

2011 Shields Memorial Golf Tournament

Udderly Fantastic

Moooooove over Elvis and make way for the cow. This year's Shields Memorial Tournament made a return visit to Twin Shields Golf Club on Friday, May 13, 2011. Over 145 golfers and 25 sponsors participated in this successful fund raising event for the IAA Turf program, bringing in \$14,000 to support scholarships, student travel, and other program enhancement initiatives.

Karen Shields adds a new twist to the tournament each time Twin Shields hosts the event. Some of you may remember the statue of Elvis that graced the first hole in 2007 and the numerous Elvis photo ops taken by Elvis golfing groupies. Well, this year, IAA student volunteers Justin Bishop, Buddy Hipp, and Scott Hosier along with IAA faculty Kevin Mathias and Ken Ingram were tasked with inflating a 10-foot Chick-fil-A cow in the middle of #1 fairway about 200 yards from the tee. The first two golfers to hit the cow on their drive won a year's worth of free Chick-fil-A sandwiches.



Student volunteer and recent 2011 graduate Justin Bishop stands next to the inflatable Chick-fil-A cow.

The puns were flying faster than the golf balls, from “Holy Cow!” to “That was an udderly ridiculous shot.” “Mooooing” sounds could be heard throughout the day as golfers addressed the ball on the “Cow Hole.” Needless to say golfers and innocent bystanders enjoyed this hole!



Several Mid-Atlantic golf course superintendents react to Jon Lobenstine's shot at the Chick-fil-A cow!

Stayed tuned—there's no telling what will show up next year.