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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

One of the bright moments in the history of GLAGA occurred on Tuesday, June 16, at the BOC Supervisor's Council luncheon. It was here that Jim Donahue and I were presented with a check for \$2500.00 towards our Junior Golf program.

I thanked the Council on behalf of our association. Though Scott Walker was not present, his work in particular merits a note of appreciation. Thank you Scott and thanks again BOC Supervisors Council.

In addition to our Junior Golf program, the All-City Match Play has been established again. Preliminary indications are that the new format was well received and we look to improve upon it next year.

Recently I have been asked to comment on a very touchy subject in golf--cheating. I'll be brief, the more you do it, the more chance there is of it hurting you, your team, your school, and perhaps ultimately something greater.

P.S. Like I said last article, if you want predictions and comments, ask Sandy Bunker. Best golf to all.

Burton Smith

# SWING THOUGHTS

Teachers of the golf swing say that there are two parts to the golf swing. One is the set up and the other is the swing. We are told that good players execute both parts the same way each time they make a golf shot. The set up of course is the easiest part to do the same each time. For example, most good players routinely plant their right foot first and then their left in taking their address position. Some, like U.S. Open champion Scott Simpson even do the same thing each time with their practice swing. TV announcers tell us that he takes one practice swing each time and the swing is executed as though it were the real swing. Simpson then sets up to the ball and trys to repeat his practice swing.

Presumably Scott thinks about his practice swing just before he hits the ball. Or does he? Just what do good players think about as they are about to hit the ball? For that matter what do not so good players think about? In my own case I have switched the things I think about not only over the years but some days from swing to swing. Also I have tried to think of anywhere from one to five or six things to initiate

the swing. My perhaps vain hope is that some day I will find one particular thing to think about each time I swing and doing so will enable me to hit the same kind of shot well each time.

My own struggle in this matter has led me to be curious as to what others think about in initiating their swing. So last week I began asking golfers I met what their swing thoughts were. What follows are some of the answers I got. Each issue will expand the list.

Bill Kost--Take the V back in one piece and don't roll over on the left ankle.

Burton Smith--Picture the swing and to start the down swing get the left side even with the ball.

Tom Ochsner -- Tempo.

Andrew Abood -- Nothing.

Jim Donahue--Keep it slow.

Ian Peakes--Why didn't I stick
with basketball.

Bob Aumaugher -- Take the V back in one piece, thumb up to thumb up path, and swing up not out to finish.

Tom Jamieson -- Slow take away.

Clint Ovren -- Tuck the right elbow.

Harold Singleton--Right elbow in, left elbow close to body.

Stan Bragg--Please God don't let me slice.

Mike Ciolek--Hit toward the target. Keep hands, everything toward the target.

Brian Lewis--It's a secret, something I learned in Florida last year.

Tom Strang--Making sure that I F-I-N-I-S-H, and tempo.

John Peakes--Football helmets and Wiley Moose.



Clearly there is something to be learned here and I wish I knew what that was. I do know one thing, I am going to be bugging Brian Lewis to tell me his secret. Also, who is Wiley Moose?

Bob Aumaugher

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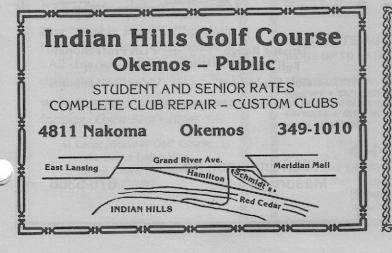
AS SPRING BEST BALL CHAMPS

While they did not break their own record, Jack and Tom accomplished something at least as difficult when they repeated as Spring Best Ball champs. Breaking 130 two years in a row is pretty darn good. How about you record hunters out there, has that been before? Do we have the beginning of a Dynasty here? Its has been suggested that we are in an era where it is tough to repeat. Look at Pro hockey, football, and basketball. Yet right here in Lansing we have a counter example. Jack is long and straight, Tom is the Calvin Peete of the area, and both can putt in a gravel pit. Who out there can dethrone these two?

Perhaps some hint of who appeared this year. Finishing only two strokes back was the team of Wayne Mueller and Chris Rule, two of Lansing's best high school

players.

One last idle thought--maybe there would be some interest in a team match play tournament.



What follows are players in the money:

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I write to register a complaint. Its time to find a way to prevent the Pro Basketball playoffs from spilling over into summer golf tournaments. I refer in particular to the Pistons-Celtics seventh game played at 3:30 the afternoon of the first day of the Oak Lane best ball. Of course our tee time was at 1:30 which meant we could not see the game. It would be ending about the time we left the 18th green. What's the problem you say? "Just tape the game on your VCR and watch it after golf." Which is just what my partner and I did -- tape the game that is. The problem was this --How do you keep from finding out who won the game before getting home to see the replay?

My partner suggested that we wear sandwich boards--you know like, "Eat at Joe's"--only ours would say, "Don't tell me who won or you'll eat my sandwedge." Of course as usual we were nearly late then for our tee time so we did not get the boards made.

We played an uneventful front nine and went immediately to the tenth tee, executing our first avoidance move successfully.

Our playing opponents kindly brought us lemonade from the club house. Now things would get tougher. But by ignoring all human contact on the back nine we managed to stay incommunicado. The real difficulty was that of getting from the 18th green to the car. Again our playing op-

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Donaldson Company, Inc. 8137 W. Grand River, Suite 6 Brighton, Michigan 48116 (313) 227-3008 ponents helped by taking the card to the clubhouse. We put our bags on our backs and our fingers in our ears and bolted to the car. Just as we reached the car the clubhouse emptied—the game obviously over. But our luck held as we hit the highway still virgin.

In hindsight there was no reason to speed but apparently we did because that's what it said on the ticket. Also it is hard often to look back and find the exact point at which trouble starts but in our case it was right after the officer said, "The bad news is I'm giving you a ticket, the good news is the Celtics won." I leave it to your imagination as to the character of the ensuing scuffle. Perhaps you can appreciate my desire that GLAGA use its influence to get the basketball playoffs changed.

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The All-City Championship will be looking for a new champion since last years winner Bob Fossum has turned pro. The championship will be played at Groesbeck G.C. and Royal Scot G.C. The championship and first flights, the last day, will be played at Royal Scot, and the second and third at Groesbeck. The last time the city tourney was played at Royal Scot the scores skyrocketed -- so I see the winner being even to a couple over par. New talent such as Chris Rule, Jamie Wiest, Wayne Mueller, and Ian Peakes could make some noise. Here are my top contenders for the championship.

- 3-1 Dave Greeley II ready to perform. Todd Colthorp steady pays off.
- Chris Rule great junior record. Burton Smith game is there. Fred Behymer Jr. always a factor. Ed Cashman Match Play Champ. Brian Lewis winter in Florida. Chris Nelson if healthy watch out. Tim Russell when in groove whoa! Jeff Belen good college record. Jerome Abood streaky at times. Tom Belen a brother as good. Tom Jamieson gutty performer. Jim Donahue needs inspiration. John Weurding power & soft touch. Tom Ochsner steady off tee. Howard Evans plays the Scot well. Jim Dickey silent so far in '87.

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# HOW BAD DO WE WANT THEM?

With the interest that has been shown in both the new Match Play tournament as well as that shown in the Medal Play tournament you would think that the interest is there to work on these tournaments, but is it really? When you look at what goes into the formation of these tournaments and who then must handle the problems and do the work, its a wonder we even have any tournaments other than those which show great profits for the host course.

Lets take a long look at the All-City Medal Play. This year there was a meeting held early in the year that we had hoped would let us hold a trouble fee tourn-This was not to be. A disagreement arose over a mug that was to be given away instead of a bag tag. The end result was that the tournament director resigned, all contestants will have full greens fees subtracted from their entry fee, and finally the same people who are involved every year are once again doing the same work again, only now with a lot less enthusiasm than in years past. Here is an example of why--Last year, just prior to the All-City, two of our members were at Groesbeck marking it off so that everyone could play it down fairly. One of these two gave up time from his job, while the other had taken vacation time from his job. marked off Groesbeck and were greeted with the following remarks from players as they worked -- "you



guys are doing a hell of a job," "I'm going to check into this and see if what you are doing is legal," and best of all, "why bother nobody gives a s\_\_\_ anyway?"

Well nobody is bothering this year. You'll be playing the ball up in your own fairway. That's not so bad -- you are probably saying to yourself. Well that in itself isn't so bad, but what it represents is. If more people don't get involved and the ones that are, finally get tired of it, what happens then? The first step has already been taken. The prize list for this years tournament is less because these same guys have not sold hole sponsorships as in years past. Do we want the tournament to regress or progress? for one would hate to see us (as a community) take a step backward at this time.

So what is the answer? Well for one thing, I feel that more people need to be involved, if in nothing more than the All-City itself. We will need more involvement in general, but the All-City presents a unique problem and that needs to be addressed first. Second, we must strive to make our All-City Championship the best of any City Championship held anywhere. The secret to this is involvement. We need your help! We are asking for your help. Please help!

If you would like to help with any part of our association, please call me at one of the two following numbers and I will personally see that you will be involved: 355-9765 or 885-5202. Thanks - Jim Donahue



# JOHN CLARK --

Driver -- MO9 Walter Hagen, NDWS Shaft, 1958 Classic. 3 & 4 Wood--M55 Eye-O-Matic, 1958 Classics.

Irons--2 thru PW, Hogan PC, Apex 4 shaft.

Sand Wedge--1969 Wilson Dynapower Classic.

Putter--1962 Wilson 8802, Classic.

Ball--Titleist 384 Balata.

John did not take up golf until his late twenties. Since that time he has reduced his handicap to a 2, though it jumps to a 4 every now and then. that time he has made 5 holes in one and a double eagle. In 1975 John qualified for the Michigan Amateur Match Play. I have seen a lot of putting strokes in my time, so believe me when I say John has one that is in the top five in town and maybe the best.

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# TODD COLTHORP --

Driver -- Taylor Made, Burner Plus, 9.5 loft, ½ inch longer, X shaft, Graphite wrapped.

2 Wood--Custom Metal, TT lite stiff shaft.

5 Wood--Toney Penna, White face, stiff shaft.

Irons--1975 First Flite, 3 thru PW, Ben Hogan PC 2 iron.

Putter--Ping Pal 4, Beryllium copper, Xtra large master grip.

Sand Wedge--1970 Acushnet Out 'N On.

Ball -- Yellow Pinnacle.

A former Lansing Community College player, Todd has been one of this area's best amateur golfers for years. Consider his recent record: 2nd in the '84 All City Medal, Won '84 fall best ball with Morrie Hoevel, Won the '84 CCL Invitational with Ned Bacon, Won the Oak Lane best ball with John Weurding& most recently made Lansing proud of its native son by shooting 68 in the opening round of the Michigan Amateur qualifying. Two young children and a business that keeps him flying all over the U.S. have cut his practice time (sound familiar amateurs) but a consistent swing and a new driver that has added 20 yards have kept him in the hunt with the State's best players.

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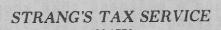
REVISED TOP 25:

BILL KOST, JAMIE WEIST, CHRIS RULE, BRIAN LEWIS, TODD COLTHROP, TOM JAMISON, JERRY GUNTHORPE, TIM RUSSELL, DENNY KORKOSKI, HOWARD EVANS, BURTON SMITH, FRED BEHYMER JR., JIM DICKEY, WILLIE WILSON, DAVE GREELEY II, JIM SANDERS, TOM OCHSNER, MORRIE HOEVEL, JEFF FOOTE, JEFF MORRAN, TOM BELEN, JOE ALLEN, NORM JACKSON, STEVE MASTIN, AND TOM BLAKE.

DARK HORSES:

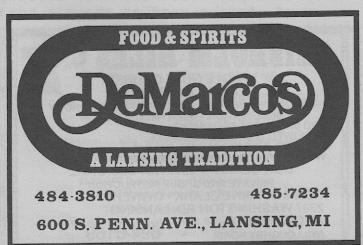
THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS COULD CHANGE THE TOP 25 IF THEY RECOVER FROM EITHER SICKNESS OR INJURY: BRIAN DONAHUE, CHRIS NELSON, JIM DONAHUE AND DICK WAKULSKY.

IN A SERIOUS NOTE - I WANT TO WISH CHRIS NELSON A SPEEDY AND FULL RECOVERY FROM THE WOUNDS THAT HE SUFFERED IN PROTECTING HIMSELF. GOD'S SPEED CHRIS



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MATCH PLAY, LIKE THE LEGENDARY

PHOENIX RISES FROM THE ASHES

Gary Barrett was overheard to say that it has been 20 years since the last All City Match Play. Since he won that one we will take his word for it. vived by GLAGA, this year the Match Play was held on consecutive weekends in June -- the same week as the Michigan Amateur. Under the old format the pairing bracket was set up and then players arranged and played their matches on their own before some forfeit date, a somewhat dispersed set up, but easily administered. brought a new format, one aimed at making an event of the match play. The new format differs from the old in that the play would take place in a short span of time, with all players in each round playing the same course on the same day.

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Saturday, June 27 was set aside for the only 36 hole day as the quarterfinal (7:00 am) and semifinal (12:00) rounds left just two to decide Sunday morning who would be champion.

Teeing off at 7:48 in nearly perfect weather were Ed Cashman and Brian Lewis. Ed Birdied 2 and 3 to take a quick 2up lead. But Brian birdied 4 and both birdied 5, Brian hitting a shot from near the right fairway trap to within a foot, Ed making a four footer, keeping him lup. Ed with the week's hottest putter birdied 6 from off the green

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to return to 2up. Another birdie on 7 put Ed 3up and 5 under for the first 7 holes. Both missed the 8th green and bogied, with Brian missing a short putt to cut the lead. He did par 9 to Ed's bogie to turn 2 down.

If matches have turning points two of those occurred on 10 and 11 for Brian and Ed. Brian, aggressively going for the pins on both holes knocked the ball over the greens into positions from which there was no recovery. 4up at 15, Ed hit one of his very few bad shots of the tourney, leaving his tee shot to the right, down the hill. Brian knocked it in the back fringe and made par to cut the lead to 3. Both hit adequate tee shots on 16. Ed semi-chunked his second leaving him 40 yards short of the green. Brian hit his second to 20 feet and could be excused for thinking that Ed may be finally losing some of his consistency. Ed put his third 15 feet behind the hole. Brian missed and Ed's putter was good to him one last time as he holed the 15 footer for the championship.

Two engraved armetal mugs together with a \$200 gift certificate (good at GLAGA's advertisers) went to the champion. One mug and a \$100 gift certificate went to

the runnerup.

CCNGRATULATIONS ED ON BEING THE FIRST GLAGA ALL CITY MATCH PLAY CHAMP.



Finally, I thank all who helped make this match play a success. In particular, I appreciate the work of Jim Donahue, Bill Kost, Don Ballard, Tom Strang, George Boyko, and Sue Carrow.

Bob Aumaugher

# FIRST ROUND RESULTS:

Aumaugher def. Parks, 3-1. Sander def. Kinnison, lup, 20h. J. Abood def. Cornell, 5-4. Barrett def. Marsh, 3-1. J. Wakulsky def. Heisick, 7-6. Wenzler def. Bennett, 4-2. Cashman def. Peakes, 7-6. King def. Robinson, 3-2. Nelson--bye Chambers def. Burnett, 7-5. Marron def. Klintworth, 2-1. Ferguson forfeit over Major. A. Abood forfeit over Patalan. Russell def. Ives, 7-6. Blake def. Ignatovich, 3-2. Smith def. Wagner, 2-1.

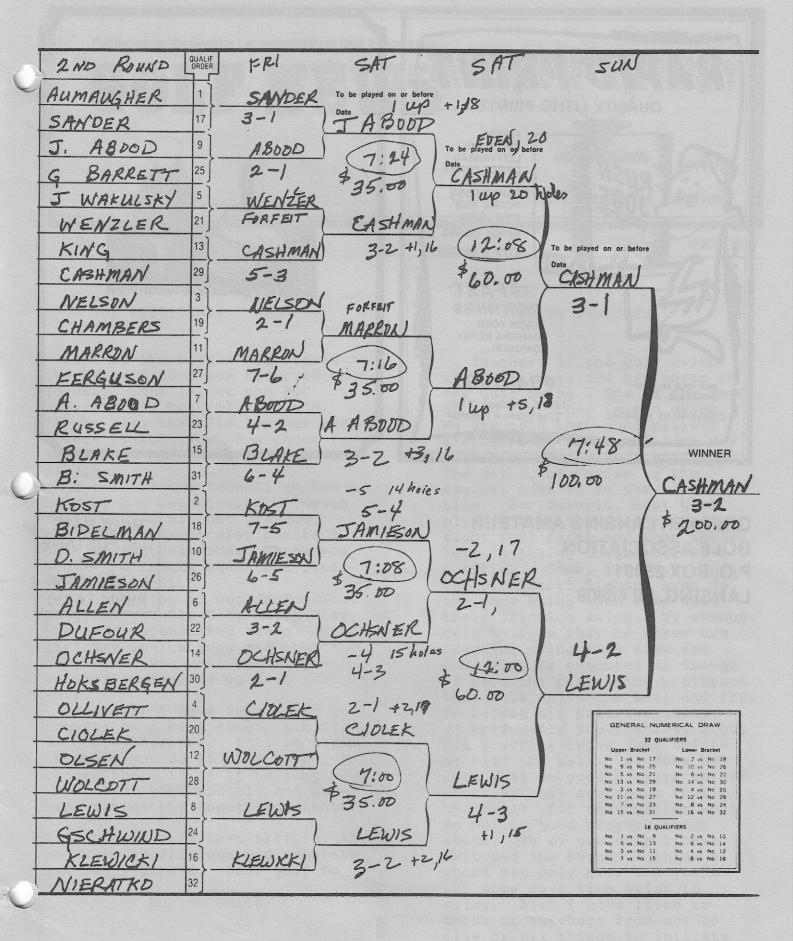
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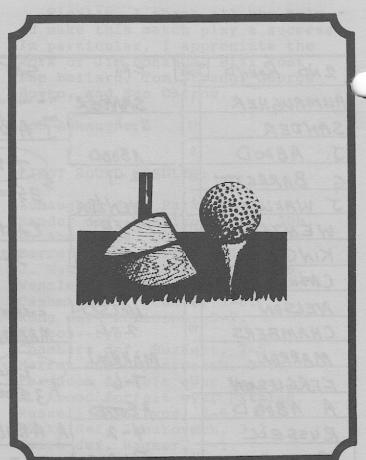
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