



FLAGS AND STICKS

By Monroe S. Miller

Whenever the subject of flagpoles and flags comes up around our club, I'm pretty happy. It is a clue that, by and large, our players must be happy if those two items are the topic of the day.

Rod Johnson feels the same way, but thought that subject would be an interesting one to address in this issue's survey question. Between the two of us, we asked a cross section of Wisconsin golf course superintendents (31 in all) these questions:

1. What color are the flags you use?
2. Are they plain or numbered?
3. What color are your flagsticks?
4. Are they standard diameter poles or are they the "tournament" thickness?

Here are the results:

FLAGS	
Plain Colors	
Yellow	14
White	2
Red	2
Orange	1
Yellow/Black Checkered	2
NUMBERED FLAGS	
(Flag/Numbers)	
White/Black	2
Yellow/Black	1
Yellow/Orange	1
White/Gray	1
White/Red	1
Red/White	1
White/Black	1
Red/Gray	1
Yellow/Green	1
STICKS	
Standard Diameter	
Yellow	13
Yellow/Orange	5
Yellow/Black	1
Red	1
Red/White	1
Tournament Diameter	
Yellow	7
White	2
White/Black British	1

Most apparent from the results is that most courses are following the USGA recommendation of a yellow flag and a cream colored or yellow flagpole.

It also is obvious the plain flags (unnumbered) and standard diameter poles are what you'll find.

Rodney had a curious comment from some players at his club. Appar-

ently, from their point of view, the diameter of the pole is important for this reason: if a ball hits a tournament pole, it is likely to bounce off. If a shot hits a standard diameter pole, it is more likely to drop into the cup because the pole has more flex and is more forgiving. The bottom line is that they prefer the standard diameter flagstick.

1989 WGCSA Championship

By Mark Kienert

What started as an ominous and blustery day for the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association Golf Championship and meeting at the Willow Run Golf Course in Pewaukee turned warm and windy. Forty-five golfers competed for their respective division titles on October 2.

Lee Merkel, Dewey Laak, Don Schaffer and staff have redesigned this course into one with a lot of interest and water.

Championship winners for 1989 had Ives Groves' Mark Hortness score a 79 to replace perennial winner Bruce Schweiger.

Class A winners found host Lee Merkel using his local knowledge to fire a low score of 78 for the day. Second place went to Pine Hills' Rod Johnson, who shot an 80 on what was called his kind of golf course.

Jim Wunrow of Lake Arrowhead took Class B honors. Marty Kardian of Ives Grove captured second place.

Peoria System winners for those who do not carry current WSGA handicap cards saw Bob Kocan using his local knowledge to take home first place. Second place was nailed down by Rock River's Kris Pinkerton.

The Affiliate title went to Reinders' Ed Devinger who fired a "Red Hot" 81. The former MMSD great Robert Welch took second place honors.

A new category for low "Michigander" saw former WGCSA Presi-

dent Bill Roberts take home the ball retriever. One shot of particular note that made the Duck "duck" was cause enough for the DNR to place Bill's name on the list of Environmental Hazards!

Thanks to the Willow Run people for hosting this year's tournament and treating our group so well. Lots of hard work was appreciated by WGCSA members in attendance.

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