

Seven Bridges Put On A Splendid ITF

The May meeting was the ITF/MAGCS Spring Golf Day, and it took place at Seven Bridges Golf Club on the 18th with Don Ferreri hosting. The event was the ITF Regional Team Golf Tournament, where teams from Metro North, Metro West, Metro South and Greater Illini (encompassing anyone who didn't fit into one of these other categories) went at it head-to-head, mano a mano, duking it out for the right to be called Emperors of Golf (a term coined by aliens from another place). The day cooperated wonderfully and offered an abundance of philanthropic wagering opportunities, including the floating target, the putting contest, longest putt, straightest drive, closest to the pin and longest drive.



Barry Heinrichs of Burris Equipment with George O'Hara, Bill Kennedy and Todd Schmitz.



One of the more unique betting holes—the floating target.



Trent Bradford, Rennie Jacobson, Kenny Shepherd and Jim Hall.



Derek Florian, Tim Keating, Jeff Smith and Scott Adams.

The big winners of the day are, of course, the recipients of all the money generated for research (and we the superintendents who benefit from that research); but, as previously mentioned, there had to be a coronation. This year, the crown went to the Metro South team with a score of 453, nudging out Metro West (458), Greater Illini (462), and last, Metro North (an abysmal 473). The winning team consisted of John Maman, **Scott Armstrong**, **Chad Walk**, **Dave Kohley**, **Tim Scott** (does any other team stand a chance against the likes of them?) and **Chuck Odierno**. Congratulations, Emperors! As for the rest of the day, some other folks got to share in the good fortune, including **Kenny Shepherd** (closest to the pin on no. 14), **Bill Kennedy** (straightest drive), **Tim Scott** (closest to the pin on no. 15), **Gilberto Velasquez** (longest putt made) and **Dave Kohley** (longest drive).

Once the golf portion of the event ended, it was inside for a great spread of food and drink and prizes and raffles and drink (did I mention that?). The putting contest, officiated by the venerable **Drs. Branham, Voigt** and **Fermanian**, was won by **Tim Scott** with a scorching 5 (Tim donated his prize—a golf bag—to charity, and **Big Jim Shanley** was most generous in bidding \$150 for it at auction), while the chipping contest to the floating target at no. 10 tee was won by **Tim Scott** (Cubs tickets) and **Renny Jacobson** (golf bag).

& Don Ferreri MAGCS Spring Golf Day



Bob McCallum, Kathy Newyear,
Don Altman and Bruce Schweiger.



Kevin DeRoo, Howie Shuck,
Eddie Braunsky and Jim Styka.



Aaron Rowe, Jimmy Frels,
Chuck Odierno and John Maman.



Erik Swenson, Scott Armstrong,
Chad Walk and Andy Fassett.



Jeff Reberg, Joe Hustler, Garry Anderson
and Scott Witte.



Our favorite betting-hole girls
Marsha Traves and Patti Thorson
with boss-man Barry Heinrichs.

While all this giving was going on, attendees were entertained by the happening sounds of the Tom Fermanian/Tom Voigt/Bruce Branham/Carl Hoppfan Quartet, who belted out some of their most popular numbers, including “Ode to Automated Turf Quality Measurements,” “The Unmowed Rough Playability Blues,” “The *Poa Annua* and Growth Regulator Study Be-Bop” (results now available online), and the timeless classic, “The Sunshine Through Golf’s 8-Acre Par-3 Course Boogaloo.” As you can imagine (if you weren’t in attendance), the fun had to stop before someone was seriously injured, so last call was . . . called, and off everyone went into the evening to digest all they had experienced.

It was a grand day on a grand

(though penal as all get-out) golf course, and it was enjoyed by all. Special thanks go out to the many people who made the day possible, including Don Ferreri and his staff, the PGA professional staff and food-and-beverage staff at Seven Bridges for all of their great preparation; **Darin Douglas** for assisting with registration; **Sylvia Lima**, **Sharon Riesenbeck** and **Carl Hoppfan** for the charity hole on no. 10; **Ann Huber-Falcone** and **A. J. Huey** for the charity hole on no. 6; **Marsha Traves** and **Patti Thorson** for the charity hole on no. 12; and **Danna** and **Kelli Eberly** for the charity hole

on no. 18—you folks all deserve our deepest thanks for your ongoing support and generous sharing of your time! Also, HUGE thanks to the day’s sponsors:

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Without your generosity, none of this could have been possible. Thank you all for a great event!



Host Don Ferreri receives his gifts of thanks from Kevin DeRoo.



University of Illinois faculty Tom Voigt, Tom Fermanian and Bruce Branham display a reminder for the Illinois Professional Turf Conference (the former NCTE event) coming up on November 29 through December 2 at the Pheasant Run Resort.



The winning team from the South, L. to R: John Maman, Scott Armstrong, Chad Walk, Dave Kohley, Tim Scott (having more fun as a blond) and Chuck Odierno.



The other favorite betting-hole volunteers, from L. to R: Anne Huber-Falcone (Huber Ranch), Danna Eberly (J.W. Turf), A.J. Huey (Chicagoland Turf), Kelli Eberly (J.W. Turf) and Sharon Riesenbeck (Waupaca).