

GLAGA GOLF NEWS

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Spring Medal Play Tournament

Sunday, May 5, 2002

The Greater Lansing Amateur Golf Association (GLAGA) kicked off the 2002 golf season this past weekend with 60 players battling it out in the Spring Medal Play tournament. Mother Nature finally provided the mid-Michigan area with some good weather for golf and the staff at The Emerald at Maple Creek overcame a late spring to provide a venue that was in top shape.

18 year-old Erik Wilutis from Okemos took advantage of the great conditions and virtually lapped the field by an amazing 9 strokes with a score of 142 (2 under par). Erik, a red-shirt freshman on the Grand Valley State University golf team, credited his win to an accurate driver, steady iron play and a good touch around the greens. He completed the two rounds with only 4 bogies and one 3-putt!

Mike Tungate and Craig Chambers both finished at 151. Tungate won a 2-hole playoff for the 2nd place trophy. Jerry Blake shot 152.

Mike Mason won the First Flight competition with a 2-day total of 155, followed closely by Blake Hazen at 156 and 13 year-old Sam Burman at 157.

Daniel Balogh won the 2nd flight with a score 160. Steve Green II won a playoff with Dan Leung for 2nd place after finishing with two day totals of 161.

RESULTS

Championship Flight

1 Erik Wilutis	142
2 Mike Tungate *	151
Craig Chambers	151
4 Jerry Blake	152
5 Gray Tuttle	153
Joe Kosanke	
Scott Zbojniewicz	
Tony Keim	
9 Ron Clevenger	155 (low senior)
10 Stephen Martin	155
11 Dave Kaufman	156
12 Larry Meirndorf	157
13 Rich Diana	158
14 David Lefere	160
Grant Tungate	
16 Sam Walker	163
17 Dick Seehase	166

First Flight

1 Mike Mason	155
2 Blake Hazen	156
3 Sam Burman	157
4 Bill Kost	158
Keith Kleimola	
6 Carl Burman	159
7 John Bowersox	160
8 Dr Gary Distefeno	162
Edward Watson	
Karl Bohnhoff	
Rodney Crowell	
12 Doug Burt	163
Stuart White	
14 Tim Koivisto	165
15 Andrew Stewart	166
Craig Havican	
Steven Duling	
18 Mike Scieszka	167
19 Jacob Leyrer	171
20 Jerry Harte	172

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Where's That Board Member?

Need to find a GLAGA Board member at a tournament? You may now identify GLAGA Board members by green nametags worn at all times other than when competing. Please take the time to introduce yourselves to board members you have not met. Please do remember that when a Board member is on the golf course competing in a tournament (no nametag) they are considered another competitor and should not be approached by other players outside of their group with rules or procedural questions.

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Spring Medal Tournament

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Second Flight

1 Daniel Balough	160	11 Grant Solik	174
2 Dan Leung	166	Joshua Burt	
Steve Green		13 Gary Broughman	175
4 Brooks Kinnison	167	14 Cliff Winn	178
Ralph Fiebig		15 Jim Rapp	179
6 Nick Kost	169	16 David Hart	180
7 Michael Raymond	170	Reginald Carter	
8 Eric Darling	171	18 Joseph Metzget	181
Royce Wolverton		19 Jeff Harry	184
10 Aaron Manchester	173	20 Dick Baker	187
		21 Bob Tarrow	190
		22 Ryan Horne	195
		23 Alexander Simson	196

GLAGA's next event will be the All City Match Play tournament, which will be held June 14, 15 and 16 at Groesbeck Golf Course. Contact tournament director Paul Nieratko at 575-0362 for more information.

Respecting the Game

..... Pace of Play

Anyone who has played any tournament golf knows that there are several issues that will be considered when the event is judged for quality. The condition and speed of the greens, the pin placements, the height of the rough and the ease of finding yardages most often make the discussion list. The one factor that almost always comes up that is not controlled by the golf course is **pace of play**. A proper P.O.P. is a result of self-discipline and conscience effort by the players to play at a speed that will make the round enjoyable for everyone.

In 2001 the general feedback was that the P.O.P. was better than in the past. At the Spring Medal Play at The Emerald "turn times" were monitored. Only three groups needed to be encouraged to play faster. Many of the groups turned well under their target times. And all groups finished their rounds in less than the 4 and 1/2 hour limit. All of you who have played and contributed to this organizational success are to be congratulated.

Slow play is a plague on golf that more often than not is a consequence of sharing the course with poor players who have no appreciation for how the game is to be played. **The G.L.A.G.A. membership has always represented a more savvy and enlightened portion of the golfing population. A proper P.O.P. is something we should all expect and help bring about at our events.**

Here are few reminders that are good for all of us to review from time to time:

- Set a target time for your group.
- Set a personal goal for your round: **To be at your ball with the proper club when it's your turn to hit.**
- Set a fast pace while walking to your ball, marking its flight by a background object such as a tree, bush or shadow.
- Determine distance and trajectory toward the green by noting yardage markers, wind direction and obstructions **before you reach your ball.**
- Have two or three clubs in mind **before you reach your ball.** Examine your lie and make a final decision.
- Carry two or three clubs with you when sharing a cart or playing "cart path only".
- Repair ball marks, clean your ball and study your line of putt -- *while others are preparing to putt.* **BE READY WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN!**
- Know the rules for a ball that might be lost or out-of-bounds. Hit a provisional ball immediately and limit your search for the first ball to no more than 5 minutes. (a USGA rule)
- Limit practice swings.
- Start walking toward the ball immediately after it's hit. Admire or lament the shot en route.
- **Be aware of your pace of play and the pace of your group. Encourage others in your group to "pick up the pace" if they begin to become overly deliberate. Take pride in playing the game quickly.**

Greetings!

Welcome to the May issue of the GLAGA Golf News. The association now has it's first event for the year 2002 under it's belt and we wish to extend a "thank you" to all Spring Medal Play participants and our tournament director David Kaufman. The weather was excellent and the entire field of 63 golfers played the event within the 4 hour and 30 minute pace-of play policy. Making the event enjoyable for all. A special thank you goes out to Ed Kelbel and his staff and especially to the superintendent for the great condition of the golf course. As in the past the board welcomes your constructive comments and criticisms in an effort to continue to improve our events. We have received many encouraging comments.

Speaking of pace of play, if you feel you struggle to comply with GLAGA's policy on pace of play we have included a short piece in this issue to suggest ways in which to play faster while not rushing your game. Most of you will be familiar with these suggestions but it never hurts to reinforce your own understanding of ways to keep play in your own group moving.

Next up, GLAGA will be conducting the **ALL-CITY MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP** at Groesbeck Golf Course on June 14, 15 and 16. The \$80 entry fee guarantees two rounds of golf and contributes to the prize fund. An 18-hole

stroke play qualifying round will shotgun at 7:30am Friday with the low 32 scores entering the championship match brackets Friday afternoon. To win the Match-Play one must survive the qualifying round and win five matches! Those not qualifying for match-play will play a Saturday morning medal play event with prizes. The **entry deadline** is **June 7** for receipt of entry forms.

June is also the **GLAGA Seniors Medal Play** hosted the 22nd and 23rd by Willow Wood Golf Course in Portland. The entry deadline for the Seniors is June 15th. For full tournament details please find the information further on in this newsletter.

As of this writing GLAGA Summer Golf Scholarship winners had not been determined. There were 97 total applicants for the awards which provide a Gold Junior Golf Pass for the City of Lansing courses. Don Ballard is still reading! Watch for a list of scholarship winners in an upcoming newsletter!

Please enjoy this issue of the GLAGA Golf News and smooth swings to all of you! Summer IS just around the corner.

Paul Nieratko
Interim President



MEET THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Terry Kildea was invited to join the GLAGA Board in June of 2001. He has been a member of GLAGA for at least 10 years and looks forward to playing in the All City Tournament every year. Terry has been a lifelong resident of the Mid-Michigan area and currently lives in Okemos with his wife Vicki. They have two children, Jennifer and Jason.

Terry is recently retired from his family business, Kildea Kar Kare. He is currently managing the Executive Course at Chandler Farms, which is located on State Road in north Lansing, not far from Hawk Hollow. He is especially interested in promoting junior golf and the Rules of Golf. Terry has served as a tournament rules official for the United States Golf Association, the Golf Association of Michigan and the Powerbuilt Junior Tour.

A man of many interests, he also enjoys reading (all topics), writing (a golf novel is in progress), racquetball, travel, MSU athletics, cooking and landscaping.

His professionalism, business acumen and enthusiasm for and knowledge of the game of golf have been a welcome addition to the GLAGA board.

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It's Time to Renew Your GLAGA Membership!!!

Benefits of Membership

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Meet the Board of Directors

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Hi, my name is Dave Séehase. I have lived, worked and played in the Holt area since 1963. I am actively involved in a family business. We own and operate 8 Carquest auto parts stores and 2 repair facilities.

I met my soul mate (and wife, Cindy) in my sophomore year of high school. We've been together ever since. We have 2 children, D.J. who now is 20, and Mandy who will be 16 in April (and driving @#%^%^%\$\$).

My passion for golf started when I was attending Ferris State College for Automotive Technology in 1976. Beside the tubing on the river and working as a bouncer at local tavern, I played the Katke Golf Course at Ferris. No golf programs or scholarships at that time for me, it was casual, with a six pack to go.

When I graduated and began to work full time is when I truly fell in love with the game, joined a league and had a ball, Then as my game started to improve, the competitive juices began to flow and I started to enter some competitive events.

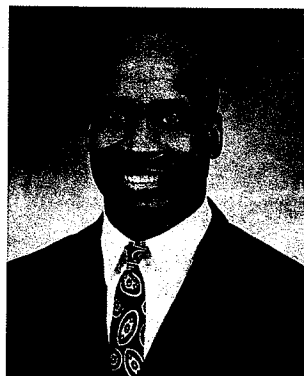
My most exciting experience in golf came when I competed in the long drive contest before the 1986 All City Tournament. I received a very favorable bounce down the left side of the fairway and edged out Chris Rule by 2 yards.

I love to play tournament golf and enter as many events as I can, or should I say as many as SHE lets me play in.

When I was asked to serve on the GLAGA board, I was ready and eager to help. I only hope

I can give back as much as this great game has given to me.

Steven Mcleod is a landscape architect and golf course designer who joined the GLAGA board of directors in February this year.



Steve was introduced to the game of golf by his dad at ten years of age. He has grown into golf as a player and architect spanning a fascinating career that includes interning at the Bear at Grand Traverse Resort;

working as a graphic artist for Michigan State University; as a landscape architects assistant for the Michigan Department of Transportation; in the Republic of Ghana, Africa for Gargantini International of Southfield; for Wolff Associates, Landscape Architects, Chicago; as the owner of his own landscape architecture firm in Haslett; as manager of the Pine Lake Golf Course pro shop; as a golf course designer with Matthews and Nelheibel Associates, East Lansing, and currently an independent design contractor with the firm Landscape Architects and Planners of Lansing.

Steve is a pioneer, one of the first African-Americans to make a living exclusively designing golf courses. Steve is the designer/architect of the new First Tee Golf Learning Center to be built at the site of the current Sycamore Golf Course for the city of Lansing. One of Steve's professional goals is to become a member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects. "It is my understanding there is no minority representation in the society and to be one of the first to be inducted would be an honor." Steve is currently serving as GLAGA'S competition course set-up consultant. He is a 1991 graduate of the MSU Landscape Architecture Program.

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The GLAGA Golf Calendar 2002

GLAGA Member Competitions

Dates	Event	Entries Close	Venue	Age Limit
May 4-5	Spring Medal Play	April 27.	The Emerald	16* and Older
June 22-23	Seniors Championship	June 15.	Willow Wood	50 and Older
July 20-21	Summer Stableford	July 13.	Forest Akers East	16* and Older
July 30	Juniors Championship	July 26.	Groesbeck	Age Divisions 18 & Younger

All-City Competitions Conducted by GLAGA

Dates	Event	Entries Close	Venue	Age Limit
June 14-16	All-City Match Play	June 7.	Groesbeck	16* and Older
August 9-11	All-City Medal Play	August 2.	Royal Scott and Timber Ridge	16* and Older
Sept 7-8	All-City Fall Best Ball	Sept 4.	Groesbeck	16* and Older

All Entry Forms for GLAGA Member Competitions and All-City Competitions Conducted by GLAGA must arrive at the GLAGA P.O. Box by the closing date accompanied by full payment by check or money order.

*If under the age of 16 a player must present a verified USGA Handicap of 18 or less to be eligible to compete.

2002 ALL-CITY MATCH PLAY

Hosted by
Groesbeck Golf Course
June 14, 15 and 16

Presented by GLAGA

Eligibility: Open to
all Amateur Golfers residing within 27.5 miles of the center of the City of Lansing.
Questions: Contact tournament director Paul Nieratko at 517-575-0362.

Tournament Schedule:

Friday	June 7, 2002	ENTRY DEADLINE
Friday	June 14 AM	18 hole stroke-play qualifying 7:30 A.M. Shotgun
Friday	June 14 PM	First Round Championship Matches 1:00 PM. Shotgun
Saturday	June 15 AM	Sweet-Sixteen Matches Tee Times 7:30-8:40 A.M. Consolation Medal Tee Times 9:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.
Saturday	June 15 PM	Quarter-final Matches 1:00 P.M. Tee-Times
Sunday	June 16 AM	Semi-final Matches 7:30 A.M. Tee-Times
Sunday	June 16 PM	Championship Match 12:30 P.M. Tee-Times

Fees: \$80 Entry Fee

- Includes:
- All greens fees
 - Guarantee of 2 rounds per competitor
 - Prize Funds (see below)

ENTRIES:

Must be received at the GLAGA Post Office Box by 5:00 P.M., Friday, June 7, 2002.
Entries are limited to the first 88 received. Others will be placed on a waiting list.
FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ENTRY.

PAIRINGS:

Pairings for the Match-Play portion of the tournament will be based on ORDER OF FINISH of the low 32 scores in the 18-hole stroke-play qualifier. USGA "place of finish formula" (1 vs. 32, 2 vs. 31, 3 vs. 30, etc.) will be used.

Ties for 32nd place will play off immediately following the mornings round from the #1 tee if necessary.

CONSOLATION:

Any players not making the low 32 will play ONE 18 hole medal play tournament on Saturday morning, June 15, Tee Times beginning @ 900 A.M.

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2002 All-City Match Play

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PRIZES: (number of places paid depends on final total number of entrants)

Championship Proper

- 1st Place: Champions Trophy + Gift Certificate and name engraved on the *Singleton/Donahue All-City Match Play Champions Trophy*
- 2nd Place: Trophy + Certificate
- 3rd and 4th: Silver Medal + Certificates
- 5th-8th: Bronze Medal + Certificates
- 9th-16th: Certificates

TIME OF STARTING:

All players should arrive at Groesbeck by 7:00 A.M., Friday, June 14. You will be sent to your starting tee at 7:15 A.M. The shotgun will be fired at 7:30 A.M. SHARP. Failure to arrive at the proper teeing ground at the shotgun will result in disqualification.

MOTORIZED CARTS:

Carts may be rented for this competition at the discretion of individual players. Players are themselves responsible for paying for any and all applicable cart fees directly to the Groesbeck Pro Shop. Carts may not be used to "**FORECADDIE**." Penalty for breach of rule stroke play: 2 shots each infraction. Match play: loss of hole.

PLACE OF PLAY

The GLAGA Pace of Play Policy is in effect for all rounds of this tournament, medal and match.

2002 ALL-CITY MATCH PLAY ENTRY

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Average Score _____ Home Course _____ Age _____

Make \$80.00 Check or Money Order payable to GLAGA.

Mail to: GLAGA - Match Play. P.O. Box 27092. Lansing, MI 48909

Submission of application constitutes agreement that player will abide by tournament rules as spelled out by the tournament committee including 4 and 1/2 hour pace of play rule.

GLAGA Senior Medal Play

GLAGA is proud to sponsor the 2002 Senior Medal Play Championship June 22 and 23 at Willow Wood Golf Club in Portland. The staff at Willow Wood is looking forward to hosting the event for GLAGA as the course is continuing to mature nicely and is "in the best shape ever". Tournament director Dick Baker expects another strong field of wily veterans to

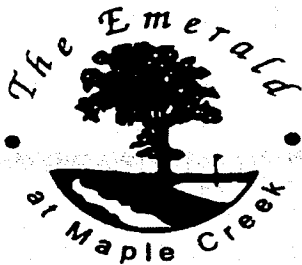
compete for the championship. Dick may be contacted at 487-9474 for more information.

A short footnote: For those who have not played the layout, Willow Wood is offering a weekday special before 1:00 PM — \$24 for 18 holes with a cart. Call 517-647-1984 to arrange practice round tee times.

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Congratulations CAWGA!!!

The Capitol Area Women's Golf Association turns 10 years old this year! CAWGA was formed in 1992 after a brief affiliation with GLAGA. In 1991, GLAGA board members, Tim Russell and Peg Lear (Bearden at the time) started a women's All-City Championship. It's success inspired Peg to separate from GLAGA to organize a women's golf association in collaboration with assistant director of golf for Lansing, Sue Carrow, Mary Pollack, Maureen LaValley-Nieratko and Pat Snow. These founding members with the support of many others volunteered countless hours to make their dream of offering tournament opportunities for Lansing area women of all ages and playing abilities a reality. And what a success! Through the years, past presidents have included many dedicated golfers including Deborah Windish, Laurie Harmon, Mary Pollack Judy Boice and current president Pepper Claucherty.

This year CAWGA is running six local events at a variety of area golf courses and is sponsoring a Boyne Get-Away Weekend for women, October 4-6 at Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs. Of particular interest is the annual Couples Scramble this year contested at Centennial Acres in Sunfield on July 21. For those GLAGA members not participating in the Summer Stableford July 20-21 at Forest Akers this event offers a one day opportunity to support the women. All of CAWGA's events are flighted for everyone's enjoyment. For more information about the tournament or to join the association contact the Capitol Area Women's Golf Association at :

P.O.Box 20055, Lansing, MI 48901-0655.
Once again, Congratulations CAWGA on Ten Years!!
The Board of Directors,
GLAGA

Capitol Area Junior Golf League to Debut

Former MSU assistant golf coach Russ Cunningham and former ALL-CITY MEDAL PLAY champion Bob Matthiesen have announced the formation of a new Capitol Area Junior Golf League. This is a league for younger players in the Lansing area and will pit five-person teams (to be formed by local courses) against one another in a round robin format. Two age divisions have been established, 9 - 11 years old and 12 - 14 years old. "Teams will play a High School match format giving players experience in team competitions, where before, there was not that type of opportunity for the younger players in the Lansing area" Matthiesen said. "this will hopefully lead to strengthening the quality of all area high school teams". League play begins June 22 and runs through August 3. Courses may register their teams and obtain further information by contacting Bob Matthiesen by e-mail at bobmattgolf@aol.com .

Stableford Tournament

GLAGA will conduct it's Stableford competition July 20-21 at Forest Akers East golf course. This event has been moved from the fall to replace the summer medal play for the 2002 season. The format for Stableford competition rewards aggressive play in what is commonly called a "points for par" system. A player wins or loses points on each hole based on their score for the hole as follows:

Pars = 1 point

Bogie = 0 points

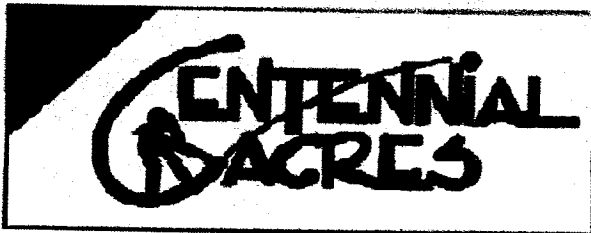
Birdies = 3 points

Double-bogie = minus 1 point

Eagles = 6 points

"Others" (Triple-bogie or worse) = minus 3 points

The format, used on the PGA Tour at the International in Broadmoor Colorado, produces extremely competitive and exciting finishes. Last years GLAGA fall Stableford saw a dog-fight right to the last hole with Gray Tuttle edging Jerry Blake and Rich Diana by a single point. The cost of the tournament is \$85. Entries close on JULY 13. For more information contact tournament director Larry Meirndorf at 676-3076. This is a FUN format. Give it a try!



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