



Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to all Concerned? Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will it be Beneficial to all Concerned?

Future Editors

Linda Langmaack

October 1

Dave Lehner

October 8

Fred Lein Jr.

October 15

Greeters

September 28

Alan Estvold
Betty Fedorchak

October 5

Dan Feist
Joel Feist

Upcoming Programs

September 28

History of
Downtown Minot
Amy Lisner, MSU Student

October 5

Patricia Smith
Souris Valley United Way

Reflections on the Recent PGA Championship

by Dan Langemo, PP PHF

The 91st PGA Championship played this past August at Hazeltine National Golf Club near Chaska, MN, was a fun few days for my older brother Dave, my son Tim and me. It was also a bit nostalgic, as it brought back some fond memories of the 1970 U.S. Open Golf Championship, which was the first (men's) major tournament hosted by the club.

Some of the holes were vaguely familiar to me, some had been re-worked, and some had been changed altogether. For example, the 16th hole—situated next to Lake Hazeltine—is now a par four, whereas in 1970, it was a long par three. Conversely, hole #17 is now a three par, as opposed to a par four as I remembered it in 1970.

Perhaps the most amazing aspect of Hazeltine was its awesome length. For the week of the championship, the course was set up at almost 7,700 yards. Three of the par five holes were in excess of 600 yards.

The 15th hole was over 650 yards; amazingly, Tiger Woods hit his third shot from the *back* bunker in the opening round. The 12th hole, a 518 yard par four, was longer than any of the par *five* holes at the Minot Country Club. Needless to say, this hole played as the most difficult in relation to par for the week.

I have watched professional golf in person at virtually every level, including the Dakotas' mini-tour, Nationwide and Champions tours and the PGA tour.

Two things that continue to amaze me about golf at the professional level are: 1) the tremendous distance they generate, and 2) the incredible distance control with their irons, and particularly the short irons.

I saw Ernie Els hit a tee shot on hole #15 at the PGA that went so high and so far that I literally could not see it land. Players were

routinely hitting drives of 360+ yards on that hole!

The galleries for the tournament were phenomenal, with even practice rounds setting attendance records.

My son later told me that by 10:00 am Thursday morning (the opening day of the championship), 25,000 people had already passed through the gate. Well over half the field had yet to tee off, including the ever-popular Phil Mickelson, whose galleries are almost as large as Tiger Woods'.

Tiger has the largest gallery by far, and reminded me of "Arnie's Army" at the 1970 U.S. Open. You could always tell where Palmer was on the course by the sheer size (and roars) of the gallery.

As to the final outcome of the tournament, I think it's safe to say that nobody would have predicted the winner to be Y.E. Yang. I follow golf fairly closely, and have to admit not having heard of him prior to the tournament.

I guess he won a tour event earlier in the year, but I must have missed that one. In any event, he played superbly when paired with Tiger Woods in the final round.

He handled the pressure (of playing in the last group of a major championship) magnificently, and came up with the big shots when he needed to. Some maintain that Tiger "choked," but I don't buy in to that theory. Woods played excellent golf the entire week.

He certainly played well enough to win—from a ball striking standpoint—on



Secretary's Corner

Om Madhok

9/21/09

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP: 104

ATTENDANCE: 57.7%

MAKEUPS: O, Madhok, R. Argent, J. MacMartin, D. Zimmerman, M. Berg, K. Kitzman, D. Lehner - Board Meeting on 9-22-09.

STUDENT ROTARIANS: Matt Nilson, Van Le, Jake Thrailkill, and Emma Kusick, Minot High School.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT: Baatyrzahn Sultanov from Krygzstan

GUESTS: Sheri Lien, guest of Fred; Tom Rafferty, guest of John MacMartin.

We Missed You!

D. Albertson ♦ R. Anderson ♦ S. Askvig ♦ K. Baker ♦ J. Balentine ♦ R. Campbell ♦ B. Christianson ♦ J. Coughlin ♦ F. Crist ♦ D. Davison ♦ B. DesLauriers ♦ E. DesLauriers ♦ D. Ellingson ♦ B. Fedrochak ♦ J. Feist ♦ W. Hankla ♦ K. Harmon ♦ K. Hegle ♦ D. Hodnefield ♦ T. Hoff ♦ R. Horne ♦ C. Jennings ♦ J. Jensen ♦ K. Kitzman ♦ A. Kurth ♦ D. Looyen ♦ Jarid Lundeen ♦ Jay Lundeen ♦ M. McMahon ♦ J. Montgomery ♦ T. Myre ♦ C. Olson ♦ Darrell. Olson ♦ J. Olson ♦ L. Pinkerton ♦ C. Reiten ♦ A. Repnow ♦ A. Reynolds ♦ L. Schafer ♦ C. Sem ♦ R. Sommers ♦ B. Staufer ♦ G. Stordal ♦ B. Thomas ♦ S. Tonneson ♦ K. Turneau ♦ T. Vallye ♦ B. Walker ♦ T. Wentz Jr. ♦ R. White.



John MacMartin presented Fred Lien Jr. with a PHF plaque, pin and medallion. Also pictured is Fred's wife, Sheri.



Dan Feist was presented a plaque In Appreciation of 33 Years of Dedicated Service to the Rotary Foundation and the Minot Rotary Club as Foundation Chairman. John MacMartin made the presentation.

The Prairie Flower is the official publication of Rotary Club of Minot, Minot, North Dakota. It is published every Thursday. Annual membership dues for the year 2009-2010 in the Rotary Club of Minot, ND are \$588. 6/28/09 Om Madhok, Secretary.

John Kenney of Grangemouth Central, Scotland— President, Rotary Int'l
Ajoy Chatterjee of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada—Governor District 5580

The Rotary Club of Minot meets 12:00 to 1:10 p.m. every Monday at the Grand International of Minot.

Board of Directors: Reed Argent, President; Teal Myre, President-Elect; Ron Merritt, Vice-President; Om Madhok, Secretary; Dave Lehner, Treasurer; William McLees, Past President.

Directors: 2009-Jen Guidinger and Dusty Zimmerman; 2010 –Robert Dick and Brent Mattson; 2011—Mike Berg, Ron Merritt and Tom Will

Standing Members: Peter Hankla, Exchange Students, Ken Kitzman, Scholarship Fund; John MacMartin, and Rotary Foundation.

Birthdays

September 29
Wally Hankla
Stephan Podrygula

October 4
Mike McMahon



Anniversaries

September 28
Darrell & Gail Olson

Fines

\$5.00—R. Argent

\$2.00 ea.—J. MacMartin's table

\$1.00 ea.—F. Lien, S. Johnson, L. Clute, D. Zimmerman's table, Viking and MSU fans, No logowear, Not a volunteer at Hostfest and Trivia questions.

TOTAL FINES:
\$162.00

Membership Milestones

5 Years

Jennifer Guidinger, Jaime Haaland
Peter Hankla, James Jensen
Brent Mattson, James Olson
Alison Repnow, Matt Watne

10 Years

Joel Feist, Daryl Hodnefield
Ronney Merritt, Darrell Olson

15 Years—Dave Lehner

20 Years

Ken Kitzman, Bryan Thomas

25 Years—Robert Horne

30 Years—Louis Pinkerton

35 Years—Terry Hoff



Don't Forget Rotary Roses!

Minot Rotary Club
Annual Rose Day

Thursday,
October 22nd
MarketPlace Foods
West Entrance

All phone orders or any questions about your rose order can be answered by Roscoe Streyle at 839-0046, 351-0064 or rstreyle@ucbnd.com

\$18 Dozen

Cello wrapped

\$25 Dozen

Arranged in vase with greens

**DEADLINE
TO PLACE ORDERS:
OCTOBER 12th!**

Your help is needed on October 21st setting up roses in vases.

Only 2 hour shifts!

Help is also needed on October 22nd to help distribute pre-ordered roses to customers picking them up and to sell any additional roses to customers that day.

As a club, we will only be delivering business orders. We need people to sign up to help deliver orders on Thursday, October 22nd.

**Rotary Roses
Work Signup Sheets
will be circulating on
Monday, September 28th.**

Your help is appreciated!

Reflections on the Recent PGA Championship

Cont'd from page 1

Sunday, but it was ultimately his putter that let him down a bit. As the old saying goes, "Drive for show and putt for dough."

One interesting "sidelight" to the final round: Pdraig Harrington made an eight on the par three eighth hole on the last day of the tournament. He was only one stroke out of the lead after completing seven holes of play.

On Wednesday's practice round, we watched Harrington hit five shots to that green (a distance of only 175 yards—not long by professional standards) before he managed to land one on the putting surface. Not exactly a confidence builder, as my brother remarked. Maybe it was an omen...

From what I observed, there was certainly no recession in that part of Minnesota, at least during the week of the tournament. I cannot even begin to describe the bedlam, if not chaos, at the

PGA merchandise tent the two times we visited it.

The place was literally wall-to-wall people, and the merchandise was flying off the shelves so rapidly they could hardly re-stock it fast enough. I would be curious to know what the gross sales were for the week. I'm sure it would be a mind-numbing figure.

The entire championship experience was great, and I hope that all of you golf fanatics who have not had the opportunity to attend a tournament in person might get the chance to do so one day. I'm certain you'll have a very enjoyable time.

As for me, the next thing on my golf "To Do" list is to attend a Ryder Cup match. It just so happens that the 2016 Ryder Cup competition is slated for Hazeltine National. Maybe I'll see you there!

Program Highlights (9-21-09)

Our guest speaker this week was Mark Lyman, Director of Public Information. He is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio who thought he would be in North Dakota for 18 months. Mark has been living in Minot for the past 7 years.

The topic of discussion—**MSU: Progress and Enrollment** had interesting facts about the regional economic impact of Minot State University to Minot and North Dakota.

MSU is proud to be a critical part of the economic growth in our city, region and state. Along with fellow universities and colleges within North Dakota, MSU continues to provide an educated workforce for employers, stable jobs for employees and vision of the future.

Minot State is funded, at roughly one-third each, by three different categories: grants and contracts, tuition and fees, and state appropriations.

In 2008 there was a \$9 return to the regional economy for every dollar that the state invested.

A number of business sectors in the

area are impacted by the \$135.1 million generated as a result of MSU. The sector that experienced the largest impact was households. (i.e., personal income of area residents.)



Retail trade activity increased from \$21.2 million in 1999 to \$31.9 million in 2008. Students spent more than 20 million in our community.

Minot State proudly employed 579 workers (not counting students) during 2008. In the surrounding economy, an additional 1,190 secondary jobs in the community were an indirect or induced result of MSU's business activity. As Minot's fifth largest employer, they are proud to help other businesses enjoy employment success as well.

Enrollment was up 6% and has seen growth from all areas. 35 to 50% of students stay in North Dakota.