



40th Annual National Weather Service and 26th Annual National Weather Service Central Region Golf Outing June 13-17th, 2011 - Basehor, KS



The National Weather Service Golf Association (NWSGA) held its 40th annual golf outing in association with the 26th annual NWS Central Region golf outing from June 13th to June 17th at Falcon Lakes Golf Course in Basehor, KS. The weather was variable during the week, with high temperatures ranging from the middle 70s to lower 90s. Thunderstorms forced delays on Thursday and Friday but all rounds of golf were completed. A total of 47 golfers participated during the week. Spouses and family members brought the total attendance for the week to 55 and there were 21 first-time golfers. Golfers and their families enjoyed accommodations at Country Inn and Suites at Village West in beautiful Kansas City, KS.

The early bird tournament was held on Monday afternoon and 12 golfers participated. The overall winner was Jim Christenson (Hermantown, MN) with a net score of 71.5. The runner-up was Brian Hahn (Oconomowoc, WI) with a net score of 72.

There were 39 golfers comprising 10 teams for the Tuesday afternoon scramble. The team of Joseph Caravella (Aberdeen, SD), Steve Gisi (Ipswich, SD), Jim Cole (Lansing, KS), and Curtis McCall (Lenexa, KS) won with a score of 65 (-7). Second place was taken by the team of Bob Reyhons (Tuttle, OK), Don McCann (Overland Park, KS), Terry Schoeni (Overland Park, KS), and Marc Kavinsky (Hartland, WI) with a score of 66 (-6). The winners received \$25 each.

There were 38 golfers and 10 teams for the Wednesday morning scramble. This event was won with a score of 64 (-8) by the three person team of Jack Buan (Maple Grove, MN), Ned Johnston (Hales Corner, WI), and George Phillips (Topeka, KS). The second place team had a score of 66 (-6) and consisted of Sam Lashley (Millersburg, IN), Steve Buan (Chanhassen, MN), Tom Helman (Green Bay, WI), and Joel Olson (Moore, OK).

The two-day individual stroke play tournament occurred on Thursday and Friday. After 18 holes on Thursday, golfers were divided into flights based on their scores and the two-day combined scores were used to determine overall winners on Friday. A total of 28 golfers played on Thursday and 27 played on Friday. The Ladies Flight was won by Gwen Akom (Negaunee, MI). Gwen was the only woman competing this year, but she would love to see some competition next year!

The Guest Flight was won by Jack Buan with a score of 164 and Bob Reyhons was second with 172. The Second Flight was won by Tim Akom (Negaunee, MI) with 184 and Tom Helman was second with 197. First Flight was won by Steve Buan with a score of 168 and second place went to Jerry Holliday with 169.

The Championship Flight was won for the 4th consecutive year by Jon Hitchcock (Elma, NY) with a two-day score of 150. Second place went to Jim Lushine (Pembroke Pines, FL) with a score of 160. Jim Lushine also won the Senior Flight and Ned Johnston was second in the Senior Flight with a 163.

The week wrapped up after golf Friday afternoon with a luncheon and awards banquet attended by 37 people. A total of \$400 was raised during the week for the Red Cross Chapter of Kansas City. Winners of all awards and daily proximity prizes can be found below. Special recognition was given to past Chairman Brian Hahn who was the original organizer of the NWS Central Region golf outing. Brian was Chairman of this event for the first 25 years, and stepped down after last year's event. To honor Brian for his 25 years of work, the NWSGA committee decided to name the Championship Flight winner's plaque after Brian and call it "The Brian Hahn Champion's Plaque".

As a new fundraiser this year, the NWSGA sold poker chip golf ball markers. These were very popular and there are still some available. These will be available soon for sale with information on the NWSGA webpage at <http://users.hoosierlink.net/slashley/nwsgolf/> . They make great markers and also great gifts for friends and co-workers. This also was the first year for our NWSGA Facebook page. Pictures and results were posted daily and are now archived for future viewing. Please visit the page and friend us. We look forward to your comments and staying in touch this way. Just search Facebook for NWS Golf Association.

Finally, tentative plans are to hold the 2012 NWSGA and NWSCR golf outing in Des Moines, IA around the 3rd week of June. Courses and hotels are already being scouted and we hope to have firm plans and prices before the end of 2011. We would like to see more golfers and families attend so keep the dates open!

National Weather Service Award Winners
Basehor, KS – 2011

Awards	Winner	
Longest Distance Travelled	Steve Todd - 1,797 mi	Clackamas, OR
Tees Jar Guessing Contest	Dale Miller	
Horses Ass Trophy	Brian Hahn	Last in Championship Flight
Golf Less, Drink More Cup	Marc Kavinsky	95 to 105 (+10)
Master of the Greens	Jerry Holliday	56 Putts for 2 days

Flight Winners and Runner Ups	Runner Up	Winner
Ladies Flight	NA	Gwen Akom
Guest Flight	Bob Reyhons (172)	Jack Buan (164)
Senior Flight	Ned Johnston (163)	Jim Lushine (160)
2nd Flight	Tom Helman (197)	Tim Akom (184)
First Flight	Jerry Holliday (169)	Steve Buan (168)
Championship Flight	Jim Lushine (160)	Jon Hitchcock (150)



National Weather Service Proximity Prize Winners
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Monday, June 13th, 2011	
Hole 3 Closest to Pin:	Jim Christenson
Hole 8 Closest to Pin:	Jim Christenson
Hole 15 Closest to Pin:	Jim Christenson
Hole 17 Closest to Pin:	Jim Christenson
Hole 1 Men Longest Drive:	Jon Hitchcock
Hole 13 Women Longest Drive:	Gwen Akom
Hole 18 Longest First Putt Made:	Gwen Akom
Tuesday, June 14th, 2011	
Hole 3 Closest to Pin:	Dale Shoop
Hole 8 Closest to Pin:	Brian Hahn
Hole 15 Closest to Pin:	Tim Hendricks
Hole 17 Closest to Pin:	Steve Gisi
Hole 1 Men Longest Drive:	Mitch Richardson
Hole 13 Women Longest Drive:	--
Hole 18 Longest First Putt Made:	Joel Olson
Wednesday, June 15th, 2011	
Hole 3 Closest to Pin:	Joe Caravella
Hole 8 Closest to Pin:	Greg Harmon
Hole 15 Closest to Pin:	Greg Harmon
Hole 17 Closest to Pin:	Sam Lashley
Hole 1 Men Longest Drive:	George Phillips
Hole 13 Women Longest Drive:	--
Hole 18 Longest First Putt Made:	Bob Reyhons
Thursday, June 16th, 2011	
Hole 3 Closest to Pin:	Mike Looney
Hole 8 Closest to Pin:	Steve Buan
Hole 15 Closest to Pin:	Jerry Holliday
Hole 17 Closest to Pin:	Brian Hahn
Hole 1 Men Longest Drive:	Jim Lushine
Hole 13 Women Longest Drive:	--
Hole 18 Longest First Putt Made:	Don McCann
Friday, June 17th, 2011	
Hole 3 Closest to Pin:	Don McCann
Hole 8 Closest to Pin:	Jim Christenson (already won)
Hole 15 Closest to Pin:	Jack Buan
Hole 17 Closest to Pin:	Ned Johnston
Hole 1 Men Longest Drive:	Jim Lushine (already won)
Hole 13 Women Longest Drive:	--
Hole 18 Longest First Putt Made:	Tim Akom

