

9th Annual Wee One Foundation Golf Outing

By Luke Cella, Wee One Foundation

The Wee One Foundation hosted its 9th Annual Golf Outing at Pine Hills Country Club, Rod Johnson, host superintendent on September 17, 2012.

For many of us it is hard to believe it has been nine years since this fine tradition started. However, it hasn't been too difficult for those who have benefitted from the Wee One Foundation's efforts to believe in the Foundation and the work it does. To date, the Wee One Foundation has gifted over **\$500,000** to those in need and continues to do so with the help of all those that support the Foundation.

This year the Foundation was honored to have the GCSAA Board of Director's in attendance (after they met with the WGCSA Board). In addition two of the Wives of Turf, namely Jennifer Zugel and Tina Barber showed up to help with the raffles and registration. (More information on the Wives of Turf can be found at wivesofturf.org)

Brandon Ingle, a recipient of Wee One gifts, wanted to give back to the Foundation and took a few minutes and told the story of how his son Aiden continues to bravely fight debilitating seizures that plague their lives. Bran-



**The Wee One, Wayne Otto
1939-2004**

don showed just what the Foundation does by sharing his story with those in attendance.

Somehow the rain held off and 185 golfers enjoyed the day at Pine Hills. The brat and taco stand were still the most popular places on the golf course, although I saw a few looks of Pine Hills, that I've never seen before (thanks to the wayward shots of my playing partner).

Fantastic prizes were raffled away, a Bose Sound Dock, a PlayStation 3, a Kindle Fire, an Ipad, a Weber Grill (donated by JW Turf), \$500 gift card (easier to carry than a TV), a GoPro Camera, and a Disney Trip (donated by the Toro Company).

Winners in the two person select drive / alternate shot format were:

1st Place: Dave Blomquist & Dave Schlagetter

2nd Place: Jeff Mazur, Brad Anderson

5th Place: Joe Deschler, Greg Kallenberg

9th Place: Tom Hoffmann, Dan Kolelander

13th Place: John Hober-ton, Dave Van Auken

17th Place: Tim Stein, Andrew Stein
Kris Pinkerton, Oshkosh Country Club won a set of Ping irons in a draw-down after winning one of the closest to the pin events. Joe Jehnsen of Island Hills Golf Club won the 50/50 drawing with a large smile.

Not one but two?

The first big winner of the day was Brian Racette of Sand Creek Country Club, who knocked in an ace on the 9th hole and won a cool \$10,000. Amazingly Don Cross of Skokie Country Club matched Brian with a ace of his own a few groups later. The insurance company honored both winners, which is unusual but both men went home happy.

The real winners of the day are all those in need who will be able to be helped because of the generosity of our sponsors, our volunteers, and all those who participated in a great day of support for our industry raising nearly **\$40,000**.



Wives of Turf, Jennifer Zugel and Tina Barber help with registration and ticket sales.



Our Host: Rod Johnson



Above: WGCSA Members share notes with GC-SAA Board member Darren Davis and GCSAA Past President Bob Randquist.



Above Right: Joe Sell, Chris Zugel and Brett Johnson re-hash the round.



Right: The line at the taco stand

Below: Holes 10 and 8 at Pine Hills Country Club



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ONE PERCENT FOR THE WEE ONE FOUNDATION!

The Wee One Foundation took the opportunity to kick off its new fundraising campaign, One for the Wee One. The Foundation plans to raise \$10 million in 10 years to fund a perpetual endowment to make sure there is always funding available to help.

One Cause: Help golf course management professionals and their dependents that are having trouble paying medical bills due to the lack of comprehensive insurance or adequate financial resources.

One Goal: Raise \$10 million in 10 years to help support families in need forever. The One Percent Endowment Fund will provide a permanent source of supplemental funding for Wee One mission and new endeavors to benefit individuals and families in the golf course industry. 100% of funds generated through this campaign will be placed in a permanent endowment fund.

One Percent: Pledge one percent of your current annual revenue, maintenance budget, or salary and donate this amount over the next ten years.

Example Contribution
My current salary is \$65,000.
1% of that is \$650.

I donate that amount to the Wee One over the next ten years.

$\$650 \div 10 = \65 per year.

One Percent for the Wee One Foundation: There will always be someone in need. Help us to make sure there is funding to make someone's life a little easier, a little more peaceful. Become One for the Wee One today, visit weeone.org.



Above: Dale Marach and Derek Kastenschmidt head out on the course.

Left: Matt Kinnard, Jim Hasz, Lee Mahanke and Jon Baus talk shop.

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