

# GOLF NEWS

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## GLAGA / Lansing Youth Fund / City Award Junior Scholarships

The City of Lansing in partnership with the **Greater Lansing Amateur Golf Association** and the **Lansing Youth and Recreation Fund** awarded 34 youth scholarships this year. Initially 30 scholarships had been set aside but the city accommodated all 34 young golfers who applied.

Golf is undergoing a new youth movement of sorts with the visibility of Tiger Woods, David Duval, Karrie Webb, Se Ri Pak and other young lions and lionesses on the professional tours. It's critical that our youth who are drawn to golf have a chance to play out their dreams on fields they can afford.

The scholarship takes the form of a summer season golf passes that is valid at any City of Lansing Municipal Golf Course. The pass entitles the student to play 9-holes for \$.50 at Waverly, Red Cedar and Sycamore courses; and 9 holes at Groesbeck for \$1.75 (\$3.50 for 18 holes). GLAGA Board members Stu White, Paul Nieratko and Gray Tuttle attended the meeting where the passes were distributed by Lansing's manager of golf operations, Don Ballard. The event included a review of golfing rules and etiquette by Dave Panici, who was instrumental in the design of the application process as well as the selection of the applicants for the scholarship.

Board President Stu White echoed at the meeting his earlier comments that the hard work and selfless dedication of persons like Coach Panici at Lansing Eastern High School and Kris Nicholoff of the Lansing Youth and

Recreation Fund as well as the GLAGA members and their dues have made our public golf courses fields of dreams for Lansing area junior golfers.

In addition to the youth scholarship program, which White predicted will grow in demand in the following years,



GLAGA wants to help facilitate the collection of clubs, balls, and bags to be used by juniors at the Lansing Municipal golf courses. White announced that GLAGA will use its tournaments as venues to collect donations of golfing equipment from its members and any one else interested in helping junior golf. Once collected the equipment will be tagged and stored for use at each Lansing municipal course. In this way any junior can borrow clubs, a bag and balls and play golf. At the conclusion of the round, the equipment would be returned to the starter for use by other young golfers who want to play.

The scholarships were awarded based on the applicant's interest, knowledge of the game and need.

# Mid Season Tournament Summary

Nathan Clark dominates the spring and early summer circuit with convincing wins at the Emerald and the All City Match Play

May and early June in the mid-Michigan golf world seemed to belong to nineteen year old Mason resident and MSU golfer, Nathan Clark. Starting with a local photo on Lansing State Journal's May 2 Golf Page, Nathan just kept on shining.

In the week prior to GLAGA's Spring Medal Play at the Emerald in St. Johns, Nathan shared medallist honors with a 70 at Marion Oaks in his successful effort to qualify for the Michigan Amateur. Also qualifying at the Marion Oaks sectional were James Kostaroff (Timber Ridge) and Bruce Couturier (Oaklane).

Nathan continued his winning ways with an opening day 66 at the Spring Medal Play. Clark's score represented a course record from the white tees (set at the GAM markers). On Sunday Clark shot a 73 from the tips and once again claimed medalist honors while he eclipsed runners up Paul Nieratko (147) and Corey Peckham (147) by eight shots.

Rounding out the top ten finishers in the Championship Flight were fourth place finishers Dick Diana, Eric Morfe, and Jerry Blake (148), seventh place Bob Matthiesen, (149) eighth place, Tim Taylor (150) and ninth place finishers, Gray Tuttle (151) and Carl Bond, who also took low senior honors with a 151. For complete results of this and the other two flights, go to [www.golfhaus.org/glaga/spm/fscores.html](http://www.golfhaus.org/glaga/spm/fscores.html) on the web.

While May belonged to young Nathan Clark when it came to tournaments, GLAGA seems to own the rain. Sunday's Spring Medal Play was interrupted by an afternoon thunderstorm that kept the golfers in the first and second flites from completing thirty six holes. Rather than risk life, limb and lawsuit from lightening in the area, tournament officials called the event and awarded Jeff Harry first place honors in the first flite and Craig Chambers first place in the second flite.

Harry had shared the lead in the first flite after day one with a score of 78. His second day total of 54 for the first 14 holes also tied for low score of the day in his flite with Doug Hankey, who took second place with a two day total of 134. Bruce Couturier (135) and Matt Pryer (135) shared third and Chris Manchester (136) claimed fifth place alone.

Claiming that his first day score of 83 represented the worst day of golf he played this year, Craig Chambers proved his point with a front nine score of three under par, 33, to win the second flite by five shots over Blake Hazen.

Hazen's nine hole total of even par 36 followed an opening 85 and left him three shots ahead of third place finishers, Larry Yachcik, the weary and water logged tournament director, and Sam Walker. Walker's opening round of 84 compared to his opening round of 68 last year in the same event on the same course should remind all of us that golf is a cruel mistress at best. Nick Bellows rounded out the top five finishers with a two day total of 126 for 27 holes.

The top five finishers in each flite were presented with gift certificates from the Emerald pro shop. First place finish in each flite received a \$200 certificate. Depending upon the order of finish and ties, second place was awarded \$125, third place \$75, fourth place \$50 and fifth place \$25.

As a post script to this story, Nathan finished in the top 25 after the Michigan Amateur's opening 36 hole qualifier at the Detroit Country Club. He joined Hank Schlissberg, Kevin Miller, John Murphy, Bob Fossum and Tom Jamieson in the match play portion of the Amateur.

**GLAGA President Stu White presents Nathan Clark his medal play trophy**



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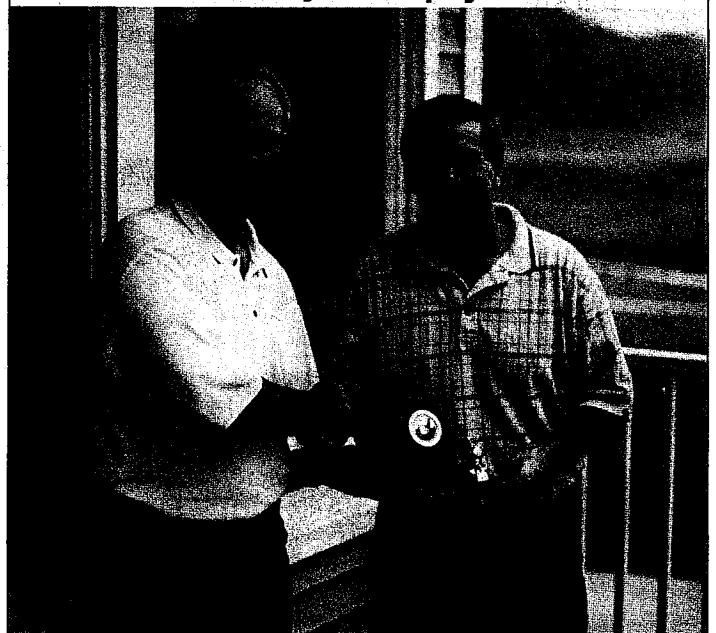
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## Clark Prevails over Matthiesen in All City Match Play

Undaunted and unfazed by the shot making of his opponents, young Nathan Clark once again dominated the local amateur tournament scene in June with a win in the All City Match Play at Groesbeck. While Bob Matthiesen, Nathan's opponent in the finals, claimed medallist honors in the Match Play's 18 hole qualifier with an impressive round of 66, one shot better than GLAGA Treasurer, Gray Tuttle, Nathan's qualifying score 72 was third lowest in the field of 46.

The All City Match Play format was modified for 1999 to include an 18 hole qualifying round after which the top 32 players were seeded according to their 18 hole score. The cut off score for qualifying for the match play portion was 79. The players who did not qualify were invited to compete in an 18 hole medal play consolation tournament on day two.

Results of the Sweet Sixteen Matches: Bob Matthiesen defeated Bill Schmidt 2 and 1. Paul Nieratko squeaked by Larry Meirndorf 1 up. Nathan Clark beat Randy Mastin 5 and 4. Dave Greely turned back Stu White 2 and 1. Tony Keim squeezed by Brad Mayot, 1 up. Doug Hawkins out dueled Jeff Harry 2 and 1. Joel Bush prevailed over Jeff Irish 5 and 4. Dave Kaufman won by default when his opponent Chad Risner failed to show on time.

In the quarter finals, Matthiesen defeated Keim, 2 and 1. Nieratko beat Bush, 3 and 2. Clark downed Hawkins 4 and 3. Greeley triumphed over Dave Kaufman, 6 and 4. Matthiesen turned back Greeley in their semi final match while Clark eliminated GLAGA Vice President and former All City Match Play Champion, Paul Nieratko.

Bill Kost won the 18 hole medal play consolation tournament with a 74. Dave Seehase finished second with a 78 and Dick Pennington and Joel Bush shared third with a 79.

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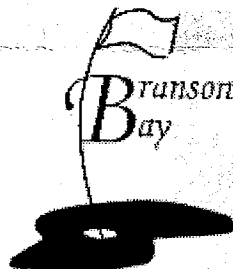
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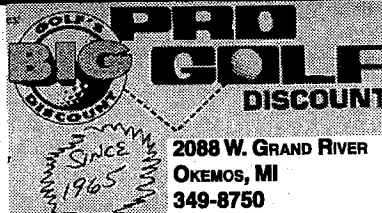
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