

Brown Deer Park Golf Club - Excellent Venue for the Fundraiser



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The Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Golf Fundraiser exceeded expectations for 2004. Brown Deer Park Golf Club generously hosted the event on September 15th. You may be asking, "What expectations could possibly be exceeded for this customarily successful event?" The event usually sells out. The weather has been perfect the past four years. We've always played exceptional golf courses. The feature that pushed this year's event over the top was the mystique of the golf course. The PGA of America had a tournament stop on this course only one month previous during the U.S. Bank Championship. The WTA Fundraiser participants felt the excitement of playing the same course that the best golfers in the country play on.

Our hosts, Brian Zimmerman and Tim Wegner, should feel proud to have the course in such great condition both for the U.S. Bank and later for us. We not only thank them for the conditions but likewise for giving up their course to help raise money to benefit the WTA Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship in Turfgrass Research (WDGF). The event raised \$8,500 this year. This money came from registration fees, low fixed costs, and hole sponsors. The list of sponsors is listed here.

The current objective of the WTA Golf Fundraiser is to raise funds to establish another WDGF. Three of these Fellowships are currently funded. There is one in the Soil Science Department and two in the Horticulture Department at the UW-Madison. Each WDGF provides finances for graduate students to do turfgrass



Heading out for battle in this year's sold out event.



The foursome of Venes, Grimm, Goninen, and Boniface had a blast attending the fundraiser for their umpteenth time.

studies for both today and in the future. Each participant should feel proud to support this turfgrass research initiative.

Participants were more likely concentrating on their golf game though. The weather presented some challenges. The temperature was wonderfully warm in the mid-70's. The wind is where the chal-

lenge came. Club selection became quite important as the wind would gust up to 25 mph. The skies were full of threatening clouds but only one very brief rain occurred. Everyone felt exhilarated and despite the wind, several very fine scores were turned in.

The winner of the fundraiser scramble event was the foursome

of Worzella, Weiterman, Gagan, and McGuire with a score of 12 under par. However all golfers were treated like winners. Everyone took home a door prize and was treated to a wonderful buffet lunch before golf and hors de oeuvres after golf. The list of door prizes and donors is

listed on the next page to tell you what you could have won if you attended. Some prizes were given anonymously thus several donators are not listed.

This event is one of the premier turf industry events of the season. Participants have a wonderful time

while supporting a worthy cause. Brown Deer Park Golf Club was a fun golf course and excellent venue to play golf, be with friends, and raise money to support turf-grass research. I hope you can make it next time if you missed it this year. ♣



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Prizes for WTA Golf Fundraiser 2004

Aquamaster	2 Golf Shirts, Golf Vest
Aquatrols	Picnic Chair
Bayer	2 Golf Shirts, Golf Umbrella, Dozen Golf Balls
Bridges Golf Club	Jacket
Brown Deer Park Golf Club	Golf Shirt
Chuck Schwab	2 Golf Shirts, 2 Dozen Golf Balls
Dan Quast	Golf Bag
Evergreen Country Club	2 Foursomes of Golf
Green Bay Country Club	Golf Shirt
Hunter	Carhart Jacket, Ping Putter, 2 \$75 Cabella Sports Gift Certificates
Joe Kuta	Dozen Golf Balls
John Deere	3 Golf Shirts
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Pendelton Turf	Case of Beer, \$100 Home Depot Gift Certificate
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