

Season Finale at North Shore

By **Mike Lyons**, Golf Course Superintendent, Old Hickory Golf Club

Scott Schaller and his staff had NSGC in great shape for the final golf meeting of 1999. It was a challenge for everyone who played. One hundred and two golf course superintendents and affiliates turned out for the two-man blind partner event. There were 110 in attendance for the educational session that featured Bob Vavrek, our USGA Green Section agronomist. Bob's topic was The Year in Review. He covered every topic from green covers to fairy rings, Zoysia grass in the Midwest to Japanese beetles in Beloit. Bob's commitment to golf and to Wisconsin and to golf course superintendents was surely appreciated by the audience.

The evening also highlighted guests Gene and Diane Haas. Gene is retiring after 23 years as executive director of the Wisconsin State Golf Association. Included in those years was their work with the WGCSA, and for that dedication, Gene was awarded the Distinguished

Service Award. Gene reflected on his time and involvement in golf in Wisconsin and emphasized his respect for golf course superintendents and our profession. He also made it very clear that any work he did with the WSGA and the WGCSA was a team effort with Diane. The award and gifts for them made clear the gratitude we all feel for their work.

The event winners were as follows.

Dustin Riley and Brian Hickey - 1st place.

Brent Amann and Ray Shane - 2nd place.

John Jolin and Gordon Waddington - 3rd place.

Joe Grase and Allen Fude - 4th place.

Steve Van Acken and Wayne Otto - 5th place.

Dan Williams and Mike Handrich - 25th place.

Bill Knight and D. Reinhart - 35th place.

Scott Bushman - last place.

Mike Toebes - high gross

Rich Gruse - closest to the pin on #2.

Jeff Barlow - longest putt on #5

Clark Rowles - closest to the pin on #7 (hole in one).

Matt Davis - longest drive on #11.

Travis Schmitzer - longest putt on #3.

Steve Van Acker - closest to pin on #16.

Todd Marten - closest to pin on #4 (golf bag).

Steve Shane - closest to pin on #14 (use of Club Car utility vehicle for 1 year)

Special WGCSA thanks to all the vendors who donated all the prizes for the flag event winners. In addition to thanks to Scott Schaller for hosting, thanks to all of our 1999 meeting hosts: Joe Fryman and Lake Arrowhead Golf Club, Marc Davison and Green Bay Country Club, Wayne Otto and Ozaukee Country Club, and Mike Kactro and David Jahnke and Washington County Golf Course. 🌿

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