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Fore! Reservations

NEW this semester is the Software and Technology Course (GEM-277) which focuses on the golf course management and marketing software, Fore! Reservations. UW-Stout is the first golf management school in the world (Including the PGM Schools!) to use this industry leading software in the class room. Fore! Owner Harry Ipema really wanted to get his software in a classroom and is giving it to our students at practically no cost (\$1 per student!) They have also been a huge help in setting it up for classroom training and are always there to answer any questions. Our point man Scott Merchant and Harry Ipema made the trip up for a presentation to all the GEM students and even taught one of our weekly classes. Local PGA Pro Ken Bramhall from the Turtleback Golf & country club in Rice Lake, WI also joined us.



Some of our GEM-277 students with the Fore! Guys (From Left to Right) Stephanie Ruckheim, Ken Bramhall, Harry Ipema, Mitch Ehly, Stephen Jurgella, Scott Merchant and Ryan Bloms.

We would like to thank them for all they have done for our program and we won't let them down as students who complete the course will get a Certificate of Competency that they can bring with them into the workforce and improve one of the over 2000's courses the use Fore!

GEM Golf League

In other GEM news, some fellow classmates of ours have started up our very own golf league! GEM students are invited to play 9 holes of competitive golf at the Whitetail Golf Course in Colfax, WI every Thursday in April. Each week play will begin at 3:30 pm and for only \$12 you will have your green fee and prize fund covered.

Please contact
Stephen Jurgella
For more information.



“GEM LAB”

A lot has been going on in the gem program these days and something that everyone in the department is excited about is the completion of the gem lab. I'm sure many of you have been in the newly redecorated “gem lab” in HE436. It has been decked out with all the top golf companies banners and bags. We are also grateful for the addition of the smartboard HDTV which is streaming the golf channel all day long!



So please feel free to come and use our lab for studying or just some chilling whenever you have time to kill on campus. A schedule is posted outside of the room so you know when it is open. If you haven't checked it out yet, be sure and stop by soon!



GEM Golf Tourney's

It's March Madness and even the Gem Department is joining in. But instead of the nit and the NCAA Championship we have the 1st Annual GEM Scramble and a 2 Man Team Scramble. Here's the down low on both tournaments.

The 1st annual Gem Scramble will be held at the Menomonie Country Club on April 25 at 1 pm. It's a 4-person 9-hole scramble. The cost is \$10 and that includes brats and chips after the round, prize money for a raffle and some on course proxies. Contact Riley Worple for more information.

The 2 Man Team Scramble will be held at the Rolling Greens Golf Course in Durand, WI on April 18 at 12 pm. The cost will be \$15 if you're walking and \$21 for riding. Price includes green fee plus prizes. Contact Mathew Hockers for more info.

