

Honoring Dudley Smith on His Home Turf: Silver Lake Hosts ITF Fall Golf Day/ MAGCS College Scramble



Don Ferreri toasts (and roasts) Dudley.

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation and the MAGCS coordinated efforts to stage the ITF Fall Golf Day and Annual College Scramble at Silver Lakes Country Club on October 17. On this cool but sunny day, 122 golfers, representing 12 colleges, gathered to compete for the coveted, and historically unique, trophy. The college team tourney has always been competitive, and this year was no exception.



Don, Dudley and Arnie
(done by a local artist).

In the trophy flight, when the gross score from two (2) two-man teams was calculated, the Penn State Nittany Lions, represented by teams of Ed Fischer, Dave Behrman, Greg Coyne and Jay Fruhan, came out on top with a team score of 141, three under par. But the victory was not as clear-cut as the ensuing celebration may have suggested. Shortly after the awards ceremony, a scoring error was discovered and it was determined that the team from Danville College—Kerry Blatteau, Ron Dohman, R. Kerber and Keith Peterson—had also posted a three-under 141 score. In a score-card playoff, Penn State retained the title. Danville College, which traditionally fields a strong team, took second-place honors, while Purdue teams took third and fourth place respectively.

In the consolation net score flight, the team from Kishwaukee College of Tim Jacobs and Regan Schultz from Wolf Hollow G.C. and Kevin Fahrety from Ingersoll G.C. and Jim Shone from Syngenta finished with a net score of 114. In addition, an independent flight awarded prizes to low gross and low net two-man teams. This year's winners were Dave Kohley and Deane Meier of Silver Lake.



Dudley makes it official and hands
the reins over to Dave Kohley.

The highlight of the evening, which was made possible by the generosity of the Coghill family and the hard work of many MAGCS patrons, was a ceremony honoring Dudley Smith for more than 40 years of service to Silver Lake G.C. and the turf industry. In a somewhat impromptu fashion, Dudley reminisced about the many years and many friends throughout his career. According to Dudley, working with the youth of the industry and seeing those individuals succeed in various turf-related professions was his greatest achievement. In concluding his remarks, Dudley indicated that he was going to “hand over the reins”

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to Dave Kohley. Good luck to Dudley – thanks for your involvement in and contributions to the MAGCS.

Special thanks to Marsha and Patti from Illinois Lawn for sponsoring the hole-in-one contest and also to all those who donated to the ITF for this competition. The U of I Turf Club, represented by Connor Healy, Greg Zumdahl and Travis Williams, held a raffle on the fourth hole to raise money for the club. The contributions received will help defer the students' travel expenses to the GCSAA in Orlando.

Throughout the year, golf events sponsored by the ITF raise approximately \$35,000 for the Foundation's coffers. This level of fundraising could not be accomplished without the generous support of the ITF members, contributions from the sponsors and the cooperation of the clubs that host the events.



Tom Voigt, Dan Marco, Tom Nolan, John Gurke, Dan Anderson, Kevin DeRoo, Erwin McKone and Bob Kohlstedt.

Steve Bychowski, Mark Stephan, Jim Mzhickteno and Fernando Fernandez.



Don Cross, Randy Kane, Ryan Kerber and Keith Peterson.

Roger Johnson, Jack Laughherhausen, George O'Hara, Jeff Smith, Dave Newlin, Steve Poole, Bud Thigpen, Rich Daly and Carl Hophan.



Ron Dohman, Brian Bossert, Kerry Blatteau and Dennis Buck.



Dave Radaj, Chad Ball, Patti Thorson, Paul Bastron and Mike Mumper.



Kurt Sams, Dave Field, Chad Walk and Dave Armentrout.



Dean Meyer, Dave Kohley, Bert Coghill and Greg Tengerstrom.



Ed Fischer, Dave Louttit, Dave Behrman and Dudley Smith.



Keith Nadler, Leslie Kaler, John Coghill and Tom Byrd.