



What a Treat This Will Be! 2010 WTA GOLF FUNDRAISER

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Have you ever played golf at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison, with its spectacular views overlooking Lake Mendota? Better yet, have you ever played Blackhawk in the autumn with the trees in full color and the turf in perfect condition? You'll have the chance on October 4th to do just that during the WTA Golf Fundraiser to benefit the WTA Wisconsin Turfgrass Research Sustainability Fund. A registration form is included here and others will be mailed as the event nears. Registration forms may also be downloaded from the website wisconsin-turfgrass-association.org.

Course superintendent Chad Grimm is in his second year, and on behalf of his staff and the Blackhawk CC members, welcomes everyone to this WTA event. Proceeds from the golf outing will be used to fund turfgrass research at the UW - Madison that will focus on maintaining turfgrass in even more environmentally and economically sound ways.

Blackhawk Country Club will provide a unique scenic golf experience. The glacier that crossed the area 20,000 years ago formed the landscape of Blackhawk. Rock, soil and debris left after the glacier melted formed Lake Mendota and the rolling hills of today's golf course.

The course was opened in 1921 and designed by Charles H. Mayo, an English architect whose courses can still be played in England. His Chicago designs gave way to city growth many decades ago. The Club, over its history, hosted all of the WSGA, WWGA and PGA events, including the State Open. Twice in



Blackhawk's 375 yard par 4 first hole is not as easy as it looks.



Hole 9 at Blackhawk, 347 yard Par 4.

recent years, it has been the site of the Western Women's Golf Association National Junior Girls Tournament.

The registration fee for the fundraiser is \$125. For this you will be treated to a delicious lunch, practice range, and golf with a cart. After golf you'll enjoy 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 Wisconsin Turfgrass Research Sustainability Fund at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Over the WTA Golf Fundraiser's long history, proceeds have gone directly to research projects and more recently have helped fund the Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowships in Turfgrass Research. Beginning this year, your participation will allow the WTA to add to the new Research Sustainability Fund at the UW Foundation. The difficult fiscal times have only amplified the need for quality research, and your presence at Blackhawk CC will help meet that need.



Blackhawks 310 yard 10th hole shows Badger Pride with a W striped in the fairway.

The golf outing isn't all about funding research, though. It is 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 that you are able to attend the WTA Golf Fundraiser and play this truly out-

standing course. You may contact Audra Anderson at 608-845-6536 or ajander2@wisc.edu if you have any questions. Whether it is your first WTA Golf Fundraiser or if you have attended them all, we hope you won't miss this one. 🌿

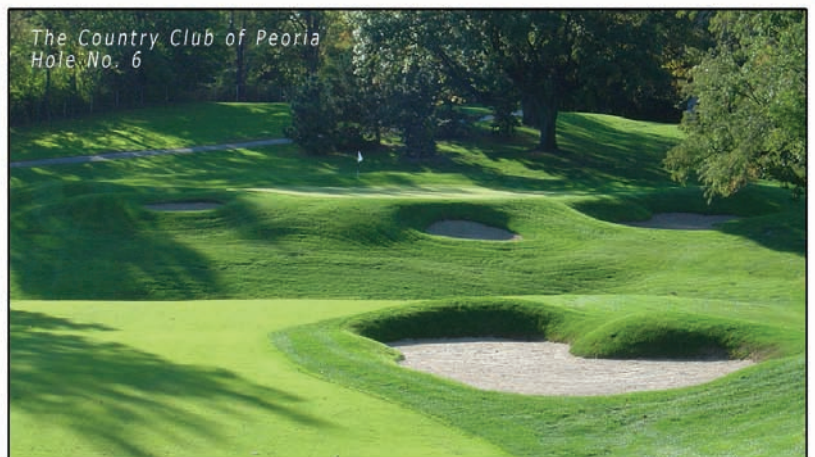


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