

WOOW!!!!

Wee One...Overwhelming

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On behalf of The Wee One Foundation, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all the participants, sponsors and individuals for their thoughtful and generous gifts in support of Tom Fuller and family.

The Inaugural Wee One Minnesota rose over \$12,000 for Tom and his family. The Wee One Foundation initially gave \$5,000, directly to Tom, and will also match the first \$ 5,000 of the events proceeds, totaling a gift of over \$22,000 ... overwhelming!

Through the support of individuals like you, The Wee One Foundation is able to assist those who incur overwhelming expenses due to medical hardship without comprehensive insurance or adequate financial resources..."Dedicated to Helping Others"

Again, thank you for the generous support. It will allow us to continue "Putting the Wee One to Work" for Golf Course Management Professionals and their dependents in need.

A special thanks to Tom Proshek; Bracketts Crossing CC, John Meyer; Agrotain International, Scott Turtinen; MGCSA, Jack MacKenzie CGCS; North Oaks GC, Luke Cella; Wee One and numerous others that helped make the event a success.

I personally would like to thank Craig Reinders; President of Reinders, Inc. for his support with this organization over the years and allowing me to delegate my time to assist with the success of The Wee One Foundation.

THE RECEPTION WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY

The camaraderie among friends was flowing and the hors d'oeuvres were outstanding!

John Meyer, with Agrotain International, delivered an excellent and powerful power point presentation on The Wee One Foundation along with a re-cap of the organizations' 2010 Fundraisers. Nearly \$100,000 has been gifted this year alone...Mahalo (Thanks), John!!

Tom Proshek, with Bracketts Crossing,



TOM FULLER, left, accepts a gift from the Wee One Foundation. Dale Parske, right, presented the gift on behalf of the foundation. Tom is in line for a lung transplant. The 1st Annual Minnesota Wee One Foundation golf tournament was played on Sept. 27 at North Oaks Golf Club.

energized the raffle event...Thanks, Tom!

TOM FULLER..... along with many family members attended the reception. Paul Diegnau, CGCS, MGCSA President, had the honor of introducing Tom. As an Overwhelming silence filled the room, Mr. Fuller arose and addressed the group with professionalism and stature. He extended his gratefulness for all the concern, support and generosity he has received from all the friends and colleagues in the golf and turf industry. Tom explained the seriousness of his current condition, its national statistics and the importance of the 'Donor Program', not only for his plight, but many others in this country.

A standing ovation followed!

All our thoughts and prayers go out to the Tom Fuller Family as they conquer the challenges ahead.

Once again, thanks to all the players, sponsors, individuals, donators and the North Oaks Golf Club for their participa-

tion and contribution to this event for Tom Fuller and Family. It has been my distinct pleasure, honor and privilege to represent The Wee One Foundation over the years.

I have received many thank you responses from numerous attendees and would like to share this special one from Shane Andrews; MTI Distributing;

"I just wanted to express my feelings about yesterday at North Oaks. It should go without saying, but each of you should be highly praised for the efforts made to put on the event for Tom. Without the passion and willingness to help others, it would have not been possible. For anyone that could not or did not attend, they missed something special. I would highly recommend that this event continue."

"Good health and high spirits, dedicated to helping others."

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The weather was absolutely 'Pristine' for a Fall venue of golf! Eighty-four players gathered at the majestic North Oaks Golf Club to participate in the Inaugural Wee One Minnesota Outing Fundraiser for Tom Fuller and Family. A special THANK YOU to Jack MacKenzie, CGCS, and all the North Oaks staff for hosting the event, as the golf course was in tournament-ready condition and the staff ready to serve.

The team of Scottie Hines, CGCS, and Trevor Nelko finished first with a smooth 63. Scott Turtinen and Don Saxon followed in 2nd place with a 68. Our 3rd place team winners were Scott Melling and Andrew Carlson with another 68. A score card play-off determined the tie-breaker for 2nd and 3rd place.

The PAR 3 IRON EVENT rounded up the closest-to-the-pin shots on the five par 3s. The winners were: #5-Bill Gray; Bracketts Crossing CC, #8-Tom Proshok; Bracketts Crossing CC, #11-Scottie Hines; Windsong Farm, #13-Jamie Olsen; Helena Chemical and #15 John Steiner; White Bear Yacht Club. The five winners then selected a club out of the new Ping G10 irons. Cards with the respective club numbers were gathered and drawn from the pack one at a time. If the player held the club with that respective number he had to return it until the last standing player held all the clubs. John Steiner, CGCS, was left standing with the full set and claimed the WINNER! Had to be there..QUITE A SHOW.

SIDE GAMES

The SKINS GAME filled the jar with \$580. We had two skins out for the day. Scottie Hines; Windsong Farm and Mike Kelly; Bayer Environmental Science. BOTH returned their winnings to the Tom Fuller Fund... NOW THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT...had to be there!

The 50/50 POT tallied a WHOPPING \$1,733. NOW that's a lot of \$1 raffle tickets. Lukas Dant; Syngenta Professional Products dedicated his time to challenge the players on the Par 3 #13 Hole. For every player that purchased 5 tickets and hit the green, Lukas doubled their tickets and personally purchased the extras. WELL DONE Mr. Dant!!!! Will Haselbauer, with Valent, also spent the day on the 1st Tee selling and doubling tickets for those that placed their Tee Shot in the Fairway...SO....THE WINNER WAS....Brad Smith; Precision Turf and THEN...Mr. Smith RETURNED HIS WINNINGS to the Tom Fuller Fund!!!!... The Crowd goes WILD!...Had to be there!

The Wee One Foundation donated raffle gifts that included a Custom Trek Bike, an IPOD Touch and a Weber Grill.... WINNERS....Brad Smith; Precision Turf, Kerry Anderson; Valent and Shane Andrews; MTI Distributing were the respective ticket holders. Numerous other prizes were donated for the raffle from; Bracketts Crossing CC, St. Croix National GC, Edina CC, North Oaks GC, Dale Parske and Hartman Companies .

RESULTS

- 63 - Scottie Hines & Trevor Nelko (Windsong Farm)
- 68 - Scott Turtinen (MGCSA) & Don Saxon (Saxon Fleet Services)
- 68 - Scott Melling (Par Aide) & Andrew Carlson (TPC Twin Cities)
- 69 - Mike Kelly (Bayer) & Tim Johnson (Spring Hill GC)
- 69 - Dale Hiebert (Rush Creek GC) & Mike Nelson (Riverside Resort)
- 70 - Gregg Brodd & Scott Kinkead (Turfco)
- 70 - Rob Adams & Gregg Paulus (Ponds at Battle Creek)
- 70 - Marlow Hansen & Jeff Meredith (Forest Hills GC)

- 71 - Dave Kazmierczak & Jacob Kocak (Prestwick GC)
- 71 - Ryan Gauster & Steve Dornfield (St. Croix National)
- 71 - Daniel O'Brien & Glaydon Iverson (Superior Golf Cars)
- 72 - John Stiener (White Bear YC) & Jamie Olsen (Helena)
- 73 - Dale Parske (Reinders, Inc.) & Rod Johnson (Pine Hills GC)
- 73 - Jack MacKenzie & Justin Bicek (North Oaks GC)
- 73 - Tom Proshok (Bracketts Crossing) & Paul Diegnau (Keller)
- 73 - Shane Andrews & Mike Redmond (MTI Distributing Inc.)
- 73 - Brad Marty & Dan Pakko (White Bear Yacht Club)
- 75 - Kerry Anderson (Valent) & Dennis Salwei (Reinders, Inc.)
- 75 - Dan Brown (Par Aide) & Tim O'Driscoll (Rochester GC)
- 76 - Josh Shull & Rich Vining (Turfwerks)
- 76 - John Meyer (Agrotain) & Charlie Miller (Goodrich GC)
- 76 - Jeramie Gossman & Julius Atkins (Southview CC)
- 77 - Kevin Clunis (Tanners Brook) & Tom Johnson (New Richmond)
- 77 - Rick Grannes (Superior Tech) & Jason Swanson (Hidden Greens)
- 77 - Wayne Parks & Bill Josephson (Tom Fuller Family)
- 77 - Tom Mundy & Phil Veerman (Yamaha Golf)
- 78 - Keith Knutson & Nick Peinnovich (Eau Claire GC)
- 79 - Drew Ekstrom & Andy Hochmuth (Superior Golf Cars)
- 79 - Mitch Stewart (Turfwerks)
- 80 - Steve Garske (Par Aide) & Scott Austin (Columbia GC)
- 80 - Charlie Pooch & Jean Pooch (Russ Adams CC)
- 80 - Darrin Johnson (The Andersons) & Jeff Schmidt (Reinders, Inc.)
- 80 - Aaron Johnson (Winfield Solutions) & Mike Manthey (Midland)
- 82 - Brian Horgan & Brandon Schindele (University of Minnesota)
- 82 - Ken Adams & Bill Gray (Bracketts Crossing CC)
- 83 - Bill Larson (Town & CC) & Troy Johnson (Hudson CC)
- 85 - Paul Davis & Zach Davis (Turfwerks)
- 85 - Aaron Johnson (Dacotah Ridge) & Brad Smith (Precision Turf)
- 87 - Mike Leitner (Leitner Company) & Dale Caldwell (MGC)
- 88 - Jeremy Stafne & Sly Stalker (Turfwerks)
- 90 - Dick Blakstvedt & John Cleveland (Tom Fuller Family)
- 98 - Greg Bondy & Dave Goranowski (Turfwerks)

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