



WTA Returns to Blackwolf

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Blackwolf Run will once again play host to the 2007 "Golf Fundraiser for the Fellowship". Superintendent Mike Lee has invited us back for another wonderful round of golf at the Blackwolf Run Meadow Valley Course on Thursday October 11th. Your registration helps support the Distinguished Graduate Fellowship in Turfgrass Research program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the program that continually gives back to you, the turf professionals.

Several studies that have been funded by the turfgrass fellowships include a comparison between turfgrass and rain gardens to manage urban runoff, assessment of different inorganic amendments to improve putting green construction mixtures, and soil test selection and calibration for turf in Wisconsin. These three studies are the first in a lifetime of learning from a program that started just seven years ago with the Wayne R. Kussow Fellowship. Since then, three more fellowships have been funded to provide a perpetual source of funding for turfgrass science. The most recent fellowship was inaugurated in June to study turf disease management.

The fundraiser is not all about research though. It is also about fun and getting out with friends to enjoy a round of golf near the end of the season. The traditional door prize table adds to the enjoyment, and almost everyone takes home a prize, some worth more than the cost of registration. The host courses for the fundraiser have been top notch which likewise adds to the enjoyment and is why the event has sold out for the last six years.

The Meadow Valley Course will likely be another sellout as it offers an exciting challenge to the amateur golfer and a dramatic dare to the more inclined. The course is described to have an opening nine, set on gently rolling terrain reminiscent of a Scottish links course, and the concluding nine to show influences of glacial carving of the land, with deep ravines bordering a river valley. It is one of the few courses in the nation to achieve a five stars rating in the Golf Digest "Places to Play" guidebook (3rd edition, 1998-99). Meadow Valley was ranked 34th in the United States on GOLF Magazine's list of the "Top 100 You Can Play" (May 1998). Its Valley "nine" comprised half of the routing for the record-setting 1998 U.S. Women's Open conducted by the USGA at Blackwolf Run. Hole #18 (played as the



ninth hole of the U.S. Women's Open) was named one of the "500 Best Holes in the World" by GOLF Magazine (Jan. 2000).

A special lodging rate will be offered at The American Club for participants interested in accommodations: Standard rooms for \$250 single/double occupancy. Please call 1-800-344-2838 to make a reservation.

I hope you are able to join your colleagues for this wonderful event. It is truly an outstanding course and the funds raised strengthen your industry with important research that we can all use.

The registration form is included. You may contact Audra at 608-845-6536 or ajander2@wisc.edu if you have questions. Whether it's your first WTA "Fundraiser for the Fellowship" or you've attended many, we hope you won't miss this one. You owe it to yourself after such a busy summer. 🌿

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Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowships in Turfgrass Research
Thursday, October 11th, 2007
The Meadow Valleys Course at Blackwolf Run



Where: Blackwolf Run
1111 West Riverside Drive
Kohler, WI 53044

When: Thursday, October 11, 2007
9:00-10:00 Registration and Practice
10:30 Shotgun

What: Golf, Cart, Practice Range, and Lunch
Door Prizes for Every Entrant
Golf Recognition and Awards
Ceremony after Golf

Event: 4-Person Best Ball

Cost: \$170.00/person

The Meadow Valleys Course at Blackwolf Run

- Created by world-renowned golf course designer Pete Dye, the Meadow Valleys Course at Blackwolf Run in Kohler, Wisconsin, offers an exciting challenge to the amateur golfer and a dramatic dare to the professional. The opening nine, set on gently rolling terrain, is reminiscent of Scottish links courses; the concluding nine shows the influence of glacial carving of the land, with deep ravines bordering a river valley.
- One of the few courses in the nation to achieve five stars in the Golf Digest "Places to Play" guidebook (3rd edition, 1998-99), Meadow Valleys also was ranked 34th in the United States on GOLF Magazine's list of the "Top 100 You Can Play" (May 1998). Its Valley "nine" comprised half of the routing for the record-setting 1998 U.S. Women's Open conducted by the USGA at Blackwolf Run. Hole #18 (played as the ninth hole of the U.S. Women's Open) was named one of the "500 Best Holes in the World" by GOLF Magazine (Jan. 2000).
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