

July Meeting Venue, Fox Run Golf Links, Tests Seniors' Mettle at 2004 Championship

A balmy Monday, July 19 found members of MAGCS at the Fox Run Golf Links in Elk Grove Village. The day's main event was the Seniors' Championship, which turned out to be hotly contested on this ultra-TIGHT course.



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Scott Speiden and Jim Meyer.



Ed Fischer, Tim Davis, Bob Kronn and Randy Wahler.

Our host, **Greg Thalmann, CGCS**, and his staff provided us with outstanding conditions on a golf course that was a true test of each competitor's mettle. Greens rolled quick and true, and the plush, narrow and well-guarded fairways just begged players to break out the big dog and let him eat. Eat sand, eat water, eat trees, you name it—accuracy AND length were the requirements of the day, and those who did not bring that combination to the table were left either helping their handicaps jump up a few strokes or asking their partners for a ball or two to get them through.

The leaderboard for the Seniors' Championship showed who had their A-game. The Elmer Bertucci Trophy, held until now by 2003 winner Tommy Robinson, went to **Tim Davis** of Shoreacres with a 73. The net winner was **Brad Johnsen**, taking the honors from last year's champion **Dave Nadler**. Second-place gross was won by **Ed Fischer, CGCS**, while net went to **Jim McNair, CGCS**. **Randy Wahler, CGCS** took third gross, and **Paul Bastron, CGCS** grabbed third net. As for the Super Seniors, first-place gross was won by **Bob Kronn**, while first net went to **Hans Hopphan**. **Lynn Wesson** took second gross, and **Ray Schmitz** won net. Third gross was won by **Russel Stratton** and net by **Ray Schei**. Congratulations to all seniors and super seniors on their great achievements!

Although the seniors were the VIPs for the day, a regular event also took place, and winners were **Mike Nielsen** (low gross) and **Scott Speiden** (low net). The day's activities also included the presentation of three MAGCS scholarships to their deserving recipients. Patrick Maguire (**John Maguire, J.W. Turf**) was this year's George Minnis Memorial Scholarship winner; Brianne Smith (Peggy and **Jeff Smith, Springbrook G.C.**) was the inaugural winner of the Paul Burdett Scholarship; and Kelley Murray (Jill and **Dan Murray, CGCS** of Settler's Hill G.C.) won the at-large scholarship. Not in attendance, but honored June 30 at the John Buck Memorial Golf Outing, was John Buck Memorial Scholarship winner Tony Doruff (Sharon and **Ron Doruff** of Steeple Chase G.C.). Congratulations to all four of our 2004 MAGCS Scholarship winners!

Finally, to top off the day, our Education Committee came up with a very appropriate presentation—a Father-and-Son Superintendents Roundtable. Our panelists were Ray and **Todd Schmitz, Dudley Smith** and stepson Rick Wilson, and **Mike and Mike, Jr. Bavier**. Moderator Henny Youngman . . . er . . . **Paul Voykin** posed several pointed questions to the panelists, and it turned out to be a really neat off-the-cuff event. When the **Leuzinger** team of **Peter and Jeff** were called upon for their thoughts, let's just say it was a touching moment that really summed up the day with its emphasis on FAMILY. Thanks to everyone who helped make the day such a success: Greg Thalmann, Education Committee chair Tim Anderson, our panelists, our competitors, our photographers/fundraisers **Marsha Traves** and Patti Thorson, and our gracious sponsors: Central Sod Farms, BTSI, Burris Equipment, J.W. Turf, Arthur Clesen Inc., Harris Motorsports, Nadler Golf Car Sales/Club Car, Turf Professionals Equipment Company and Palatine Oil.

