

It's in the Hole



A NEW ADDITION TO THE HINES FAMILY. Olivia Flynn Hines was born on June 23, 2011. She weighed 6 lbs., 6 ounces and measured 18 inches long. Pictured from the left are Kristin, Olivia, Leighton and Scottie. In the front are Sam and Sadie.



Finn Ernest Dant was born on May 7, 2011. Finn weighed 6 lbs and was 19.5 inches long at birth. Finn is the son of Melissa and Luke Dant. Luke is a Syngenta Professional Products representative.

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2011 FIELD DAY

The MTGF offers educational opportunities for members of the MGCSA. Go to mtgf.org for more information.

2011 FIELD DAY - SEPTEMBER 15

The MTGF/University of Minnesota Field Day is set for **Thursday, September 15, 2011**, at TROE Center. More information will be forwarded as the summer unfolds.

PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION - NOVEMBER 18

The MTGF will again partner with the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA), to offer a pesticide recertification session on Nov., 18, 2011. More details will be available at www.mtgf.org.

SUPER TUESDAY - JANUARY 3, 2012

The MTGF will host a Super Tuesday education session on **Jan. 3, 2012** a day before the Northern Green Expo at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

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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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Windsong Farm Golf Club



Rosemary-Brined Rotisserie Chicken

Serves 4. Prep time is 20 minutes. Brining time is 6 to 12 hours. Grilling time is 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 hours. Special equipment needed are: butcher's twine, large disposable foil pan, rotisserie and an instant-read thermometer.

Grocery List:

- 1 whole chicken, about 4 lb
- Oil and Spices
- 3/4 cup kosher salt
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tbsp dried rosemary
- 1 tsp caraway seed
- 1 tsp granulated garlic
- 2 tsp ground black pepper

Brine

- 1 gallon water
- 3/4 cup kosher salt
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons dried rosemary
- 1 tablespoon caraway seed
- 1 tablespoon granulated garlic
- 2 teaspoons ground black pepper

1 whole chicken, about 4 pounds, giblets, wing tips, and any excess fat removed. In a large pot combine the brine ingredients. Stir well to dissolve the sugar and salt.

Submerge the chicken in the brine, breast side down, and refrigerate for 6 to 12 hours.

Prepare the grill for indirect cooking over medium heat (350° to 450°F).

Remove the chicken from the pot and discard the brine. Pat the chicken dry with paper towels. Truss the chicken with butcher's

twine.

Following the grill's instructions, secure the chicken in the middle of a rotisserie spit, put the spit in place, and turn on the motor. Place a large disposable foil pan underneath the chicken to catch the drippings. Cook the chicken over indirect medium heat, with the lid closed, for 1 hour.

If your grill has an infrared burner at the back of the grill, after 1 hour of cooking, light that burner and set it to medium heat (leaving the regular outside burners on medium and the middle burners turned off). If your grill does not have an infrared burner, continue to cook the chicken as you were doing. Either way, cook the chicken until the surface is deep golden brown and the internal temperature reaches 160° to 165°F in the thickest part of the thigh (not touching the bone). This should take 10 to 20 minutes with the infrared burner and 20 to 30 minutes without the infrared burner. Watch carefully that the chicken skin does not burn.

When the chicken is fully cooked, turn off the rotisserie motor and remove the spit from the grill. Tilt the chicken upright over the foil pan so that the liquid that has accumulated in the chicken's cavity pours into the pan. Let rest for 10 to 15 minutes (the internal temperature will rise 5 to 10 degrees during this time). Transfer the chicken from the spit to a cutting board. Cut into serving pieces. Serve warm.

Enjoy.

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MGCSA members were asked to submit funny/strange photos from golf courses



Kyle Lovin, a former equipment operator at TPC Twin Cities, sported the new 'Sod Scarf,' available at most golf courses around the country.



Ryan Blechta, Assistant Superintendent at Yellowstone Club in Big Sky, Montana, is trying to melt snow faster by spraying dye on the snow banks in mid-May. "We received 120" of snow fall this past winter and still have some snow banks on the course. The faster the snow melts the faster we can get on the course to do our maintenance," said Blechta.



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Jason Swift, Irrigation Tech at Medina Golf and Country Club, retrieving a clubhead out of a pond for a member's guest. A Copper Ping Eye2 is hard to find for replacement clubs. Swift found this with his feet in about four feet of water. "That's when we knew he was going to be a "special" irrigation tech!" said Medina Golf & Country Club Superintendent Erin McManus.



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