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New Prague Superintendent Jeff Pint Wins His 4th MGCSA Championship at Northland

By SCOTT TURTINEN
Executive Director

On behalf of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Northland Country Club for hosting our Championship on September 14. The support from the club and prime condition of the course made for a spectacular day to celebrate golf.

Host Superintendent Chris Tritabaugh along with assistants Jacob Ryan, Joe LeVoir, Robert Tripp and staff had the course in great condition and the greens firm and fast. Catering Director Jennifer Kolenda and her staff were very helpful in pre-tournament preparations. Thanks to Golf Professional Joe O'Connor and his staff for helping with the event.

Jeff Pint, New Prague Golf Club, was able to handle the green speed and lake effect in route to a score of 79 to win the 2009 MGCSA Championship. Norma O'Leary, CGCS, Silver Bay Golf Club, finished second one shot behind. Brian

Brown, Chisago Lakes Golf Course, finished third shooting an 81.

Fred Anderson, Reinders, won the First Flight with a scorecard playoff, while carding a net score of 73. Nick Folk, The Minikahda Club, finish second with the same score. James Bade, Somerset Country Club, came in third with a net 75.

This year's Senior Champion is Mike Aponas, Yamaha Golf & Utility. Mike shot a net 75. John Steiner, CGCS, White Bear Yacht Club, came in second with a net 78.

Winning a scorecard playoff for the Callaway Flight was Jeff Merideth, Forest Hills Golf Club, edging out Dacotah Ridge Golf Club's Tom Hoffer. Both shot net 73s.

Our 2009 Long Drive Champions are Grant Blumreich, Midland Hills Country Club, and Jeff Pint, New Prague Golf Club. Bob Atol, Braemar Golf Club, sank the longest putt of the day on number 18. The four winners of the closest-to-the-pin competition were Bill Brooks, Rose Lake

Golf Club; Scott Melling, Par Aide Products Company; Jon Almquist, MTI Distributing Inc., and David Johnson, Rich Spring Golf Club.

Par Aide and Excel Turf & Ornamental donated additional prizes at their sponsored holes.

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MGCSA CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Championship Flight (Gross)

JEFF PINT, NEW PRAGUE	79
NORMA O'LEARY, SILVER BAY GC	80
BRIAN BROWN, CHISAGO LAKES GC	81
SHANE ANDREWS, MTI DISTRIBUTING	81
JUD CRIST, ENGER / LESTER PARK GC	82
JACOB KOSAC, PRESTWICK GC	83
WAYDE WEST, HOYT LAKES GC	83
BILL BROOKS, ROSE LAKE GC	83
LEIF ERICKSON, ROCHESTER PARKS	85
DAVID JOHNSON, RICH SPRING GC	86
JAMIE OLSEN, HELENA CHEMICAL CO.	87
GRANT BLUMREICH, MIDLAND HILLS	88
DEAN WOJTCZAK, WHISPERING PINES	88
DONNACHA O'CONNOR, ALEXANDRIA	89
TRACY PEARSON, LESTER PARK	90
DAVID NEWINSKI, HERFORD NORBY	90
TOM PROSHEK, BRACKETT'S CROSSING	96
MIKE BROWER, MINNESOTA VALLEY CC	97
JEFF SCHMIDT, REINDERS, INC	103
TROY LANG, MINNESOTA VALLEY CC	108



Winner of the Callaway Flight was Jeff Meredith, Forest Hills GC, left, with runner-up Tom Hoffer, Dacotah Ridge GC.



Event Winners at Northland

Bill Brooks, Rose Lake GC, with Bob Atol, Braemar GC. Bill was a closest-to-the-pin winner and Bob sank the longest putt.



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JAMES BADE, SOMERSET CC	75
HARLEY EXSTED, FIDDESTIX GC	76
BRETT WENZEL, KELLER GC	76
JEFF JOHNSON, THE MINIKAHDA CLUB	77
JEREMY STAFFNE, MTI DISTRIBUTING.	77
CHRIS TRITABAUGH, NORTHLAND CC	77
CHARLIE MILLER, GOODRICH GC	77
GREG PAULUS, PONDS AT BATTLE CREEK	77
PAUL DIEGNAU, CGCS, KELLER GC	78
LARRY GORMAN, GREEN IMAGE	78
JAMIE BEZANSON, PRESTWICK GC	79
CHAD SNUGGERUD, RIVER OAKS GC	79
JOE LeVOIR, NORTHLAND CC	80
BRANDON SCHINDELE, EDINA CC	80
JON ALMQUIST, MTI DISTRIBUTING	81

ROB TRIPP, NORTHLAND CC	82
SCOTT MELLING, PAR AIDE PRODUCTS	83
BRIAN HORGAN, U OF MINNESOTA	83
BEN JUST, MIDLAND HILLS CC	84
MIKE KNODEL, OAKDALE GC	86
DAVE KAZMIERCZAK, CGCS, PRESTWICK	86
AARON JOHNSEN, VALENT	86
CARY FEMRITE, MTI DISTRIBUTING, INC.	87
JOHN MEYER, AGROTAIN INT'L	87
KERRY ANDERSON, VALENT	89
RICK TRAVER, CGCS, MONTICELLO CC	91
ROB ADAMS, THE PONDS AT BATTLE CREEK	92
MARLOW HANSEN, FOREST HILLS GC	92
BILL LARSON, CGCS, TOWN & CC	93
KYLE SCHAUFLER, OAKDALE GC	103

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MGCSA CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT WINNERS

From the left, Jeff Pint, New Prague CC; Dave Johnson, Rich Spring Golf Club; Scott Melling, Par Aide Products Co., and Mike Brower, Minnesota Valley CC.

MGCSA CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

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Callaway Flight (Net)

JEFF MEREDITH, FOREST HILLS GC	97
TOM HOFFER, DACOTAH RIDGE GC	105
JOE CHURCHILL, OLDS SEED SOLUTIONS	107
BOB ATOL, BRAEMAR GC	110
MARK PAFFEL, CHEQUAMEGON BAY GC	113

Senior Flight (Net)

MIKE APONAS, YAMAHA GOLF & UTILITY	75
JOHN STEINER, CGCS, WHITE BEAR YACHT CLUB	78
WALT BRAUNIG, THOMPSON OAKS GC	79
JIM O'NEILL, CYCLE WORKS GOLF SUPPLY	80
JOHN GANSKE, CHEQUAMEGON BAY GC	80
TOM MUNDY, YAMAHA GOLF & UTILITY	82
WALLY FREIER, THE FINLEY GROUP	84
THOMAS G. KIENTZLE, BIRCH BAY GC	85
DOUG DANIEL, CYCLE WORKS GOLF SUPPLY	86
MICHAEL KLATTE, COKATO TOWN & CC	97
RON MANSKE, VERSATILE VEHICLES	98



SENIOR CHAMPION MIKE APONAS, Yamaha Golf & Utility, right, with runner-up John Steiner, CGCS, White Bear Yacht Club.



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Thomas Johanns, Bemidji Town & CC
James Johnson, CGCS, Rich Spring GC
James Kimberly, retired
Sean McDonagh, Roseville Cedarholm GC
Tim O'Driscoll, Rochester Golf & CC
Duane Slaughter, Stonebrooke GC

GCSAA Announces List of Candidates for Feb. 12 Election

The 2009 Nominating Committee met via conference call on September 16th to ratify the slate of candidates for the 2010 GCSAA Board of Directors. The following Class A members of GCSAA have been nominated and will appear on the ballot at the Annual Meeting and Election in San Diego, CA on February 12, 2010.

President: James R. Fitzroy, CGCS (Wollaston Recreational Facility/ Presidents GC, North Quincy, MA)

Vice-President: Robert M. Randquist, CGCS (Boca Rio GC, Boca Raton, FL)

Secretary/Treasurer: Patrick R. Finlen, CGCS (The Olympic Club, San Francisco, CA) and Sanford G. Queen, CGCS (City of Overland Park, Overland Park, KS)

Directors: (electing two) – Robert O. Farren Jr., CGCS (Pinehurst Resort and CC, Pinehurst, NC); Todd A. Lupkes, CGCS (Palouse Ridge GC, Pullman, WA); Bill H. Maynard, CGCS (Milburn Golf and CC, Shawnee Mission, KS); and Mike B. Wooten, CGCS (Cedar Ridge CC, Broken Arrow, OK)

There are two positions open for director this year, as Patrick R. Finlen, CGCS and Sanford G. Queen, CGCS are both at the end of their two-year director's terms.

Peter J. Grass, CGCS; Keith A. Ihms, CGCS; John J. O'Keefe, CGCS will remain on the board with one year remaining in their two-year director's terms, and Mark D. Kuhns, CGCS will serve on the board as Immediate Past President during 2009. David S. Downing II, CGCS will be retiring from the GCSAA Board of Directors.



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MGCSA Superintendents were asked: What did you do differently this season that positively impacted your operation? A new product, a new program or perhaps a discontinuation of a practice?

For us at **Cedar Creek**, this year was all about green speed. It was now time to keep up with the Jones' and the first thing we did was drop the height of cut. The second thing we did was use growth regulate which worked great. The comments from everyone were positive and the Men's League loved them. It was one of our best years at Cedar. I am hoping that the greens speed had a little to do with it because it hasn't been cheap. More top-dressing, more bedknives, more chemicals, more man hours, more hand watering. I think the public expects more out of public courses now more than ever. - *Tim Wickland, Cedar Creek GC*

A new practice that we implemented at **Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge** this season was to take six of our full time high school/college staff and assign six holes on the course for any push mowing and string trimming. As I thought would happen, the "teams" got competitive. I heard good natured ribbing between them that their

area looked much better than another and the other "team" had better pick up the pace. - *J.W. Wollner, Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge*

At **North Oaks Golf Club** we pride ourselves in having a few flowers, mostly annuals, about 10,000 square feet of high maintenance property. Historically we have had to do a lot of hand weeding, even with the use of pre-emergent herbicides. This year as an experiment we covered with clear poly plastic sheeting and sealed with a band of sand, two tilled and well-watered gardens for four weeks in the spring. Just prior to planting we uncovered the now "solar sterilized" beds and lightly tilled them again. The sites needed NO hand work for the whole season. I repeat, we never weeded the gardens all summer. On three other large beds we were only able to cover for three weeks. These gardens, while much easier to manage, still required some hand work and saw a dramatic infestation of weeds

late in the year. Our plan is to cover all of our beds with plastic this fall as soon as we pull the flowers and leave the covers on until we plant them late next May.

- *Jack MacKenzie, CGCS, North Oaks GC*

We changed up several cultural practices for the 2009 season at **Keller**. No granular fertilizers used on fairways - Umaxx, Ammonium Sulfate, Iron sulfate and seaweed extract sprayed on all playing surfaces on a two-week schedule (Thank you Jeff Johnson, The Minikahda Club). Also reduced Trimit rates on fairways to the low side (2-4 oz/A). The rogue bluegrass in many of our fairways did not exhibit the prostrate growth habit as it did in previous years at higher rates. Playing surfaces were fabulous! The bentgrass excelled under this program. This one's a keeper. - *Paul Diegnau, CGCS, Keller GC*

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