

JOHN BUCK OUTING  
John Gurke, Aurora Country Club



# Picture-Perfect Day

## The 7th Annual John Buck Golf Outing

Perhaps the Irish have it all figured out—commemorate the passing of a loved one by getting all of his family and friends together for a party, laughing and regaling in the stories and fond memories that everyone holds dear. The John Buck Golf Outing is a page right out of that book, and this year's rendition was the best yet. On June 26th, the friends and family of John Buck converged upon Bartlett Hills Golf Course for the 7th such event, and host superintendent **Kevin DeRoo** and his staff provided a picture-perfect venue for a picture-perfect day. This event is all about benevolence—one of Mr. Buck's most famous characteristics. Like its namesake, the outing puts fun at the forefront while also stressing the importance of giving. The beneficiaries of the day are the recipients of the John Buck Scholarships, distributed through the Kane County Farm Bureau, the Northwest Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association, and the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents. The event itself is a 4-person scramble, but the real fun is all the other stuff happening on the golf course, from betting holes to beads and



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from long drives to the limbo (which, rumor has it, is how Kevin DeRoo blew out his Achilles). The course was marvelous, the many volunteers who entertained the troops at various locales were wonderful, and the big food and prize shebang afterward was outstanding. As for the beads, I'll only say that Jaime Braasch had the most at the end of the day, and she did NOT earn them in the traditional New Orleans Big Easy fashion (unfortunately). Her "cheer-off" win over **Brad Legnaioli** provided another \$250 for the scholarship fund, though, and I'm sure all those beads found some good use in the Braasch household. I would list all the winners of the various golf events and raffles, but that would be excluding too many—EVERYONE who participated in the 7th Annual John Buck Golf Outing was a winner, as is everyone who will benefit from the generous legacy left behind by our friend John Buck. Thank you to all who played a part in this day, especially the folks at J. W. Turf and **Holly Gilmour**. And thank you, John. -OC

