

DeGrio, Hendrickson, Miller, Paulus Win MGCSA Assistants Spring Mixer at Eastwood Golf Club

The Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association held its annual Assistants Spring Mixer at Eastwood Golf Club in Rochester on May 26. Fifty-five players teed it up on a warm day. The previous day the course received 2.5 inches of rain in 25 minutes.

Host Superintendent Jeff Minske and his staff had the course looking very nice and had the bunkers back together before we played. Eastwood is the tale of two sides. The older side has the northern feel with all the spruce trees. The new nine has the modern feel. The course had 18 original holes but a highway went through part of the nine. Jeff Gorman, PGA Professional along with his staff helped make our Assistants Mixer fun and successful.

Guest Speaker Steve Randall, GCSAA, gave valuable information to the assistants on their career advancement path. Steve ran a very interactive session with the attendees on a variety of topics. The assistants received some interesting things to think of.

The team of Charles DeGrio, Monticello CC, Craig Hendrickson, Oak Ridge CC, Charlie Miller, Goodrich GC and Gregg Paulus, The Ponds at Battle Creek won the Spring Assistants Mixer by shooting a 19-under par score of 123. Finishing in second place was the team of Tim O'Driscoll, Rochester G&CC, Eric Pearson, Rochester G&CC and Scott Turtinen, MGCSA. The fourth player came by blind draw, Larry Engwall, Brackett's Crossing CC help this team climb the scoreboard.

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CHAMPIONS AT 19-UNDER-PAR

From the left: Craig Hendrickson, Oak Ridge CC, Gregg Paulus, The Ponds at Battle Creek, Charlie Miller, Goodrich GC and Charles DeGrio, Monticello CC.



THE HOST'S GROUP

Host Superintendent Jeff Minske, second from left, along with guest speaker Steve Randall, left, Randy Ryski, MTI Distributing Inc., and current MGCSA President Paul Diegnau CGCS, far right.



THE EASTWOOD GC GROUNDS STAFF was busy grooming bunkers after receiving 2.5" of rain in 25 minutes the day before the MGCSA Assistants Spring Mixer on May 26.

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