

# Hooks and Slices

from the Minnewaska Golf Club



Minnewaska Golf Club

Glenwood, Minnesota

August 2010

## Justin Buysse, Dee Hanson win MGC crowns

A field of seventy one golfers teed off Sunday Aug. 15, 2010. Golfers were bracketed in a number of categories by age. Then the top eight golfers played an additional nine holes to determine the overall winner. Justin Buysse bested golfers Troy Kittelson, Jim Ohlstad, Daren Johnson, Mike Salonen, Dave Bray, Paul Johnson and Tony Janu Jr. in that nine hole playoff by shooting a 37.

Dee Hanson won the ladies division which included competitors Linda Maiers, Michele Jones, Colleen Boerboom, Bobbie Nichlasson and Judi Dalager.

In the youth division Esten Stensrud won the 12 and under grouping; Jenna Janu and Blake Loxtecamp won the 13-14 age category; Alexis Guggisberg won the 15-17 age group.

In the men's division in the Men's Regular group Justin Buysse won low gross while Terry Jones won low net. Executive group winners were Paul Johnson low gross and Dion Harste low net; Senior group winners were Dave Bray low gross and Pat Roering low net; Super Senior group winners were Darryl Larson low gross and Ron Erno low net.

In the women's division executive group Linda Maiers was low



Justin Buysse and Dee Hanson were all smiles Sunday afternoon, August 15, after winning the Minnewaska Golf Club championships for men and women.

## Water holes yield 5,000 golf balls

Our club contracted with a firm to retrieve all golf balls from the ponds on holes number 6 and 16. On Wednesday Aug. 11 a diver using the touch and feel method brought up an estimated 5000-6000 golf balls. The Club will receive credit between \$.05 - .07 per ball to be applied against future golf related purchases. Discolored or cut balls will be thrown out. Superintendent Doug Larson cannot remember the last time balls were retrieved from these ponds.

**Question: How many of golf balls did you contribute to the ponds?**

## Renew membership at 2010 rates!

Members can renew their membership for 2011 @ 2010 rates by paying in full by Oct. 31, 2010. Please consider your situation and save some money for next year's membership and help out the Club by renewing now.

## Annual meeting in future

Our annual meeting will be held either last few weeks of October or early November. The Club will post the exact date in plenty of time so members can attend. This year's Board of Directors will preside over the meeting that will include review of our past year, a review of the year by Pro-Manager Scott and Superintendent Doug and election of officers for the 2011 year. Please consider running as a Board member. The leadership of our Club needs hard working informed members who can work well with other Board members. Be an informed member by attending this meeting.

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gross while Michele Jones was low net. Senior group winner was Colleen Boerboom; Super senior winner was Bobbie Nichlasson. Executive senior group winner was Dee Hanson low gross while Judi Dalgager won low net.



Junior golfers celebrated on a 40-foot long water slide, a traditional event on the final night of junior golf each season.

## Junior golfers end with party

Fifty seven junior players ended their six week season with a party Wednesday Aug. 14th. Everyone received a root beer float and a participation certification along with a grab bag of gifts. Some received junior sized golf clubs. The success of the program is largely to due to dedication of the volunteer instructors led by Sarah Roering which included members of the Minnewaska golf teams and and star players from the surrounding area. Participants then ended the evening by sliding down the "slip and slide".

### Schwieters donates doors

Schwieters purchased property adjacent to its dealership. Since they demolished the building, which contained two commercial grade doors, they became available. These doors will be installed as entrance doors for our clubhouse replacing our repair prone current doors.

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## Clubhouse News

Scott is adjusting the clubhouse work schedule as his part time members go on to college. Sarah and Allie will play college golf at Colorado State and Augustana respectively. Web site golfstat.com offers members an opportunity to follow college golf action. Watch for signs advertising special prices of clubhouse clothes, hats, clubs, shoes, and accessories. Scott says his shoe prices are very good. Our membership has held up very well this year. All special events have gone well, as expected with some ups and down. The below average weekend weather has reduced some expected non-member play. All leagues have done well and the number of participants has held up well. Our driving range included with membership fees has seen lots of play and many favorable comments. Many members and non-members have elected to take golf lessons from our top 10 teacher pro Scott.

## Minnewaskagolf.com now linked with facebook

Our web site now has a link to facebook which has many photos of golf action and activities. If you are not familiar with facebook, it is easy to sign up and a link provides instant sign up. Web site news categories include Home page, 2010 Rates, Contact us/Map, and News plus a link to the latest issue to Hooks and Slices.



MGC Superintendent Doug Larson with a tree planted in the member of Jack Butler, a club member for many years.

## Jack Butler memorial tree planted

In memory of member Jack Butler Mrs. Jack Butler gave a gift of a memorial tree. A beautiful clump birch was planted near the 10th tee box in full view of the cart path, tee box, and flagpole area. Superintendent Doug Larson is shown in the photo standing next to this tree.

Members are reminded that a gift of a tree is a great way to memorialize a loved one or just help beautiful

our course.

## Sign-up for e-mail

Sign up in the Clubhouse to receive e-mail notices from the Club and a copy of the latest Hooks and Slices issue. By providing us your e-mail address you will be placed in our electronic mailing list for only important Club notices and communications.



A good crowd was on hand on the 18th hole for the finals of the MGC club championship Sunday, August 15.

## Superintendent Notes

Earlier this year a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to open the new ladies 10th tee. This tee was rebuilt largely through a gift from the Ladies League and will give the ladies a good chance to drive over the hill from their new tee location. The Ladies League was also responsible to the interior repainting and decorating of the on course restrooms. Thank You!

Doug is concerned that with the rain, humidity, and hot weather disease pressure is a factor. He applies chemical spray every two weeks to control the disease and obtains disease updates from surrounding golf courses. Long range concerns include revamping the deteriorating tee box on hole #4 and caring for our aging rough mower now nine years old with 6000 hours of use.

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## Back up water controllers purchased

Twenty Eight controllers including extra parts were secured from the Marshall Country Club. These water regulators contained within the green boxes on our course became available at Marshall after that course upgraded its mechanical control system to an electronic control system. Doug has found it difficult to obtain repair parts and when parts go bad, now has to send them to California to obtain repairs. These controllers were obtained at reasonable cost and will extend the life of our mechanical sprinkler system.

## Emerald Ash Borer poses threat

Superintendent Doug Larson is concerned about the emerald ash borer and its possible effects on our course. So far the disease has reached the Twin Cities area but has not spread here. The ash tree may be the predominate tree on our course with an estimated 174 trees in closely mowed areas according to Dick Oeltjen. Once a tree is stricken treatment options are available but take on labor and cost. Doug is being watchful and checking surrounding areas for signs that the disease is spreading.

## Couples League ends successful season

Thirty two couples just completed season play. Sixteen teams of two couples were formed and played each other every Wednesday during the months of June and July. Then based upon actual league averages teams were bracketed into either Flight I or II and match playoffs began! No strokes were given and all teams played even up in their brackets. In Flight I 3 Rights will play the Holy Family Fire for that championship while in Flight II Bold Lakers, Bomavida, Team Fun and Olson/Christianson play-off in quarter final action. As this issue goes to press final winners are not known. Thank you Lyle Katzenmeyer for organizing and running this successful league.