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On Monday, June 27, 2011, 29 men from the Lincoln Senior Men's Golf League and 47 junior golfers, both boys and girls, met at the Jim Ager Memorial Golf Course to compete in a rescheduled, rained-out, Junior Senior Scramble. The event was planned under the guiding eye of Dennis Lacquement, Special Events Coordinator. He solicited prizes from local sponsors and was in charge of grouping the golfers into 15 teams mostly composed of 2 seniors and 3 juniors. Two teams were stationed at each tee for the 9 am shotgun start (just a term, there were no shotguns on the course.)

For 24 hours before the event the area weatherman had predicted possible rain showers. In spite of the warnings, just about all the seniors and juniors showed up for this popular event. Mothers and others brought their youngsters to the course and waited around while the young golfers were registered, given a new ball, a handful of tees and a ball mark clip for their golf hat. Arrangements were made to be picked up after the event after the golfers had a grilled hot dog, chips and a soft drink. At tee time, the skies were overcast and there was a slight breeze. Temperatures were in the low 70's, a nice day for golf.

The format for the event was a full Scramble. This format is popular because every player has the chance to contribute to the final score. According to the rules, the two teams should play together as a group, rather than one team following the other. All team members hit from each tee. All players advance to the best tee shot for their team. This involved 10 people leaving the tee box and scattering in all directions to their balls, quite a sight. Each team selects their best ball, all of the unselected balls are picked up and all team members hit their next shot from the site of the selected ball. The teams follow the same procedure for all subsequent shots, including putts on the green. Each junior player is entitled to three "mulligans", (do overs). These mulligans may be used on any shot, including putts on the green.

At the end of play the team of Paul Svobota and Ron Christensen, seniors and Ryley Schuerman, Kean Kontor and Cade Mahon, juniors were named the winners of the 2011 Junior/Senior Scramble, with a score of 24 for the nine holes played. Their names will be engraved on a permanent plaque on display in the clubhouse. Second place went to the team of Robert Koenig, Roger Simpson, Pierce Agena, Kiman Koenig and Ethan Zastera. Third Place was taken by the team of Don Jones, Marion Tatum, Peyton Abendroth, Noah Thiessen and Nate Vontz. Flag prizes were given on each of the holes played. Flag prizes were considered to be TEAM AWARDS this year. If a team won a flag prize all juniors on the team were awarded a like prize.

After the golfers had their fill of hot dogs and drinks the Prize Ceremony got under way. Ned Hedges introduced the assembled golfers, seniors and juniors alike, to Jordan Coffey. Jordan is short so Ned had Jordan stand on something, so all could see the young man who had gotten a HOLE-IN-ONE on the 106 yard #6 hole. Jordan is 10 years young and has been playing Golf for three and a half years. When this was announced there were lots of cheering and whooping and Jordan was overcome when Ned presented him with a \$50 gift certificate from the Senior League. This will be a day he remembers forever. His Dad and his sister, Olivia, who also played on his team, were quite proud of him.

The Lincoln Senior Men's Golf League organized the tournament with all proceeds going to the Ager Junior Golf Course, and to support youth golf programs in Lincoln. All monies collected were turned over to the Golf course. It is interesting to note that this golf course was one of the first junior golf courses in the country. It was built on land that was originally a part of the old Antelope Park Golf

Course and was opened for play in 1967. Floyd Farley, golf course Architect, designed the course and donated his time and fees. The Clubhouse was built by the Home Builders Association of Lincoln and donated to the City. And the trend continues, all materials were donated and the City golf course superintendents donated their time and efforts to put in a new putting green and rebuilt the first tee in 2000. In 2008 the City moved the Athletic Offices to the Junior Course and named Scott Weihe as PGA PRO in charge of the Junior Course.

Future Fun Day Schedule

Wed, July 13 SHAMBLE at Holmes GC, 8:00 shotgun

Mon, July 18 SHAMBLE at Iron Horse, 8:00 shotgun

Wed, July 27 Best Ball at Mahoney GC, 8:00 shotgun

All members and substitutes are welcome to play in these events, but you must sign up for the event a week in advance. Some events may be filled but you may sign up in expectation that an opening may occur, or call Ned Hedges at 402-488-3113 for the latest info.

Pictures by R. T. DeLorm

CAPTIONS

Winners of the 2011 Jr/Sr Scramble,

Back Row, L to R; Ryley Schuerman. Paul Svoboda and Ron Christensen.

Front, L to R; Kean Kontor and Cade Mahon

HOLE IN ONE Jordan Coffey

FLAG PRIZE WINNERS

BACK ROW, L to R; Nate Ingracia, Ben Toalson, Caden Pauling, Nate Vontz, Ryan Fadeh, Rose Ingracia, Jackson Fairchild

SECOND ROW, L to R; Dane Milburn, Devin Loomis, Olivia Coffey, Jordan Coffey, John Lamer, Ben Christensen, Dawson Sessler, Nolan Faden,

FIRST ROW, L to R; Caynon Stark, Reese Foster, Jalen Alexander, Nicholas Ngu, Noah Thiessen