
Has Anyone Ever Played A Better Conditioned Course?

By Tom Schwab

That was the question brought up at our October 7, 1991 Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association Meeting at Blue Mound Golf & Country Club. Not a person in the room could say yes. Carl Grassl and his staff should be proud to produce such fine playing conditions, along with such a fun golf course to play. Some memorable design features are the rolling greens, steep bunker faces and green banks, perfectly placed fairway bunkers and tree groupings. It was also unique to see a fox walk along the border of the course and a deer just outside the clubhouse.

Carl had his hands full. He had to prepare the course after a large amount of rain the weekend before and also prepared a talk. He was our evening speaker. His talk was on building a new turf care facility. Carl outlined how he sold the project to the membership and then how he determined what requirements and needs the new facility should have. There were quite a few building codes that had to be met and Carl felt that leaving this complicated process with the contractor was the better way to go. During the construction phase, Carl's two main jobs were to have daily communication with the builders and to watch for mistakes. The last phase was the post-construction details of moving in, building work benches and demolishing the old shop. His talk was highlighted with many before, during and

after slides. The talk was so well presented and educational that we would all like to thank Carl. I'm sure if you didn't get a chance to see the facility yet, he would welcome your visit if you're ever in Wauwatosa.

The winners in the golf events were for the two person bestball: 1st place team—Mark Kienert, Gordon Waddington, Jim DuPree and Steve Kaiser. 2nd place team—Dave Smith, Andy Kronwall, Joe Kuta and Doug Yaden. 3rd place team—Tom Schwab,

Bob Vavrek, Gary Zwerlein and Barry Larsen. 4th place team—Wayne Otto, Rod Johnson, Brian Schmidt and Mike Lyons. Flag event winners were: Ken Robers, Gordon Waddington, Jim DuPree, Doug Yaden, Rod Johnson, Andy Kronwall and Chad Ball. Low gross winners were: 1st place—Steve Kaiser and 2nd place—Mike Drugan.

The meeting was a gorgeous fall day with nearly 100 people attending. It was a great way to end the 1991 golf and meeting calendar.



Carl Grassl and Assistant Clubhouse Manager Keith Grassel



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