

Best WTA Golf Fundraiser Ever, Except...

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The Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Golf Fundraiser is a great way to bring the golf season to a grand finale. This year it was even better! The weather was ideal, the golf course spectacular, and participants thrilled. The only exception was the small number of participants. Still 45, lucky golfers converged on Stevens Point Country Club to enjoy a great golf outing and raise funds for turf research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Jeff Bottensek hosted the event this year. His golf course is designed so beautifully along the Plover River, with its marshes, and forested areas on the southern edge of Stevens Point. The course conditions were likewise perfect. Many other fine golf courses have hosted this event but few have had such wonderful weather. The weather was 70 degrees, with no wind, and sunny on the September 28th event date.

Jeff made sure we were treated to a wonderful lunch and dinner besides the nice golf. He also made sure there were enough door prizes for everyone to go home with something.

Professor John Stier joined the event for dinner and gave some short remarks. He thanked the WTA for their support of the turf program and summarized some of the research that he is presently conducting.

The event raised close to \$5,500. The annual event is one of the largest fundraisers for the WTA

throughout the year. We hope that next year's event will draw larger crowds. It will be hard to top the wonderful golf experience that was enjoyed this year but that is not the main reason the event is held. It is our chance to give back to the professions that provide so much for us. Most of the \$5,500 was gathered



Otto, DuPont, Johnson and Ball rarely miss the golf fundraiser.



Host superintendent Jeff Bottensek pictured with refreshment cart copilot Randy Slavik.



Support from industry was evident through participation from companies like Greensmix,

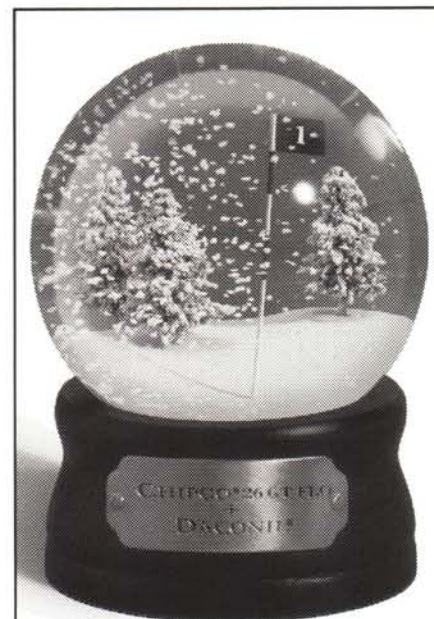


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from individual hole sponsors, with the rest being collected from the registration fees. The WTA would like to thank everyone that supported the event. The hole sponsors are listed below in alphabetical order.

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