

Informative Bunker Boot Camp Took Place at Monticello CC

SuperNEWS in cooperation with Sandtrapper, John Deere, and Par Aide put together a day packed full of education centered on bunkers. The event was popular amongst MGCSA members as over 70 people registered for the October 10 event at Monticello Country Club.

Brad Klein, editor of *SuperNEWS*, gave an informative talk on the history and evolution of bunkers.

- Highlights of Brad's talk were:
- 1) Bunkers are the number two priority item on a golf course.
 - 2) There is an inherent conflict between penalty and recoverability.
 - 3) Handwork is the key to construction and maintenance.
 - 4) Bunker management entails managing golfers' expectations.



Architect Craig Schreiner, Craig Schreiner Golf, spoke about bunker design, construction and documentation.

Highlights of his talk included strategic and penal design philosophies, strategy of modern bunker placement, and construction techniques and integration with surrounding land forms and contours.

Superintendent Jeff Johnson, The Minikahda Club, informed the audience of lessons he learned from a bunker renovation. Jeff noted that "communication to the club's membership is critical when executing the renovation process," and added that "early communication and a thorough action plan will avoid many membership battles."

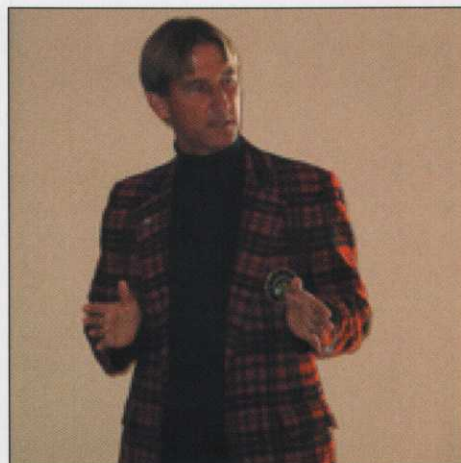
The MGCSA extends thanks to Rick Traver, CGCS, Monticello Country Club, his assistant Paul Wohlert and the staff at Monticello Country Club for hosting the Bunker Boot Camp.



A greenside bunker on No. 10 at Monticello Country Club.



Pictured on the right is Monticello CC's host superintendent Rick Traver, CGCS, with his assistant Paul Wohlert.



Featured speakers at GCSAA's Bunker Boot Camp at Monticello CC included Superintendent Jeff Johnson, The Minikahda Club, Golf Course architect Craig Schreiner and SuperNews' Brad Klein. Each offered practical information to MGCSA attendees.