Jeff Pint Wins His 5th MGCSA Championship
At The Jewel Golf Club in Lake City

Jeff Pint, Superintendent at New Prague Golf Club, handled the green speed and wind better than anyone and shot 74 to win this year’s MGCSA Championship at The Jewel in Lake City on August 16. Dave Johnson, Rich Spring Golf Club, finished second four shots behind. Tom Notch, Bent Creek Golf Club, finished third shooting an 79. Pint shot 38-36. Johnson opened with a 43 but came in with 35. The par 4, third hole was pivotal in the outcome of the Championship. Pint made par but Johnson took a quadruple bogy. Those four strokes were the margin of victory.

First Flight
Andy Clauson, Victory Links Golf Course, won the First Flight using a scorecard playoff. Clauson and David Thalberg, Prestwick Golf Club, tied with net scores of 70. James Bade, Somerset Country Club was third at 71.

Senior Division
The new Senior Champion is Ron Manske, Versatile Vehicles, Inc. Manske shot a net 73. Jeff Minske, Eastwood Golf Course, was second at 75.

Callaway Flight
Joe Churchill, Reinders, won the Callaway Flight with a net 71. Aaron Johnsen, Winfield Solutions, was second with a net 74.

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THE HOSTS AT THE JEWEL
Doug Mahal CGCS, center, with his assistants Nick Lewison, left, and Chad Setter. They dealt with a sizeable rainstorm just days before the Championship and were able to present the course in beautiful, championship shape. Sixty-eight members played in the MGCSA Championship.

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The Staff at The Jewel
Special thanks and appreciation to Doug Mahal, CGCS and the staff at The Jewel Golf Club for hosting the MGCSA Championship on August 16. The support from the club and the prime condition of the course made it a great day to play golf in Lake City.

Mahal, his assistants Chad Setter and Nick Lewison and the grounds staff provided championship conditions. The greens were firm and fast. The staff had a busy weekend prior to the tournament putting bunkers back together after a major rain storm.

Golf pro Kent Blaschko, Manager Cody Buck and their staffs were instrumental in pre-tournament preparations.

Upcoming Events
The UM/MTGF Field Day is set for September 16. The MGCSA Harold Stodola Research Scramble takes place on September 20. The 1st Annual Wee-One event is on September 27 at North Oaks Golf Club. The Fall Mixer will be held at the Horse and Hunt Club in Lakeville on October 4. The MGCSA Annual Awards Banquet takes place at Southview Country Club on December 8.

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GABY ACCAD, Versatile Vehicles, Inc., keeps his head down nicely as he escapes from a greenside bunker on No. 16 during the MGCSA Championship at The Jewel in Lake City.

CHARLIE MILLER, Goodrich GC, (in red), measures a closest-to-the-pin shot. Others in the photo, from left to right, are Jason Swanson Hidden Greens GC; James Bade, Somerset CC, and Dennis Salwei, Reinders Inc.

BRETT WENZEL, Keller GC, was the early leader in the Long Drive contest.