

Summary Comments from Survey on Middleton parks
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A. Pheasant Branch Park has potential, but results from the current survey don't mean anything with only 3 responses. Ditto for Pope Farm with 9 responses, but see comments below.

B. The Pleasant View golf course (178 responses) received a number of very positive comments about the timeliness and quality of grooming. It was used as a positive target for what Madison could be doing with the right people and resources.

C. Several respondents mentioned the possibility that overuse of Odana and Elver could be alleviated if there were more options for skiing on the west side of Madison. This is one reason why club support for the Middleton venues is important.

D. There is some real potential for an interconnected Middleton XC system because Pleasant View, Blackhawk, and the new Pope Farm Park abut one another. Pope Farm is operated by the town of Middleton rather than the city of Middleton, but there should be some way to get the Middleton municipalities working together and with the privately operated Blackhawk.

E. It appears that there are big differences in the training/dedication/ability of groomers across the region, and, again, the city of Middleton (primarily because of Pleasant View golf course) received praise. Should the groomers get together on a regional basis to exchange views about what they do? Perhaps a web site or some other mechanism can be developed whereby groomers can share grooming advice on a timely basis (daily or as needed when the snow is flying).

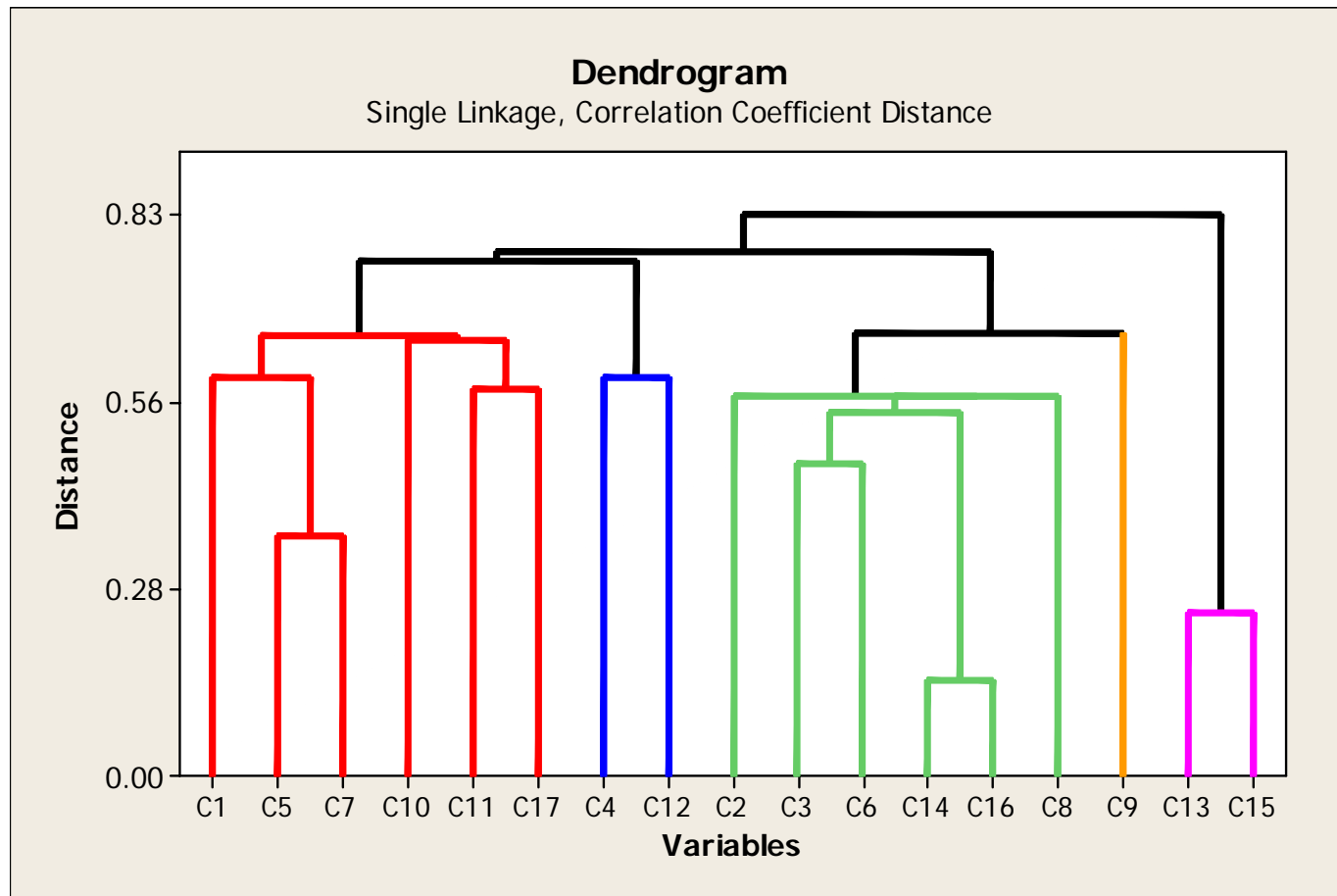
Notes:

The city of Middleton does not charge any trail fees.

Pleasant View golf course is groomed twice a week – Monday and Friday. Tim Dahmen may do the actual grooming. Tim is a long-time Birkie skier.

Pennie Klein is the Director of the Public Lands Department. She may have been the person in charge of grooming at Governor Nelson before moving to the Middleton position.

Locations that are grouped by color indicate that skiers going to one location in the group tend to also ski at the other locations in the same group.



Blue Mounds SP	Governor Nelson SP	Lake Kegonsa SP	Cam-Rock Co. Park	Indian Lake Co. Park	Lake Farms/E-Way Co. Park	Stewart Co. Park	Token Creek Co. Park	Pheasant Branch (City of Middleton)	Pleasant View GC (City of Middleton)	Pope Farm Park (Town of Middleton)	Cherokee Marsh (Madison)	Elver Park (Madison)	Monona GC (Madison)	Odana GC (Madison)	Olin-Turville Park (Madison)	Owen Park (Madison)
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