

May Meeting – Country Club of Wisconsin Super-Pro Tournament

By Dustin Riley, Golf Course Superintendent, Oconomowoc Golf Club

G olf course superintendents and PGA club professionals traveled to Grafton on May 29th to participate together in the Super-Pro Tournament held at the Country Club of Wisconsin. The Country Club of Wisconsin, along with the event sponsor Club Car, hosted a great turnout and beautiful day of golf. Superintendent Gordon Waddington and Club Professional Bob Hibbitts overcame wet, cool spring weather to provide excellent playing conditions as well as a wonderful, relaxing atmosphere. Pat Jones, editor of Golfdom Magazine, was this year's guest speaker. Pat's discussion focused on improving the relationship between golf course superintendents and club professionals.

Pat was able to provide several examples of superintendent/professional conflicts resulting in poor working relationships. Many of those in attendance agreed that their superintendent/professional working relationship could, at times, become stressed and unproductive. The goal of both the golf course superintendent and club professional should be to provide the best product or service for their respective clientele, whether a private membership, daily fee or municipality. Common sense would suggest that a healthy super/pro relationship would provide an excellent golfing experience for members and guests. So how do we improve the super/pro relationship?

Pat stressed communication, the same communication skills that everyone utilizes when dealing with management, members or guests. It is very important to transfer those same communication efforts toward our fellow department head. Golf course superintendents should provide information concerning projects or golf course concerns. The club professional could then use that information to educate the golfer more accurately. And in turn, the club professional should inform the golf course superintendent when there are special requirements for golf outings, tee time alterations, etc. Although these suggestions were not new

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concepts, the efforts to repair or improve working relationships need to be exercised. Once the entire "team" is working for the same goal, the ability to satisfy our clientele becomes a bit easier.

The golf course superintendents and their respective club professionals paired together to attack the golf course in attempt to record the lowest score in a Chapman Alternate Shot format. Those results are listed below. The day turned out to be wonderful playing weather. Hopefully, every group used the opportunity to apply Pat Jones suggestions to improve the ever-important superintendent/club professional working relationship.

2002 SUPER-PRO CC OF Sponsored by CLUB CAR Chapman Alternate Shot D		50.00 Fund Total	
Place Name 1st Johnson Park GC	Award Charlie Brown John Feiner	Score \$300.00 300.00	Total 31.7 34.0 65.7
2nd North Shore GC	Glenn Fischer Scott Schaller	250.00 250.00	31.9 34.0 65.9
3rd Olde Highlander GC	Jim Lombardo Riley Wulz	200.00 200.00	36.5 33.0 69.5
4th NorthBrook CC	Fred Nadeau Tom Schaller	170.00 170.00	34.0 35.6 69.6
5th Conway Farms GC	Jeff Mory Chad Ball	140.00 140.00	34.1 36.0 70.1
6th North Hills CC	Eddie Terasa Randy DuPont	115.00 115.00	34.3 36.0 70.3
7th Geneva National GC	Douglas Mortola Jeremy Amosson	80.00 80.00	33.4 37.0 70.4
Quit Qui Oc GC	Todd E. Montaba Brian Feldmann	80.00 80.00	34.0 36.4 70.4
9th Oconomowoc GC	Rob Elliott Dustin Riley	50.00 50.00	36.0 35.5 71.5
10th Ozaukee CC	Chris Hicks Wayne Otto	40.00 40.00	37.6 34.0 71.6
2002 SUPER-PRO CC OF Sponsored by CLUB CAR Chapman Alternate Shot I		0.00 Fund Total	
Place Name 1st Old Hickory CC	Award Steve Kaiser Mike Lyons	Score \$175.00 175.00	Total 33.5 33.0 66.5
2nd Oshkosh CC	Curt Larson Carston Larson	125.00 125.00	32.0 37.9 69.9
3rd Club Car	Steve Fischer Doug Turner	75.00 75.00	37.0 35.0 72.0