

Wawashkamo Hosts Three-day Tournament

A three-day men's member and guest golfing tournament was held at Wawashkamo Golf Course June 21 through the 23, which drew 32 golfers. Play began Thursday with a practice round and a cocktail reception at The Island House. Friday the two-man teams played a Best Ball with handicap event. A golf scramble was held Saturday.

The event included winners from two flights. First flight winners with a two-day score of play at 129 were member Doug Rearick and guest Mike Konicki.

With a score of 132.6 were second place winners member

Rusty Preston and guest Troy Dean.

Coming in third with a score of 133.1 were member Ron Morden and guest Sean Preston.

Winning the second flight with a score of 135 were member Bob Andress and guest Orv Reid.

Second place went to member Russ Sager and guest Chuck Schafer with a score of 135.7

Third place was won by member Larry Berke and guest Mike Bartlett with a score of 139.3.

Other games on the course included Friday's play with

closest to the pin at the fourth hole, which was won by member David Levy and guest Sean Preston. Closest to the pin on the 17th hole was won by club member Todd Callewaert and guest David Ledbetter.

The longest putt on the ninth hole by a member or guest was won by member Cub Horn.

Saturday games included closest to the pin at the fourth hole, which was won by member Rusty Preston and guest Mike Bartlett. Closest to the pin on the 17th hole was won by Mr. Levy and Mr. Preston.

The longest putt on the ninth hole by a member or guest was won by Mr. Bartlett.

The event was followed by an awards banquet at Stonecliffe.

Golfers Enjoy Island Views

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Meanwhile on the west side of the Island, developer George Staffan had acquired control of the former Stonecliffe estate. Hoping to build his own golf-related development, Mr. Staffan cut down most of what was then Sunset Forest, the old Private Claim Number 2. Financial pressures prevented the developer from completing this work, and the half-built nine-hole course was sold to Grand Hotel in the early 1990s. After significant redesign and redevelopment, Grand Hotel opened the "Woods nine" to the public in 1994. This was a longer circuit of 3,040 blue-teed yards, including the 552-yard Number 15 - the longest hole on Mackinac Island.

Dan Musser and Grand Hotel

did not intend to operate the physically separate circuits as two different nine-hole golf courses. As a key piece of the overall Grand Hotel guest golfing experience, the two circuits were physically linked by a horse-drawn shuttle. The carriage rides to and from "The Woods" are now part of a typical visitors' golf day on Mackinac Island; golfers who plan ahead can time their round so as to finish the day with dinner at the Woods restaurant.

By 2007, golfers have played their game at Grand Hotel for more than a century, but the facilities available to them today have little resemblance to the more primitive realities of golf on the old cow pasture 100 years earlier.

Coronary Artery Stents Are Least Invasive

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Deciding on which procedure is indicated depends on the degree of coronary artery disease - the location, severity, and number of blockages, as well as the overall health and the ability to withstand major open heart surgery.

Generally, the minimally invasive approach works well if the blockage is not long and fewer arteries are involved, there is no heart failure, and the main artery to the left side (ventricle) of the heart is not involved. The patient must be able to take anti-platelet drugs and aspirin.

There are major studies underway that suggest that

angioplasty and stent placement may not be necessary in some patients who have chronic, regular, and predictable chest pain owing to partially-blocked arteries. Lifestyle changes and medications that relieve the angina reliably may be a choice. If there is a change in the pattern of chest pain, that is, when the angina becomes unstable, intervention may be indicated, and placement of a stent may be the treatment of choice.

Angioplasty does not require general anesthesia. A major incision is not required, and in the absence of other significant risk factors, the risk of major complications such as heart attack, stroke, or death is less than 2% to 3%. Recovery time is very short, and rehabilitation can begin soon. A daily dose of aspirin, usually for life, and a powerful anti-platelet drug are usually indicated for at least one year after implantation of a drug-eluting stent, or about four to six

weeks for bare metal stents. Platelets are cells that clump together in the initial phases of clot formation.

In summary, there are several factors to be considered in the management of blocked or narrowed coronary arteries. Lifestyle changes conducive to heart health and drugs, often combinations of aspirin, beta-blockers, calcium-channel blockers, and cholesterol-lowering drugs, and careful monitoring of progress may be chosen. Angioplasty with stent placement is minimally invasive and requires blood-thinning drugs, with their potential risks, in addition to other measures to manage heart health. Finally, bypass surgery is a factor when the degree of coronary artery disease is significant and not amenable to other methods.

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