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**NOVEMBER 19**  
**PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION**  
University of Minnesota

**DECEMBER 7**  
**MGCSA AWARDS  
& RECOGNITION BANQUET**  
Brackett's Crossing Country Club  
Host: Tom Proshek

**JANUARY 3, 2012**  
**SUPER TUESDAY**  
Minneapolis Convention Center  
Host: MTGF

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Karen Wangenstein, MTI Distributing Inc., coaxing her putt with a little body English during the September 19 Harold Stodola Research Scramble at Forest Hills Golf Club in Forest Lake, Minnesota.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Perspective

By Paul Diegnau, CGCS

Sometimes it takes a life-changing event of some type to jar us from our day-to-day programming, our "full-speed ahead" mentality, as we attempt to provide the golfer with the best playing conditions we can with the resources allocated to us. Well, earlier this week, I experienced one of those events. Dick had worked for me for 10 years mowing the rough here at Keller GC. Dick was one of those nice people who never complained, was on time and dependable, and always had a smile on his face. He truly enjoyed mowing grass at the golf course.

Monday morning started out like any other morning at the golf course. Dick warmed up his wide-area rotary mower, coffee in hand and took off to mow some grass and mulch leaves as they accumulated. Little did he know that this was his last run. Staff members found him slumped over the steering wheel of the machine he operated so deftly. He had no pulse and paramedics tried in vain to revive him. My staff stood in the rough of the 16th hole, stunned, as they watched the flurry of activity intended to bring him back. The finality of the event hit everyone when the white sheet was placed over his lifeless body.

Life is too short. We are caretakers of golf courses, the grounds upon which a game is played. How important is that project at your golf course when your family is waiting for you, wants to see and spend time with you? We are our own worst enemies, always striving for better, obsessed to improve. I know I am a hypocrite. Over the years, I have been as guilty as the next person, always trying to get one last item completed before calling it a day. When you experience the finality of death in such a compressed and unexpected time frame, it forces you to look at your life, your job and your family. Sometimes it takes a traumatic event such as this to put things in perspective.

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In case you missed the email I sent to the MGCSA membership late in September, let me bring you up to speed. Several months ago, your Board of Directors decided it was time to test the waters of the current association management market. Even though Turtinen Communications has faithfully served our association for the past 21 years, we feel a fiduciary responsibility to you, the membership, to ensure that we secure the services we require at a fair market value.

By the time you read this we will have received proposals from all interested parties, including Turtinen Communications. We have no preconceived notions on the outcome of this process and we will consider proposals from all companies, both large and small. We will then interview a select number of applicants as we move forward, ultimately making a final decision prior to the beginning of next year. Please feel free to voice your opinion or comment to me or any Board member as we move through this process.

\* \* \* \*

I had the pleasure of participating in the 2nd annual Minnesota Wee One event held at North Oaks GC. What a fabulous event with a purpose that is near and dear to our hearts. Attendance was a little disappointing but sponsorship was phenomenal! We had 56 players and 37 sponsors. Thank you very much to all who participated in one way or another. I know all had a wonderful experience on an excellent golf course prepared by Jack MacKenzie, CGCS, and his staff. The food was first class as were the raffle prizes. Maybe next year I'll win the iPad...oh who am I kidding...I might as well just buy one.

Enjoy the rest of the season. The holidays are fast approaching.

Until Next Month,
Paul Diegnau, CGCS

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# Murphy, Milbrandt, Tollefson and Windett Win Harold Stodola Research Scramble at Forest Hills

At the 2011 Harold Stodola Research Scramble was held at Forest Hills Golf Club in Forest Lake. MGCSA members had a spectacular day for this research event.

Host Superintendent Marlow Hansen and, assistant Jeff Meredith and staff had the course in excellent shape. Players found the layout fun and the greens fast and smooth. There were many good comments about the greens.

The team of Marlin Murphy, Kevin Milbrandt, Ty Tollefson and Ryan Windett from Stillwater Country Club shot a 14-under par round of 58 to win the 2011 Scramble.

Winning a scorecard playoff for second place was the team from White Bear Yacht Club, consisting of John Steiner, CGCS, Mike Sullivan, Jamie Olsen and Don Olsen.

Third place went to Windsong Farm Golf Club. Playing for Windsong were Scottie Hines, CGCS, Phil Ebner, Nick Morter and Dave Reedy. Both teams shot a 13-under par 59.

## FIELD EVENT WINNERS

Kevin Anderson, White Bear Yacht Club, and Ty Tollefson, Stillwater Country Club, hit the longest drives of the day. Brad Marty, White Bear Yacht Club, and Dave Kazmierczak, Prestwick Golf Club, sank the longest putts. The four closest to the pins were won by Andy Keyes, The Meadows of Mystic Lake, Kevin



**MARLOW HANSON**  
Host Superintendent  
Forest Hills Golf Club



**STILLWATER COUNTRY CLUB'S** Ty Tollefson, Marlin Murphy, Ryan Windett and Kevin Milbrandt shot 14-under to win the 2011 Harold Stodola Research Scramble.

Anderson, White Bear Yacht Club, Dave Reedy and Nick Morter both from Windsong Farm Golf Club.

## SPONSORS

The following Affiliate member companies helped sponsor this year's Harold Stodola Research Scramble:

Agrotain International, BASE, Bayer Environmental Science, Cycle Works Golf Supply, Duinick Golf, Excel Turf & Ornamental, Frontier Ag & Turf, Hartman Companies, MTI Distributing, Inc., Par Aide Products Company, Plaisted Companies, Inc., Precision Turf & Chemical, Inc., Specialty Ag & Turf, Superior Turf Services Inc., Syngenta Professional Products, Turfwerks and Versatile Vehicles, Inc.

The companies listed above sponsored all MGCSA events this past year.

## ANNUAL BANQUET

Make plans now to attend the Annual MGCSA Awards & Recognition Banquet which will take place on Wednesday, December 7 at Brackett's Crossing Country Club in Prior Lake.



**SECOND PLACE TEAM**  
Finishing in 2nd place were, from the left, Don Olsen, Jaime Olsen, John Steiner, CGCS, and Mike Sullivan.

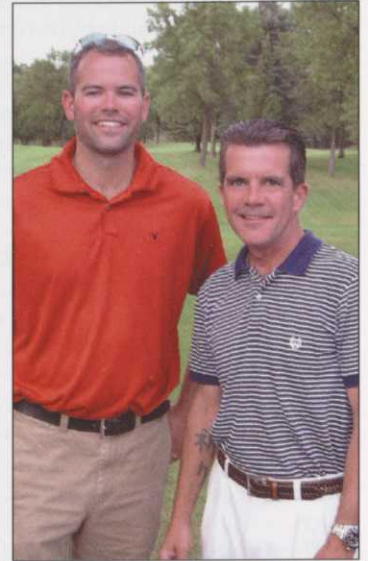
# MGCSA HAROLD STODOLA RESEARCH SCRAMBLE RESULTS

SEPTEMBER 19, 2011  
FOREST HILLS GOLF CLUB, FOREST LAKE, MN



**FIELD EVENT WINNERS**, from the left, Ty Tollefson, Stillwater CC; Andy Keyes, The Meadows at Mystic Lake; Dave Kazmierczak, Prestwick GC; Kevin Anderson, White Bear Yacht Club, and Brad Marty, White Bear Yacht Club.

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| 58... MARLIN MURPHY<br>KEVIN MILBRANDT   | TY TOLLEFSON<br>RYAN WINDETT   |
| 59... JOHN STEINER, CGCS<br>DON OLSEN    | JAIME OLSEN<br>MIKE SULLIVAN   |
| 59... SCOTTIE HINES, CGCS<br>PHIL EBNER  | DAVE REEDY<br>NICK MORTER      |
| 60... MIKE KASNER<br>TOM KASNER          | SCOT MILSTROH<br>TERRY SIMON   |
| 61... BRAD MARTY<br>KEVIN ANDERSON       | DAN PAKKO<br>RICK PETERSON     |
| 62... JAMES BADE<br>JOSE ROCHA           | BEN WALKER<br>BILL GULLICKS    |
| 63... DAVE KAZMIERCZAK<br>JAMIE BEZANSON | MARK RIES<br>JACOB KOCAK       |
| 65... PETE NOLAN<br>ZACH WIGNALL         | ANDY KEYES<br>DOUG DANIEL      |
| 65... GREGG PAULUS<br>BRETT WENZEL       | ROB ADAMS<br>BRAD BEHNKE       |
| 65... SHANE ANDREWS<br>KAREN WANGENSTEEN | BOB FRANK<br>JON ALMQUIST      |
| 65... MARLOW HANSEN<br>TIM BEUTEL        | JEFF MEREDITH<br>JEREMY WALKER |
| 68... KEN ADAMS, JR<br>BRIAN HORGAN      | LARRY EAWALL<br>ANDREW CARLSON |
| 72... BRIAN BOLL<br>RICHARD CARR         | STEVE MAKOWSKE<br>TONY WEBER   |



**FIELD EVENT WINNERS**, from Windsong Farm Golf Club, were Nick Morter, left, and Dave Reedy.

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# MGCSA and North Oaks Host Another Fun, Successful Wee One Golf Outing

The 2nd Annual MGCSA Wee One event was held at North Oaks Golf Club on October 3. The Wee One Foundation assists golf course management professionals (or dependents) who incur overwhelming expenses due to medical hardship without comprehensive insurance or adequate financial resources. The Wee One Foundation has raised over \$500,000 and gifted over \$450,000 to date. As the Wee One Foundation grows, so does the number of individuals and families that it is able to help.

Wee one memberships are available on at [www.weeone.org](http://www.weeone.org).

Despite a challenging summer many courses had this year, Jack Mackenzie, CGCS and Jason Bicek and the rest of the staff at North Oaks Golf Club had the course in excellent condition. PGA Golf Professional Ray Vennewitz and Catering Manager Kay Zeigler and their staffs did a great job preparing for our event.

The team from Windsong Farm Golf Club won a scorecard playoff for the championship. Scottie Hines, CGCS captained the team, playing with Trevor Nelko, Keith Danielson and Jeff Arendt. Their team only made 5 pars and 1 eagle to finish with a 14-under par round of 57. Finishing in 2nd place were Don Saxon, Saxon Fleet Services; Dave Haselrud, 3M Corporation; Jim Dolan, James M. Dolan, Inc., and Scott Turtinen, MGCSA. They had 7 pars and 3 eagles to finish with a 57. Winning a scorecard draw for 3rd place was the team from Eau Claire Country Club. Their team members were John Granholt, Nick Peinovich, Keith Knutson and Mike Curry.

**Special thanks to our 37 sponsors for the event.** With their support the MGCSA will be able to make a nice contribution to the Wee One Foundation. We also had 5 companies donate Raffle Prizes. Brackett's Crossing Country Club donated a Golf Bag won by our host superintendent Jack Mackenzie, CGCS, and a putter won by Jason Bicek. The third item was a Brackett's sweatshirt and hat won by Todd Kranz, Interlachen Country Club. Ken Rost, Frost Services donated 15 spray tips which was won by Dale Caldwell, Minneapolis Golf Club. Dow AgroSciences donated a golf shirt won by Arik Hemquist, Brackett's Crossing Country Club. Cycle Works Golf Supply donated a rainsuit won by Brett Wenzel, Keller Golf Course. Jeff Arendt donated an Acrobatic plane ride piloted by Michael



## WEE ONE WINNERS FROM WINDSONG

The team from Windsong Farm Golf Club shot a 14-under 57 to win a scorecard playoff at the 2nd Annual MGCSA Wee One Golf Outing at North Oaks Golf Club on October 3. Pictured from the left are: Jeff Arendt, Trevor Nelko, Scottie Hines CGCS, and Keith Danielson.

Wiskus. This was won by Matt Schmid, Superior Turf Services.

**The five closest-to-the pin honors went to:** Jeff Schmidt, Reinders, Inc.; Kevin Clunis, CGCS, Tanners Brook Golf Club; Gregg Paulus, The Ponds at Battle Creek Golf Course; Charlie Miller, Goodrich Golf Course, and Tony Weber, Interlachen Country Club. These gentlemen won pro shop credit and also were put in a drawing to win a set of irons. The last man standing in the draw down process was Jeff Schmidt who took home some brand new irons!

There were three other prizes in the raffle. Ken Adams, Brackett's Crossing Country Club won an outdoor Grill. Jim O'Neill, Cycle Works Golf Supply won an Ipad2 and MGCSA Executive Director Scott Turtinen won a television.

## GREAT SPONSORSHIP RESPONSE

Please thank the 37 sponsors next time they call on you. The companies helping make the 2011 Wee One Event a success were: Title Sponsors, Reinders, Inc., Par Aide Products Company and the MGCSA. The Food and Beverage sponsors were Hartman Companies, Inc. and Mitchell Products. The Par 3 Iron sponsors were:

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The Wee One event had lots of food, beverages and prizes along with playing on a great venue which means all members should definitely consider supporting this event next year.

The Wee One is an extension of the goodness of the people in this industry!

(See Results and Photos on Page 8)

# MGCSA WEE ONE FUNDRAISER GOLF RESULTS

OCTOBER 3, 2011

NORTH OAKS GOLF CLUB, NORTH OAKS, MN



**THE BRATWURST COOK AT THE WEE ONE GOLF FUNDRAISER**

57... SCOTTIE HINES, CGCS JEFF ARENDT	TREVOR NELKO KEITH DANIELSON
57... DON SAXON DAVE HASELRUD	JIM DOLAN SCOTT TURPINEN
63... PAUL DIEGNAU, CGCS GREGG PAULUS	ROB ADAMS BRETT WENZEL
64... TOM PROSHEK BILL GRAY	KEN ADAMS, JR ARIK HEMQUIST
65... JOHN MEYER SCOTT MELLING	CHARLIE MILLER ANDREW CARLSON
65... TOM MEIER BILL GULLICKS	DAN BROWN JOE ZIEBARTH
65... MATT ROSTAL TONY WEBBER	RICH CARR TODD KRANZ
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67... AARON JOHNSEN ERIN McMANUS	MIKE MANTHEY JEFF JOHNSON
69... JOHN GRANHOLT KEITH KNUTSON	NICK PEINOVICH MIKE CURRY



**MATT SCHMID**, Superior Turf Services Inc., was the winner of an aerobatic plane ride with Michael Wiskus, a professional pilot who has entertained audiences around the world with his air show performances. The prize was donated by Jeff Arendt, Windsong Farm Golf Club during the Wee One Golf Outing.



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**2ND PLACE AT THE WEE ONE GOLF OUTING** were, from left, Scott Turtinen, MGCSA; Jim Dolan, James M. Dolan, Inc.; Don Saxon, Saxon Fleet Services, and Dave Haslerud, 3M Corporation. The foursome lost in a scorecard playoff to a group from Windsong Farm Golf Club.



**JEFF SCHMIDT,** Reinders Inc., won a set of TaylorMade Burner Irons at the 2nd Annual Wee One Golf Outing at North Oaks Golf Club on October 3.



**CLOSEST-TO-THE-PIN WINNERS AT THE WEE ONE GOLF OUTING,** were, from left: Charlie Miller, Goodrich GC; Tony Weber, Interlachen CC; Kevin Clunis CGCS, Tanner's Brook GC; Gregg Paulus, The Ponds at Battle Creek, and Jeff Schmidt, Reinders, Inc.



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