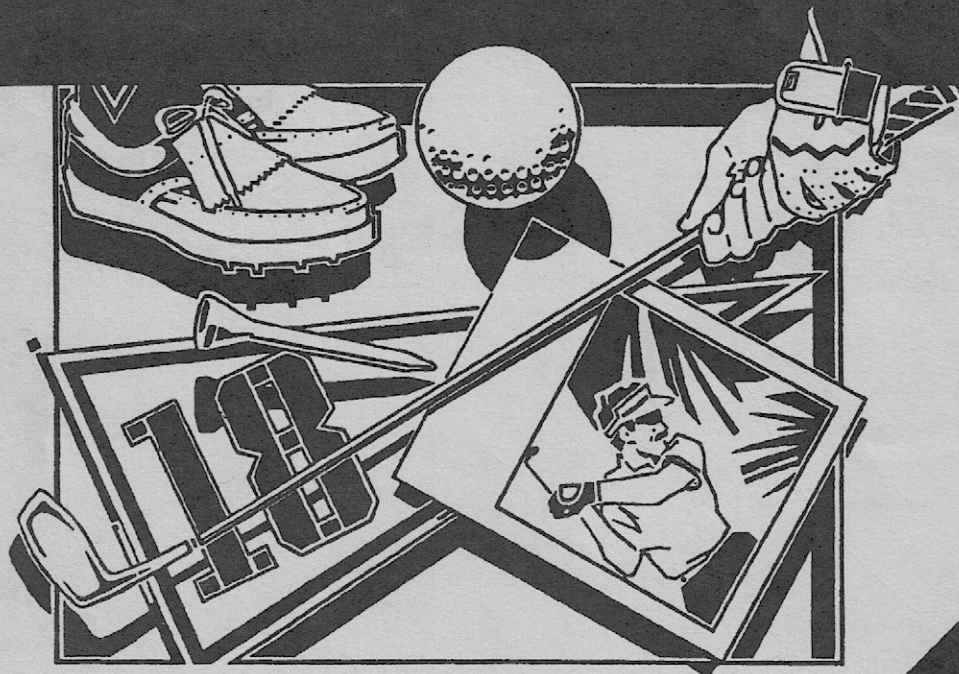


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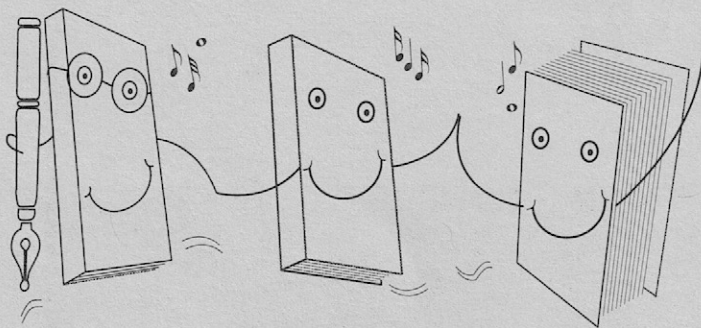
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## "Chip Shots"

- "Square Groove" Trial Delayed - The jury trial in the Kasten Manufacturing Corp.'s lawsuit against Deane Beman and the P.G.A. Tour has been delayed until January 11, 1993. The trial had been scheduled to start on November 3.

The Tour and Deane Beman are being sued by Karsten, the maker of Ping Golf Equipment over the Tour's efforts to ban Ping's "square-grooved" irons.

U.S. District Court of Arizona Judge Paul Rosenblatt delayed the trial in order to allow himself enough time to completely review all the material related to the case.

- Trading Card Company files Chapter 11 - Pro Set a leading Dallas - based trading card company, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. The bankruptcy filing was brought about by complaints of licensors that Pro Set was millions of dollars behind in royalties especially to the National Hockey League. Pro Set had sales in excess of \$100 million last year - but still lost money.
- The United States Golf Association now has a list of more than 2,500 Junior Golf Programs for 1992-93. If you're interested - this list can be purchased from the U.S.G.A. for \$10.45.
- Get with it - U.S.G.A. - The Royal and Ancient Golf Association will not consider any amateur who fails to qualify in the European Tour - "Q" school to be a professional. However - don't expect similar treatment from the U.S.G.A.  
The R and A's alteration of Rule 1-1 of the Rules of Amateur Status allows an unsuccessful entrant at a pre-qualifier, most notably on the European P.G.A.

Tour and the U.S.P.G.A. Tour, to remain an amateur. According to the R and A, the lack of secondary competition, such as the U.S.'s mini-tours, renders such European players "a loss to both the amateur and professional game". An amateur, in order to become a professional by filing an application to a "final or sole qualifying school", according to the R and A.

The U.S.G.A. however, will have no part of that attitude. "Players who submit an entry for either the regular Tour's Q-school or the Senior Tour Q-school will be pro's." said Anthony Zirpoli, the U.S.G.A.'s Director of Amateur Status. Zirpoli called the change "fairly practical" for Europe, but warned the American rules would remain stringent.

Golf Digest - Jack Nicklaus End Ties - It lasted nearly 20 years, but Golf Digest and Jack Nicklaus are going their own ways. During contract negotiations to extend his current contract (which expires in December) Nicklaus proposed to expand his role to include some commercial ventures which would include the Jack Nicklaus Golf Schools.

Golf Digest declined the proposal stating: "Because such a commitment was inconsistent with our business proposal, regrettably, this has resulted in the termination of an enjoyable and mutually beneficial editorial relationship."

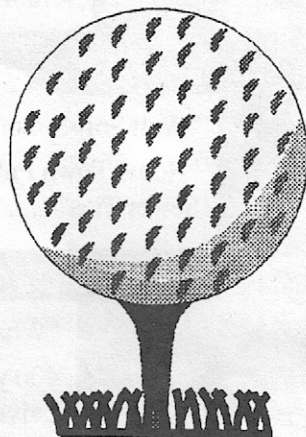
Green's Fee's Rise - According to Ruzheimer International of Rochester, Wisconsin, the average cost of a round of golf in the United States is \$29.83 (cart included). The cheapest place in the world is in Iran at \$7.20 while the most expensive is in Japan at \$150.26.

Welcome Home "Little Ben"! Ben Crenshaw's stolen golf clubs have been returned to him - even his putter "Little Ben". Dan New from San Marcos, Texas said he had purchased the clubs and bag for \$100. Ben Crenshaw rewarded him and hopefully the saga of "Little Ben" is over.

A Sign of the Times? The University of Miami is getting out of Division I men's golf. The school plans to either scrap the sport altogether or drop the program to a non-scholarship level.

Athletic Director Dave Maggard blamed the demise of men's golf on the increased costs of running a Big East basketball program and the need for more money for women's sports (the women's golf program will not be affected).

Dave Maggard stated that "the money needed to come from someplace, it's a financial issue, part of it is a gender fairness issue". Miami's Men's Golf Coach Chuck Winship resigned last month to take a job at the University of South Florida, and several players have already transferred to other schools.





## Playoffs - are they necessary?

The last two best-ball tournaments of the 1992 season have ended with two or more teams tying for the championship. In both cases different methods were used to decide the winner.

In the All-City Fall Best-Ball, the play-off was finished the Wednesday following the tournament after darkness halted play on Sunday. Oak Lane's Fall Best-Ball was decided by using the scores on the repective cards and going back from the 18th hole. While the teams involved in the All-City Fall Best-Ball were agreeable to finishing the following Wednesday - that was not the case at Oak Lane. At Oak Lane one team was very adamant about settling the championship on the golf course. They even stated to course officials that they wanted to play-off even if they would have won by matching cards. (They of course lost when the cards were matched).

Are play-offs necessary? I feel that they are - but only for first place. If you have played 36 holes and are dead locked with one or more other teams - then the only "fair" way is to settle it on the golf course - not by matching the cards. Matching cards only benefit the team who was the hottest on the back 9 or the team who played the number one handicap hole the best. As I stated - the Championship should be settled on the course.

Also - while I understand why the Fall All-City Best-Ball was decided the way it was - I do see some problems in allowing the participants to pick the date. The main problem of course is the possibility that the participants may not be able to agree on a date to hold the play-off. Then what happens? Next year on all G.L.A.G.A. entry blanks or information sheets, you will see exactly how any play-offs that occur - will be handled.

## Are there too many Scrambles?

In the course of holding most of the tournaments this summer one complaint continues to keep coming up. That complaint is that there should be more individual "Medal-Play" (stroke) Tournaments. Why aren't there more "Medal Play" Tournaments?

To understand why there aren't more "Medal-Play" tournaments you must examine why there are so many scrambles. Scrambles are so popular because it allows people of all abilities to compete on almost an equal basis. If you look at the 4 person scramble concept you need only to realize that it only takes two good shots on par threes, three good shots on par fours and four good shots on par fives to be very competitive. When you realize that you have to hit only two good shots out of eight tries on the par threes, three good shots out of twelve on the par fours and four shots out of sixteen on the par fives it becomes clear how these people can now compete on an equal basis. Because of this equality - it is easy to understand the popularity.

Individual tournaments - while they may be considered a purer form of golf, are in reality, only golf for a minority of players. In the Lansing area for example, it is estimated that more than 80,000 people, only about 60 people can really compete for a medal play championship.

Scrambles - in themselves - are not bad events. It's just that there are so many now. Every course, every charity, every cause seems to have a fund raising scramble. There are, quite simply, just too many scrambles. There seems to be no change either in the future. Medal Play tournaments are not profitable for the courses. Not enough players are interested unless they are flighted. So for the next few years the only answer I can see to this problem is to get all the guys together who want ot play in Medal Play tour-

naments, reserve some tee times a couple of times a month, put the money up (entry fee), divide it in a way that is agreeable to all the players and go play for it.

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## All-City Medal Play Moves to MSU

The G.L.A.G.A. has reached a two year agreement with M.S.U.'s Forest Akers Golf Courses to hold the 1993 and 1994 Men's All-City Medal Play Championship. Harold Singleton, G.L.A.G.A. President and All-City Tournament Director stated that he was very pleased to have the All-City held on these two courses. "The advantages of this site will enable us to continue to improve this tournament and all improvements only serve to benefit the 300+ participants that we expect."

The entry fee will be increased next year to \$100.00. This increase

is the direct result of two things - First, the increase in green's fees necessitated this increase so that we can keep basically the same prize list. Second, the survey, which was taken prior to the 1992 All-City Tournament indicated that the majority of entrants want to play the more expensive course while either improving on or keeping the prize list the same. "The use of the Michigan State facilities will enable our players to play, what may be considered the best test in the Mid-Michigan area and with the interest that has been shown in the renova-

tions of the West Course we should have a record entry the next two years." stated Singleton.

It should be noted that the Forest Aker facility was heavily favored in the 1989 survey as the place to hold the All-City. Our Association somewhat agrees, but we also like to involve as many different courses as possible. The two-year agreement allows us to find, work out an agreement, and ready the course and/or courses for the 1995 Championship. We feel the use of Forest Akers is the best move we could have made at this time.

## Reniger to have New Look in 93

"As we stated in our first "Welcome Letter" in 1987, it was our intention to make the "Reniger" the best fall tournament in the state. In order to do this and to keep the size of the field manageable, we feel that it is now necessary to do some things that will allow, not only more state-wide players to participate, but also a few more of the better local players. To this end, only the top 25 finishers and ties will be invited back in 1993".

It should be understood that the size of the Reniger field will stay at the 60 figure. The break-down for invitations will be as follows:

1. The top 25 and ties form the previous year

2. Thirty (30) state-wide (Lansing area included) invitations.

3. Five (5) "special" Reniger Committee invitations.

4. Any spots which come available due to invitations being turned down, will be open to any one who qualifies for them in a special qualifying round which will be held the first Saturday after the entry deadline. (It is estimated that these spots will allow as many as 20 or as few as 5 players, and that the number will more than likely vary from year to year).

The Saturday Qualifying will be 18 holes and the entry fee will be greens fees plus a \$5.00 donation to either the G.L.A.G.A. Junior Golf

Program or to the Ralph Young Fund benefiting the M.S.U. Golf teams.

Listed below are this year's qualifiers for the 1993 Reniger:

Andrew Abood, Fred Behymer Jr., Tym Bignell, Jerry Blake, Jim Carroll, John Clark, Kevin Collier, Gary DeRosia, Jim Dickey, Gary Domagalski, Jim Donahue, Scott Dorer, Jerry Gunthorpe, Morrie Hoevel, Dean Holland, Paul Hughes, Tom Jamieson, Tom Mase, Dick McDevitt, Kevin Miller, Paul Nieratko, Jim Olsen, Ian Peakes, Lee Peters, Tim Russell, Jerome Swain, and Jim Westwood.

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## Domagalski Takes Reniger for 4th Time

### Forest Akers East

With exceptionally good weather (at least for the Reniger), Gary Domagalski made it four straight Reniger Championships. With a fine 71 on the East Course to go along with his course record 71 on the newly renovated "West" course, Gary bested the remaining 59 players by shots.

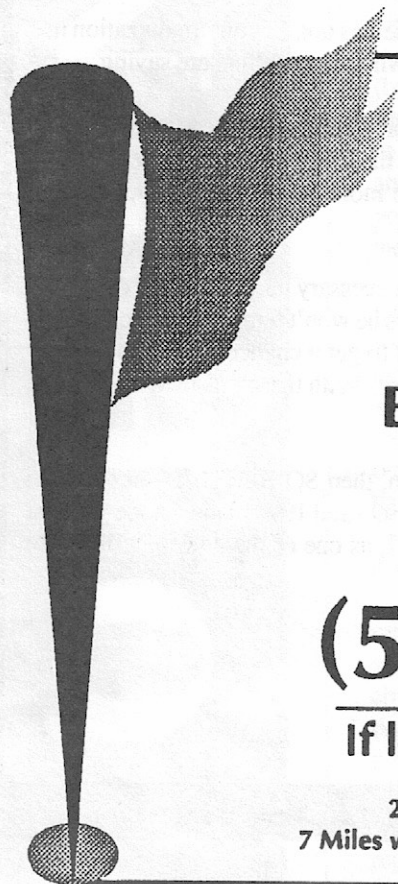
A second place tie between Ian Peakes and Dr. Tom Jamieson was the main battle during Sunday's round. Ian actually rallied from a 41 on the front nine to tie Dr. Tom with a birdie on the 18th hole. Jim Dickey finished in 4th place followed by:

- 5th Jerome Swain, Andrew Abood
- 7th Jerry Gunthorpe
- 8th Fred Behymer Jr., John Clark
- 11th Paul Hughes
- 12th Gary DeRosia, Kevin Miller

- 14th Tom Mase, Jim Donahue, Paul Nieratho
- 17th Jim Carroll, Morrie Hoevel, Jim Olsen
- 20th Tym Bignell, Lee Peters
- 22nd Tim Russell, Dick McDevitt, Jim Westwood, Scott Dorer, Dean Holland, Jerry Blake
- 28th Red McIntyre, Ken Goodwin
- 30th J.D. DeWitt, Burton Smith, Doug Hankey, Don Passage
- 34th Dennis Shumway, Mark Strolle, Dave McGuire, Jeff Olsen, Gary Barrett
- 39th Randy Mastin
- 40th Leon Hudson, Bob Aumaugher
- 42nd Larry Meirndorf, Earl Anderson
- 44th Ed Morden, Chris Nelson, Dan Parsons, Dave Seehase
- 48th Otto Schubel, Gary Hetherington
- 50th Homer Hawkins, Jim Riley
- 52nd Glen Morrison

- 53rd Ron Vincent, Mike Boynton, Jack Weyers, Rick Whitters
- 57th Marcel Holloway
- 58th Stu White
- 59th Marty Ciezadlo
- 60th Bill King

The highlite of the Reniger was the use of the "West" course for Saturday's round. Players were both anxious and apprehensive about playing the "West". Anxious because of all the obvious improvements and newly designed holes and apprehensive because of the lack of knowledge and unknown playing characteristics of the new holes. The anxiousness and apprehensiveness proved to be very warranted a Saturday's scores ranged from 71 to 93. Many players attributed the higher scores to both a lack of course knowledge and their doubt about club selection.



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# OPINION

## "In My Opinion"

This is a new column where opinions of our members, fellow competitors, and/or players can rent their frustrations, anger or strong feelings toward any golf related subject. We hope that you will make

your feelings known by using this space and we will print anything that is signed and written in a respectable manner. This issue will feature an opinion by Larry Parker and one by Jim Donahue.

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To whom it may concern:

I thought we lived in a democracy? It seems not, as your organization has seen fit to do what it wants to and ignore what most golfers are saying.

The 43.0% of those responding in favor of increasing the fees is less than 44.5% of those who want to keep the fees the same. Neither figure is a clear majority, but you have to agree, there are more people against the increase than for it.

The exorbitant fees you have deemed necessary takes the FUN out of the tournament for the average guy who knows he won't win. These people enter the tournament for sheer competition and to get a chance to play in a major tournament, so to speak, with the big hitters. With these drastic changes, you are driving these golfers away.

If this is the goal of your organization, then SO BE IT! If you continue your course of action and implement the 1993 and 1994 plans, I hope you and your 43.0% can make a go of it because I, as one of the 44.5%, will not be there.

*Disgustingly yours,  
Larry L. Parker*





## Has Cheating Gone To Far?

I swear - this will be the very last time that I write anything about cheating, but since I have this last chance, I'll take one last swipe at cheating due to some of things that were said or implied in the 1992 Reniger. I feel the need to do this because a good many of the players in the Lansing area are really getting fed up with some of the things that are going on locally.

In the 1991 Reniger, an incident occurred when one of the player/s cleared leaves off his putting line with a towel. After being informed that this might be an infraction of the rules, this individual failed (for whatever reason) to inform any tournament official about the incident. This incident was brought to our attention about two weeks after the tournament was finished. The individual was contacted and asked to explain his actions in writing, which he did. We then warned him that we felt very strongly about such things and that any further incidents would result in his not receiving an invitation for the 1992 event.

Earlier this summer I was informed (by two different individuals) about this same player using a "padded" handicap in a Pro-Am event. I made note of this and when it came time to send out this year's invitations, the selection committee, based on the two incidents above, decided it was in the best interest of the tournament, not to invite him to play. In weeks just prior to the Reniger, I received two phone calls inquiring as to the reason he did not receive an invitation. Both individuals who called were informed of our reasons, said they had heard about them before and understood our position. I even explained our position to the individual himself.

I decided to inform each group about our feelings toward cheating (each player was informed that we would not tolerate cheating and that we would hold the entire group responsible if infractions were not reported). I felt, as did the committee, that this warning was more than enough to keep this tournament above reproach. It now appears that my warning wasn't strong enough, as a couple of

participants have informed other players that some cheating was still going on.

I have just two things to say about this: Number one - Why wasn't the players in question challenged at the time of the incident and number two - why wasn't someone of the tournament committee informed of the possible infractions either at the finish of that round, at the end of the tournament or at some point since then? What are you afraid of? When you allow someone to either knowingly or unknowingly break the rules - you are at least as guilty as they are. It is every participants duty to protect the rest of the field. You must at least question the action in order to fulfill this obligation. You really don't have a choice in the matter.

Cheating is the scourge of our local tournaments. The player/s in question have reputations that they would or should be embarrassed about. Every score they shoot - anywhere - is questioned. Other players request not to be paired with these individuals. Jokes are made in half jest. It pure and simply has ruined their reputations. What really is puzzling about this entire situation is that the players in question are considered to be some of the better players in the Lansing area and they really shouldn't need to bend the rules.

I've been asked many times - why do you think they do it? First of all - there are probably as many theories as there are incidents. Why - maybe it's because they feel that it's embarrassing to post what they consider is a bad score. Maybe the desire to be a "winner" is just so great that any means justifies the end result. Whatever the reason - cheating is never justified - never! We - as a group - must police each other and at least challenge anything that we feel is incorrect. Also - those questioned shouldn't be upset - they should be encouraged to know that the Lansing area players are finally starting to care what happens on the course.

\*We encourage anyone who feels they have something to say - to put it in writing - we will print it.

Jim Donahue



## Sandy's Predictions Revisited

Well fans, I must admit that I feel some remorse about letting you down by being off on my predictions concerning the weather for tournaments. Even though I was 66% correct in my predictions, I really feel that I let my fans down. Now I realize that many people would be more than happy to be 66% correct in anything, but my standards are higher. The rest of my predictions were pretty much on the money, even so I will take more care with my predictions for next year.

In this column I will make my predictions concerning the equipment you will see advertised and some coming changes in rules from the U.S.G.A. I hope that you will take these predictions to heart when purchasing equipment for 1993.

### Clubs:

1. You will see a club company promote a new concept in irons that will make the Ping Zing look like a classic club. You will see the women players on the L.P.G.A. Tour use these more than on the P.G.A. Tour or the Senior Tour. This manufacturer will use materials developed for skiing in these clubs.
2. More companies will reintroduce iron heads from the late 60's and early 70's. Wilson will lead the industry in this area.
3. Companies will introduce metal drivers with inserts in them. These will attempt to give players the feel of wooden drivers with the playability of metal clubs.
4. The severe off-set in iron design that many companies have gone to, will be replaced by irons with less off-set and a more traditional look.
5. You will see more odd designed putters that will feature milled faces, faced balance and enlarged "sweet-spots".
6. The cost of forged bladed irons will increase and be more expensive than cast clubs.

### Bags:

1. "Ping" carry bags will continue to be the "best" selling bags.
2. As with clubs, odd designed bags that feature better balancing and new material will be introduced.
3. The "quiver" style bags that several players are carrying will be improved upon and become even more popular.

### Shoes:

1. The Foot Joy Dry Joy shoe will become more popular than the Foot Joy "classic".
2. More shoe company's will feature "life-time" spikes and molded soles in their shoe lines.
3. Classic styling will become more popular this year.

### Clothes:

1. Sweater vests will gain in popularity.
2. "Docker" style pants will continue to grow in popularity.
3. Open sleeved shirts in basic colors will be on the way out this year.

### Misc.:

1. "Gortex" socks need to be developed so the need for waterproof shoes will not be necessary.
2. A poncho designed especially for golf needs to be developed.
3. Rain suits will continue to improve in both looks and playability.

These are my predictions for equipment and I will make my yearly predictions in the spring.

## Review: Harvey Pennick's Little Red Book

Harvey Pennick can count as his students two of the top all time money winners on the PGA Tour - Tom Kite and Ben Crenshaw - and arguably the greatest woman golfer of all time - Kathy Whitworth. The fact that Kite recently won our Open certainly reflects positively on Harvey Pennick and his teaching philosophy.

In his book, compiled from over 60 years of observations and not intended for publication, Pennick tells how Kite practices incessantly and Crenshaw seldomly. The two were never allowed to see the other practice because they are so different in the way they approach golf. Crenshaw was a natural, having begun his development around and on the green at age 6 and Kite having had to work extremely hard for all he's accomplished. Pennick says Crenshaw could have been a star in any number of sports.

The book contains a tremendous amount of instruction, written without diagrams and in terms we all can grasp. It is written in small bites, great for reading when just small amounts of time are available. He also has a lot of historical information and even offers an explanation as to what happened to the gold medals Jim Thorpe won and then had to return. He also talks about such immortals as Ky Laffoon and a favorite of mine, Titanic Thompson, who it was said, could beat any golfer of his time (20's & 30's) either right-handed or left-handed.

But the most alluring aspect of The Little Red Book is the philosophy contained within. Pennick does a beautiful job of relating and intertwining life and golf. Although this is a small book, there is something here for everyone of us who not only play golf, but also reflect deeply upon it. Reviewer - Ed Brown



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## 1993 - New Changes for G.L.A.G.A.

The Greater Lansing Amateur Golf Association will see a great many new changes for 1993. The first of these changes will be finding of a new site to hold the popular "Golf Equipment Swap and Sell Day". Several different sites are being considered and a decision will be announced by the first of the year.

All-City Best-Ball Team Match-Play Championship. At the current time, the G.L.A.G.A. and the City of Lansing are planning a cooperative venture that will result in a new

match-play tournament. This tournament would see the top 8 teams from the "All-City Spring Best-Ball" and the top 8 teams from the "All-City Fall Best-Ball" in a team "Match-Play" event. This event would take place in the fall after the "Fall" Best-Ball is held. In the case of duplicate teams or if a team can't play for some reason, the next team from that specific tournament would take their place. Entry Fees, dates, etc. will be announced as soon as details can be worked out.

New "Senior" Tournaments possible. The G.L.A.G.A. board members will be asked to consider at least two new Senior events for 1993. One of these would be a 54 hole medal play event and the other a match play format. More details will be announced at a later date.

Two new board members have been added to the G.L.A.G.A. Board of Directors - Jeff Gates and Jim Riley are the new members and both will be profiled in coming issues.

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## "Rules You Should Know"

- An old hole plug is raised on a player's line of putt. The player steps on the hole plug to make it level with the surface of the putting green. In doing so he presses down a spike mark within the hole plug. Is this player in breach of Rule 16-1a When he pressed down the spike mark?

No! Rule 16-1a permits touching the line of a putt "in repairing old hole plugs". If the spike mark had been near, but not within the old hole plug, the ruling would be different. In these circumstances, the player would have been able to step on the hole plug without affecting the spike mark.

- A player playing hole #7 at Groesbeck, has his second shot roll up within an inch of the fence, however, there is room behind the ball to insert an iron or a putter and leave a space of half an inch between the ball and the face of a club. If the player plays a stroke with such a limited backswing, is he in breach of Rule 14-1 that deals with player's club being stopped on downswing by an agency other than himself.

It is possible to strike a ball fairly with a half-inch backswing. However, in most cases the player would be pushing the ball, contrary to Rule 14-1. In the absence of strong evidence to the contrary, it should be ruled that the player has pushed the ball. In order to strike the ball fairly, it must be swung at with the clubhead. If the ball is moved by any other method, it has been pushed, scraped or spooned. If a ball is fairly struck at, there is only a momentary contact between the clubhead and the ball or whatever intervenes between the clubhead and the ball.

\*If any of our members have questions about the rules of golf - please write to us at:

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## Equipment can overcome some physical problems

Here are some suggestions and checkpoints for your equipment so you can keep playing despite some physical limitations.

The most common problem is hand soreness and arthritis. Most people run out and get arthritic grips put on their clubs, but this is not the correct solution in all cases.

If your hands are sore when you swing a club in a practice swing without a ball, than an arthritic grip should help. If you feel pain only when you hit the ball, then the problem could be an overly stiff shaft. A slightly more flexible shaft will take some of the shock and vibration out of your mis-hits.

Back problems are also common. Graphite can help you if used correctly. A graphite shaft is lighter than steel, allowing for additional weight to be put into the clubhead while at the same time producing a club that is lighter than the original.

If you are going to have a club reshafted in graphite, the head weight must be increased or the club may be so light that you can swing too fast, causing even more strain on the back.

Another solution for bad backs is a longer club. This will allow you to swing while standing taller and will take pressure off of the lower back. The longer club may take some getting used to, because your swing plane will become flatter as the shaft length increases. You might want to have J.C. Peterson or another local repair shop add an inch or so to experiment with. J.C. also has many different length clubs you can try before you invest your money in new clubs.

Knee problems can be very frustrating. Usually you can detect a knee problem in a person that is tentative about turning back and through a shot.

If you have knee pain when you turn and shift, consider this modification to your golf shoes: If you're right-handed and your left knee is injured, remove the spikes on the outside of your left shoe. The remaining spikes will provide enough traction to keep you from slipping. By removing the spikes on the outside of your left shoe, the pressure on the knee will be reduced in your follow-through by allowing the left foot to pivot around the heel.

Often high-tech equipment is associated with distance, power club-head speed, and John Daly or Chuck Pohl. This ultimate search for distance can cause some players with injuries to shy away from high-tech, thinking that it is for scratch-playing big hitters only.

Nothing could be further from the truth, because the scratch-playing big hitter could probably play with a two-by-four and still hit it over 200 yards.

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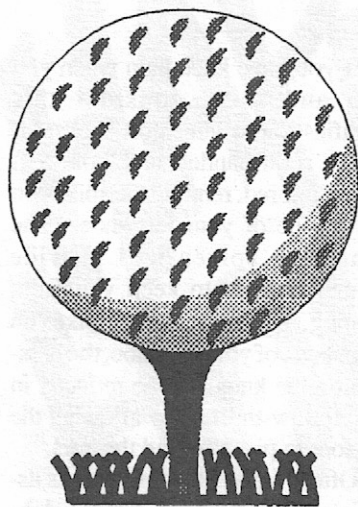
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## Book Review - From 60 Yards In by Ray Floyd

For any of our members who are looking to improve their short games, "From 60 Yards In" by Ray Floyd can't do anything but help. This book shares the secrets of Ray Floyd who many consider to be the acknowledged master of the short game. Ray shares his personal theories on all facets of the short game from pitching to putting. He explains fairly clearly what has worked for him and his fellow touring pros. This book also indicates how to adapt these theories to your own personal games.

We found this book to be easily read and understood. It is adequately illustrated and should aid the reader in their attempts to put these theories into use. His instruction is well presented as well as demonstrated especially in the area of chipping.

Our rating of this book is "ABOVE AVERAGE", and at \$18.95 a decent value.

## "What's In The Bag?"

(Stu White)

After the Lansing State Journal borrowed our idea and have now given up on it, we resume this column and we thought we would feature the bag of Stu White - mainly because it's the largest bag used by any golfer in Lansing.

**Name: Stu White**  
**Lansing Resident**  
**Handicap: 6**

### Clubs:

**Woods -** Driver - J.C. Peterson "J" Copy 3 Wood - Langert  
13degree 5 Wood - Hogan

**Irons -** J.C. Peterson "Tour model, Leather Grip, standard length and loft (3 to PN). Sand Iron - J.C. Peterson "forged", 3rd Wedge - J.C. Peterson 60 degree (copper)

**Putter -** Paico "B", Glove - Daiwa, Ball - Maxfli Balala HT-90

**Other Items:** 3 towells, 2 pair of socks, 8 gloves, 10 new balls, 46 tees, 6 ball markers, 3 dirty hats, 2 rolls adhesive tape, 17 various sized band aids, 76 shag balls, 1 sponge, 2 brushes, 4 divit tools, 1 tube sun screen, 2 sweaters, 16 pennies, 1 radio, 4 batteries, 1 Grand Rapids telephone book, 1 pair jockey shorts, 1 pair sandals, spare tire for pull cart, 2 sandwiches (peanut butter & jelly - he thinks), 1 extra cart handle, 1 first aid kit, 1 snake bit kit, 1 can of off, ant spray, and 1 instruction book - Ben Hogan's "Five Modern Fundamentals of Golf".

### Cart: -

Bag Boy Pull Cart - 36 years old. This cart has been guaranteed to withstand the most severe clear blast known to man. As one of his fellow competitors has stated - "his cart is so heavy it leaves ruts in the fairways. The club house attendants in Las Vegas described his bag this way "Heaviest G-- D--- bag we've ever handled." When Stu unzips his bag - things just pop out.

It should be noted that when playing in Jackson or Battle Creek, Stu often drives his own car because his gear (bag, cart, shoes, etc.) won't fit in anyone's trunk when other bags have to be taken.



## Junior Golf - 1992

It took a Sunday morning followed by a Wednesday evening, but registration was completed for both an all-day clinic and a 9-week junior tour. 141 golfers from age 6-16 registered for the clinic which was hosted by Forest Akers Golf Course on Saturday, June 20. Included on the blustery day was one hour of putting instruction conducted by Dan Olsen and several helpful adults. A putt-off concluded both the younger session (6-9) and the older (10-17). The winners were rewarded with a free lesson from Dan. All youngsters showed marked improvement coupled with lost of enthusiasm.

At the time th putting lessons were occurring during the morning sessions, chipping lessons were also being conducted under the watchful eyes of Jim Donahue and Jim Dickey. Again a chip-off was held in each division and a free lesson with Dan Olsen awarded. A one-hour

break for lunch gave everyone a chance to eat and to spend time with both old and new friends.

The afternoon sessions began with shotmaking demonstrations by Ron Vincent and Dan Olsen. The age groups again received instruction in iron play and wood play. At the end of these clinics, LPGA posters were distributed along with a short wrap up from MSU pro Steve Ruthenberg. Although the weather was cold and overcast, no complaints were heard from any participants. In fact following the clinic many inquiries were forthcoming as to how individuals could get onto the junior tour.

130 golfers, aged 7-17, signed up for the junior tour. A qualifier was held at Ledge Meadows on June 15, 1992. The younger golfers played the front 9 from the forward tees and the older golfers the back from the white tees. Scores of less than 60 on the back and less than 50 from the

front play 18 holes every other week, the rest 9 holes.

18 hole venues are Groesbeck, Glenbrier, Branson Bay and Mason Hills. 9 hole venues are Red Cedar, Sycamore, Indian Hills and Waverly. GLAGA wishes to thank all of the above for their generous use of the courses. Approximately 55 golfers play 9 holes and 45 the 18 holes. All golfers joined GLAGA and received The Rules Of Golf and bag tags. At year's end, awards will be made along with a luncheon for all participants.

A special thank you is in order for all the parents who transport their kids to the events, to Don Ballard and all course owners and to the volunteers who assisted with the clinic and the Monday tour events. Also a thank you to the State Journal for posting the scores each week. Everyone loves to see their name in print.

Submitted by: Ed Brown

## Local Golfers Support Junior Golf Program

Junior Golf is finally gaining support from the area's better players. Almost without exception players in the Reniger donated money to the G.L.A.G.A. Junior Golf Program. One player (Andrew Abood) donated his winnings to the program.

Tim Lillebow wanted to express his support in a unique way. Earlier this summer Tim called to tell us how

impressed he was with our efforts on behalf of Junior Golf. He said, "I want to do something a little different and hopefully something some of the other better players in Lansing will try to do also. I will donate x-amount for every birdie that I make and x-amount for every eagle that I make from now until the end of the golf season." This effort

only shows the accross-the-board concern for the Greater Lansing Area Junior Golfer.

Those of us who are directly involved in the Junior Golf Program appreciate all your donations and efforts and are sure that as our programs grow and flourish - you will see your donations in action.



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## "Walt Sorg's Complaint's Answered"

Mr. Walter Sorg, from Williamston had some major complaints about the G.L.A.G.A. and how we run the All-City Championship. Jim Donahue, a G.L.A.G.A. Board Member who served on the tournament committee in cooperation with John Peakes, G.L.A.G.A. Vice President, answered his letter in the State Journal and we thought our members would be interested in the whole reply (only parts of it were printed in the Journal).

7-19-92

Lansing State Journal  
Sports Department  
ATTN: Steve Klein

Dear Steve,

After reading Walter Sorg's letter in today's paper, I feel compelled to write to you in hopes that you will give my letter the same prominent space as you did his. Mr. Sorg's letter is full of inaccuracies, misrepresentations and false facts.

- 1st: We are not the Greater Lansing Area Golf Association, but rather the Greater Lansing Amateur Golf Association. So if your going to criticize us at least get our name right.
- 2nd: It is our Association's position to always try to get the entire 54 holes of the tournament played if at all possible. If it isn't, then to get in whatever 9 hole portion we can get the entire field at that particular course to finish. This is exactly what we tried to do this year.
- 3rd: Our association paid both Ledge Meadows and Groesbeck Golf Course full green's fees for the entire field for all 54 holes of the tournament. We, as an association, can not give "rain checks" for rounds, or portions of rounds not completed because of weather. It is my understanding that Ledge Meadows G.L. is giving out "rain checks" to all those who request it. This "rain check" problem is strictly between players and the golf courses.
- 4th: If Mr. Sorg did in fact quit after four holes, as he stated in his letter, then he officially "withdrew" from the tournament and is entitled to nothing more than a "WD" after his name, and certainly not a "rain check" or a "refund" as he desired.
- 5th: As to our Association being motivated by greed rather than the best interests of the golfers in Lansing - Our Association, since it's inception, has started the All-City Match Play; has improved the All-City Medal Play; has developed the Junior Golf Instruction Program and the Junior Tour; has started, kept running Women's All-City until our sister association was formed; has helped with the running of the Bud Reniger Memorial and the Lansing Challenge Cup and finally are working on a few new tournament concepts that may debut in 1993.

Greed - not this association. All board members and various committee people donate their time and efforts. No one is paid.

Finally a personal word to Mr. Sorg. Before you play in your next event, where ever and when ever that may be - read the entry blank, if you don't understand it, have it explained. Read the U.S.G.A. Rule Book and finally after that - if you have time - donate a few days to help run one of these events. We are always looking for more help and we're sure that you'll have a very different perspective of what it takes to run an event of this magnitude.

Jim Donahue and John Peakes G.L.A.G.A.





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## Amateur Qualifying Comes To Lansing

The GLAGA has just learned that Goesbeck Golf Course has been selected as one of the qualifying sites for the 1993 GAM STATE AMATEUR Tournament. The date for this qualifier is June 8th.

### Golf

*Anonymous*

They do not know what golf may be  
Who call it childish play  
To drive a globule from a tee  
And follow it away.  
They do not understand who scoff  
And all its virtues miss;  
Who think that this is all of golf -  
For golf is more than this.  
For golf is earth's ambassador  
That comes to haunts of men,  
To lure them from the banking floor,  
The counter and the pen.  
To lead them gently by the hand,  
From toil and stress and strife,  
And guide them through the summer land,  
Along the path of life.  
The pastime of philosopher;  
For such a man must be  
When far away the golf ball whirrs  
And hides behind a tree.  
A man may see his business fall  
And never turn a hair;  
But men are strong who lose the ball  
And still refuse to swear.  
It is a game of honor, too,  
That tries the souls of men;  
It's easy in the public view  
To be all honest men.  
But he deserves an angel's wings  
Who paths of truth has trod,  
When left alone with just two things -  
His score card and his God.  
If golf shall teach you patiently  
Adversity to meet;  
If it shall teach philosophy  
To keep your temper sweet;  
If it shall teach you still to grin  
With mirth, no matter what -  
You are a victor if you win  
A loving cup or not.

## The Golfer's Prayer

*by Ring W. Lardner*

I do not ask for strength to drive  
Three hundred yards and straight;  
I do not ask to make in five  
A hole that's bogey eight.

I do not want a skill in play  
Which others can't attain;  
I plead but for one Saturday  
On which it doesn't rain.

### Golf

*by David R. Forgan*

It is a science - the study of a lifetime, in which you may exhaust yourself but never your subject.  
It is a contest, a duel or a melee, calling for courage, skill, strategy and self-control.  
It is a test of temper, a trial of honor, a revealer of character.  
It affords a chance to play the man, and act the gentlemen.  
It means going into God's out-of-doors, getting close to nature, fresh air, exercise, a sweeping away of the mental cobwebs, genuine recreation of the tired tissues.  
It is a cure for care - an antidote to worry.  
It includes companionship with friends, social intercourse, opportunity for courtesy, kindness and generosity to an opponent.  
It promotes not only physical health but moral force.



## "Home Town Publications and GLAGA Sever Ties"

Even though the general appearance of "Golf News" may appear to be very similar, the GLAGA and Colonial Printing are once again publishing the news letter. As editor, I felt that we had nothing to lose by trying Home Town Publications, however, it appears that their ideas may have been overzealous for the Lansing

area and too expensive for the many advertisers who have supported us over the years.

Our board has decided that we go back to what has worked in the past. So beginning with this issue, our association in cooperation with Bill Christofferson and Colonial Printing, will once again be publishing our news letter. We are

sorry for the delay and it is our hope that this large issue will encourage you and gain your support as we continue to look for ways to improve every segment of our association..

Jim Donahue  
GLAGA  
News Letter Editor

## "What's New for 1993?"

1993 will see equipment purists get violently sick. This physical upheaval will be the result of some drastic changes in golf club design. The most drastic change of all comes from Cleveland Golf (formerly known as Cleveland Classic). Cleveland Golf, at the International Golf Show, in August, introduced the new 792 VAS iron. The VAS means "Vibration Absorbing System". This iron will stun people when they first see it, the same way the Ping Anser putter first did.

The heel of the 792 VAS almost comes to a point and sticks out about 5/8ths of an inch beyond the hosel. The top line and the sole are thinner behind the face (similar to the Ping Zing) and wider at the heel and toe. The object and the claim of Cleveland Golf is to correct off-center hits. This concept is also being used by Ryobi-Toski and Ping in their new irons.

Ben Hogan - following the lead of such companies as Ping and Tommy Armour introduces the "Hogan Personal Fit System". As with the other two companies, this system is to help you get a club that will fit both your stature and swing. The difference from the other two companies is the Hogan uses your sleeve length subtracted from your height. Ping and Armour measure

your finger tips to the floor. Hogan believes that your sleeve length more closely resembles your arms in a swinging position and therefore a more correct shaft length can be determined. Shaft flex and swing weight are determined by a chart that factors in what club you use to hit a golf ball 150 yards.

This year's "Skins Game" will see only Greg Norman and Payne Stewart return to this year's "made for T.V." event. Joining Norman and Stewart will be Tom Kite and Fred Couples.

Plagued by slow play (as are we in the Lansing area) the P.G.A. Tour is considering restructuring the size of their fields. The purpose of this reduced field is to help alleviate the slow-play problem.

Ford Motor Company will be the new sponsor of the Senior Players Championship in 1993. With the tournament being held in Ford's hometown of Dearborn - this change is a natural. Besides - with the possibility of major layoffs in the auto industry, this change from Mazda, could help attendance.

Titleist will introduce it's next generation of it's popular DCI iron. This new model will have grooves that are narrower and closer together. This redesign, according to the company, will put more spin on the ball

from dry, grassy lies. Also, new from Titleist this year is the reintroducing of it's once popular Pro-Track balata ball. This ball should be the most popular ball that Titleist makes for the lower handicap player.

Nike introduces a new "cross-training" style of golf shoe. This shoe features Nike-Air cushioning, a Phylon Footframe midsole and waterproof leather.

Eaton - Golf Pride, capitalizing on it's popular new "Tour Wrap" golf grip, introduces two new grips for 1993. Tour Wrap Cord and the Mid-size Toup Wrap Grip. According to the company, the Tour Wrap Cord offers a distinctive look and feel while delivering an entirely new level of performance. This grip was extensively tested on the PGA Tour and represents the second generation of Tour Wrap excellence.

The all-new Midsize Tour Wrap is the second new member to the Tour Wrap family. Slightly oversized by 1/16th from standard, the Midsize will meet many of the demands of golfers for something between standard and jumbo.

As manufacturers release their 1993 changes, Golf News, in it's next two issues, will continue to keep you updated.



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## 400 Yards Possible With Colorado Made Driver

Denver club maker Nick Evancich feels he has a driver that could give the average golfer at least 25 more yards off the tee. Nick credits the new ruling by the U.S.G.A. that allows for inserts in metal club heads. Seizing the opportunity, Mega Pro Inc. founder Evancich has developed a line of clubs featuring graphite inserts and plans to introduce one with a ceramic face shortly.

"I've got a Kevlar one too, but I'm not going to mess with it," he states. "It's a good deal for a big guy, but it doesn't do much for most people." His first graphite club is the Mega-Signature SS/G92 Driver. This oversized stainless steel head with a full graphite insert face features an aerodynamic design to reduce drag

which should increase club head speed. This club can be ordered with various shafts, but boron-graphite with its lower torque and potential for greater power and distance is recommended. Even though the club is oversized to allow a larger "sweet spot", Evancich points out it is still lighter than any conventional head now available.

Mega Pro also has a complete line of irons and putters with graphite faces in production. "I've got a quality club," Evancich says with pride. "You can't match the aesthetics or quality.

"While he is one of the few club makers offering graphite inserts in his drivers, he claims to be the only one making a ceramic faced driver.

"Coors tried it and gave up," he states. "My son can hit a ball 400 yards with that ceramic club.

"Mega Pro started about two years ago with a training club called the Mega Guiding Light. Using two halogen lights (one in the grip and one in the club head), the club comes with a special training grip for correct hand position.

The training club is not designed for actually hitting golf balls, but for "grooving" the perfect swing. Evancich says. "You focus the light, follow the line and you'll hit the perfect shot every time," he ads.

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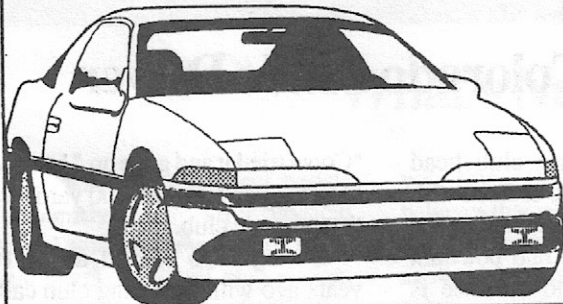
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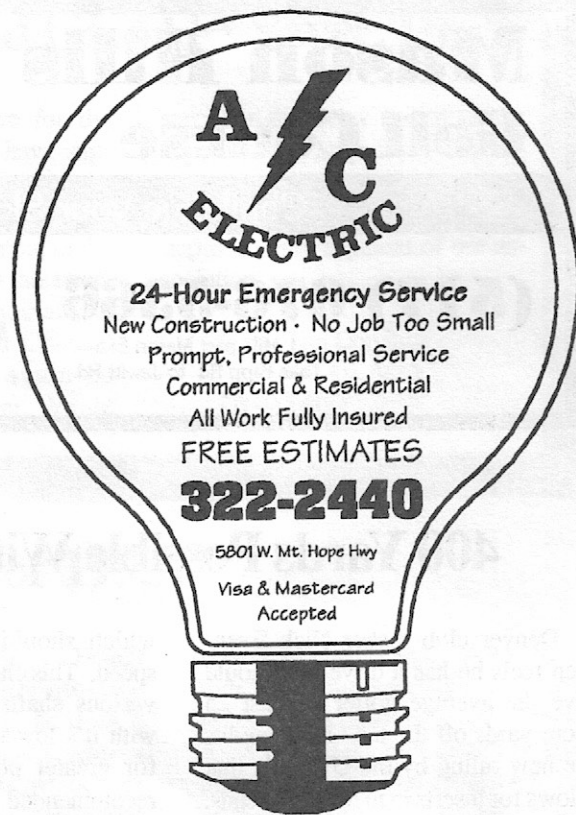
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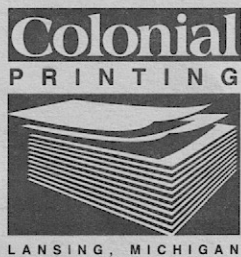
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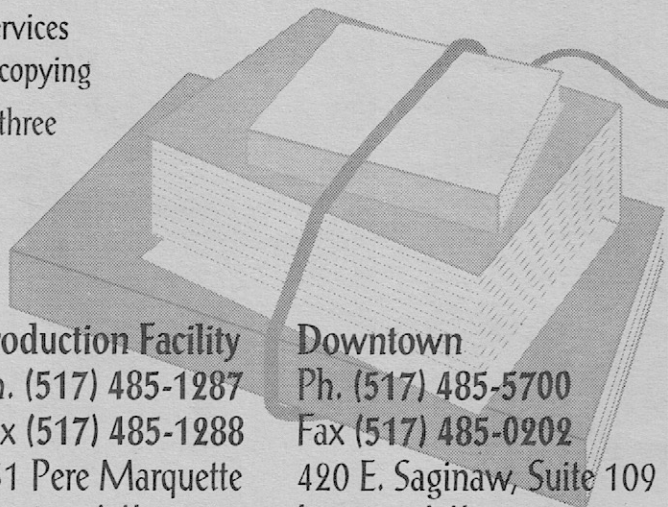
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