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2009 Club Champions



Shown above are the 2009 Club Championship winners. Left to right (back row), **Mark Henning**—2nd flight, **Joel Rudloff**— 4th flight, **Brett Mueller**— 1st flight and **Dave Miller**—3rd flight. Kneeling in front are at left **Dennis Dale**—5th flight and at right, **Keith Piotrowski**— Club Champion. Congratulations to all.

Dave Miller edges Stan Trollip in 2nd Flight Playoff

Dave Miller (75/81-156) was able to keep his composure and his game together after hitting a wrong ball and incurring a two stroke penalty on the 13th hole in the final round to finish tied with Stan Trollip (75/81-156). After the dust had settled, and checking with Greg Jamieson, who also talked with the MGA to insure that the penalty and procedures were followed correctly, a playoff began. Dave and Stan matched stroke for stroke until Stan's putter let him down on the par 3 second hole and Dave came away as the 2nd Flight Champion. Finishing third in the flight was Michael Vennerstrom (83/80-163) with Jeff Kalvik (85/79-164) and Jesse Zeien (82/82-164) tying for fourth place.

Keith Piotrowski shoots final round 68 to take 2009 Club Championship

Keith Piotrowski's (73/68-141) first round score of 73 put him two strokes back of Marc Baumgartner (71/76-147) and tied him with both Joe Larson (73/77-150) and Randy Garber (73/79-152) in the final group going into Sunday's second round. Keith felt he would need to be on top of his game to beat Marc, and pull away from Joe and Randy. He thought the winner would most likely come out of the last group, and so he concentrated on his game and trying to stay ahead of Marc, Joe and Randy. Keith shot a one under 34 to catch and tie Marc at the turn. He then birdied the tenth to Marc's bogey to take the lead. He shot an excellent 34 on the backside to clinch the championship, although Marc continued to threaten but was unable to catch Keith. Marc finished alone in second, with Chris Catron (78/70-148) and Tim Gamboni (74/74-148) tying for third place. This is Keith's second win as Club Champion, with his first win coming in 2006. Congratulations to our 2009 Club Champion, Keith Piotrowski!

Brett Mueller wins 1st Flight in Playoff over Moe Ankney

Brett Mueller (77/76-153) and Moe Ankney (76/77-153) both came from behind to edge first round leader Dave McIntosh (71/83-154) by one stroke in a tightly contested 1st flight. Dave shot a sizzling first round 71 to lead by five strokes, but then faltered on Sunday on the back nine with a 46 allowing both Brett and Moe past him. Brett and Moe then headed to the 1st hole for a playoff to determine the flight champion. Unfortunately for Moe, the playoff was determined when he pulled his tee shot down the left side of fairway, striking a tree branch and sending his ball left and backwards towards the fence. His only shot was to play out into the fairway and continue on. This one stroke would determine the champion as Brett eventually dropped a four footer to gain a one stroke win on the 1st hole.

Mark Henning wins in tight 3rd flight battle

Mark Henning shot a final round 77, his best round of the year, to come from behind to win the third flight championship. Mark edged Tom Schuh (80/83-163) by a single stroke to win. Jim Schmidt (83/81-164) was third with first round leader Greg Kenyon (79/86-165) finishing in fourth place. John Vosejka (89/77-166) and Roger Buoen (84/82-166) tied for fifth place. Mark said his drives on the first two holes on 10 and 11, which set up par and birdies, propelled him to his good round.

Mike Job “Aces” C.C.!

Mike Job, playing the second hole on Saturday in the first flight of the club championship scored a hole-in-one. Mike says he used a smooth seven iron into a slight breeze. The ball took one large bounce and ran into the cup. He said he wasn't sure it was “in” until he saw the foursome on the third tee yelling. Mike will receive a gift certificate of his choice of \$500 for making a hole-in one in a tournament. Nice going Mike! Congratulations from everyone in the Club, with the possible exception of Treasurer Dave Engstrom, who has to figure out where in his budget he will pay it from! Dave was heard to mention that there may be a “surcharge” on hot dogs at next year's Club Championship.

Dennis Dale takes Fifth Flight

Dennis Dale (89/89-178) shot a pair of 89's to take 5th flight honors by 3 strokes. Dennis was the only 5th flight player to shoot in the eighties both days, with first round leaders Marv Kaiser (87/99-186) and last year's 5th flight champ Bernie Taylor (88/97-185) both encountering problems on the second day and scoring well into the higher nineties on Sunday. Second and third place went to Michael Wade (92/89-181) and Scott Ford (93/89-182) as they bettered their first round scores, but couldn't catch Dennis. This is the fourth win in the Club Championship for Dennis.

Joel Rudloff wins close fourth flight contest!

Joel Rudloff shot an even pair of 85's to take the 4th Flight in the 2009 Club Championship. Joel trailed first round leader Robert Feely (83/95-178) by two strokes going into Sunday, and knew he would need to get off to a fast start to overcome Bob and the others, and did so by shooting a two over 37 on the front side. But then it was “hang on” as he ran into trouble on the back nine. What Joel didn't know, was that Bob and the rest of the field were having considerable problems of their own. When the scores were tallied, Joel took the flight by a single stroke over Gene Good (85/86-171) and Mark Ryan (86/85-171). Finishing tied for fourth were Christian Brandt (86/88-174), Dennis Falldin (84/90-174) and Bob McIntosh (85/89-174).

2009 Skills Contest Winners

Putting Contest

1 st Place	Chris Catron	\$205
2 nd Place	Terry Cooper	\$155
3 rd Place	John Vosejka	\$103
4 th Place	Mike Farbelow	\$ 52

120 Yard Shot Contest

1 st Place	Brad Berberick	1'7"	\$85
2 nd Place & 3 rd Place Tie	Todd Baumgartner & Keith Piotrowski	2'9 1/2"	\$29 each

59 Yard Shot Contest

1 st Place	Todd Baumgartner	13 inches	\$85
2 nd Place	Scott St.Lawrence	17 1/2 inches	\$43
3 rd Place	Steve Carlson	2'8"	\$15

Long Drive Contest

1 st Place	Todd Baumgartner	\$51
2 nd Place	Joe Larson	\$25
3 rd Place	Marc Baumgartner	\$8



2009 Skills Contest Putting Winners: Left is 1st place winner Chris Catron beside runner-up Terry Cooper.

Golf Course Superintendent, Charlie Pooch retires

As I am sure most of us are aware, this past June our long time Course Superintendent retired. Hole Truth editor Dave Schuh had lunch with Charlie just prior to his retirement and these comments are from that discussion. Charlie attended the University after graduating from High School in Lambert, MN. He was taking classes in Soil Science and heard that there was a grant for a student to work at the golf course. He interviewed with Russ Adams and began working part time in the spring of 1972, eventually become his assistant in 1976. In the summer of 1991 Russ Adams retired and Charlie became the superintendent.

When asked what his fondest memories or accomplishment were, Charlie has mentioned the people he worked with at the course, the long time members of our club and improvements to the course. He has said that when there was money available they did some significant improvements to the overall facility including building the tunnel to #10 and #11, improving the driving range and a putting up a new building. He enjoyed improving the golf holes, such as rebuilding the sixteenth hole and raising the level on the right side of the eleventh hole. Charlie's hope is that improvements and changes can continue. He says he looks forward to playing in some Men's Club events as he finally has time to play!

Thank you Charlie for all your efforts and we hope to see you playing with us on the golf course.

Record Play in 2009 Junior Club Championship

This year's Junior Club Championship, sponsored by U of M Men's Club, had its highest number of participants with 13 players taking part on Thursday, July 23rd.

Gretchen Huhnerkoch, a recent graduate of Burnsville High School and the 2008 MGA Junior girls Player of the Year, won her eight straight club championship with a score of 79. Nicole Magee finished second. Playing from the maroon tees, Tyler Miller, a sophomore to be at Burnsville High shot an 87 to win the Boys Open Division with a five stroke victory over Jack Doering.

Playing from the white tees in the 14-15 year old division, Tony Tilleson posted an outstanding 74 to win this group. Joey Smits finished second with an 83, followed by third place Mac Holm with an 85.

Morgan Freeburg won the Girls 14-15 year old division.

In the 11-13 year old Division, Nick Tilleson came out on top with a winning score of 89, followed by Ben Braman at 112 and Riley McCann at 119.

Congratulations to all participants. The winners of each age group will have their names added to the plaque on display in the clubhouse and receive a medal.

Club Member Stan Trollip donates books

Stan Trollip donated two signed first editions of his second mystery featuring Detective Kubu - The Second Death of Goodluck Tinubu. They were won in a lucky draw by Matt Strand and Eric Vegoe. His first book, donated last year, A Carrion Death, is a finalist for two book awards - the Macavity and the Barry. Stan is hard at work on the third - he hopes it will be ready for the Club Champs next year. Now if he can only solve the mystery of his putter!

Club President's Comments:

I hope everyone enjoyed the Club Championship this year, regardless of our scores! It is done by the hard work and effort of the volunteers in our club. I would especially like to thank Brett Mueller for his work this year—he has been tireless. A big thank you to Eric Vegoe for his work on the Club Championship arranging the food and beverages. I would also like to pass on our thanks to Brent Belanger and Carl Mielke for their outstanding effort in preparing the course. A thank you to the Clubhouse staff and to Greg Jamieson and to David Dubord for their work, advice and help in setting up the course and work on scoring the event. While I know I will leave some names out, I would also like to thank various people who operated the grill, helped with the Skills contest, filled divots the Friday afternoon before the tourney, and did various other functions that made our tourney a success. Here is a list of just some of the people that volunteered: John Vosejka, Steve Carlson, Joel Rudloff, Dennis Falldin, Bob Payne, Jeff Kalvik, Dave Engstrom, Jim Hauschild, Keith Piotrowski,

And it is again approaching that time when we are thinking about the filling the various positions on the Executive Board. I know that several of the Board members will not be continuing, so maybe this is the time to think about serving your club. We will have a sign-up sheet posted in the Men's Lounge and at the tournament scoreboards.

Dave Schuh

Volunteers are needed to help at the Gopher Invitational Golf Tourney Sept. 13 & 14 at Spring Hill GC. Information in Men's Lounge or at GopherSports.com. See the best collegiate golfers compete.

News Editor(s) Wanted

After five years of writing The Hole Truth, co-editors Dave Schuh and Bernie Taylor are looking to step down and let someone else take over the newsletter. Schuh and Taylor took the duties when John "Roundy" Vosejka decided to step down as editor in 2004. There is a small stipend for writing and publishing the newsletter. If interested, please contact any board member, or Dave or Bernie.

Golf Course Advisory Committee Completes Report

The Golf Course Advisory Committee, made up of personnel representing various University groups and departments will be issuing a report in August on a study that was conducted this spring and early summer. The report was done with the help of a consulting group that specializes in analysis of golf courses. Serving on the committee were Men's Club President Dave Schuh, Golf Course Head Professional Greg Jamieson and Gopher Golf Coach Brad James, as well as a number of other individuals. The Committee is headed by Dr. Brian Horgan from the Department of Horticultural Science.

ShootOut Date Change—Please Note

For those of you that are still in the running, or wish to be a spectator, please note that the date of the ShootOut has been moved a week later to **Sunday, September 20th**. The ShootOut pits the players with the top ten season long points (and ties) in a handicapped elimination tournament starting on hole number 10. The player with the highest net score is eliminated on each hole (more if we have a tie for the 10th spot and have more players) until only one player remains on the eighteenth green. If there is a tie for the highest net score, the dreaded chip-off is used, with the player farthest from the cup being eliminated. A real nail-biter of a contest!

24 Man Team Update—On to the Finals!

John Piatkowski reports that the 24 Man Team is again in State finals, and again is playing Keller. Last year, our team made a tremendous comeback but lost by 3 points. The home and away series will be played September 13th & 27th, and our boys will be looking to avenge last year's lost to a very strong team. Good Luck to John and our team!

Senior Team News

Captain Skip Schultz reporting... The MN Senior League season ended in late July. We finished second to Indian Hills this year. We had a very poor outing the first week and never recovered. We actually outscored them in the other six events but couldn't make up the deficit. The highlight of the year was Dave Sajevic winning the award for the lowest scoring average in the league.

Senior 8-Man.. We are undefeated through six matches of a seven match round robin schedule. The final match is August 18th. Once that is completed we should have the first seed in the playoffs beginning in September.



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ShootOut List as of August 1st

There are just three events left, as well as match play and four ball events to add to your points to make the shootout. Now is the time to racket your game up and make the contest.

1.	Moe Ankney	730
2.	Jim Schmidt	720
3.	Dave Miller	720
4.	Dave Schuh	660
5.	Marc Baumgartner	630
6.	Skip Schultz	600
7.	Keith Piotrowski	590
8.	Dennis Dale	570
9.	Tom Schuh	555
10.	Terry Cooper	535
11.	Brett Mueller	535
12.	Jack Reif	530
13.	Christian Brandt	530
14.	Dennis Falldin	530
15.	Mike Farbelow	470
16.	Steve Larson	443
17.	Jim Steinmueller	405
18.	Joel Rudloff	390
19.	Scott Ford	380
20.	Charley Schneider	360
21.	Larry Overskei	358
22.	Dave McIntosh	355
23.	Dennis van Norman	350
24.	Jeff Kalvik	350
25.	Jessie Zeien	345
26.	Mark Ryan	345
27.	George Vagher	330
28.	Scott Stanley	330
29.	Dan Brink	325
30.	Scott Baker	320

Note that the ShootOut date is Sunday, Sept. 20th

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Tournament Recaps by Bernie Taylor

The Opener: Three Man Scramble

A little drizzle and a chilly start for the Three Man Scramble and the 2009 season opener on April 25th. It did warm up, but gusty winds prevailed for the afternoon round. The leading scores in all four flights were tightly contested. All the players enjoyed a tasty lunch at the club house.

First Flight :

65-**Scott Peters-Paul Otto-Jake Witham ***

65-**Dan Brink-Larry Overskei-Skip Schultz ***

65-**Dan Reif-Jack Reif-Kim Boyce**

Second Flight:

63-**Todd Stead-Brian Ekart-Marc Schubbe**

65-**Dave McIntosh-Bob McIntosh-Mike Healy ***

65-**Marc Baumgartner-Paul Kuhnmuensch-Lyle Swenson**

Third Flight:

66-**John Kline-Jim Schmidt-James Duethman**

67-**John Greig-Bob Kennedy-Kelly Canavan**

68-**Dennis Van Norman-James Steinmueller-Karl Brogren** (won scorecard playoff)

Fourth Flight:

70-**Doug McFarland-Larry McKay-Guest ***

70-**Dennis Falldin-Dave Engstrom-Milt Bellin**

71-**Scott Stanley-Scott Ford-Doug Tomhave**

Team Nearies:

#2-**Moore-Deline-Trojohn 12'1"**

#5-**Brink-Overskei-Schultz 9'3"**

#8-**Black-Burchett-Emerson 4'6"**

#17-**Mielke-Risbrundt-Snyder 5'8"**

Team Skins First Division:

#5 **Birdie-Brink-Overskei-Schultz**

#9 **Eagle-Smith-Job-Vegoe**

Team Skins Second Division:

#3 **Birdie-Black-Burchett-Emerson**

#6 **Eagle-Klein-Schmidt-Duethman**

#12 **Birdie-Van Norman-Steinmueller-Brogren**

#13 **Eagle & #17 Birdie-Friedrich-Vennerstrom-Reineke**

A Cool Ice Breaker May 2nd

After a cool start the sun came out in the afternoon, but the wind kept the 144 players on the chilly side. There was no ice on the ponds, but some whitecaps were sighted. The leading scores were close in most flights.

First Flight:

Jake Witham and **Skip Schultz** tied for Low Gross at 73 followed by **Keith Piotrowski** 74. Skip and **Dave Sajevic** tied for Low Net 70.

Second Flight:

Dave Chmielewski took Low Gross a 79 right behind were **Michael Strand** and **Steve Warner** at 80. Dave also took Low Net honors 71.

Third Flight:

Dan Bursch led the way with a Low Gross of 78 followed by **Jeff Kalvik** 82. Dan also won Low Net with a 67.

Fourth Flight:

Jason Meggitt captured Low Gross with an 82 followed by **Jim Schmidt** and **John Silliman** 85. Jason also took Low Net honors 69.

Fifth Flight:

Jim Hanson and **Bob McIntosh** tied for Low Gross at 88 right behind was **Dave Larson** 89. Jim also won Low Net 70.

Sixth Flight:

George Vagher took home Low Gross honors with a 94 followed by **Christian Brandt**, **Dennis Dale** and **Manfred Mielke** 95. Dennis captured Low Net 73.

Nearies:

#5 **Keith Piotrowski 6'3"**

#8 **Todd Kramer 1'4"** Nice shot Todd!

#17 **Steve Wyczawski 6'11"**

Notable Skins (all divisions):

Ken Gay **birdie** #12, Scott Stanley **birdie** #1 (Committee plans an inquiry.), Dave Miller **eagle** #9, Mike Larson **birdie** #18 and Dave Sajevic with **three birdies** on consecutive holes #14, #15 & #16 A natural birdie trifecta!

Stableford Team Tourney

May 16

The wind and low temperatures played havoc with scores in this year's Stableford Tourney. The 22 teams had to battle the elements all day. The sun finally made a late morning appearance.

Team Results:

114 points-**Dan Brink-Dave Miller-Robert Feely-Dick Patten**

114 points-**Dave McIntosh-Kevin Li-Blind Draw-Manfred Mielke**

107 points-**Mike Farbelow-Terry Cooper-Al Mueller-Bernie Taylor**

106 points-**David Butler-Dave Engstrom-Bob Thompson-Robert Payne**

106 points-**Charley Schneider-Blind Draw-Jack Reif-Blind Draw**

Individual Results:

There were some well played individual rounds. The top finisher with **40 pts.** was **Wade Schmeizer**. Second with **38 pts.** was **Robert Payne**, followed **Groydon Royce** with **37 pts.** Tied at **35 pts.** were **Jim Hauschild** (investigation launched), **Kay Lockhart**, **Robert Feely**, **John Vosejпка** and **Terry Cooper**. Nice rounds guys!!

2009 Memorial Day Tourney May 23

A cloudy start and eventually the players basked in sunshine for the 2009 Memorial Day Major. There were some low rounds in all flights. The **Championship Flight** had **Marc Baumgartner** sizzling round of 64 and 69 from **Pat Vincelli**. **Michael Strand** shot a 1 under 70 to win the **1st Flight**. **Terry Cooper** had a smooth round of 79 to win the **2nd Flight**. **Jim Schmidt** won the **Third Flight** with an 80 edging **Jesse Zeien** in a playoff. **Dan Romero** fired a 64 net to edge **Dave Schuh** (66) and win the **4th Flight**.

Championship-Marc Baumgartner (64) edged **Pat Vincelli** (69) and **Tony Vincelli** (73)

1st Flight-Michael Strand (70) beat **Charley Schneider** and **John Hensel** (77's)

2nd Flight-Terry Cooper (79) won over **Dave Miller** and **Moe Ankney** (81's)

3rd Flight-Jim Schmidt (80) won playoff over **Jesse Zeien** (80) with **Jim Steinmueller** right behind (81).

4th Flight-(Net Scores) Dan Romero (64) edged the Prez **Dave Schuh** (66) and **Christian Brandt** (67)

Nearies:

#2 **Dana Kelly** 6', #5 **Brett Mueller** 2'10" Soo close, #8 **Kevin Li** 3'8" nice shot! and #17 **Marc Baumgartner** 7'1"

Skins (all were birdies):

First Division:

All **Marc Baumgartner** final #12, #13 and #17

Second Division:

Dan Romero #6, **Jim Schmidt** #13, **Richard Palahniuk** #15 and **Dave Schuh** #16

June 27th

Sunny Two Man Best Ball Tourney

The Two Man Best Ball our second major of the year was played under sunny skies. There were some low rounds in all three flights.

Congratulations to the **2009 Best Ball Champions:**

Randy Garber & Marc Baumgartner

Randy & Marc shot a sizzling 61 to take First Flight honors! Right behind were **Andy Norton-Tim Anderson** and **Keith Piotrowski-Joe Larson** at 65. Low Net went to **Mike Farbelow-Steve Larson** with a 59.

In the Second Flight **Tom Schuh-Moe Ankney** took Low Gross at 69 and Low Net at 56!. Right behind were **Larry & Trevor Overskei** at 70. Followed by **Kevin Li-Scott Stanley** at 73.

Christian Brandt-Josh Dye won Low Gross in the Third Flight at 75. Followed by **Milt Bellin-Dennis Falldin** and **Joel Rudloff-Steve Carlson** with 77. Right behind were **Dave Schuh-Jim Hauschild** at 78. **Dennis Dale-Todd Weiss** took Low Net at 59.

Almost Summer Individual June 6

The Almost Summer Individual had 142 players, but the weather was anything but summer like. The chilly wind and rain felt more like a Fall Individual. Despite these conditions there were some good rounds posted in each flight. The field was divided into six flights with Gross and Net scores for each flight.

1st Flight: Skip Schultz and **Kieth Piotrowski** (73) tied for Low Gross edging **Steve Wyczawski** (75). **Skip** also won Low Net (67).

2nd Flight: Mike Farbelow (75) edged **Mike Rode** (76) for Low Gross followed by **Bob Sajevic** and **Brett Mueller** (79). **Farbelow** also won Low Net (68).

3rd Flight: Moe Ankney shot a smooth(78) held off **Dave Miller** (79) for Low Gross with four golfers right behind at 81. **Moe** also took Low Net (67).

4th Flight: Jack Reif (81) bested **Jesse Zeien**, **Mark Ryan** and **Tom Schuh** (82) for Low Gross followed by **Jim Duethman** and **Jim Schmidt** (83). **Jack** and **Mark** tied for Low Net (68).

5th Flight: Dave Engstrom and **Gary Irish** (87) tied for Low Gross edging **Christian Brandt** (88) followed by **Chris Kasic** (90). **Gary** and **Christian** tied for Net (71).

6th Flight: George Vagher (93) topped **John Greig** (94) for Low Gross right behind was **Richard Graeff** (95).

Mike McKay (64) took Low Net.

Nearies:

A Daily Double for **Mike Farbelow** #2-10' & #8-15'5", #5 **Steve Larson** 2'2" Sweet shot Steve! and #17 **Justin Buoen** 6'1".

Skins (all divisions):

Skip Schultz eagle #7, **Tim Gamboni** birdie #12, **Mike Rode** birdie #16, **Mike Farbelow** birdie #18, **Jon W. Kramer** birdie #4, **Jim Deline** birdie #10, **Chris Kasic** birdie #9, **Scott Ford** birdie #10, **Mike McKay** par #11 and **Jeffrey Johnson** birdie #18

Nearies:

#2 **Joe Larson** 7'2", #5 **Ted Greene** 5'3", #8 **Joel Rudloff** 4'2" Nice Shot! and **Dave McIntosh** 7'11"

Skins:

Joe Larson Birdie #2, **Greg Jamieson** Birdie #8 (Who is this guy?), **Andy Norton** Eagle #14 and **Marc Baumgartner** Birdie #18.

Second Division (all Birdies): Jack Reif #3, **Jordan Sendar** #4, **Joel Rudloff** #8, **Steve Larson** #10 and **Kevin Li** #17.

Third Division (all Birdies): Christian Brandt #6, **Todd Weiss** #9, **Dave Engstrom** #10, **Joseph O'Brien** #11, **Dennis Falldin** #17 and **Richard Graeff** #18.