

Severud Takes Tournament Like a Storm

by Tom Schwab

John Gallus, superintendent of Baraboo Country Club, had his course in great shape for the 1991 Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association annual golf tournament September 9. Strong thunderstorms were predicted for the day and it was questionable whether we would get the tournament in. The storm never came, just big clouds and blustery winds. These conditions coupled with a challenging layout, lots of elevation change, tight fairways, many dry creek beds and some tricky greens, saw our scores skyrocket like the winds. All, that is, but our new champion, Todd Severud from Turtleback Golf Club in Rice Lake. Todd turned in a 76, seven strokes better than second place winner in championship flight, Rick Thalacker. Other winners for the day were for A flight 1st & 2nd—Gary Huenerberg and Pat Norton; B flight 1st & 2nd—Ric Lange and James Wunrow;

and affiliate flight 1st & 2nd using a Peoria handicap system, were Lyle Christopherson & Kraig Forciur.

Our evening speaker was Dr. Elliot Roberts of the Better Lawn and Turf Institute. Dr. Roberts received a Distinguished Service Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in 1991. His Lawn Institute provides for improving lawns and sports turf through research and public education. He has authored many articles educating the public on the benefits of fine turf. He had a strong message for us that we also should be active in educating our communities on these benefits. There are many initiatives under way to discredit the benefits of fine lawns and landscapes. He said it's much easier being proactive, promoting the benefits of healthy turf. Being inactive and reactive to criticism just won't work.

If you are interested in learning more about the latest research on turf care questions or would like to learn more on how plants enhance our environment, you can become a member of the lawn institute. Write to: The Lawn Institute, County Line Road, P.O. Box 108, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, 38578-0108, or call (615) 277-3722.

It was a great educational session. The golf course was beautifully groomed. The views from some of the holes up in those Baraboo bluffs were spectacular. Thank you, John, for hosting this meeting.

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Mr. Rodney Johnson, President
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Dear Rodney & WGCSA Members,

My wife Diane and I want to thank the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association for your very generous gift. We will put the travel voucher to good use. Your kindness will be long remembered.

It has been a real pleasure both knowing and working with WGCSA members and I hope our friendship continues.

I plan to help get the O.J. Noer facility well established and to contribute to Wisconsin turf industry.

Thank you again and may we keep in touch.

Robert and Diane Newman