

Brian Brown Wins BASF People vs. Pros Qualifier

Superintendent Brian Brown, a 2-handicapper from Chisago Lakes Golf Estates, shot a net 71 to win the 3rd Annual People vs. Pros Qualifier at Stillwater Country Club on May 16. Only Class A and B MGCSA members were eligible to advance to the next stage of this event.

Brown bettered Rick Traver, CGCS, Monticello Country Club, by one stroke. Traver finished second with a net 72.

Overall, 38 players participated in this event. Jeff Forsberg, an 11-handicapper from Bearpath Golf & Country Club, netted out to a 66 to win the "non-eligible" side of the tournament. Tim Beckman, Waseca Lakeside Club, finished second at 68.

The purpose of this event is to salute the crucial work of superintendents in the golf industry. The event raised \$3,750 for the MGCSA.

Brown now has earned an all-expense paid trip to compete at the 3rd Annual

People vs. Pros at Barton Creek, presented by BASF in Austin, Texas on Sept. 8 - 12, 2005. Brown will be one of 288 amateur golfers playing in the 54-hole national stroke play event utilizing handicaps for a chance to win \$100,000 by defeating professionals Justin Leonard (18-49 division) or Ben Crenshaw (50-and-over division) televised in prime time on ESPN on September 19, 2005.

The event at Stillwater was one of 18 regional qualifier tournaments that BASF is conducting specifically for superintendents across the country and the Stillwater C.C. qualifier winner will join 17 other superintendents at the national finals. To further support the MGCSA, BASF presented the chapter with a check for \$2,000 at the Stillwater tournament.

Special thanks go out to host superintendent Marlin Murphy and host golf professional Mike Tracy.



MGCSA President Robert Panuska, left, and David Oberle, BASF Corp., display a \$2,000 check earmarked for the MGCSA derived from this event.



BASF Tournament Host David Oberle, left, awards Brian Brown a plaque for finishing first in the People vs. Pros Qualifying event at Stillwater Country Club on May 16.

RESULTS (NET SCORES)

Eligible Players

- 71 Brian Brown
- 72 Rick Traver, CGCS
- 74 James Gardner, CGCS
- 74 Duane Slaughter
- 77 James Bade
- 77 Brad Zimmerman
- 78 Jeff Backstrom
- 78 Mike Nelson
- 78 Tom Schmidt
- 81 Kurt Knox
- 81 Chad Belland
- 82 Terry Negen
- 83 Dave Kazmierczak
- 87 Bill Brooks
- 91 Jack MacKenzie, CGCS

Non-Eligible Players

- 66 Jeff Forsberg
- 68 Tim Beckman
- 69 Dennis Perreault
- 72 Chad Snuggerud
- 73 Dennis Salwei
- 77 Shane Andrews
- 78 Eric Gunderson
- 78 Dan Brown
- 78 Mike Redmond
- 79 James Bezanson
- 81 Kevin Norby
- 82 Jamie Olsen
- 82 Gregg Brodd
- 83 Brad Melsa
- 84 George Gunderson
- 86 Robert Panuska
- 86 Bob Frank
- 86 Seth Langager
- 87 Joe Check
- 89 Jeff Schmidt
- 92 Dale Parske
- 99 Jon Almquist



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