The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California

**TransMiss**

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Back in 1998 in my final year at Colorado State University I was given a Trans Miss Scholarship. As with most college students I was very happy to get some extra funds. Fifteen years later I found myself able to give back to the Trans Miss by hosting their 110th Amateur Championship at Meadow Club. The TransMiss hosts three golf tournaments annually in an effort to promote amateur golf and fund Turf Scholarships at over 20 different turfgrass management universities across the country. The first turf scholarship for $600 was given to a student from Colorado State University in 1953, this year they are planning on handing out over $60,000.

During the practice round some TransMiss staff came down to the maintenance area and we had our photo taken with the trophy. It was very cool to see and hold a trophy that held so much history and such notable names as; George Von Elm, John Goodman, Frank Stranahan, Charles Coe, Jack Nicklaus, George Archer, Ben Crenshaw, Bob Tway, and Mark Brooks. The trophy was pretty heavy and was in two pieces. We almost pulled a Phil Mickelson at the Scottish Open and dropped the TransMiss trophy. Thanks to some of my crew that had some quick reflexes and grabbed the trophy in mid-air and averted leaving our own mark on that trophy!!

It was amazing tournament and the strongest field of golfers that have ever played over Meadow Club. The eventual winner was Bryson Dechambeau from Clovis, currently going into his Sophomore year at SMU. Bryson scores were, 65-65-67-69-266 for -14 and winning by 5 strokes.

I am happy to add Bryson to the list of great amateur golfers that I have seen play at Meadow Club and hope to follow his career at SMU and beyond. Bryson recently qualified for the US Amateur at Brookline, so even more reason to be watching the Amateur, good luck Bryson!