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FROM THE PRESIDENT: Jim Donahue

Recent events in city government might have a great impact on golf in the Lansing area for years to come. Led by Sid Worthington, a move is under way to restore Groesbeck to its former prominence. As I write this, two dramatic things have already taken place: 1. \$80,000.00 has been approved to upgrade the watering system, 2. the golf courses have put under an enterprise account--which means that all profit from the golf courses will be used to upgrade the courses.

For those of you who do not remember, Groesbeck was once the outstanding public course in the mid Michigan area and one of the top 10 public courses in the state. With this renewed interest in our course, the "Beck" can once again be something to be proud of. But Mr. Worthington will need the help of all of us to make it happen.

What can you do? Well for one thing make your complaints known. But make sure what you have to say is constructive. Give this some thought, I have done so and feel that the following things would make Groesbeck a better course:

1. Make #4 a par 3. It would be safer and make the course more challenging. Besides, what is wrong with the Par being 71?
2. Add new traps on the face of the hill of #9. They used to be there and having them would give us a hole that people will talk about.
3. Revamp the green of #9 so that it would hold shots from top to bottom.

4. Make the green bigger on #4. It could be brought down near the trap on the right and left sides of the fairway and this would really be a good par 3.
5. Fill in the fairway trap on #18. Not too many people know it's there and even fewer ever get into it. Leave it as a grass bunker.
6. Clean out and enlarge the pond on the left side of #14. Not only would it be more attractive, but **the hole** would have more character
7. Bank the back of #10 green so that it would better hold incoming shots. Again character would be added to the hole and play would be speeded up.
8. Put a bell on #11. A bell would prevent hitting into groups in the fairway and prevent waiting too long for those who have moved on to the green.
9. Do something to #15 green to make it playable for more than 2 or 3 weeks a season.

These are but a few of the things I feel could be done. What are your ideas? Make sure that they are heard. If you live in the city, contact your representative. In the Lansing area contact Sid Worthington, Don Ballard, or me and we will make sure that your ideas are heard.

I for one would like nothing better than to see our course be the top public course in the Midwest. The layout is there, it just needs some revision and renovation. Let your feelings be known before a master plan is developed in the next year or so. I have and I invite you to do so also.

300 PLUS ENJOY JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC

Over 300 young people and adults turned out to watch touring Pro Jim Gallagher put on a most enjoyable exhibition as a fitting climax to our association's first Junior Golf Program. The exhibition featured some great shot-making by Jim. He won over the crowd by his easy going low key approach. As he stated prior to the clinic, "Kids want to see us hit a driver and a 2 iron, not a pitching wedge." The highlight of the clinic was a driving contest between Jason Hansen and Jim, which was called a draw.

In this our first year in Junior Golf, our program attracted about 200 youngsters. Four sites were used for instruction. At two of those instruction was based on a teaching plan given us by Sheila Marcotullio. Ken Horvath and his staff (Dean Holland and Bob McKnight) handled instruction at Forest Akers. Don Clark and Bill Collett offered instruction at Chisholm Hills and Lansing Golf Center respectively.

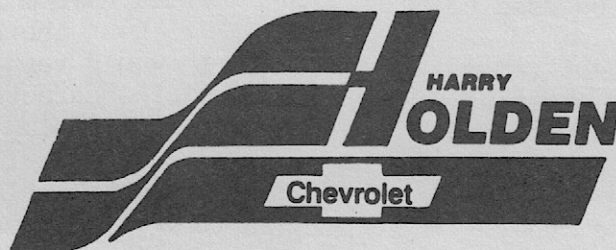
Other instructors in the program were: Mike Boynton, Stan Bragg, John Clark, Brian Donahue, Jim Donahue, Steve Martin and Burton Smith.

TO ALL INSTRUCTORS WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND EXPERTISE--A SINCERE THANK YOU!

We as an Association would like also to thank the State Journal (golf coverage has greatly surpassed any year in recent memory), the City of Lansing, Parks and Recreation Department, Michigan State University, the P.G.A. of America, the National Golf Foundation, Tommy Armor Golf, Oldsmobile Division of GMC, Buick Division of GMC, and Elliot Thompson for their help in making the Junior Golf Program such a success.

ATTENTION JUNIOR GOLFERS!

On Friday, September 12th, we will be distributing the Junior Golf packets that we not picked up at the Clinic. These packets will be available at the shelter located at the east end of the parking lot at Forest Akers East Golf Course from 5:30 to 6:00 pm. only.



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Sunday at the Northern Michigan Open in Cheboygan--sitting in the clubhouse with 200 other golfers watching the day's play possibly getting rained out--I saw Kathy Teichert and congratulated her on a good performance at the Women's State Amateur. Kathy lost 1 up to Lisa Marino in the finals. Lisa plays for the MSU golf team and has won the State Am two years in a row. Kathy used to play for Mary Fossum on the MSU team but is now Head Women's Golf Coach at Western Kentucky. Kathy grew up in St. Johns and played her high school golf there.

Watching the rain, I noted to Kathy that there seemed to be very little golf coverage of the Women's State Am. The Free Press for example merely reported the results of matches, on the statistics page. Kathy confirmed my observation, adding that almost no one from the media interviewed her or Lisa especially about their final match.

Since the rain was now slanting almost horizontally across the course I asked her to recall the final match for me. The highlights follow: Up to the 12th hole Kathy had gone 1 down and gotten even 3 times. Holes were then halved until 16. On 16 Kathy hit two good shots and Lisa found a ditch in front of the green. Lisa hit a good shot from the hazzard and holed an 8 footer for par. Kathy's second nicked some leaves, fell to the fringe, a chip was 3 feet short and the putt was missed. Kathy instead of being 1 up is 1 down (how many times this happens in match play!!).

We are now looking at the ninth green which is quickly sinking. Kathy tells me about the 17th. Lisa has made par and Kathy in fixing her ball mark rips out her shorts. Now she must putt a 3 footer to stay in the match--gallery surrounding the green. Blush notwithstanding she made the putt. But alas, she could only halve the last hole to lose 1 down.

Kathy gives much credit to Lisa (as do we) saying she got up and down from two bunkers and putted very well.

The announcement that play is cancelled comes over the loudspeaker. The NMO is shortened to one day's play. Brian Lewis from Lansing wins with a 69 (see elsewhere). Kathy shot 76 (from the championship tees of course) and finished about 10th in a predominantly male field of 240 or so. Belatedly, congratulations on a fine State Am performance Kathy. Oh yeah, she beat me by 2 strokes!

By Bob Aumaugher

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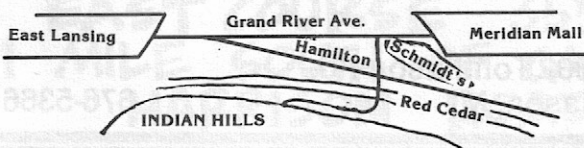
PITTS, JAMIESON WIN SPRING BEST BALL

Oops as in we somehow forgot to report on the spring best ball, and win as in nobody was even close. Consider this article then to be a reminder of the (totally awesome) record set by Jack and Tom. They shot 124 and only one other team was within 10 shots of them. Bill Kost and Steve Wakulsky finished 7 back at 131 a score often good enough to win. Congratulations again to both teams.

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FOSSUM WINS HIGHEST PAYING

ALL CITY MEDAL EVER

Bob Fossum turned rounds of 73, 69, and 70--212 into victory in the All City Medal Play. It was his 2nd win in as many years. He edged Fred Behymer Jr. by 1 shot. No one else was within four shots, though Tom Belen and Burton Smith (not picked by pre-tournament prognosticators--see previous issue-- to be even in the top 10) tied for 3rd at 217. 255 players began the tournament that was played on two courses, Groesbeck and Highland Hills. This year's tourney had four flights including championship and paid out a record \$4,640.00 in prize money gift certificates. Many local businesses agreed to accept the certificates, thus making the All City one of the few tournaments which offers other than golf related prizes. GLAGA thanks those businesses for their participation. GLAGA also thanks those people who purchased Hole Sponsorships, increasing the purse by almost \$1800.00. There were 16 of these this year, next year we hope to fill all 36.

The night before the tourney saw about 120 people turn out for a pre-tourney gathering and long drive contest. Maybe the food provided set well with Bill Dowell, because he hit a dead straight 290 plus drive to win the contest (and \$62.00 to boot). Cris Nicholoff was second and won \$36.00.

As per GLAGA policy all flights were paid equally, though pay outs varied per flight depending on the number of players in the flight.

Congratulations to Bob Fossum for a feat few attain.

SCORES IN THE MONEY:

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT:

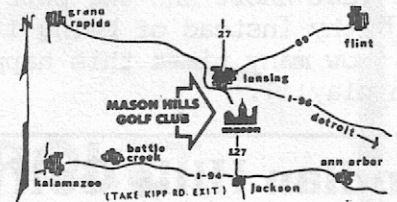
212--Bob Fossum	200.
213--F. Behymer Jr.	160.
217--T. Belen, B. Smith	112.
218--S. Martin, T. Jamieson	70.
220--B. Donahue, J. Weurding	42.
221--B. Kinnison, C. Nelson	35.
222--E.D. Warr Jr., C. Kennedy J. Bartolacci Jr.	25.
223--T. Colthorp, B. Lewis	15.
D. Greeley, J. Donahue, K. Kines J. Dickey, M. Hoevel	

SECOND FLIGHT:

235--Dave Borgeson	200.
237--P. Nieratko	160.
238--K. Vogl	125.
239--J. Saker	100.
241--M. Boynton	80.
242--J. Barkman, D. Shumway R. McIntyre, L. Sommers, M. Ciolek F. Wannamaker	40.
243--J. Hummel	25.
244--R. Pennington, J. Bearman F. Webb	
245--D. Burns, J. Brown	20.

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THIRD FLIGHT:

250--Ted Beekman	180.
251--J. Finney	140.
253--A. Nickles, J. Jay	105.
255--B. Green Jr.	75.
256--T. Bratschi, D. Nelson	50.
257--W. Shaw, S. Brogan, R. Bohnet	30.
258--T. Bidelman, R. Matthiesen	20.
T. Dunham	
259--S. Mckee	20.
261--C. Brown	20.
263--S. Brenneman, S. Bowron	12.
S. McCuaig, R. Clark, B. Lewis	

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Steve Martin lost a MacGregor #8 iron, CF 4000 Black Face, Golf Pride Velvet Cord Grip, Dynamic Gold S-500 Shaft. Any information, call Bill Kost 372-2868. Thank you.

PUBLIC LINKS WRAP-UP

Steve Wakulsky and Bill Kost competed in the 61st U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship with mixed results. Bill Kost shot rounds of 77-77--154 to miss the cut for match play by 2 strokes. Steve Wakulsky, however, took advantage of a fine 69 on the 2nd day (to go with a 1st day round of 75) to make the cut into match play. However, in his first match Steve fell victim to Mark Wurtz of Port Ludlow, Washington 6&4.

FUND-RAISER FOR MSU MEN'S GOLF TEAM SET

With Tom Mase providing the impetus, an ad hoc group has set up a new golf outing aimed at raising money for the MSU men's golf program. Called the SPARTAN ALL-AMERICAN SCRAMBLE, the outing will be held October 5 at Forest Akers West golf course. Deadline for entry is October 1, and the fee is \$50 per person, of which \$30 is a tax deductible contribution to the Ralph Young Fund earmarked for the men's golf team.

The outing will be a 5-player scramble, with a current or former Spartan varsity golfer assigned to each foursome. Following play there will be a get-together for food, beverages, awards, and comraderie at the University Inn on Trowbridge road.

Among the prizes is a round of golf for two people with cart for each member of the winning team at Michaywe.

Apart from improved practice facilities, the money raised will go towards sending the team to Florida for a winter golf trip. Coach Fossum expressed interest in having his team play in the Florida International Golf Tournament for example. Such competition can only help improve the team's play and draw ever better golfers to MSU.

For more information call Terry Fossum at the Ralph Young Fund offices 355-8257

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IN ALL CITY SENIORS TOURNAMENT

The All City Seniors Tournament is divided into 3 age categories--50 to 59, 60 to 69, and 70 plus. Ed Abel won the 50 to 59 division with a 74. It was also the low round of the tournament. Stan Harper and Jack Turner tied for 2nd, each shooting 76. Both played in the 50 to 59 division. However, showing that age for some is inconsequential, Emil Hein also fired a 76 to win the 70 plus division. There were co-winners in the 60 to 69 division as A. C. Safreed and Hugh Sloane each shot 79. Making a good showing for the women was Deborah Wheaton, who shot 99 in the 60 to 69 age group. Congratulations to all.

OTHER SCORES:

50 to 59

- 74--Ed Abel
- 76--Stan Harper, Jack Turner
- 77--Robert Kwiegen
- 78--Fred Fensil, Pat Spellman
- 79--John Wakulsky, Fred Wanamaker

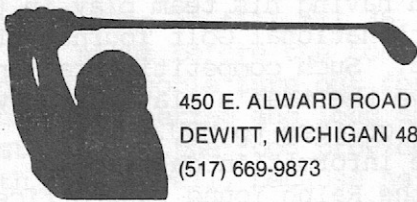
60 to 69

- 79--A.C. Safreed, High Sloane
- 80--Henry Wolcott
- 81--Henry Kessler, Darrel Devault
- 82--H. Brady, E. Richmond, D. Olivett
- 83--Sid Manning

70 plus

- 76--Emil Hein
- 78--Sig Sigourney
- 81--Ben Klinkhamer, Bill Laycock
- 82--Rollie Simonds, Ben Albert

Held at Groesbeck, the tourney drew 74 players. One criticism we have is that a wrong date was given to a number of people, whose subsequent plans did not permit them to play in the tournament.



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BRIAN KENNEDY WINS OAK LANE MEDAL

Novelist Tom Wolfe said, "You can never go home again." Brian Kennedy found that not to be always true as he came home to Webberville from Chicago for the weekend and just happened to win the Oak Lane Medal. Brian beat Jerry Gunthorpe on the first hole of sudden victory by sinking a 35 foot birdie putt. Brian was on Webber-ville's 1978 state high school golf championship team. He was awarded All State honors his last two years. Brian had a steady back nine Sunday making a 4 on 10 and bogeying both par 3s for 37 enroute to a final round 70. Jerry was 2 over on the front and had just bogeyed 10 when he decided crunch time had come. He hit his driver over the woods and river onto the green on #11, making birdie. He then birdied #12 and finished with 35 on the back for a final round 71. The course itself was perhaps the greatest winner as once again the best a pretty good field shot was 1 under for two days. Course conditions and hospitality were excellent as usual--Thanks Bernard and James.

SCORES IN THE MONEY:

139--B. Kennedy	150.00
J. Gunthorpe	100.00
141--R. McIntyre	80.00
D. Hankey	80.00
142--T. Colthorp	60.00
143--T. Belen	60.00
D. Karhoff	60.00
FIRST FLIGHT	
142--M. Boynton	70.00
145--D. Wakulsky	55.00
J. Bissell	55.00
146--J. Clark	40.00
147--R. Tate	40.00
148--J. Belen	30.00
D. Hawkins	30.00
149--M. Feinauer	30.00
SECOND FLIGHT	
150--J. Weurding	60.00
152--J. Finney	50.00
153--R. Jackson	35.00
T. Culpepper	35.00
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TEAM'S PLAY IS A HIT

AT BOARSHEAD SCRAMBLE

With most of the teams still on the course, early finishers Dave Barber, Doug Hankey, and Bob Aumaugher thought their 62 would not be good enough to win. However those other teams kindly did not give their best performance, thus 62 prevailed. Captain Hankey and Key Grip Aumaugher agreed that the scene stealer was Barber and his putting. Best supporting actors (2nd) were the team of Jim Keyes, Rob Schmidt, and M. Comer with 63. Ian Peakes, John Peakes, and Peter Surdenik shared 3rd billing with Dusty Rhoades, Matt Rhoades, and Bob Fossum each team with 64.

Once again the Boarshead was a fine outing despite not getting the turnout hoped for. 14 teams took part, 4 places were paid, 18 hole prizes were given away, and every entrant received two play tickets. The hole prizes were non-golf prizes--a refreshing change--one can only use so much golf equipment. I have already begun to use my 8 tickets to the Odeon theatre for closest to the pin in two on #10.

Suggestions for having a greater turnout would be helpful. Please call Bob Aumaugher or John Peakes. By the way I do not know what a Key Grip is either, but I see it in the credits at the movies all the time.

By Bob Aumaugher

U.S. AMATEUR--LOCAL PLAYERS QUALIFY

Lansing's Steve Wakulsky and Jon Kosier of Mason turned in stellar efforts and qualified for the 86th U.S. Amateur to be played August 26-31. Qualifying rounds were played on Pine Lake CC and Knollwood CC, both near Detroit. Steve and Jon scored 74's on each course to make the 149 cut by 1. Fred Behymer Jr. shot 149 but failed to make the final qualifying spot when he lost in a five way play off for that 10th and final spot. The Championship will be played in Birmingham, Alabama at the CC of Birmingham and Shoal Creek GC (the latter the site of the 1984 PGA Championship won by Lee Trevino.

By Bill Kost

Royal Scot

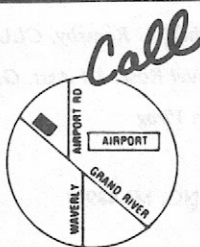
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While not a local event the Northern Michigan Open has both local roots and seems to be dominated by local players. Initiated upon retirement by Par Mor's Art Prior (who is gravely ill), the NMO is a 2 day medal play, flighted, and held at Cheboygan Country Club. In the last 15 years no less than 10 Lansing area players have won the tourney. Lynn Janson, Mike Husby, Gary Domogalski (2), Gary Becker, Fred Stabley Jr., George Zollner, and Barry Dean (2) have all taken home the title.

This year Brian Lewis topped the field of 240 plus with a 69. The second day's play was rained out. In his round Brian missed a handful of short putts for birdies on the tough to putt but clever Cheboygan course. In addition to the title, Brian brought home the long drive prize.

Other local players who did well were Jeff Foote who shot 72 for 3rd, Mo Sharick of St. Johns who won the 2nd flight with a 73, and Gene Schoendorf who tied for 4th in the 1st flight with a 77.

7-15-86

Dear Jim,

Thanks so much for the fine job you and the Staff at Groesbeck and Highland Hills did on the All-City this year. It was a pure pleasure to play in the event this year. Everything went off like clockwork.

I very much liked the 2 course set up and the spice it seems to add. It also allows so many more golfers to enter. The courses were set up very well and considering the weather were very playable. I appreciated the distance marking provided at Highland Hills and hope this idea catches on. It speeds play and doesn't give us amateurs any info the pros don't have.

The pin placements were without 'gimmicks' and the teeing ground was also set up sensibly.

Good job and good luck to GLAGA.

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KORKOSKE, KREMER BREAK OWN RECORD

IN CHISHOLM HILLS WIN

Two years ago Dennis Korkoske and George Kremer set the Chisholm Hills Invitational tournament record at 192 for 54 holes. This year Dennis and George bettered that number by one to set a new record. However it took a 4 hole playoff for them to win the title. Also shooting 191 was the team of John Weurding and Tom Jamieson. In fact John and Tom might be excused if they thought they had the tourney won. Dennis and George stood at the last tee knowing that John and Tom were in the clubhouse with a two shot lead. Dennis holed his second shot for an eagle on the par four to get his team into the playoff. Word is that Weurding made putts of 10, 10, and 20 feet the first three playoff holes to keep his team alive. Korkoske ended it all with a 25 footer from the fringe for a birdie.

In this unique tournament the first day is best ball. The second day's eighteen is a modified alternate shot with the championship flight playing 9 more holes. Each partner's 9 hole score is added to the other's to get the third 18 hole score. Weurding and Jamieson gained the temporary lead by firing 65 (Tom with 31) in the added 9 hole format. As usual the steaks were tender and the hospitality warm-- Thanks to host Don Clark.

SCORES IN THE MONEY:

191--D. Korkoske, G. Kremer	400.
J. Weurding, T. Jamieson	300.
198--D. Hawkins, F. Stabley	200.
199--D. Hankey, T. Colthorp	100.
200--D. Cushion, F. Howard*	50.
L. Weir, D. Gschwind	
J. Dickey, B. Donahue	

* won by card draw.

FIRST FLIGHT:

134--M. Litwiler, J. Perry	200.
136--J. Curry, J. Curry*	150.
J. Peakes, Ian Peakes	100.
137--E. Nicholson, T. Nicholson	50.

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SECOND FLIGHT:

138--P. Surdenik, H. Ardis	200.
144--J. Robie, R. Matheny	150.
146--M. Salazar, M. Leal	100.
147--J. Busley, M. Randolph	50.

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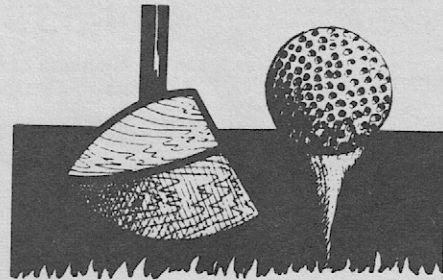
Golfers are vain. Many of us want to be perfect and we are always looking for ways to improve our golf games. The best way to achieve this, we are told, is practice, practice, practice. But the fact of the matter is even hours spent on the practice tee beating eggs won't always produce results on the score card. And who has all those hours? Not most of us that's for certain. It is important therefore to try to make the most of limited practice time. The best way to do this is to accurately evaluate your game and to identify areas where improvement is necessary. This evaluation process requires patience as there should be a good deal of time spent gathering data with which to go to work on your subject. It is necessary to correctly identify and rank the problem areas of your game. This can be done by breaking each round of golf down into it's component parts or shot types: 1. tee shots, 2. fairway woods, 3. long approach shots, 4. medium approach shots, 5. short approach shots, 6. the chipping game, 7. putting.

After each of your next 5 to 7 rounds of golf sit down (with your favorite beverage, of course) and spend 15 or 20 minutes going over your score and shot making process. Record each shot on a simple chart you make in a 5 by 8 spiral notebook (you can keep it in your bag). Each hole of a round might be recorded as follows:

Hole	Drive	F.W.	L.A.S.	M.A.S.	S.A.S.	Chipping	Putting	Score
1	SW left rough	—	—	GI short right	—	7I Pitch & Run Long	2	5
2	D. fairway	—	—	7I short Right	—	Putting/long Long	1	4
3	D left rough	SW left rough	—	—	9 Iron on	—	2	5
4	D left rough	—	AI short right	—	Wq. short RT.	Wq. on but long	2	6
5	D. C.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

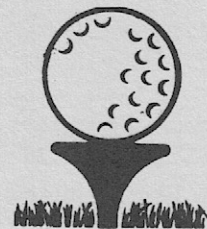
This particular player, who shall remain nameless, could identify a couple of problems if this pattern persists. The tee shots tend to be pulled left with frequency and nearly all iron shots come up short and to the right. Thus missed greens is a problem. Chipping seems good because as we all know being past the hole is better than being short! Putting looks sound. This Player can now go to the range confident that the practice session will make the most of his limited time. Remember, proper identification of your 'problem' will result in productive practice sessions.

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