

BRETT WENZEL, Keller Golf Course, taking aim at the 2nd Annual MGCSA Fall Sporting Clay Shoot at the Horse & Hunt Club in Prior Lake. Forty members participated in the event. Keeping score in the background was Gregg Paulus, The Ponds at Battle Creek.

Musing the Minutes

The MGCSA Board of Directors met on September 16, 2010 at TROE Center on the University of Minnesota campus. The meeting was held after the MTGF / University of Minnesota Field Day.

After the previous Minutes were approved, Treasurer E. Paul Eckholm, CGCS, stated that he sees no problems with MGCSA's financial numbers. Eckholm said "we aren't making money but we are staying within budget."

The Board talked about the remaining 2010 schedule and the upcoming 2011 calendar year. A question was raised, "with participation numbers dwindling, should we combine meetings?" Eckholm wondered if we should have a metro area venue and an out-state location for the same event. Should the Scholarship Scramble and the Research Scramble merge? Discussion followed on the number of meetings MGCSA should have. The Arrangements Committee will create a proposal for 2012 meetings and beyond.

Southview Country Club, St. Paul, will host this year's MGCSA Awards & Recognition Banquet on December 8.

The MGCSA Championship netted approximately \$1,900. The MGCSA Blog is available on-line but it is not getting much action.

More than 50 players and 14 sponsors registered for the Wee One event at North Oaks Golf Club honoring Tom Fuller.

Manuel Jordan, a Hennepin County instructor, will speak at the October Fall Mixer at the Horse and Hunt Club.

Eckholm has contacted the EPA regarding the new Pesticide General Permit and working to raise the threshold limits for this permit so all members will not have to get the more intrusive individual permit. The cost for the PGP will be approximately \$100-\$150 per year. Failure to have the permit will be a violation of the clean water act. A first time fine of \$35,000. Eckholm will continue to push for the higher threshold levels to help protect the members' budgets and jobs.

New members were approved.

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