



Mike Does It Again

It's Not Every Day You Get To Play a Course Like This!

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Golf course superintendent Mike Lee hosted the WTA golf fundraiser for the second time in three years at another one of his spectacular Kohler courses. Two years ago, he hosted the event at one of the Whistling Straits courses. This year we had the pleasure of playing a Blackwolf Run course — The Meadow Valleys. Nine holes of this course played host to the U.S. Women's Open in 1998 which should explain how elite it is. Everyone was wearing huge smiles all day from the grandeur of the scenery and pleasure of playing such fine conditions.

And lots of participants there were! The fundraiser sold out for the first time ever. There were even 20 people on the waiting list wishing they had registered earlier. The lucky 152 registrants were not only treated to excellent golf. In addition they received lunch on the course,

hors de oeuvres after golf, and every participant went home with a door prize. The door prizes were pretty spectacular, also! Many were worth more than the cost of registration. Huge thanks go to the long list of donators who are listed here. Take a look at some of the nice prizes which could have been yours if you participated.

Also take a look at the list of more than 20 golf hole sponsors who contributed \$100 to make the event more of a success. The funds raised from the golf proceeds and hole sponsors will benefit a program at the University of Wisconsin-

Madison called the Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship in Turfgrass Research. These are scholarships that will keep the turf program in supply of quality graduate students. The fellowships, when funded, will continue indefinitely. Your turf program at the University will have more graduate students investigating important problems to strengthen our management of turfgrass well into the future. Over \$14,000 was raised towards one of the fellowships from this year's event.

The day could not have been much more successful. Everyone



Event host Mike Lee welcomes in the golfers.

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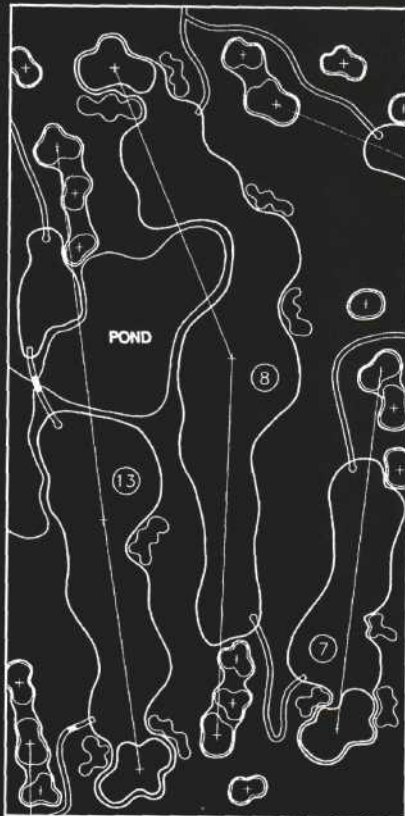
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Door prizes abounded.



Professor emeritus Dr. Gayle Worf displays a little history with the cap.



Holly Gilmour doesn't flinch at this difficult chip shot.



Impressive collection of gift certificates for door prizes.

had a blast. Lots of camaraderie was shared. The weather was close to perfect for October with temps in the low 60s. A few sprinkles came down early in the day, but it wasn't enough to dampen the spirits of anyone. The majority of the round was perfect fall weather. The autumn colors of the trees really showed off the beauty of the natural terrain.

After Mike Lee made the announcement of where next year's event will be held, a number of participants said, "Sign me up for next year." Golf course superintendent Tony Rzadzki of The Bull and Pinehurst Farms secured his brand new course for the October 2003 WTA Golf Fundraiser. The course, designed by Jack Nicklaus, is described as stunning and very upscale. It will be another course that you rarely get a chance to play. It's likely the event will sell out again.

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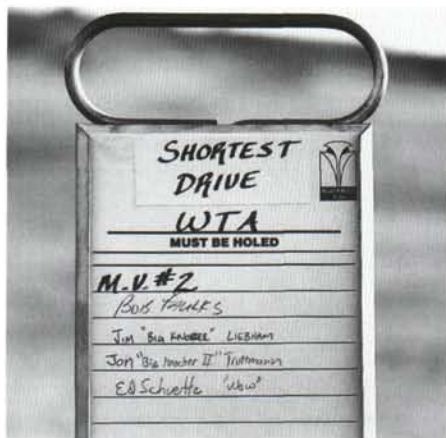
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Event winners.



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2002 WTA Golf Fundraiser Door Prizes

This list is not 100% accurate. It is the best that I could record during the hectic registration. The prizes were incredibly generous of these donors. They are appreciated by the event organizer and, of course by the recipients. I'm sorry if I missed your name as one of the donors.

Al Nees2 Dozen Golf Balls	Jordan SensibarDozen Maxfli Balls, Windshirt
Allen FudeGreens fees for 2 to Rock River CC	Kerry AndersonWind shirts
Bill RogersGolf Bag and Other Prizes	Kris PinkertonSurprise Item
Bill VogelSnowboard Rental, Lessons, and Lift Tickets for 2 to Sunburst Ski	Larry Lennert2 Dozen Titleist NXT golf balls
Bob Cross\$485 Irrigation System Preventative Maintenance Package	Lyle Christopherson2 windshirts
Bob LohmannSurprise Item	Marc DavisonGolf Shirt, Cleveland Wedge
Bob PadulaWhispering Springs Greens Fees	Mark GrundmanAll Weather Wind Shirt
Brian FerrieSurprise Item	Mark HjortnessSurprise Item
Bridges Golf CourseGreens fees for 4 with cart to Mascoutin	Mark KienertGolf Bag
Bruce SchweigerBicycle	Mike Handrich18 Pack of Golf Ball
Bruce WorzellaCouple Prizes	Mike Kactro2 Golf Packages for two greens fees to Washington Co
Christine FalksFramed Small Mouth Bass Print	Mike Lee10 Prizes
Chuck WollnerGolf Package for 4 with Carts to Christmas Mountain	Mike LyonsTravel Bag
Craig ReindersColor TV, Stereo	Mike UrbenGolf Shirt
Dan BarrittMakita Hand Tool Set, Fishing Tools, and other prizes	Neil RadatzSurprise Item
Dan QuastGolf Bag	Olds Seed2 Swiss Army Knives, 2 Clocks, 4 hats
Dan Shaw18 Pack Pinnacle Gold Balls, Tour Edge Pitching Wedge	Randy DuPontSurprise Item
Dave BrandenburgTraveling Tool Kit, Putter, 2 Golf Packages for Twosomes	Ric LangeGolf Shirt, Head Cover, Putter Cover
Don Ferger.....Sweater	Rod JohnsonAM/FM Flashlight Radio
Doug Laak'Hunter Golf' Golf Bag	Roy JanzenSurprise Item
Dustin RileyGolf Shirt	Roy ZehrenCouple Prizes
Ed Witkowski\$100 Kohl's Gift Certificate, Case of Samuel Adams	Scott SchallerCap
Gary TankoGolf Package for 2 with Cart to Sentry World	Seth BogrenSurprise Item
Geunhwa Jung.....Wisconsin Coffee Mugs	Shawn Hilliard6 Prizes - Golf Shop Merchandise
Glenn GerthGreens Fees for 4 to Mascoutin	Steve Barritt2 gifts of Wollersheim Wines
Gordie WaddingtonSurprise Item	Steve SchmidtSurprise Item
Holly GilmourJohn Deere Toy Tractor	Steve TatroTree Line Exotic Wood Putter
Jeff MilliesSweatshirt/Blanket	Stoughton CCGolf package for 4-some with carts to Stoughton CC
Jerry KershaskyGolf Shirt	Terry KurthSurprise Item
Jim ShoneBox of Titleist Golf Balls, Deluxe Rain Jacket & Pants	Tod BlankenshipGolf Package for 4, 2 Golf Shirts
John HeggeElectronic Rain Gauge, Atomic Clock	Tom KestlyGolf Shirt
John StierWisconsin Coffee Mugs	Tom Wentz4 Wind Shirts
John Turner\$100 Cash	Vince JohnsonPruning Loppers

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