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segment of the Asian world, having a food
to eat and some type of roof over one's
head is the focus of daily life. Nothing else
really appears to matter. The two-hour
trip to the Mekong Delta provided a brief
view into the rural Vietnamese lifestyle. A
boat trip on the Mekong River was like
traveling on a stream of Hershey's choco-
late syrup without the wonderful choco-
late smell.

One of my reasons for traveling to
Vietnam was to see what, if any, linger-
ing effects from the Vietnam War would
remain or what the attitude of the people
towards an American. We found the peo-
ple to be very gracious, pleasant and
extremely polite. The only visible
reminders of the War were the exhibits
and history of the War in the various
museums located throughout the city. The
War Remnants Museum is one of the most
popular of the museums. As the name
reflects, much of the museum is devoted
to physical remnants from the War. A very
solemn and moving exhibit is the
Requiem Exhibit, which shows the war
through the eyes of photographers from
the countries involved in the war.

Surprising to me was the fact that the
museum presented facts, photos, etc.
from the war with no biased slant.
Many of the photos brought back a
flood of memories of having viewed
the War on a daily basis via the televi-
sion. I found myself leaving the muse-
um filled with a
sense of sadness
and bewilderment.
The question that
persisted in my
mind was: was the
War necessary and
was it worth all the
bloodshed and
hardship?

The number of golf
courses in Vietnam is
limited. Today courses are being devel-
oped in the northern part of Vietnam in
the Hanoi area. There are about six cours-
es located in the Ho Chi Minh area. A
course we chose to play was located about
an hour's drive north of the city. The 27-
hole course was less than 10 years old,
having been built on reclaimed land that
once was populated by rice paddies. As
one would imagine, the main hazard was

The MGCSA Fall Mixer Set for the
Horse & Hunt Club in Prior Lake
"Trading Sticks for Guns"

To create a "spice" or "change" of venue, we've decided to change our traditional fall mixer golf event with a friendly sporting clay shoot. This will be held on Monday, October 5 at the Horse and Hunt Club in Prior Lake. We will still have our educational segment as in the past.

I am writing this to each of you as a "heads" up so when the sign-up sheet comes around you will have had time to allow yourself to hone in on your shooting skills. A couple of informational bits are as follows: field event (sporting clay shot) will be limited to the first 50 participants, more than 50 can of course join the educational and meal portion of this event. This event will have a $10.00 charge at the time of pre-registration (same as Spring Mixer). Additional costs include ammunition, along with gun rental if you or your team cannot provide a gun. Suggestion would be to purchase your ammu-
nition prior to coming to the event at your local gun supply store. Our goal is to have at least one experienced hunter in each group. Speaking of teams, we will have 10 teams of five shooters. Only one gun (if you're willing to share with team) is needed per

Pre-registration is going to be very important for this event to allow for equitable team formation. We encourage all to join in this fun event as we feel this will capture those who are looking for a change from the golfing events of the past. This is "our" association so, as always, if you have any suggestions, we'd love to hear from you.

-Randy Witt with two friends

MGA and MPGA
Announce 2009 Hall of Fame Inductees

The MGA and the Minnesota Section of the PGA are pleased to announce the 2009 inductees into the Minnesota Golf Hall of Fame.

The 2009 inductees are: Don Berry, Nancy Harris Blanchard, John Cook, Bill Israelson, Mike Schultz and Dick Tollette.

This group joins the 56 members inducted since the Hall of Fame was established in 1987.

(Editor's Note: Please go to www.mngolf.org / press_release .cfm?id=2904 for more information.)

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