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PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION
University of Minnesota

DECEMBER 7
MGCSA AWARDS & RECOGNITION BANQUET
Brackett's Crossing Country Club
Host: Tom Proshak

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SUPER TUESDAY
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Karen Wangensteen, MTI Distributing Inc., coaxing her putt with a little body English during the September 19 Harold Stodola Research Scramble at Forest Hills Golf Club in Forest Lake, Minnesota.

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Sometimes it takes a life-changing event of some type to jar us from our day-to-day programming, our “full-speed ahead” mentality, as we attempt to provide the golfer with the best playing conditions we can with the resources allocated to us. Well, earlier this week, I experienced one of those events. Dick had worked for me for 10 years mowing the rough here at Keller GC. Dick was one of those nice people who never complained, was on time and dependable, and always had a smile on his face. He truly enjoyed mowing grass at the golf course.

**Monday morning started out like any other morning at the golf course.** Dick warmed up his wide-area rotary mower, coffee in hand and took off to mow some grass with the best playing conditions we can with the resources allocated to us. Well, earlier in his lifeless body.

**Life is too short.** We are caretakers of golf courses, the grounds upon which a game is played. How important is that project at your golf course when your family is waiting for you, wants to see and spend time with you? We are our own worst enemies, always striving for better, obsessed to improve. I know I am a hypocrite. Over the years, I have been as guilty as the next person, always trying to get one last item completed before calling it a day. When you experience the finality of death in such a compressed and unexpected time frame, it forces you to look at your life, your job and your family. Sometimes it takes a traumatic event such as this to put things in perspective.

**In case you missed the email I sent to the MGCSA membership late in September,** let me bring you up to speed. Several months ago, your Board of Directors decided it was time to test the waters of the current association management market. Even though Turtinen Communications has faithfully served our association for the past 21 years, we feel a fiduciary responsibility to you, the membership, to ensure that we secure the services we require at a fair market value.

By the time you read this we will have received proposals from all interested parties, including Turtinen Communications. We have no preconceived notions on the outcome of this process and we will consider proposals from all companies, both large and small. We will then interview a select number of applicants as we move forward, ultimately making a final decision prior to the beginning of next year. Please feel free to voice your opinion or comment to me or any Board member as we move through this process.

**I had the pleasure of participating in the 2nd annual Minnesota Wee One event held at North Oaks GC.** What a fabulous event with a purpose that is near and dear to our hearts. Attendance was a little disappointing but sponsorship was phenomenal! We had 56 players and 37 sponsors. Thank you very much to all who participated in one way or another. I know all had a wonderful experience on an excellent golf course prepared by Jack MacKenzie, CGCS, and his staff. The food was first class as were the raffle prizes. Maybe next year I’ll win the iPad...oh who am I kidding...I might as well just buy one.

Enjoy the rest of the season. The holidays are fast approaching.

_Until Next Month,_
Paul Diegnau, CGCS
At the 2011 Harold Stodola Research Scramble was held at Forest Hills Golf Club in Forest Lake. MGCSA members had a spectacular day for this research event.

Host Superintendent Marlow Hansen and assistant Jeff Meredith and staff had the course in excellent shape. Players found the layout fun and the greens fast and smooth. There were many good comments about the greens.

The team of Marlin Murphy, Kevin Milbrandt, Ty Tollefson and Ryan Windett from Stillwater Country Club shot a 14-under par round of 58 to win the 2011 Scramble.

Winning a scorecard playoff for second place was the team from White Bear Yacht Club, consisting of John Steiner, CGCS, Mike Sullivan, Jamie Olsen and Don Olsen.

Third place went to Windsong Farm Golf Club. Playing for Windsong were Scottie Hines, CGCS, Phil Ebner, Nick Morter and Dave Reedy. Both teams shot a 13-under par 59.

FIELD EVENT WINNERS

Kevin Anderson, White Bear Yacht Club, and Ty Tollefson, Stillwater Country Club, hit the longest drives of the day. Brad Marty, White Bear Yacht Club, and Dave Kazmierczak, Prestwick Golf Club, sank the longest putts. The four closest to the pins were won by Andy Keyes, The Meadows of Mystic Lake, Kevin Anderson, White Bear Yacht Club, Dave Reedy and Nick Morter both from Windsong Farm Golf Club.

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The following Affiliate member companies helped sponsor this year's Harold Stodola Research Scramble:

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The companies listed above sponsored all MGCSA events this past year.

ANNUAL BANQUET

Make plans now to attend the Annual MGCSA Awards & Recognition Banquet which will take place on Wednesday, December 7 at Brackett's Crossing Country Club in Prior Lake.
FIELD EVENT WINNERS, from the left, Ty Tollefson, Stillwater CC; Andy Keyes, The Meadows at Mystic Lake; Dave Kazmierczak, Prestwick GC; Kevin Anderson, White Bear Yacht Club, and Brad Marty, White Bear Yacht Club.

FIELD EVENT WINNERS, from Windsong Farm Golf Club, were Nick Morter, left, and Dave Reedy.

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MGCSA and North Oaks Host Another Fun, Successful Wee One Golf Outing

The 2nd Annual MGCSA Wee One event was held at North Oaks Golf Club on October 3. The Wee One Foundation assists golf course management professionals (or dependents) who incur overwhelming expenses due to medical hardship without comprehensive insurance or adequate financial resources. The Wee One Foundation has raised over $500,000 and gifted over $450,000 to date. As the Wee One Foundation grows, so does the number of individuals and families that it is able to help.

Wee one memberships are available on at www.wееone.org.

Despite a challenging summer many courses had this year, Jack Mackenzie, CGCS and Jason Bicek and the rest of the staff at North Oaks Golf Club had the course in excellent condition. PGA Golf Professional Ray Vennewitz and Catering Manager Kay Zeigler and their staffs did a great job preparing for our event.

The team from Windsong Farm Golf Club won a scorecard playoff for the championship. Scottie Hines, CGCS captained the team, playing with Trevor Nelko, Keith Danielson and Jeff Arendt. Their team only made 5 pars and 1 eagle to finish with a 14-under par round of 57. Finishing in 2nd place were Don Saxon, Saxon Fleet Services; Dave Haselrud, 3M Corporation; Jim Dolan, James M. Dolan, Inc., and Scott Turtinen, MGCSA. They had 7 pars and 3 eagles to finish with a 57. Winning a scorecard draw for 3rd place was the team from Eau Claire Country Club. Their team members were John Granholt, Nick Peinovich, Keith Knutson and Mike Curry.

Special thanks to our 37 sponsors for the event. With their support the MGCSA will be able to make a nice contribution to the Wee One Foundation. We also had 5 companies donate Raffle Prizes. Brackett’s Crossing Country Club donated a Golf Bag won by our host superintendent Jack Mackenzie, CGCS, and a putter won by Jason Bicek. The third item was a Brackett’s sweatshirt and hat won by Todd Kranz, Interlachen Country Club. Ken Rost, Frost Services donated 15 spray tips which was won by Dale Caldwell, Minneapolis Golf Club. Dow AgroSciences donated a golf shirt won by Arik Hemquist, Brackett’s Crossing Country Club. Cycle Works Golf Supply donated a rainsuit won by Brett Wenzel, Keller Golf Course. Jeff Arendt donated an Acrobatic plane ride piloted by Michael Wiskus. This was won by Matt Schmid, Superior Turf Services.

The five closest-to-the pin honors went to: Jeff Schmidt, Reinders, Inc.; Kevin Clunis, CGCS, Tanners Brook Golf Club; Gregg Paulus, The Ponds at Battle Creek Golf Course; Charlie Miller, Goodrich Golf Course, and Tony Weber, Interlachen Country Club. These gentlemen won pro shop credit and also were put in a drawing to win a set of irons. The last man standing in the draw down process was Jeff Schmidt who took home some brand new irons!

There were three other prizes in the raffle. Ken Adams, Brackett’s Crossing Country Club won an outdoor Grill. Jim O’Neill, Cycle Works Golf Supply won an Ipad2 and MGCSA Executive Director Scott Turtinen won a television.

GREAT SPONSORSHIP RESPONSE


The Wee One event had lots of food, beverages and prizes along with playing on a great venue which means all members should definitely consider supporting this event next year.

The Wee One is an extension of the goodness of the people in this industry!

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MGCSA WEE ONE FUNDRAISER GOLF RESULTS
OCTOBER 3, 2011
NORTH OAKS GOLF CLUB, NORTH OAKS, MN

THE BRATWURST COOK AT THE WEE ONE GOLF FUNDRAISER

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      JEFF ARENDT

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THE BRATWURST COOK AT THE WEE ONE GOLF FUNDRAISER

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2ND PLACE AT THE WEE ONE GOLF OUTING were, from left, Scott Turtinen, MGCSA; Jim Dolan, James M. Dolan, Inc.; Don Saxon, Saxon Fleet Services, and Dave Haslerud, 3M Corporation. The foursome lost in a scorecard playoff to a group from Windsong Farm Golf Club.

JEFF SCHMIDT, Reinders Inc., won a set of TaylorMade Burner Irons at the 2ND Annual Wee One Golf Outing at North Oaks Golf Club on October 3.

CLOSEST-TO-THE-PIN WINNERS AT THE WEE ONE GOLF OUTING, were, from left: Charlie Miller, Goodrich GC; Tony Weber, Interlachen CC; Kevin Clunis CGCS, Tanner’s Brook GC; Gregg Paulus, The Ponds at Battle Creek, and Jeff Schmidt, Reinders, Inc.

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