



80 Members Travel to Creeks Bend For June Meeting and Golf Mixer

John Betchwars, Superintendent at Creeks Bend Golf Course in New Prague, welcomed 80 members of the MGCSA to the 3-year-old course for the association's monthly meeting on June 8. Creeks Bend offers a wide variety of golf shots with challenging greens. Thanks to John and his staff for having the course in beautiful shape.

Speaker Bob Vavrek, USGA, gave an update on the state of turf over the past winter and spring.

The team of Russ Adams, Jerry Bibbey, both Life Members; Charlie Pooch, Les Bolstad University of Minnesota GC, and Dave Zimmer, Chisago Lakes Golf Estates, won the mixer with a 19-under par score of 125. Barry Provo, LeSueur CC; Greg Hubbard, Manitou Ridge GC; Dennis Salwei, The Howe Company, and Ron Bloom, Fairways, Inc., finished second with a score of 127.

There were six field events held during the golf outing. Jeff Pint, New Prague GC, won the longest drive event. Ron Bloom sank the longest putt. Cary Femrite, Pebble Creek CC, and Tom Notch of Deep Tine captured the two closest-to-the-pin competitions. Chris Crockett of E-Z-GO donated a travel bag for another closest-to-the-pin event won by Tim Berquam, Bergerson-Caswell.



Taking it deep at 19-under-par at Creeks Bend was this winning foursome, from left to right, Jerry Bibbey, Charlie Pooch, Russ Adams and Dave Zimmer.

Pepsi Company contributed a driver and a golf shirt for a drive closest to the line. Mark Klatté of Arrowhead Golf & CC hit the winning tee shot.

Seven players broke 80 at Creeks Bend. Jeff Pint shot a three-under-par 69. This was the second consecutive meeting that Jeff was medalist. Steve Busch, Long Lake Tractor, posted a 75. Two scores of 76 were turned in by Tom Notch, Deep Tine, and Barry Provo, LeSueur CC. Mike Harrington, of

Wayzata CC/Midland Hills CC, shot a 78. Three players finished with 79: Mike Brower, Hillcrest CC; Bruce Leland, Bridge America, and Duane Slaughter, Stonebrooke GC.

Our next meeting is at Elm Creek Golf Links of Plymouth on July 20. This is the annual Scholarship Scramble, so get your teams together and participate in this fun event.

(See Mixer Results on Page 26.)