



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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FIRST PLACE TEAM

From the left, Shane Keranen, Legends Club; Scottie Hines CGCS, Windsong Farm Golf Club; Jeff Pint, New Prague GC; Nick Morter, Windsong Farm Golf Club, and Thomas Schmidt, Hillcrest Golf Club of St. Paul. The five-man team finished first in the Fall Clay Shoot by breaking 166 clays out of 250.



SECOND PLACE TEAM

From the left, Shea Nelson, Legends Club; Dennis Berning, Rush Creek Golf Club; Erin McManus, Medina Golf & Country Club; Troy Tschida, Medina Golf & Country Club, and Tim Wicklund, Cedar Creek Golf Club. They finished second in the Fall Clay Shoot by breaking 145 clays out of 250.

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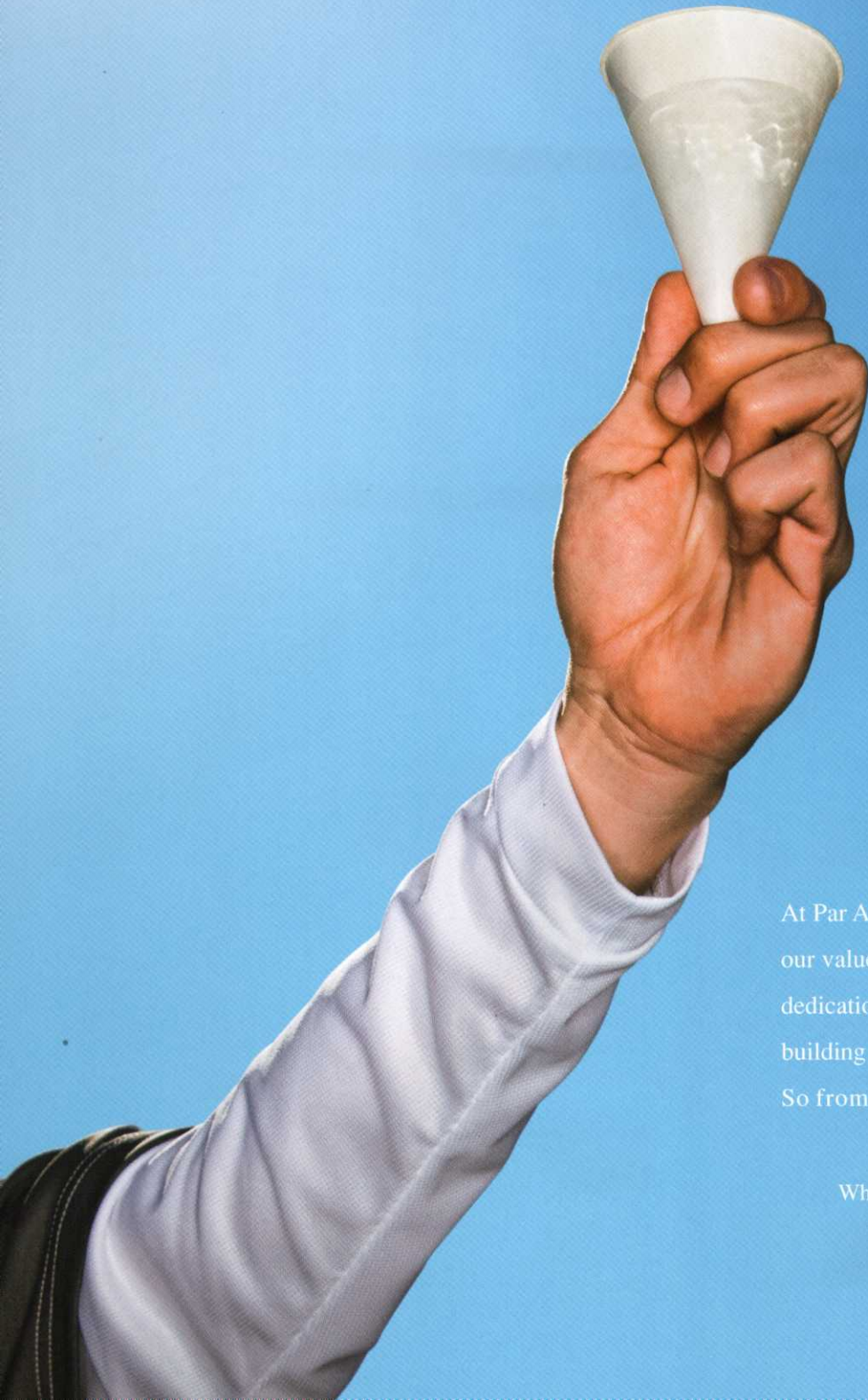
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WOOW!!!!

Wee One...Overwhelming

By DALE PARSKE
Reinders, Inc.

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 Stienen (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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By Scottie Hines, CGCS
Windsong Farm Golf Club



Cowboy Beef Dip

12 Servings

Prep: 20 minutes

Cook: 25 minutes

Ingredients

1 pound ground beef
4 tablespoons chopped onion, divided
3 tablespoons chopped sweet red pepper, divided
2 tablespoons chopped green pepper, divided
1 can (10-3/4 ozs) condensed nacho cheese soup, undiluted
1/2 cup salsa
4 tablespoons sliced ripe olives, divided
4 tablespoons sliced pimiento-stuffed olives, divided
2 tablespoons chopped green chilies
1 teaspoon chopped seeded jalapeno pepper
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
2 tablespoons sour cream
2 to 3 teaspoons minced fresh parsley
Tortilla chips

Directions

In a large skillet, cook the beef, 3 tablespoons onion, 2 tablespoons red pepper and 1 tablespoon green pepper over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in the soup, salsa, 3 tablespoons ripe olives, 3 tablespoons pimiento-stuffed olives, chilies, jalapeno, oregano and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes. Transfer to a serving dish. Top with the cheese, sour cream and parsley; sprinkle with the remaining onion, peppers and olives. Serve with tortilla chips. Yield: 3 cups.

Note: When cutting hot peppers, disposable gloves are recommended. Avoid touching your face.

Enjoy!

- Scottie Hines

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2010 MTGF/University of Minnesota Field Day Proves Great Stuff is Happening at TROE Center

The annual MTGF/University of Minnesota Field Day on September 16, provided turf and grounds professionals opportunities to learn about new research being conducted at the Turfgrass Research, Outreach and Education (TROE) Center and the TRE Nursery.

Leading researchers were on hand to demonstrate their projects and how they directly benefit green industries.

Commercial vendors demonstrated the latest products, services and equipment available. Lunch was catered by *Famous Dave's*.

Attendees chose between a Turf Track and a Grounds Track. After splitting into equal-sized groups, participants moved from one station to another and saw most of what TROE Center has to offer.

2010 has been a very busy year at TROE Center. TROE Center allows University of Minnesota researchers to study current issues facing the Minnesota turfgrass practitioner. The rain-out shelter was moved to a new location to allow for quicker turn-around of trials. The plan is to have it fully automated with rain sensors and electric motors to be able to move the shelter in the event of rain. It is still a work in progress but things are moving forward.

"This summer's rain has not been much of a hindrance for us but it certainly has kept the mowers busy. All of TROE has never been this green all summer long.



UM GRADUATE STUDENTS CRISTAL CISNEROS AND ERIC KOERTITZ, center and left, were excited to talk about their projects and the research being done at TROE Center during the 2010 MTGF / University of Minnesota Field Day on September 16. They are pictured with MGCSA President Paul Diegnau CGCS, Keller Golf Course. Cristal and Eric along with other graduate students, research scientists and UM professors educated attendees at the popular event.

"We have been lucky to escape the majority of the disease pressure that has been around this year but we certainly have seen our fair share of cutworms.

"TROE Center continues to develop new plots for new trials. We are in the process of redoing the bentgrass runoff plots. We are planning on replacing the bentgrass with other species of turfgrass for future runoff trials." said Craig Krueger of TROE Center.



COMMERCIAL VENDORS were instrumental in the success of Field Day.

THE AUTOMATED RAIN SHELTER AT TROE CENTER has been great for drought tolerant cool-season turfgrass screening research. At the left, Josh Friell, a graduate student in the UM Department of Horticultural Science, was passionate about the research being done at TROE Center and enjoyed educating the crowd. The automated cover slides back and forth to easily control sunlight and rain.



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A Proudful Day

By JACK MacKENZIE, CGCS
North Oaks Golf Club
Editor

On Monday, following the Wee One Golf Tournament while consuming delectable post play goodies, I sat next to one every lucky gentleman. Having purchased several lengths of coupons to be utilized as chances for the many raffle items, he was fortunate enough to win two big prizes...the lucky dog!

Esophageal cancer is cancer that occurs in the esophagus - a long hollow tube that runs from your throat to your stomach. Your esophagus carries food you swallow to your stomach to be digested.

Esophageal cancer usually begins in the cells that line the inside of the esophagus. Esophageal cancer can occur anywhere along the esophagus, but in people in the United States, it occurs most often in the lower portion of the esophagus.

To be able to host the event was a treat. The weather perfect, the sponsor list long and the quality of golf equally awesome, but the best for me was the fraternal bond that emanated throughout the ballroom following the round. It was mutually understood that the competition was neither about a trophy nor pro shop prizes. We were not there for braggers rights or proxies. And although the food was terrific, the culinary display was a mere distraction.

The day was important for one reason alone, we were celebrating

the opportunity to help one of our professional peers, an individual who had suffered a stroke of bad luck and for whom we could rally and lend our support not only monetarily but more importantly through our compassionate presence. In this world of me, me, me this unselfish gesture is rare and very heart warming.

Those in attendance were not brave in their consideration, for that tribute went to the honored guest Tom Fuller and his family. In a very humble presentation Tom reflected upon his deteriorating lung condition and current status giving insight into a life jarring situation none in the room could fathom, well, maybe one. Tom was very appreciative for the contributions but in private he told me the greatest gift was the emotional support from his colleagues that he and his family have felt during his ordeal. "Nobody in the support group activities I attend has received such an outpouring of support from their industry peers. What you guys and the Wee One Foundation have done is unheard of. Thank you, thank you."

It's not clear what causes esophageal cancer. Esophageal cancer occurs when cells in your esophagus develop errors (mutations) in their DNA. The errors make cells grow and divide out of control. The accumulating abnormal cells form a tumor in the esophagus that can grow to invade nearby structures and spread to other parts of the body. Early esophageal cancer typically causes no signs or symptoms.

It was a prideful day. I struggle to imagine any other vocational group that "gets it" when it comes to life difficulties. Is it because the product we produce is a living dynamic, ever changing with the whims of Mother Nature? Is it because we can comprehend the challenges beyond our control and appreciate that some problems we can deal with alone and others require a request for help? Is it because we understand the frailty of life? Is it because we were born with a 'compassion chip', an inherent quality required to be a good multi-tasking manager? How about all of the above?

My heart crept to my throat several times the afternoon of the Wee One event. During Tom's soft spoken presentation, while one after another the cash winners contributed their substantial winnings to the cause and finally following the party when my table neighbor, Kerry Anderson, the lucky dog, leaned over and said, "I am here today to support this amazing event because three years ago the Wee One Foundation was there for me when I needed it most. You see, I am a cancer survivor; one of the baddies, esophageal cancer."

Ensuing conversations with Kerry gave me more insight to the amazing benefits of the Wee One Foundation. The financial brace was welcome as it helped to relieve the stress of making payments during the six months he was absent from the work force. However it was the emotional foundation created by the compassion from his professional peers that built Kerry's moral during the rigorous eradication procedures and ensuing recovery.

In his words:

"It is truly breathtaking what was given to me through my many friends and peers. When you are going through this horrible moment in your life, your family and friends mean more than you will ever know. After the meeting I went up to Tom, a new friend in my life, and wanted to offer words of encouragement. All I wanted to say was, when you are in the presence of such giving people for your benefit, it can truly be humbling. Thank you can't ever express enough, what our friends can do for us. All we can do is emerge out of this moment, keep positive, and know we will be better. Then, it's our chance to really thank everyone by giving back in whatever way we choose to this wonderful group.

The Wee One Foundation was started because of a Fraternity of friends that knew Wayne Otto, and wanted to honor him in some way. But, what I don't think they realize is how important their actions have become. It is amazing what they have created for the benefit of others, not just financially but emotionally. I will never be able to say thank you enough for their efforts. I can only have the opportunity to give back. Please consider supporting the Wee One Foundation in any way you can."

Wow, aren't we all a pack of lucky dogs to have such a fraternal safety net in place.



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