



Come Play the Newly Renovated North Shore Country Club

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Participants in the 2009 WTA Golf Fundraiser will have the opportunity to play one of Wisconsin's premier golf courses – North Shore Country Club in Mequon. Event hosts Bob Erdahl, Director of Grounds and Facilities, and Garrett Luck, Golf Course Superintendent have a wonderful day planned for you. The event occurs on October 5, 2009 and a registration form is included here (on left).

North Shore Country Club is a championship golf course that has hosted the Greater Milwaukee Open, Wisconsin State Open, and State Amateur Championship. The club has recently undertaken an ambitious plan to rebuild all 27 holes based upon the Master Plan of nationally recognized Golf Course Architect, Ron Forse. Renovation of the first nine holes began last fall and reopened this spring to rave reviews. The renovated course features a unique bunker style, multiple tees and strategically placed water hazards that challenge every caliber of golfer.

For \$125, you will be treated to a delicious buffet brunch before golf, practice range, and golf with a cart. After golf you'll enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and hopefully go home with one of the valuable door prizes and/or golf awards. Many door prizes are worth more than the cost of registration. You may register as a foursome or by yourself. The event is a four person best ball format.

Your registration fee not only provides you the above benefits, but also supports the Distinguished Graduate Fellowship in Turfgrass Research program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Fellowships include the Wayne R. Kussow, Terry and Kathleen Kurth, Robert C. Newman, and John and Flora Burbee Fellowships. No other turf school in the country has this many fellowships for turfgrass research. These fellowships facilitate the development of new techniques for managing turfgrass in the most environmentally responsible and cost effective manner.

Several of the studies funded by the turfgrass fellowships include a comparison between turfgrass and rain gardens to manage urban runoff, an assessment of different inorganic amendments to improve putting green construction mixtures, and an investigation to improve soil testing and soil test calibration for growing turf in Wisconsin. Two more studies began in 2008. One investigates the optimum time for applying late fall fertilization from both an in-the-field and growth chamber

design. The other study explores water conservation through rooftop collection of rainwater and subsurface drip irrigation.

The golf outing isn't all about funding research though. It's also about spending time with friends to enjoy a round of golf near the end of the season and this golf course will not disappoint! I hope you are able to attend the WTA Golf Fundraiser at North Shore Country Club to partake in this truly outstanding course and fundraiser. You may contact Audra Anderson at 608-845-6536 or ajander2@wisc.edu if you have questions. Whether it's your first WTA Golf Fundraiser or you've attended them all, we hope you won't miss this one. 🌱



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