

Fun Day at Victory Links for Scholarship Scramble

The 2011 MGCSA Scholarship Scramble was held at the Victory Links Golf Course. Like many Minnesota courses, Victory Links had a long winter and suffered damage to a majority of its greens. Host Superintendent Curtiss Conkright, his assistant Ben Wallin along with the rest of the staff, have the course on the road to recovery.

"The course had 13 temporary greens this spring" said Conkright. The recent warm weather has fueled the recovery process. Head golf professional Scott Roth and his staff took good care of the attendees throughout the day.

The winning team of Tim Johnson, Spring Hill Golf Club; Mike Kelly, Bayer Environmental Science; Jeff Pint, New Prague Golf Club, and Brandon Schindele, Edina Country Club, won this year's Scholarship Scramble with a 13-under par score of 58. They shot a back nine score of 28 to beat the defending champion Stillwater Country Club team by one shot. Marlin Murphy, Ty Tollefson, Kevin Milbrandt and Ryan Windett from Stillwater Country Club shot 59 to finish in second place.

Thanks to sponsorship dollars from our MGCSA Affiliate members we had eight field events. The closest-to-the-pin winners were; Jon Almquist, MTI Distributing Inc; Scottie Hines, CGCS, Windsong Farm GC; Joe Churchill, Reinders; Kevin Milbrandt, Stillwater CC, and Ben Wallin, Victory Links. The two longest drive awards went to Ty Tollefson, Stillwater CC, and Brandon Schindele, Edina CC. Gregg Paulus, The Ponds at Battle Creek, sank the longest putt.

Par Aide Products Company representative Scott Melling ran a putting contest as players made the turn. Melling had a 45-foot putt with six feet of break laid out on the Victory Links putting course. Jeff Johnson, Superintendent at The Minkahda Club, was the only player to sink the putt. Scottie Hines, CGCS, Windsong Farm Golf Club, finished second, and host Superintendent Curtiss Conkright finished third. In the Vendor division Jim Wall, Versatile Vehicles Inc., finished first.

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Host Superintendent Curtiss Conkright, right, with Assistant Superintendent Ben Wallin.

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2011 MGCSA SCHOLARSHIP SCRAMBLE CHAMPIONS are, from the left, Tim Johnson, Spring Hill Golf Club; Jeff Pint, New Prague Golf Club; Brandon Schindele, Edina Country Club, and Mike Kelly, Bayer Environmental Science.



PAR AIDE PUTTING CONTEST WINNERS. Scott Melling, left, Par Aide Products Co., ran a putting contest between nines. The winners were, from left, (Melling) Jeff Johnson, Scottie Hines, CGCS, Jim Wall and Curtiss Conkright.



FIELD EVENT WINNERS, from left, Kevin Milbrandt, Brandon Schindele, Ty Tollefson, Ben Wallin, Scottie Hines, CGCS, Jon Almquist, Joe Churchill and Gregg Paulus.

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