Sauk Centre CC Superintendent Dan Dickinson Wins 2011 MGCSA Championship at Ruttger's

On August 15, Superintendent Dan Dickinson, Sauk Centre Country Club, was able to handle the tight fairways of The Lakes course at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge enroute to a score of 73 to win the 2011 MGCSA Championship. Drew Ekstrom, Superior Golf Cars, finished second at 76. Ben Walker, Somerset Country Club, finished third with an 81. Dan had nine hole scores of 36-37 and Drew fired an opening 41 but followed up with a back nine 35. Walker shot nines of 39-42.

The Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association extends thanks and appreciation to Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge for hosting our Championship. The support from the club and the prime condition of the course made for a spectacular day to celebrate golf.

Superintendent Joe Wollner, along with his staff, had the course in great condition. Golf Professional Jamie Alderman and his staff were very helpful in pre-tournament preparations.

Host Superintendent, Joe Wollner won the First Flight with a net score of 74. Tom Jandl, Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge used his home course knowledge to shoot a net

**2011 MGCSA CHAMPION
DAN DICKINSON**
Superintendent, Sauk Centre

with a net 74.

The two Long Drive Champions were David Thalberg, Prestwick GC, and Zach Wignall, The Meadows at Mystic Lake. Isaac Kasper, Columbia CC, and Ben Wallin, Victory Links GC sank the longest putts of the day. The five winners of the closest to the pins were Jeff Pint, New Prague Golf Club, Charlie Miller, Goodrich GC, David Johnson, Territory Golf Course, Zach Wignall, The Meadows at Mystic Lake and Gary Deters, St. Cloud CC.

**HOST SUPERINTENDENT
JOE WOLLNER**
Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge

75 and finish second. Tom won a scorecard playoff with Charlie Miller, Goodrich GC, and Brian Horgan, University of Minnesota.

This year's Senior Champion is John Monson, Long Prairie GC. John shot a net 68. Jim O'Neill, Cycle Works Golf Supply came in second with a net 79.

Winning the Callaway Flight was Greg Bondy, Turfwerks, edging out Turfwerks Zach Davis. Greg shot a net 72 and Zach had a 73. Larry Thornton, Superior Turf Services, Inc. finished third

Dan O'Brien, Superior Golf Cars, left, presented a check to MGCSA Research Chairman Scottie Hines, CGCS, Windsong Farm Golf Club. Superior Golf Cars teamed up with the MGCSA, Minnesota PGA, Upper Midwest Chapter of the Club Managers Association of America, and the Midwest Golf Course Owners Association for the inaugural Superior Golf Cars/Club Car Charity Classic which benefitted the allied associations. Superior Golf Cars donated a portion of the proceeds to the MGCSA.

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The next MGCSA event will be the MTGF/University of Minnesota Turf and Grounds Field Day on September 15. The Stodola Research Scramble will be on September 19 at the Forest Hills Golf Club and the second Annual Wee-One event will take place on October 3 at North Oaks Golf Club. The Fall Mixer at the Horse and Hunt Club will be on October 17. Our Annual Awards Banquet will take place on December 7 at Brackett's Crossing Country Club.   *(See Results on Page 6)*