mystic Lake Golf Club, who teamed up with Jason Swanson, Hidden Greens Golf Club, to shoot a 19-under par score of 125 in the net two-ball format.

Three teams tied for second place at 17-under par: Jim O’Neill and Doug Daniel, Cycle Works of Minnesota, Eric Peters, North Links Golf Course, and Nick Folk, The Minikahda Club; the Glencoe team of Jeff Vinkemeier, Marv Howe, Manley Vinkemeier and Dave Wendlandt, and the squad of Scott Melling, Par Aide, Brian Horgan, University of Minnesota, Rob Panuska, Waseca Lakeside Club, and Charlie Miller, Goodrich Golf Course.

Closest-to-the-pin winners were Manley Vinkemeier, Bruce Leivermann of Montgomery Golf Club, Eric Peters and Jason Swanson. Gary Rossi, Riverwood National/Vintage Golf Course, sank the longest putt. Scott Thayer, Legends Club, hit the longest drive of the day.

Thanks again to all vendors who sponsored our events this past summer. They were: BASE, Bayer Environmental Services, Cycle Works of Minnesota, Dow Agrosciences, HydroLogic, Lesco, Malmborg’s Greenhouse & Garden Center, Mom’s Garden Management, Northern Turf Services, Par Aide Products, Prosource One, Superior Tech Products, Superior Turf Services, Syngenta, Tessman Company, Turfwerks and Yahama.

Our next event is the MGCSA Appreciation and Recognition Banquet at Prestwick Golf Club in Woodbury on December 4. Invitations have been mailed.

MGCSA FALL MIXER RESULTS

125 Brown, Keyes, Nolan, Pille
127 Melling, Miller, Panuska, Horgan
127 Peters, Folk, Daniel, O’Neill
127 Huwe, J, Vinkemeier, M, Vinkemeier, Wendlandt
129 Meier, Schmidt, Thayer, Leivermann
130 Eilers, Wethor, Edberg
133 Restal, Johnson, Kelly, Provo
133 Mattson, Redmond, Raabe
138 Proshek, Swanson, Hendrickson, West
138 Martin, Sandvsky, Rossi, Webb
138 Hemquist, Schafer, Knox, Norby
140 Manske, Hubbard CGCS, Clunis CGCS, Ruehling
143 Mohr, Weinke, Wempen
144 Oberle, Burmeister, Langager, Ekstrom
144 Bertram, Tschida, Sedey, Zieman
144 Colvert, Donovan, Malm, Dhan

Tom Meier
Host Superintendent at Le Sueur CC