

Pheasant Acres Golf Club Set to Host MGCSA Fall Mixer on October 7

Pheasant Acres Golf Club, a public daily-fee golf course designed by Lyle Johansen, opened in 1987. Pheasant Acres plays between 6,523 yards and 5,082 yards in length and is a par 71 golf course. Some of the features that make Pheasant Acres an enjoyable course to play are the gently rolling, fast greens; narrow fairways; 33 well-placed bunkers; 16 ponds; walkable layout and great practice facility.

Pheasant Acres is home to one of the largest senior leagues in the state, as well as a large junior program and many other leagues. These great assets present Pheasant Acres' greatest maintenance challenge: all of this play makes it difficult to perform the many maintenance tasks it takes to keep the course in great shape, including cultural practices.

To work around the heavy amount of play, Pheasant Acres employs a mow and go staffing method. Many of their 16 staff members come in each morning ahead of play and "mow and go." This allows the crew to complete all their daily maintenance and have fewer employees on the course during periods of heavy play.

The biggest overall challenge facing the maintenance crew is the heavy clay soil underlying most of the playing surfaces. This poorly draining soil results in several bunkers having to be pumped and numerous low spots having to be mowed around



No. 11 at Pheasant Acres Golf Club

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for extended periods of time after heavy rain events. Thus, adding to our subsurface drainage each year is a priority.

High winds can make it challenging for applicators to time their spray applications. Such challenge usually falls on assistant Scott Craig to coordinate with the greens mowers to start very early before the wind is up.

Superintendent Denny Perreault

Denny Perreault has been the Superintendent at Pheasant Acres since 2006 and was the Assistant Superintendent there from 2003-06. Denny began his career in the golf industry at Pine City Country Club during his senior high years. He then went on to work as an intern, 2nd Assistant, and Assistant Superintendent during his five years at the Legacy Courses at Cragun (1998-2002).

Denny's hobbies include golf, hockey, hanging out at home with his wife Nicolette and son Preston, coaching and watching Preston play hockey, golf, baseball, and soccer.

1st Assistant Scott Craig

Scott Craig has been first assistant at Pheasant Acres Golf Club since 2006. He is engaged to be married in February 2010 to fiancé Jill. Scott grew up in Blaine, and graduated from Anoka Technical College with an AAS degree in golf course grounds management. From there he went on to the University of Minnesota at Crookston and graduated in 2006 with a Bachelors of Science degree in the same field. Scott's experience includes seven years at Bunker Hills Golf Club in Coon Rapids.

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Superintendent Denny Perreault, far right, and his Grounds Staff at Pheasant Acres Golf Club.

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