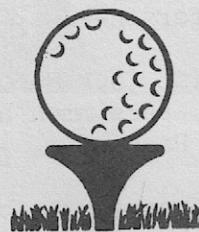


# GOLF NEWS



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FROM THE PRESIDENT: Burton Smith

Now that a new season is upon us and we are busy dusting the cobwebs off our respective golf games, I would like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing president Jim Donahue for his dedication and efforts on behalf of GLAGA for the past two years. Jim was instrumental in originating GLAGA and in getting it through those trial and error two years. GLAGA is now known not only around Lansing but about the State as well. Well Done Jim!

This will be one of the most exciting and pivotal years in the history of the GLAGA. For example, this is the last year of the three year rotation for the All City Medal Play Championship. The players will be asked to evaluate the two course concept and the results will effect the future of this event. Secondly, this season will see the establishment of our Junior Golf Program as one of the State's best. PGA tour pro Jim Gallagher Jr. has again agreed to give his time and support. This clinic may attract television so don't miss the program. Thirdly, we see the addition of two events--the Match Play Championship and the Bud Reniger Memorial--to the GLAGA schedule. These events will be limited in their size, so don't think you can wait until the last minute to enter them.

Finally, we will perhaps explore a different event--the Mixed Team Scramble Tournament--to be played in the month of August at a course to be

arranged. LADIES, THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO PLAY, DON'T MISS OUT. Also it is my wish that those who want to become critics of the GLAGA start by attending the board meetings and let your opinions be known. Closet criticism helps no one but hurts everyone.

Best Golfing To All.

JUNIOR GOLF SIGN UP

TO BEGIN IN JUNE

All those interested in having their children participate in our Junior Golf Program should watch for the sign-up article in the first part of June. This year's program will differ from last years in that we will be using only M.S.U.'s Forest Akers East Course. The program will be open to the first 270 youngsters between the ages of 7 and 17 years of age who sign up. Registration Blanks will be at the following courses: Groesbeck, Red Cedar, Sycamore, Indian Hills, Royal Scot, Forest Akers, Highland Hills, 4-Winds, Chisholm Hills, and Oak Lane.

The cost this year is \$ 3.00 for the five week course. This fee will include: Bag Tags, Information sheets, Lessons, and a Clinic which will once again feature Jim Gallagher Jr. from the P.G.A. tour.

If you need more information--please call Jim Donahue at 355-9765 after 6 pm.

## WHAT'S IN THE BAG

Bill Christofferson--

Driver--Titleist Tour Model, stiff shaft, persimmon head.

3-Wood--Toney Penna.

Irons--Ping, orange dot, beryllium copper heads, stiff shafts  
22 lite shaft.

Putter--Wilson 8813.

Ball--Titleist DT 90.

Bill is a low handicapper who like many of you cannot find enough time to play golf. Bill manages RAPID PRINT and is very helpful to the GLAGA news staff. Bill does get to play a tournament now and then and does well but the only information we could get out of him is that he and John Watkins finished 2nd at an Oak Lane Best Ball -- why so shy Bill? Is it that if your record was to get out you would have to quit asking for so many strokes?

## WHAT'S IN THE BAG

Tedd Bratschi--

Driver--Personal model-made by J.C. Peterson. One inch longer than normal.

3-Wood--same as driver.

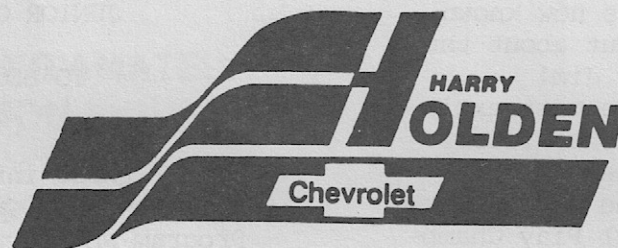
Irons--Wilson Dyna Power, 2 thru PW, stiff shafts, forged heads.

Putter--Ping Kushin.

Sand Wedge--Tom Watson.

Ball--Pinnacle 384, 90.

Tedd is a long hitter who did not take up golf until he was 24. In just a few years he has brought his handicap down from whatever beginners begin with to a 12. Last fall he won the Pine Lake Handicap Championship, a 72 hole event. With his brother Rich, he has won the Mobil Outing Scramble 2 of the last 3 years.



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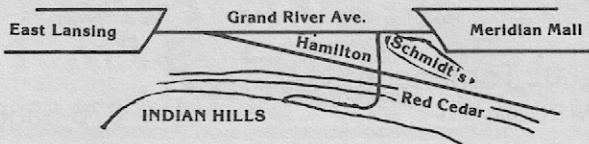
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CONSISTENCY IS KEY TO INDIAN HILLS

INVITATIONAL WIN

Doug Hankey and John Weurding did not win any of the three nines that constituted the one day 27 hole Indian Hills Invitational, May 9th. Even so they came away with a two stroke victory. The tourney format was 9 holes best ball, 9 holes scramble, and 9 holes team medal. Prize money in the form of merchandise certificates were awarded to the winners of each of the nines and to the overall winner. There was a skins game each nine and longest drive and closest to the pin contests. Doug and John had scores of 31-31-67--129 to edge Tim Russell and Jim Donahue, and Tom Jamieson and his son, each team with 131. Doug Hankey won the longest drive and Bud Chapman won closest to the pin. This was the second annual invitational, won last year by Bob Fossum and Brian Lewis. The field was full this year having had 24 teams. GLAGA thanks J.C. Peterson for providing area golfers with another spring tournament.

Scores in the money, those underlined are the 9 hole winners:

129--Doug Hankey, John Weurding	240.
131-- <u>Donahue, Russell</u> , scramble	28 120.
--Jamieson, Jamieson	80.
133-- <u>Mansel, Randall</u> , team medal	66 40.
-- <u>Lewis, Fishman</u> , B-Ball	29 40.
Nine hole winners	50.

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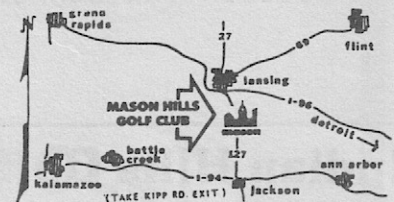
RENEWS BEST BALL

Once one of the best Best Ball tourneys in the area, the Clinton County Country Club Best Ball went into hiatus for the last few years. Like the Portland Best Ball the CCCC Best Ball used to draw competitors from all over the State thus providing a chance for Lansing area golfers to compete with some of the State's best players, Pete Green for example.

This year will see the CCCC Best Ball re-instated. The efforts of Barry Dean et.al. have brought about a 2 day flighted event scheduled for June 13 and 14. The field is limited to 60 teams and the entry cost is \$60 per team, \$40 of which goes to the prize fund. CCCC is only 9 holes but is usually in good shape with fast rolly greens. It has two of the best par 3's around and the tourney is usually won or lost on them. See this newsletter for entry blank.

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longest drive either, how about straightest drive, shortest drive?

Ncw best of all you also get the pleasure of supporting the arts and get to have a hand in bringing more Theater such as Pump Boys and Dinettes to Lansing. All of this is only \$40 per player \$20 of which is tax deductible. Each team gets a cart with a 3-bag holder, tees, marker, golf ball, food, and beer or soft drinks.

When you say is this Golfer orgy? This year the tourney has been moved to Saturday August 8th. Tee times start at noon. In terms of what you get for what you pay this is still the best afternoon of golf you can find. So put this one on your calendar.

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## SANDY'S RIGHT AGAIN!

Well, I am finding out that it's harder to be humble than it is to be right. Is everyone enjoying the early warm spring that I predicted after the mild winter that I also predicted? I haven't decided on all the questions I'm going to predict the answers to, but I'll try to do a few in each issue.

### Predictions and your questions:

Bill K. writes--I'm having trouble finding a partner for some of the local tournaments. Can you help me?

Sandy's reply--Bill, just as a bad penny always returns, so will your normal partner. Just be patient, and, well--take a long in June--you'll be happier.

Harry S. writes--If you are so right, who will win the U.S. open this year?

Sandy's reply--See my 1987 predictions.

Larry Z. writes--I plan to get married in early June, what can I look forward to?

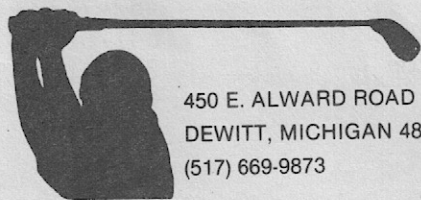
Sandy's reply--You will have to forget about the Spring Best Ball at Groesbeck. You will face a rough break-in period with your new wife--wait a minute--it just came to me--store your clubs--you might not be scoring as well after you get married. Then again maybe you might.

Tim R. writes--What kind of success will I have with my new Pings?

Sandy's reply--More than you did with your old clubs, but take a long look for a new putter.

Those are just a few of the questions I received from my readers. If I did not answer your question, I will in later issues. Now for my predictions for 1987:

--Greg Norman will win the U.S. Open. Not only will he win but a record score will be quite likely.



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--This summer will be just about perfect. Rain at night during the week will help courses, but the weekend tournaments will be almost rain-free.

--Sandy Lyle will win the British Open.

--Bill Kost will win 2 matches in the British Amateur.

--Burton Smith will lead the All City Medal for two rounds (which rounds will determine whether he wins).

--213 will be the winning score in the All City Medal.

--The winner of the 1987 All City Match Play will be one of the following 3 people: Tim Russell, Morrie Hoevel, or Chris Nelson.

--The top 25 finishers in the Medal Play will be (not necessarily in order of finish) Howard Evans, Tim Russell, Bill Kost, Gary Domagalski,

Willie Wilson, Jim Donahue, Steve Wakulsky, Brian Donahue, Fred Behymer Jr., Scott Malaney, Tom Belen, Dave Greeley, John Clark, Jim Dickey, Jim Bissell, Don Passage, Dave Brooks, Jerry Gunthorpe, Steve Mastin, Chris Nelson, Burton Smith, Morrie Hoevel, Dave Beck, Todd Colthorp, and Jeff Patiland.

That's all the insight that I can allow to be drained from my body at the present time. I'll have more predictions in the next issue.

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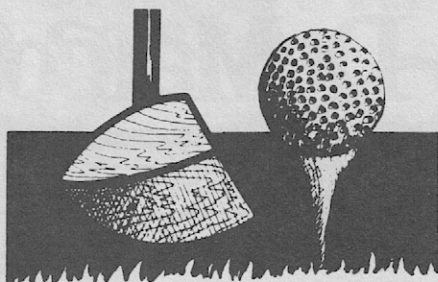
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## BOWLERS WIN HIGHLAND HILLS

### SCRAMBLE

It's said that if you can shoot pool well you will also be a good putter. I don't know if Dave Cushion, Jim Dickey, and Dave Beck can shoot pool but they are three of the area's best bowlers and its clear that being good at bowling has some connection with being good at golf. The latest evidence of this came at the Highland Hills 3-man scramble this spring. Dave, Jim, and Dave overcame tough pin placements, slick alleys, and swirling winds to post a 63 to finish all alone atop a pretty good field. Scoring was fairly high compared to other years.

### Scores in the money:

63-Cushion, Dickey, Beck	300.
64-Aumaugher, Hankey, Weurding	115.
-Killoran, Whitters, Gempel	115.
-Blake, Bissell, Richards	115.
66-Allen, Anderson, El Don Warr Jr	75.
-Warr Sr., Evans, Smith	75.
-Dowell, Mastin, Truxton	75.
-Eisler, Eisler, Larson	75.
67-Donahue, Russell, Christofferson	30.
-Jenkins, Mattice, Whitelock	30.
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## BELEN S WIN PORTLAND

Jeff and Tom Belen play on the top ten rated Lansing Community College Golf Team. That together with their getting to play their high school home course, and the fact that they are good players put them at the top of the leader board when Sunday drew to dusk at the Portland Best Ball. They along with Ron Clark and Steve Martin shot 132 on the par 71 course. But Jeff holed a 15 footer on the second playoff hole for the victory. Clark and Martin had a 63 Sunday to get into the playoff. Defending champs Morrie Hoevel and Brian Donahue turned in a good defense finishing 1 stroke out of the playoff as did Jack Pitts and Burton Smith, and H. Nelson and A Whited, the last team having played

in the tournament for years. Portland pays top dollar-- \$ 800.00 for first and thus draws a good field each year. However while there are complaints about the greens every year, this year they seemed to be especially bad. Almost everyone I talked to moaned about the greens, the main criticism being that they were bumpy and full of holes. While most players make allowances for spring greens many found Portland's wanting not for slowness but for unpredictability. Come on Portland make your tournament something to be proud of for more than paying top dollar. Plug and top dress those greens in the spring--get them smoothed out for next year.

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How about one last look at the champions of 1986?

Portland Best Ball--Brian Donahue and Morrie Hoevel-132.

Oaklane Spring Best Ball--Dave Beck and Dave Cushion-129.

All City Spring Best Ball--Jack Pitts and Tom Jamieson-124.

Michigan Amateur--Pete Green.

All City Medal Play--Bob Fossum-212.

Oaklane Medal Play--Brian Kennedy-139.

All City Seniors--Ed Abel-74.

Chisholm Hills Invitational--Dennis Korkoske and George Kremer-192.

All City Fall Best Ball--Cris Nelson and Jerry Gunthorpe.

Oaklane Fall Best Ball--Bill Kost and Steve Wakulsky-132.

MATCH PLAY IS SET

The entry blanks are out for the 1987 All City Match Play. Groesbeck has agreed to host the re-instated tournament. The dates are June 20 and 21, and June 26, 27, and 28. Entry fee is \$10.00, you pay your own greens fees. All entries must be mailed to GLAGA since only the first 64 entries will be accepted. Should the tournament prove popular GLAGA will look at having a qualifier for next year. Entry deadline is Friday, June 12th or whenever 64 entries are received.

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Forgive us for the dust!

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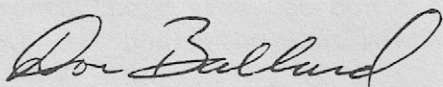
The most obvious project is a joint venture with the Board of Water and Light. The Board is providing the equipment and manpower to do a project that benefits the entire community by providing more efficient handling of surface water runoff, and benefits the golf course by reducing flooding, increasing irrigation potential, and creating pleasing areas to look at and play near. The "ponds" in front of #16 tee and to the left of #14 green have been dredged out to a great degree. We have also created a pond to the right (east) side of #11 fairway. Materials and fill from these projects have been used to build up previously low, wet areas adjacent to these newly renovated water hazards. What this will do eventually is alleviate the flooding problems in #11 and #15 fairways and make all these areas far more aesthetically pleasing for you, the golfer. Also involved with the project is a water line running from the pump station south of #10 fairway to these ponds so as to be able to regulate the water level so they will never become swamp areas. The flow of water can be reversed so as to pump water out of the ponds for irrigation; the advantage of this is to keep the water levels down during wet times and also use water for irrigation that is warmer than deep well water which causes less stress on the grass plant.

This brings us to our other current project; the modernization of our irrigation system. Automatic irrigation will now be possible at Groesbeck and all watering heads have been replaced and many new ones added. Automatic watering means that we can irrigate during the nighttime hours the course is closed and eliminate the inconvenience to players of watering during normal operating hours. This also will save us valuable labor hours that were previously used for watering. The new system gives us the ability to provide and maintain a consistent, healthy grass plant that will benefit everybody.

The last but not least item to be mentioned is the ongoing fence replacement project. If you've played here in the last 2 years you will notice that the entire Wood St. side and the Bancroft Park side of the course have been completed and the remainder of the perimeter we hope to complete in the next few years.

The ideas for these projects are not new; we are fortunate in that at this time it was felt every effort should be made to show you, the golfers of the Lansing area, that the City is willing to support the newly formed Enterprise Fund system to make a success out of the City of Lansing Golf Operation. We will continue to strive to provide a quality golf experience for you!

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