

## Jerry Cooper and Ravisloe Country Club Team Win John Deere Tourney!!

by Craig Hoefflin — J.W. Turf, Inc.

On a damp day, August 20th, White Eagle Golf Club and J. W. Turf (the John Deere Turf Equipment Distributor for the Chicagoland area) played host to 36 teams in Chicago's 3rd annual John Deere Team Championship.

The teams were comprised of the golf course superintendent, club professional, club president, and club manager in a scramble best-ball event. The superintendent, president, and clubhouse manager playing a scramble, and the pro plays his ball throughout. The team score is derived from the best ball of the scramble teams net score per hole and pros actual score.

Local knowledge of the beautiful White Eagle layout was not a factor as almost every team was playing the Naperville layout for their very first time.

Golf course superintendent Jerry Cooper and team members Tony Makarek (pro), Robert Joseph (V.P.), and Paul Geallis (Mgr.) of Ravisloe Country Club led the field of Bob Kronn and his LaGrange Country Club team (1988 Champions) and Bruce Williams and his Bob O'Link team (1989 Defending Champions) along with 34 other teams with a score of 54 over the 6658 yard White Eagle course. As the winning team, the four-some earned the option of competing in the John Deere "National Team Championship" to be held in November in La-Quinta, California.

The second place team was the entry from Glenview Park District headed by Rick Wilson with a score of 55.

The official order of finish was as follows:

- 1st Place — Ravisloe
- 2nd Place — Glenview Park District
- 3rd Place — Foss Park
- 4th Place — Hilldale Golf Course
- 5th Place — Itasca Country Club
- 6th Place — Bob O'Link Country Club
- 7th Place — Midland Country Club
- 8th Place — Pontiac Elks Country Club
- 9th Place — Deerpath Golf Course
- 10th Place — LaGrange Country Club
- 11th Place — Poplar Creek

In individual pro competition, Dave Prange of Glenview Park District walked off with top pro honors and a check for \$250.00. Gary Grok of Bob O'Link And Bill Johnstone of La Grange Country Club won 2nd and 3rd low pro honor respectively,

J. W. Turf is very proud to have hosted this tournament at White Eagle Golf Club. Everyone who participated was equally impressed with the beautiful clubhouse and challenging course at White Eagle.

Gil Velazquez (supt), Kent Sirois (pro) and Jim Nicholson (mgr) of White Eagle Golf Course and their respective staffs afforded everyone a most enjoyable day despite the wet conditions — our sincere "thanks" to everyone at White Eagle.

This tournament is growing every year and is sure to become a big part of Chicagoland golf.

J. W. Turf will present the Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association a check for \$1,800.00 to be donated to I.T.F. in the names of all tournament participants to be designated for ongoing turf research.



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