



CHRIS TRITABAUGH

Host Superintendent for the MGCSA Championship at Northland Country Club in September.



4-TIME MGCSA CHAMPION JEFF PINT

The Superintendent from New Prague Country Club won his fourth championship by shooting a 79 at Northland Country Club.

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New Prague Superintendent Jeff Pint Wins His 4th MGCSA Championship at Northland

By SCOTT TURTINEN
Executive Director

On behalf of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Northland Country Club for hosting our Championship on September 14. The support from the club and prime condition of the course made for a spectacular day to celebrate golf.

Host Superintendent Chris Tritabaugh along with assistants Jacob Ryan, Joe LeVoir, Robert Tripp and staff had the course in great condition and the greens firm and fast. Catering Director Jennifer Kolenda and her staff were very helpful in pre-tournament preparations. Thanks to Golf Professional Joe O'Connor and his staff for helping with the event.

Jeff Pint, New Prague Golf Club, was able to handle the green speed and lake effect in route to a score of 79 to win the 2009 MGCSA Championship. Norma O'Leary, CGCS, Silver Bay Golf Club, finished second one shot behind. Brian

Brown, Chisago Lakes Golf Course, finished third shooting an 81.

Fred Anderson, Reinders, won the First Flight with a scorecard playoff, while carding a net score of 73. Nick Folk, The Minikahda Club, finish second with the same score. James Bade, Somerset Country Club, came in third with a net 75.

This year's Senior Champion is Mike Aponas, Yamaha Golf & Utility. Mike shot a net 75. John Steiner, CGCS, White Bear Yacht Club, came in second with a net 78.

Winning a scorecard playoff for the Callaway Flight was Jeff Merideth, Forest Hills Golf Club, edging out Dacotah Ridge Golf Club's Tom Hoffer. Both shot net 73s.

Our 2009 Long Drive Champions are Grant Blumreich, Midland Hills Country Club, and Jeff Pint, New Prague Golf Club. Bob Atol, Braemar Golf Club, sank the longest putt of the day on number 18. The four winners of the closest-to-the-pin competition were Bill Brooks, Rose Lake

Golf Club; Scott Melling, Par Aide Products Company; Jon Almquist, MTI Distributing Inc., and David Johnson, Rich Spring Golf Club.

Par Aide and Excel Turf & Ornamental donated additional prizes at their sponsored holes.

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MGCSA CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Championship Flight (Gross)

JEFF PINT, NEW PRAGUE	79
NORMA O'LEARY, SILVER BAY GC	80
BRIAN BROWN, CHISAGO LAKES GC	81
SHANE ANDREWS, MTI DISTRIBUTING	81
JUD CRIST, ENGER / LESTER PARK GC	82
JACOB KOSAC, PRESTWICK GC	83
WAYDE WEST, HOYT LAKES GC	83
BILL BROOKS, ROSE LAKE GC	83
LEIF ERICKSON, ROCHESTER PARKS	85
DAVID JOHNSON, RICH SPRING GC	86
JAMIE OLSEN, HELENA CHEMICAL CO.	87
GRANT BLUMREICH, MIDLAND HILLS	88
DEAN WOJTCZAK, WHISPERING PINES	88
DONNACHA O'CONNOR, ALEXANDRIA	89
TRACY PEARSON, LESTER PARK	90
DAVID NEWINSKI, HERFORD NORBY	90
TOM PROSHEK, BRACKETT'S CROSSING	96
MIKE BROWER, MINNESOTA VALLEY CC	97
JEFF SCHMIDT, REINDERS, INC	103
TROY LANG, MINNESOTA VALLEY CC	108



Winner of the Callaway Flight was Jeff Meredith, Forest Hills GC, left, with runner-up Tom Hoffer, Dacotah Ridge GC.



Event Winners at Northland

Bill Brooks, Rose Lake GC, with Bob Atol, Braemar GC. Bill was a closest-to-the-pin winner and Bob sank the longest putt.



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NICK FOLK, THE MINIKAHDA CLUB	73
JAMES BADE, SOMERSET CC	75
HARLEY EXSTED, FIDDESTIX GC	76
BRETT WENZEL, KELLER GC	76
JEFF JOHNSON, THE MINIKAHDA CLUB	77
JEREMY STAFFNE, MTI DISTRIBUTING.	77
CHRIS TRITABAUGH, NORTHLAND CC	77
CHARLIE MILLER, GOODRICH GC	77
GREG PAULUS, PONDS AT BATTLE CREEK	77
PAUL DIEGNAU, CGCS, KELLER GC	78
LARRY GORMAN, GREEN IMAGE	78
JAMIE BEZANSON, PRESTWICK GC	79
CHAD SNUGGERUD, RIVER OAKS GC	79
JOE LeVOIR, NORTHLAND CC	80
BRANDON SCHINDELE, EDINA CC	80
JON ALMQUIST, MTI DISTRIBUTING	81

ROB TRIPP, NORTHLAND CC	82
SCOTT MELLING, PAR AIDE PRODUCTS	83
BRIAN HORGAN, U OF MINNESOTA	83
BEN JUST, MIDLAND HILLS CC	84
MIKE KNODEL, OAKDALE GC	86
DAVE KAZMIERCZAK, CGCS, PRESTWICK	86
AARON JOHNSEN, VALENT	86
CARY FEMRITE, MTI DISTRIBUTING, INC.	87
JOHN MEYER, AGROTAIN INT'L	87
KERRY ANDERSON, VALENT	89
RICK TRAVER, CGCS, MONTICELLO CC	91
ROB ADAMS, THE PONDS AT BATTLE CREEK	92
MARLOW HANSEN, FOREST HILLS GC	92
BILL LARSON, CGCS, TOWN & CC	93
KYLE SCHAUFLER, OAKDALE GC	103

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MGCSA CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT WINNERS

From the left, Jeff Pint, New Prague CC; Dave Johnson, Rich Spring Golf Club; Scott Melling, Par Aide Products Co., and Mike Brower, Minnesota Valley CC.

MGCSA CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

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Callaway Flight (Net)

JEFF MEREDITH, FOREST HILLS GC	97
TOM HOFFER, DACOTAH RIDGE GC	105
JOE CHURCHILL, OLDS SEED SOLUTIONS	107
BOB ATOL, BRAEMAR GC	110
MARK PAFFEL, CHEQUAMEGON BAY GC	113

Senior Flight (Net)

MIKE APONAS, YAMAHA GOLF & UTILITY	75
JOHN STEINER, CGCS, WHITE BEAR YACHT CLUB	78
WALT BRAUNIG, THOMPSON OAKS GC	79
JIM O'NEILL, CYCLE WORKS GOLF SUPPLY	80
JOHN GANSKE, CHEQUAMEGON BAY GC	80
TOM MUNDY, YAMAHA GOLF & UTILITY	82
WALLY FREIER, THE FINLEY GROUP	84
THOMAS G. KIENTZLE, BIRCH BAY GC	85
DOUG DANIEL, CYCLE WORKS GOLF SUPPLY	86
MICHAEL KLATTE, COKATO TOWN & CC	97
RON MANSKE, VERSATILE VEHICLES	98



SENIOR CHAMPION MIKE APONAS, Yamaha Golf & Utility, right, with runner-up John Steiner, CGCS, White Bear Yacht Club.