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FROM THE PRESIDENT: Jim Donahue

The very first thing that I would like to do, in this the first issue for 1986, is to offer our apology to Diane, Carolyn and Bob Nodus for the mistake in one of the News Letters last year. It seems that we used Diane's name instead of Carolyn's. We are most sorry, and a belated congratulations to Carolyn Nodus for her fine year.

With our first membership tournament less than a month away, I would like to encourage all members to enter and come out and meet your fellow members. The more we unite as a group, the more we as a group can accomplish for all the golfers of the area.

As of late, I have received several phone calls from members and non-members, who have asked what link, if any, do we have with the Publinx Association? We have no official or non-official link with the local Publinx Association. We have had some interest in changing our name so as to eliminate even the most remote link between our group and that of the Publinx Association. While I personally don't believe that to be necessary, only time will tell for sure.

This year promises to be very interesting what with the addition of two new area tournaments - THE ALL-CITY MATCH PLAY and THE SPARTAN CLASSIC, both of which will be held at Forest Akers in the fall. There should be some stiff competition for the spots on the ALL-CITY GOLF TEAM this year and these two tournaments should have a great influence on just how and who is on the team for 1986 (see All-City Team Selection). I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very enjoyable season.

FORETHOUGHT

Probably in the natural course of your golf adventures, most of you encounter situations about which you have questions. We know we have. Among local tournament players, for example, the following questions have frequently arisen: How are ties broken in tournaments? How are pairings made? How are a player's tee times chosen? Why are the greens cut the way they are, i.e., long or short? What are the reasons for allocating the prize money in the way that it is? Who makes the decisions? Why do males have to wear shirts on golf courses?

In this new column we want to raise and attempt to answer questions like these. We would rather the questions come from our readers, and we encourage you to write or phone us with your questions. Also it is our intent that they be of a local nature. We will endeavor to obtain an answer from those most directly involved in making the decision that led to the questioned situation. In the course of seeking answers we will present some objections and alternatives, and report on the responses we get. Later commentary will be encouraged. The aim is to understand the forethought and decisions made and to aide in accepting or changing them, all as a result of reasoned discourse.

WHAT'S IN THE BAG?

Harry Holden--

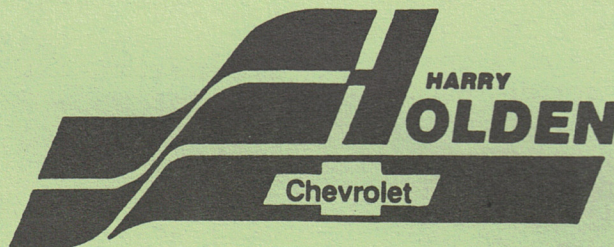
- Powerbilt driver, "x" shaft, oversized grips
- Toney Penna #5 wood, 15 degree loft, same shaft and grips
- Thoroughbred irons, 3 thru 9, same shaft and grips.
- Three wedges, one that goes 100 yards, one that goes 140 yards, and an R-91 sandwedge that goes about 80 yards and is probably only one of two in Lansing.
- Anser II putter
- Titleist DT 100 ball.

Harry's game, like many of ours, is up and down (pun intended). An up time was when he and Bill Boss tied for FIRST at the Portland Best-Ball. Harry is also a five time 1st Flight winner at the Rochester Great Oaks Invitational.

Doug Hankey--

- Powerbilt driver and #3 wood, laminated strata-block heads, stiff shaft, victory cord grips, standard length.
- Hogan "PC" irons (2-pw), Apex 4 (stiff) shaft.
- Bullseye putter, 35 inch, light blade.
- Maltby 60 degree wedge.
- Hogan "sure-out" sand wedge.
- Titleist 384 Balata 100 ball.

Doug was the 1962 Class "B" High School State Champion. He followed that victory with the 1964 State Amateur Championship while attending Michigan State University. In 1984 he added the Country Club of Lansing Championship to his victory bag.



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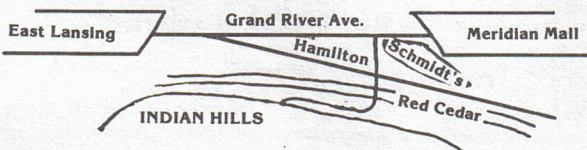
Should you use a caddie? A lot of players have asked themselves this question. Dick Haskell of the Massachusetts Golf Association had the following thoughts about this dilemma:

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| Will caddie, rain or shine | Course closed to carts |
| Finds your ball | Never even looks |
| Wipes your clubs | Bangs up your clubs |
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THE WINNING PLAYERS EDGE

It is getting to be the time of year when our game is honed to that point of perfection where even the most subtle edge in equipment really makes a difference on the course. This month I want to share with you some of the "professional secrets" discovered through hours of investigative reporting (and at great expense) to give our readers that little extra advantage when you tee it up with an outsider.

First, and one of the most obvious tricks, is the use of the proper colored tee. Pick a tee color that you have had success with and stick with it. Everyone knows that tee color effects the flight of the ball. Pink tees cause a ball to fade weakly to the right and land limply behind some tree or bush. Blue tees fly skyward and green tees hug the grass. Choose a tee for your game and use this important edge to your best advantage.

Never use a new golf glove. Statistics prove that a new glove will add 4.7 strokes to your round. I usually give my new gloves to my wife and have her rake the lawn while I play golf. I must admit that occasionally I have returned from a round to discover my new glove in pieces and laying on top of a packed suitcase by the back door. Giving a new glove to an opponent just before the match is a good trick. Make sure the bet will cover the cost of the glove.

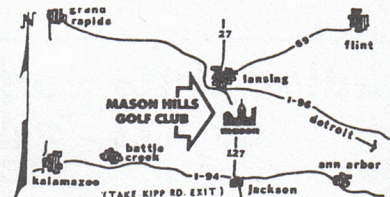
There is, of course, all the standard tricks everybody knows; marking your ball with the same marker or coin (if you use a coin use Canadian, its worth less when your partner steals it); using the same towel for 7 seasons without washing it; and never lick your ball to clean it (especially on the non-city courses, they use "natural" fertilizer); but by far the most important of all secrets is the ball. Ball selection is the key to success. If you play a course with hard greens, the 42 compression Whimpee McGee autograph model is for you. If you're playing where there are lots of water hazards, then pull out the Jato Floater. Forget all the high image balls the pros claim to play and go for one that works. I personally wouldn't care if my ball was made out of white dimpled pigeon droppings if it would take strokes off my game. Incidentally if your using white dimpled pigeon droppings, don't lick your ball to clean it even on the city courses.

Yours in golf, Slick Green

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SANDY BUNKER AGAIN:

I thought that I would honor the many requests of my fans and give some more of my insight on the world of golf in the Lansing area (limited as it is). Although many people may have been somewhat aghast at my popularity, I wasn't and that's what its all about anyway.

So without further delay - here we go:

- M.S.U.'s Forest Akers Golf Course will be redesigned by a well known course architect and this will enable this site to host one of the major tournaments in the next five years after the work is completed.
- Tom Ochsner will finally find a driver that will work, then he will find a set of irons that will be perfect. After all that he will find a putter at a yard sale that will solve his putting problem. His only hang-up this year will be the fact that he won't find a bag to his liking.

- Two long time friends will join to win the fall best-ball at Groesbeck G.C..
- Two tour players will be on hand to put on a clinic and exhibition for the Jr. Golf Program sponsored by the GLAGA.
- Four different people will win the four individual tournaments in this area this year. It will include two surprise winners. (more in a later issue)
- Ken Horvath will face a problem that he will handle in gracious manner - concerning the desire of many players to hold a best-ball at Forest Akers.
- Rain gear will be in most players bags as most tournaments will be hampered by rain this summer.

These are just a few to keep your interest at a peak until I give you more valuable insight in a later issue.



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REALISTIC GOLF GOALS

by Sheila Tansey Marcotullio

Do you often wonder how good athletes consistently repeat their best performances? Many determine their own strengths and weaknesses and then set realistic goals. Golfers also can do this. For example, instead of setting rigid outcome goals for 18 holes (85) or 9 holes (43), make your goals more flexible by setting them hole by hole. Do this by first checking the scorecard of the course you are playing for a hole by hole analysis of difficulty. If a hole is the #1 handicap hole, it is the hardest on the course. The #9 handicap hole is of medium difficulty for the course and is the easiest on the nine holes you are playing. The #18 handicap hole is the easiest on the course.

Secondly, before teeing off on each hole check the handicap and set an individual goal for the hole. For example, if you are a bogie golfer (90) and are playing the #5 handicap hole, a realistic goal would be a bogie. If you are playing the #15 handicap hole, a realistic goal would be a par. As you play the round adjust your hole goals accordingly. If you are playing better than your average, lower your expected score for the appropriate holes. Similarly, if you are playing above your average, raise your expected scores on the appropriate holes.

Finally, compare your actual hole scores sum to the sum of your goal scores for each nine holes played. If you are setting realistic scoring goals for yourself, then the difference between scores should be only 2 to 3 strokes.



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First Team: a) Winners of any of the following individual tournaments (not to exceed six (6) spots):

- All-City Medal Play Championship
- All City Match Play Championship
- Oak Lane Medal Play Championship
- Spartan Classic Medal Play Championship
- U.S. Amateur Championship
- U.S. Open Championship
- Michigan Amateur Championship
- Michigan Open Championship

-U.S. Publinx Championship

b) Should spots on this team still remain after the above tournaments have been given consideration, the remaining spots would be filled by the following point system:

-All-City Medal Play Championship - 50 pts. for 2nd place, decreasing by 5 pts. thru 10 place.

-All-City Match Play Championship - 10 pts. for Qualifying for Championship and 20 pts. for each match won.

-Oak Lane Medal Play Championship - 50 pts. for 2nd place, decreasing by 5 pts. thru 10th place (championship flight only.)

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-U.S. Amateur Championship - 25 pts. for qualifying for the match play and 15 pts. for each match won.

-U.S. Open Championship- 50 pts. for qualifying for the actual tournament.

Michigan Amateur - 20 pts. for qualifying for match play and 10 pts. for each match won.

-Michigan Open Championship - 10 pts. for qualifying, 50 pts. for low amateur decreasing by 5 pts. for each place thru 10th place.

-U.S. Publinx Championship - 15 points for qualifying and 10 points for each match won.

*The Selection Committee - which will be composed of the following: President - G.L.A.G.A., Tournament Director - G.L.A.G.A., State Journal Golf Writer, Par-Makers Representative, Walnut Hills C.C. Representative, C.C. of Lansing Representative and a member of the radio/T.V. media; will be able to award points at their discretion for outstanding showings in other major Amateur and Open Championships.

Second Team: a) Winners of Tournaments- not selected to the First Team. and/or...

b) Top six point getters- not on first team.

Special Selections : (as awarded by the selection committee.)

Golfer of the year - Awarded to the person who contributes the most to golf in the Lansing area.

Player of the year - Awarded to the best amateur player in the Lansing area.

Other Selections:

- League player of the year.
- Jr. player of the year.
- Woman player of the year.
- Collegiate player of the year.
- Senior player of the year.
- Public player of the year.
- Country Club player of the year.

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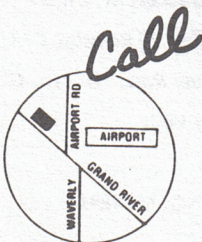
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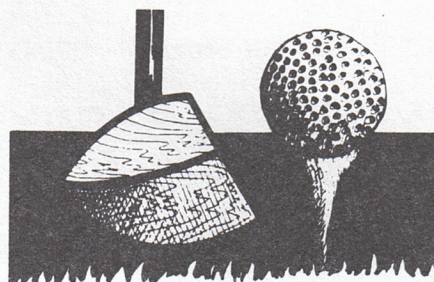
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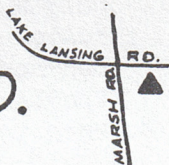
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MICHIGAN AMATEUR PREVIEW

With Jack Nicklaus winning his sixth Masters title (20th major overall), the golf season seems to be in full bloom, with more interest than ever. The tournament schedule seems very competitive with many dates dotting the calendar to keep any avid golfer busy. All GLAGA members seem to have their eyes fixed on the nine designated tournaments that will shape the All-City team (a point system is in effect this year).

The Michigan Amateur is such a designated tournament and one in which Lansing area golfers have been quite competitive in the past. In 1985 the Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) decided upon a sectional qualifying system in which approximately 8 sites are used to enable more players the chance of qualifying. This of course has spurred interest in the tournament and increased entries considerably. Those area golfers who qualify at the sectional sites will join a field of 168 at Belvedere Golf Club in Charlevoix, Michigan. With 1985 quarterfinalist Jon Kosier and GAM honor roll honoree Fred Behymer Jr. exempt for the tournament, the Lansing contingent looks stronger than in past years.

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So, if this club has somehow found its way into your bag, please contact Dean about this wayward club as he'd be happy to exchange with you.

You can reach Dean at Forest Akers G.C. or by calling 355-1635.

Howard Evans, Wilkie Hopkins, and ElDon Warr teamed to shoot a 12 under par 60 to win the Highland Hills 3-person scramble. Finishing tied for second place with 62 were the teams of Joe Allen, Earl Anderson, and ElDon Warr Jr. and Tom Mace, Darryl DiPace, and Bob Aumaugher. A well conditioned course together with summer-like weather (85 and sunny) combined to aide the low scoring.

SCORES:

- 60 -- H. Evans, W. Hopkins, E. Warr.
- 62 -- J. Allen, E. Anderson, E. Warr Jr.
T. Mace, D. DiPace, B. Aumaugher.
- 63 -- M. Holloway, W. King, D. Waldron.
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- City "Fun Day" and "Speed Event"
- All-City Spring Best-ball

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If you can't make it to any of these tournaments, and still want to donate balls, please contact Jim Donahue at 355-9765 and he'll make the arrangements to get these balls from you.

We can still use any golf clubs that you may have around the house that you have no need for and no longer want. If you do, once again, please contact Jim at 355-9765 and he'll make all the necessary arrangements.

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