

II Annual Musser Turf Foundation Golf Outing

by Mike Bavier

The second annual Midwest Musser Turf Foundation golf outing was held at the Naperville Country Club on June 6, 1994. A big thanks to our host, Dave Blomquist. Dave and his assistant, Tim Anderson, sponsored a great skirt steak lunch, along with Rolling Rock beer and soft drinks.

We had a beautiful day on a super golf course. The number of players was down some this year, but I guess some of the guys were home working their own courses. We were all praying for rain this year — last year, we were rained out. As most of you know, the Musser Foundation sponsors scholarships for those in their final year of the Ph Degree. They need not be from Penn State. In fact, I'm quite sure none have been from Penn State, so far.

We need support from all of you, that is if you think you want to improve the profession. The Watson's, Daniel's, and Beard's, need to be replaced. Send your blue tags and checks made out to the Musser Foundation c/o Dudley Smith. Your help is appreciated.

Thanks again to Dave Blomquist, Dave Louttit, Mike Sauls, Ed Fischer, Don Maskey, Rich Kensinger, Joel Purpur, Fred Opperman, Mike Bavier and Dennis Solleto (Tyler Enterprises) that attended the event. Also, thanks to Tom Rodems, Len Berg, and all the others who have promised to send a donation.

News Around Town

by Les Rutan

Beverly Country Club Renovation

Oh no, not another article on bunker renovation! But yes, we are undergoing complete greenside bunker renovation (or restoration) with the back nine virtually completed and the front nine scheduled for September.

Midwest Golf was contracted to remove old sand, reshape and soil flash faces and surrounds, install drainage, edge, and install new sand (8"). They used a stone slinger truck (with flotation tires) with a sixteen foot conveyor boom to add the new sand and we experienced virtually no tracking from the fifteen ton/load capacity that the slinger held. Pretty slick and efficient!

In addition to the back nine bunker renovation, we added a 20 yard back extension to the twelfth tee, reshaping of one fairway bunker, a chipping green facility with two greenside bunkers and a 20 to 30 yard bentgrass approach and a 6500 sq. ft. practice green. Midwest Golf has completed their phase of these construction projects and we are now in the process of installing irrigation and preparing to sod the whole complex. Approximately 12,000 sq. ft. of washed Penncross sod (from Huber) will be used for the chipping and practice green and the twelfth tee extension. We have already installed around 10,000 sq. yds. of bluegrass sod with approximately 5,000 sq. yds. to go.

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