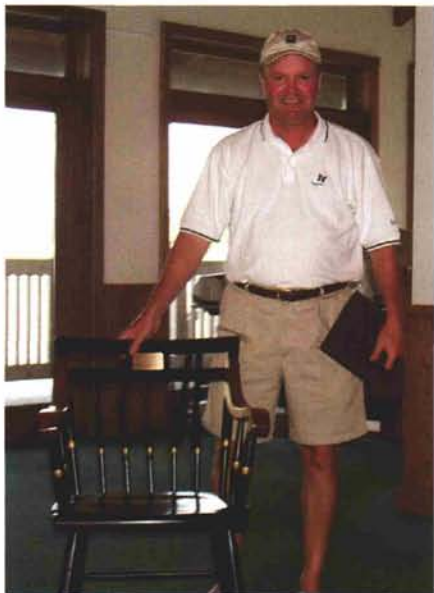


Summer's Swan Song: September Meeting at

The September monthly meeting and MAGCS Golf Championship took us to God's Country—Harvard, IL and Oak Grove Golf Club. For those who traveled far, the trip was well worth it! Paul Sandall and his staff, and owner John DelGato and the great folks at Oak Grove (including, as Lynn Wesson so aptly put it, "the most efficient bar-cart girls ever"), put on a show for us that will be remembered for a long time to come.



Our hosts John and Paul (George and Ringo were in the kitchen cooking).



Champion Randy Wahler and his throne.

The weather on this fine September day was more reminiscent of summer, with a stiff, hot breeze blowing from the south wreaking all kinds of havoc on even the most well-crafted shots. Mother Nature aside, the course itself with its twists and turns, its forests and prairies, and its sneaky-slick greens and bountiful bunkers was challenge enough for the 55 MAGCS members who competed for the honor of being dubbed champion. One thing is for certain, the 89 golfers who experienced Oak Grove were treated to a fine golf course in excellent condition.

The coveted (and somewhat mysterious) winner's chair was again on the line for the Championship Flight, and its new owner for 2004 is **Randy Wahler**, CGCS of Knollwood Club, who shot a 74. Coming in two strokes back in second place was defending champ **Dave Kohley** of Silver Lake Country Club with 76, followed by **Tommy Robinson** of Ravinia Green Country Club with 77.

The Commercial A Flight champion was **Tim Keating** of Cleary Chemical with a net 73. **Phil Taylor** of Burris Equipment was second, followed by **Ernie Kaplan** of Kaplan Paving in third, who defeated **Charlie Brugler** (BTSI) in a scorecard playoff.

Commercial B Flight was won by **Eric Nadler** of Nadler Golf Car Sales with a net 73. Taking second was **Larry Tomaszewski** of AXA Advisors, and third was **Peter Leuzinger** of PL Consulting.

First Flight champion for 2004 is **Rick Wilson**, CGCS (Glenview Park District) with a net 71, defeating second-place winner **Pat McDonagh** (Red Tail G.C.) in a scorecard playoff. Third place in the flight went to **Pete Kiraly** of Schaumburg G.C.

Your Second Flight champion is **David Groelle** of Royal Melbourne C.C. with a net 72, winning another scorecard playoff against **Steve Van Acker**, CGCS of Crystal Lake C.C. Host superintendent Paul Sandall took third place with a 73, defeating **Dan Anderson** (City of Aurora) in yet another scorecard playoff.

In the Third Flight, **Brad Johnsen** of Klein Creek G.C. was champion with a net 65. Second place was won (yep—in a scorecard playoff) by **Scott Speiden** of Itasca C.C. and third went to **Dean Tomaselli** of Cary C.C.

Proximity event winners were Dean Tomaselli and Lynn Wesson for longest putt holed, and **Mark Stephan** for longest drive (against that aforementioned stiff southern breeze).

The betting hole, which was administered by **Sharon Riesenbeck** of Waupaca Sand and Solutions, netted \$500 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The raffle was won by **Tom Prichard** of The Glen Club, who won a \$200 Citgo gas card (about a full tank at today's prices).

After golf, the party moved inside for the presenting of the awards and a hearty spread of appetizers, big steaks and all the trimmings. The generous folks at Palatine Oil donated six box seats to a Cubs game; these were

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auctioned for charity, furthering the benevolent mood of the proceedings. Everyone went home happy and full after this wonderful day. We thank Paul Sandall, everyone at Oak Grove, and our day's sponsors—Palatine Oil Company, Ryan Incorporated Central, Nadler Golf Car Sales, TPEC, Arthur Clesen, Inc. and Central Sod Farms—for their generous contributions to the success of the event.



Gary Hearn chips onto no. 6 green while one of the majestic cottonwoods looks on from the distance.



How many times do you get back-to-back issues featuring the same covered bridge?



"Sure would look good with my name on it!"



First Flight winner Rick Wilson with Tony Kalina.



Second Flight winner Dave Groelle.



Third Flight winner Brad Johnsen.



Commercial A Flight winner Tim Keating.



Sharon Riesenbeck and Tony draw the lucky raffle winner's ticket.