

Revisiting the MAGCS/ITF Combined Spring Golf Day, May 20 at Odyssey Golf Club

So much of this month's "Bull Sheet" highlights MAGCS monthly meetings and ITF golf days, I would be remiss not to recap in full the Spring Golf Day and Second Annual ITF Regional Team Tourney held at Odyssey Golf Club in Tinley Park, IL, on May 20. Hosts **Ray Schei** and **Sam Lehrfeld** did a great job of preparing the course (with no help from Mother Nature, who dumped torrents of rain on our playground the night before). Sponsors for the day's activities were: President's Club—Bayer Environmental Sciences, Griffin LLC, Syngenta Professional Products and Turf Professionals Equipment Company; Director's Club—Arthur Clesen, BTSI, Central Sod Farms, Chicagoland Turf, Grigg Brothers, Illinois Lawn Equipment, Johnson & Associates of Lombard, Lebanon Turf, Olds Seed Solutions, Pro Source One and Simplot Partners/National Seed; Individual Tee Sponsors—Atlas Bobcat, Dow Agro Sciences, Growing Solutions, Palatine Oil, PBI Gordon-Speedzone, Reinders, SePro, Silver Lake Country Club, Spectrum Technologies, Sprinkler Irrigation and the Andersons; and Special Par-3 Event Sponsors—H & E Sod Nursery and Illinois Lawn Equipment. MAGCS

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The day turned out to be a beauty, and the course played long and windy (how did they manage to configure all 18 holes to play directly into the wind?). As with all competitions, a winner must emerge, and this year's regional team champion is Metro South, featuring **Bob Farag, Tim Scott, David Kohley, Bob Morrell, Mark Schmitz** and **Peter Mirkes**. Runner-up was Metro North and **Brian Racette, Dave Radaj, Joel Purpur, Al Fierst, Scott Armstrong** and **Mike Mumper**. Special events winners were: Longest Drive—**Bob Lively**; Senior Longest Drive—**Tom Byrd**; Closest to the Pin No. 2—**Dave Kohley**; and Closest to the Pin No. 15—**John Coghill, Jr.** In terms of special event raffles, H & E Sod

Nursery raised \$465 and raffled a Wilson Deep Red Fat Shaft Driver to winner **Tim Scott**, while Illinois Lawn Equipment raised \$485 and raffled a Trek Mountain Bike to winner **Dean Meyer** (more on that bike in the photo section).

Congratulations to all winners, runners-up and even those of us who went home empty-handed but better off for the experience. The dinner and awards banquet featured several highlights, but two in particular stood out: the presentation of the Charles Bartlett Award by **Dudley Smith** to **Carl Hopphan** (see "the Bull Sheet"), and Ray Schei's retirement ceremony. The owners of Odyssey presented Ray with numerous tokens of their gratitude for his years of service, including a membership certificate to Odyssey C.C. with the inscription "Member #1," airline tickets for a trip anywhere of Ray's choosing, and a trophy in his honor. All in all, the entire day was wonderful, and heartily enjoyed by all in attendance.



Jack Lagershausen, Wally Fuchs, Carl Hopphan and Rick Grant take the yet-to-be-won mountain bike for a test spin.



John Coghill, Jr. does the pose while sticking it closest to the pin.



Scott Witte (bravest one on top), John Gurke (semi-brave), Kevin DeRoo (1/4 brave) and Brian Baker (total wimp).



Marsha Traves, Pete Mirkes, George O'Hara, Nathan Ryan, Chris Johnson and Patti Thorson. (Marsha and Patti once again provided the photography for the day—thank you both!)



Eli Witt, Brian Racette, Brian Bossert and Don Altman.



Mark Winge, Joel Cisneros, Phil Boskey and Sharon Riesenbeck.



Mark Kowaliczko, Jeff Gerdes, Trent Bradford and Jim Hall.



Joel Purpur, Jeff Breniger, Mike Mumper (a.k.a. "The Skipper") and Dave Radaj.



Big hitter Bob Lively with Ed Esgar, Kurt Sams and Keith Peterson.