

WGCSA Travels to Beautiful Brown Deer For Tourney Meeting

By Pat Norton

Approximately 80 golfers journeyed to Milwaukee's Brown Deer Golf Course on Monday, September 21 for WGCSA's Annual Tournament.

Golf Course Superintendent Bob Stock and his staff did an outstanding job of preparing what many call Milwaukee County's showcase course. Redesign and rejuvenation work was very evident as we all wound our way around this very mature, tree-lined golf course. This layout proved to be a stern test for those of us who seldom play golf more than once a month. The champion for the day, Mark Hjortness, is living proof that it is possible for a superintendent to play golf on a daily basis and still be an outstanding superintendent. Congratulations, Mark! Mark, by the way, was declared champion by virtue of a scorecard tiebreaker. Other deserving winners also included:

<i>Championship Flight (low net)</i>Mark Hjortness
<i>First Flight (low net)</i>Russ Schulte
<i>Second Flight (low net)</i>Tom Merkel
<i>Affiliated Flight (low net)</i>Rick Hibber
<i>Closest to Pin #5</i>Curt Larson
<i>Long Drive # 12</i>Tony Watson
<i>Long Putt #18</i>Michael Drugan (pure luck, no skill)

Bob Vavrek, USGA Regional Agronomist, gave a most interesting after-dinner talk on his experiences so far in 1992 at golf courses in the USGA's Great Lakes Region. Hot topics for the USGA in upcoming months and years will definitely include USGA greens construction specifications and actual construction methods.

Speaking only for Mike Drugan and myself, let me say that we western Wisconsin boys really do enjoy those long, long, long drives home after these WGCSA meetings. It really gives a guy ample time to reflect on things...such as "why am I doing this again?"

*"Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat.
Please put a penny in the old man's hat.
If you haven't a penny a ha' penny will do.
If you haven't a ha' penny, God bless you!"*

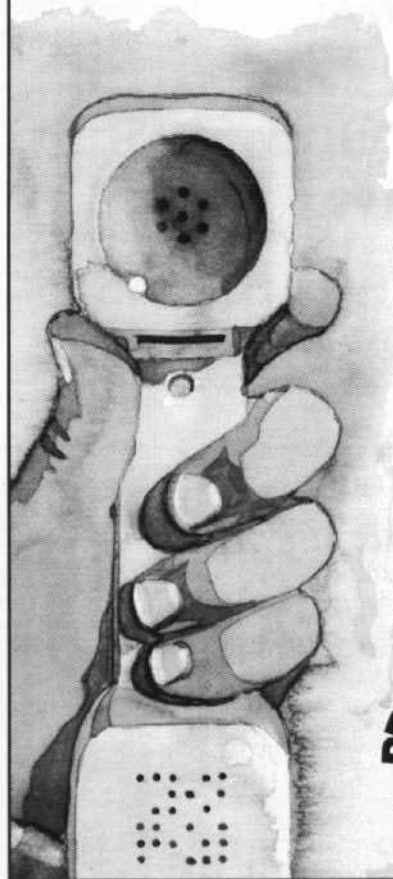
— Anonymous beggars rhyme

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