

Forest Ridges 18-Hole Championship Golf Course Now is Open at Lakewoods Resort & Conference Center in Northwestern Wisconsin

The "North Nine" of the Forest Ridges 18-hole, championship Golf Course opened July 23, according to Phil and Kathy Rasmussen, co-owners of Lakewoods Resort, Lodge & Conference Center on Lake Namakagon in northwestern Wisconsin near Cable.

"We started in 1989 and now it's a reality," notes Phil Rasmussen.

"The golf course was designed, not only for unusual natural challenges and pleasure on all golfing levels," the Rasmussens note, "but for the opportunities to experience the expansive natural beauty and wildlife for which our area is famous—deer, eagles, wildflowers, sparkling water, wetlands, birds, Lake Namakagon and, of course, the forest itself."

Because of its adherence to environmental and wildlife preservation standards, Lakewoods' Forest Ridges has been approved for membership in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System.

The 18-hole course comprises 6100 yards, with 4 tee positions, 3 water holes, 11 carries, 30-foot cleared roughs, and has a separate teaching center and pro shop, as well as driving range, putting green and bar and food service facilities. Golf pro on the premises is Ken Ellsworth. Tee times and other reservations are recommended, by calling 715-794-2561.

GCSAA Makes Donation To USGA Research Program

During one of golf's most important events, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) made an important contribution to the game of golf.

At a VIP reception during the 1994 U.S. Open, GCSAA President Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, donated \$25,000 on behalf of the association to the United States Golf Association's (USGA) Environmental Research Program.

During the donation presentation, Baidy said, "As we all know, golf is facing heightened environmental awareness from the media and the public. This awareness is creating concerns that influence the management of our existing courses and the development of new ones. The issue of golf and the environment is extremely vital to the future of the game. The results from the USGA's Environmental Research program should provide a better understanding of how golf courses can minimize their effects on the environment, as well as give golf a solid foundation for future research. Through this donation, GCSAA is proud to be a part of these efforts."

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The "South Nine" will open in late September, say the Rasmussens. For further information on the new Lakewoods Forest Ridges Golf Course, contact Lakewoods Resort & Conference Center, phone 715-794-2561.

Accepting the donation for the USGA was Thomas W. Chisholm, member of the USGA Executive Committee and Chairman of the USGA Green Section. "The work being done through the USGA's Environmental Research program will go a long way to ensuring the environmental safety of our golf courses. The generous donation from GCSAA will go a long way to seeing that the work gets done," he said.

The reception, attended by GCSAA members, allied golf association officials and media representatives, was held Friday, June 17 at Oakmont Country Club, site of the 94th U.S. Open. Oakmont's golf course superintendent, Mark D. Kuhns, CGCS, and his staff were the guests of honor at the reception.

Since 1926, GCSAA has been the leading professional association for the men and women who manage and maintain golf facilities in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to more than 13,700 individual members from more than 50 countries. GCSAA's mission is to advance the profession, promote the image of its members and enrich the quality of golf and its environment.