



Tough to Believe How Great It Was?

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The WTA golf fundraiser was such a success this year. This was true for both the golf participants as well as the WTA. The event was held at the Bull at Pinehurst Farms in Sheboygan Falls on October 8th. This brand new Jack Nicklaus signature course just opened for their first full year in 2003. The conditions played like it had been open for years though. Turf conditions were very mature and utterly playable. Both superintendents, the one that grew in the course and the new superintendent, should be congratulated on the spectacular shape of the course. The WTA along with all the golf participants would like to thank superintendents Tony Rzadzki and Randy Witt for hosting this event.

The event sold out for the second year in a row. WTA's goal of raising funds to support turfgrass research well into the future was advanced through selling out the event. But not only was the event sold out. The owners of the Bull gave up their course for only a minimum of fixed costs. The vast majority of everyone's registration fee will go to the UW Turf Program. The owners of the Bull should feel proud to know money raised will further turfgrass research at the UW-Madison and help make Wisconsin's golf



John Hegge blasts one on hole #1 for these #1 hole sponsors.



Mark Grundman, Grant Mortimer and Larry Lennert benefit from golfing with host superintendent Randy Witt.



Doug Laak and Brian Zimmerman tried to shoot for the hole-in-one to win a John Deere Gator which was the prize on this hole.



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courses better for the future. The individuals and businesses that sponsored golf holes should feel equally as proud. Those hole sponsors are listed below.

Jack Nicklaus really did a first rate job designing the course. The layout rambled through mature forests to open natural areas. Streams, ponds, and ravines came



into play regularly to test everyone's skills. Often you had to make decisions about different landing areas to shoot for or just how much of a hazard to hit over. Risk and reward were presented on almost every hole.

There is no question that the weather was a reward. Who would have guessed Mother Nature



Fun golf challenges were presented on every hole.

2003

WTA Golf Fundraiser Hole Sponsors

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would cooperate so well. Record high temperatures greeted the golfers on this mid-October Wednesday. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. It was surreal to have temperatures in the low 80s with mild breezes and be playing such a wonderful golf course with good friends.

One other reward met the 142 participants of the event. Many generous donors gave door prizes so that everyone went home with more than wonderful memories of the golf course. Many of these prizes were worth the cost of registration. Look below to see what door prizes you could have won. We'd all like to thank the generous donors for making the event even greater. Please let me know if I have left your gift or donation off the list; I want to let everyone know about people who supported the WTA in this way. ♻



Some business was conducted during the fundraiser: Lyons, Jung, Otto and Quast.

2003 WTA Golf Fundraiser Door Prizes

Donor	Door Prizes
Aquatrols	Dozen golf balls
BASF	Cash
Blackwolf Run	40 golf hats
Bruce Schweiger	Bicycle
Bullseye CC	Windshirt
DHD Products	Golf bag
Evergreen GC	Foursome of golf and other prizes
Green Bay Country Club	Shirt
Greenwood Hills	Proshop prizes
Horst	Leather brief case
Hunter Golf	2 Carhart jackets
Jacklin Seed	Jacklin windshirt, calculator
Syngenta	\$200 Cash
John Deere Landscapes	2 X \$40 Home Depot gift certificate plus two hats
John Hegge	2 X Badgers/ Michigan State football tickets & a multi-tool
JW Turf	A couple prizes
Lawsonia Links	Foursome of Golf
Monroe Country Club	Fousome of golf
New Berlin Hills Golf Course	Foursome of Golf
Noer Facility	Putter
Old Hickory CC	3 golf shirts
Oshkosh CC	Putter
Reinders	TV
Royal St. Patricks	18 pack of Pinnacle titanium distance golf balls
Spring Valley	Tennis ball machine, fishing pole case
Stoughton Country Club	Foursome of Golf
The Bridges Golf Course	Foursome of Golf
The Preserve at Deer Creek	Foursome of golf, logo golf shirt, and sleeve of logo balls
The Woods	2 gift certificates
Washington County Golf Course	Foursome of Golf
Waupaca Sand and Solutions	DVD player
Wisconsin River GC	Foursome of golf
Wisconsin Turf Equipment	Wind Shirts