



## Brian Bossert -N- Bryn Mawr Country Club

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It is hard to believe that another year has gone by, and the College Golf Championship is already upon us. This year's tournament is slated for October 8 at Bryn Mawr Country Club in Lincolnwood.

Brian Bossert, CGCS, graduate of Danville Area Community College, is our host. The event will be a two-man scramble with a minimum two-team entry. According to Brian, "Danville has the 'Home Field' advantage (second time in three years—Oak Brook Hills, 1994, Kerry Blateau). We need all the help we can get," Brian noted.

Bryn Mawr is an old course built in 1919 by Langford (architect) and Moreau (construction). The 6,400-yard track demands a premium on accuracy. Brian said, "Bryn Mawr is not a 'knock-down-drag-out'

Medinah No. 3, but a flat, heavily treed, membership-friendly golf course."

Brian can compare his course to Medinah No. 3 because that is where he previously worked. After graduating from Danville, Brian was "lucky enough to be hired on at Medinah as 'lead grunt' on Course No. 1." Brian did that for a couple of years and then went on to work for John Ebel at Barrington Hills Country Club for a year before being "asked back to Medinah by then Superintendent Pete Wilson."

Bossert came back to Medinah as superintendent on Course No. 2 where he stayed for three years. In the winter of 1989/90, Dan Quast promoted Brian to Course No. 3, site of the 1990 U.S. Open. Although Brian and I did not talk too much about it, I am sure it was his experience on Course No. 3 that helped him land the Bryn Mawr job.

Bossert's been at Bryn Mawr now for six years. The biggest challenges since coming from Medinah were "calling the shots without a DQ (Dan Quast) or Pete Wilson to bounce ideas off of. I had to prove to myself I could do the job," Brian recalled.

"I wasn't used to politicking with the members and relating directly with the Board of Directors and the members," Brian continued. The Bryn Mawr membership is a very service-oriented one. The 240 members play roughly 15,000 rounds in June, July and August. Like many private clubs, quite a few members "head south" for the winter.

Having played Bryn Mawr a couple of years ago, I do recall not a lot of water but lots and lots of trees. Leave your orange and yellow balls at home for this tournament, remember this is October. ■