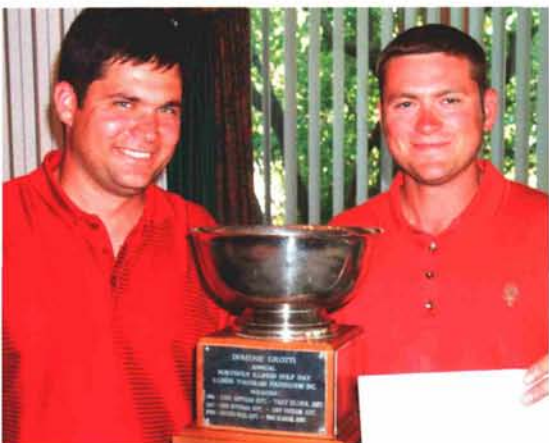


June Golf Meeting: Picture-Perfect Prestwick Dazzles

Our June meeting was held on a picture-perfect day at a picture-perfect golf course. Tim Anderson, CGCS and the staff at Prestwick Country Club provided those in attendance with a truly magnificent golf experience. Greens were quick and true, fairways were firm and basically most superintendents who played went home with a big “to-do” list based on the depressingly-awesome condition of the golf course.



*2003 Dom Grotti Award winners
Dan Marco and Nick Baker
(who also won like every
raffle possible).*

Of course, the day could not have been what it was without the generous help of our sponsors (Nadler Golf Car Sales, TPEC, Palatine Oil, Golf Creations, Illinois Lawn, Lemont Paving, John Deere/Hunter Golf, Commercial Turf and Tractor and Simplot Partners). The event featured the Dom Grotti Award for the best superintendent/assistant team, and this year's winning team was Ruth Lake Country Club's **Dan Marco, CGCS** and **Nick Baker**, who eked out the victory over Itasca Country Club's **Scott Speiden** and **Tom Horwath**. Other winners for events such as shortest drive, closest to the pin, longest putt, etc. were as follows: **Bill Davis, Ken Eichler, Shane Kissack, Ed Fischer, Jim Mzhickteno, Dave Behrman** (who, as it turns out, wasn't even there, so Dan Marco took that prize, too), **Dave Holler, Tom Healy, Dave Kohley, Larry Tomaszewski, Brian Mores** and **Scott Klingberg**.

The education portion featured **Paul Vermeulen** of the USGA offering up a pictorial recap of the U.S. Open, which was very eye-opening and featured shots of the many MAGCS members who volunteered their time and expertise to the cause. Much discussion of the perceived easiness of the course took place, and Paul summed it up best by noting that there were only four players who finished under par, and that players who missed fairways more frequently did worse than those who hit it straight. Now, this may sound a bit obvious, but several commentators and news media types simply didn't have a good grasp of the obvious as they continuously made bone-headed comments about the difficulty of the course. The chief boob was (as usual) Johnny Miller, who just can't seem to help but make an idiot of himself every time his mug is on the screen. After it was all said and done, the best player won the tournament, and Olympia Fields beat the rest of them.

Thank you again to Tim Anderson and the people at Prestwick for a great day, and to **Marsha Traves** and **Patti Thorson** for again running the betting hole, which raised \$712 for the American Diabetes Foundation.



*The USGA's Paul Vermeulen
recapped the U. S. Open held
at Olympia Fields C.C.*

Alan Parkes (far left), with veteran superintendents (L to R) Ray Schmitz, Carl Hopphan and Dudley Smith, who during the U.S. Open volunteered both their mornings AND evenings (and then slept for a week).



on a Glorious Day



Dave Marquardt (genuflecting to the king), Joel Purpur, Tracy Murphy (in throne) and Erwin McKone.



Past Dom Grotti winners Ronnie Newman and Scott Klingberg with Mike O'Neill and Sharon Reisenbach.



Steve VanAcker, Bob Lively, Kenny Goodman and Paul Schaefer.



Host Tim Anderson, Ray Schmitz, beverage cart attendant Natalie Smilgius, Dudley Smith and Dick Trevarthan.

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