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# Shhhh! Thinkers at work

RESEARCH FOR THOUGHT

Most golfers are still courteous when it comes to whether to talk or not while other golfers play. Most would not argue that it should be OK to talk or make noise when others are about to play. Some to be sure, would argue that golf should be like basketball in that noise should be blocked out by the player. They note that the crowd does many things to distract a freethrower, yet the freethrower ignores such things and plays on. Probably the best position here is that it depends on the situation--whether a tournament or a match among friends. However there is an offshoot to this issue that has come to the fore. That new issue is whether it is OK to whisper off to the side while others play. There seems to be some increase in this practice even in tournament play. Presented below is an article addressing whispering and its effects. The article is not presented as the last word, but as food for thought, what do you think? Send your reasoned opinion to GLAGA.

#### **Associated Press**

CARDIFF, Wales - Researchers in Wales want to find out why a whisper can be as distracting as a shout.

The Psychology Department of the University of Wales' Institute of Science and Technology has been awarded a \$46,500 government grant for a 21/2-year study on the disruptive effects of

"The value of silence in libraries and classrooms is well-known, but exactly why other people's voices distract us so much is much less well-understood," Dr. Dylan Jones, a senior lecturer in the department, said.

He and two other researchers plan to investigate the phenomenon by putting volunteers in a sound laboratory and asking them to make proofreading corrections and do memory work while sounds are played in the back-

Jones said the team has already determined that the disruptive effect of other people's speech is unrelated to volume.

"A whisper can be as distract-ing as loud shouting," he said. He said the disruptive effect of

speech is related to meaning.

For example, tapes played backward or Welsh-language conversations played to English speakers appear to have no effect on reading ability, although they did impair memory function, the psychologist said.

Also, music with words is more disruptive than music without words.

The scientists say their findings might be useful in designing work places.

#### STEVE MORGAN

Probably the one feature of golf that is most directly connected to low scoring (the alleged aim of the game) is the short game. However any analysis of golf conversation would quickly show that the feature of fascination is the long game. Come on, you say! "The first question people ask after a round of golf is what you shot." That is true, but we all know that the question is only a polite way to begin a conversation whose aim at some point is to find out whether the player hit the par five 6th in two or not. And whether the iron used was one less than you used. Come on, 'fess up. Do I speak the truth here?

You can now all rest easier because the one player who does hit less club than you do is Steve Morgan. Steve won the All City Long Drive contest with a poke of 259 yards, 2 feet, 7 inches. If this does not seem especially long for this event, consider that the event took place right after a downpour, on the first hole at Groesbeck (low ground), and into the wind. The drive probably would have been near 300 with no wind, no rain, and some roll. Furthermore do not overlook the point that the drive had to be straight too. Contestants could not just belt

the ball along the curvature of the earth in any direction, though many did so. 35 gclfers had the courage to show up on the Thursday before the All City Medal to try their luck and skill.

As you peruse the results remember what the longer hitters know, that on a given day many of them can hit the ball farther and straighter (and shorter), but this day and the next year belong to Steve Morgan. Congratulations.

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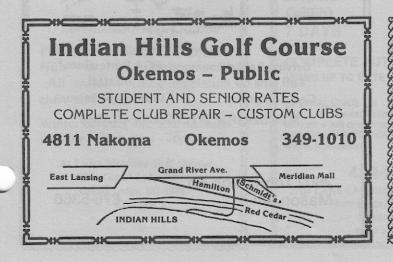
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- Thou shalt not fake a BROKEN ARM nor a BROKEN LEG nor a MUSCULAR SEIZURE when thee sliceth a ball into the Rough.
- Thou shalt not TEE UP thy ball when it lieth in the Rough OUT OF SIGHT of thy fellow players.
- 5 Thou shalt not play thy OPPONENT'S BALL just because it lieth CLOSER to the GREEN than thou's.
- Thou shalt not KICK nor SHOVE nor NUDGE nor THROW nor BLOW thy ball toward or into the cup.
- Thou shalt not CURSETH when thee TOPPETH a ball nor when thee SLICETH a drive nor when thee LANDETH in a sand trap. (Thee may, however, curse softly to THYSELF when thou hast lost more than FOUR balls.)
- 8 Thou shalt not kick thy opponent's ball INTO nor thy ball OUT OF any sand trap.
- 9 Thou shalt not wrap THY PUTTER around thy GOLF BAG nor a TREE nor thy CADDY'S NECK simply because thee misseth a TWO-FOOT PUTT.
- 10 Thou shalt not EXPOUND upon thy LOW SCORE nor upon thy PUTTING PROWESS to anyone EXCEPTING other GOLFERS—they won't believe thee anyhow.



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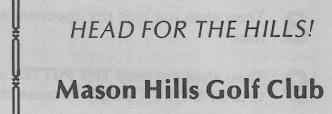
You won't have hole #8 at Oak Lane to kick around anymore. With Bulldozer in hand, the Simons razed #8 tee and most of the surrounding hill and built two new holes out of old #'s 7 and 8. The new 7 is in front of where the old 8 tee was. That green is about 190 yards from the old 7 tee, up 50 from the old # 7 length of 140. The new 8 tee is in the woods to the left of the new 7 green. Now rather than waiting for some to push the buzzer and others not to, rather than hitting a 4 iron over the trees from the tee, rather than trying to drive the green and losing one's ball somewhere in 200 yards of woods, and rather than 'cutting-slicing'a 5 wood that goes straight into the water, one can now hit a driver to a relatively straight away 380 yard par 4. There is still trouble for the wayward shot, water left, trees right and left off the tee, a trap that now comes into play, and so on.

While old #8 was certainly controversial and all of us have many fond and not so fond memories of it, the new 7 and 8 should solve the complaints about slow play and unfairness while presenting new challenges.



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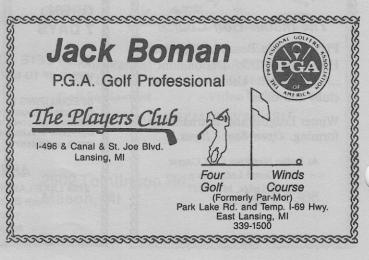
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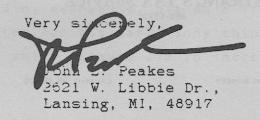
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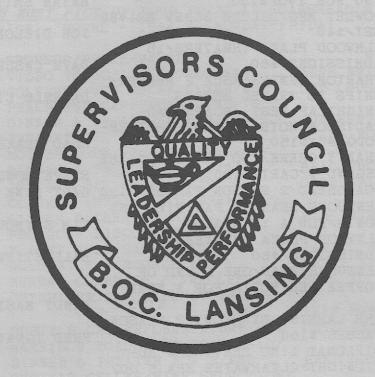
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Jim Donahue Wins Northern Michigan Open

Jim Donahue was just another of the central Michigan area golfers who have dominated the Northern Michigan Open in the last few years. Brian Lewis, Barry Dean, Gary Becker, and Fred Stabley Jr. are past winners of this event.

This year's event was played under almost ideal conditions as the weather was partly cloudy and mild. The roughs had been allowed to grow long because of the lack of rain and the greens were triple cut for the tournament.

After the first round Jim found himself leading by one shot over Tony Ingersol. Jim shot 36-33=69 while Tony had shot 35-35=70 to be just one back. Brian Lewis shot 74 to trail by 5 after the first round.

Jim got off to a shakey start on the second day by going par, bogie, par, but a 40 foot putt for birdie on the 4th hole got him moving again. After 3-putting the 5th hole for a bogie, Jim parred the 6th hole, birdied the 7th and parred the 8th and 9th for an even par 35 on the front nine, which gave Jim a 2 shot lead.

The back nine was the tournament. Jim birdied the 10th hole by making a 12 foot putt after Tony had missed his eagle from 20 feet. Jim hit a soft 4-wood off the tee on #11 which forced Tony to gamble by using a 3-wood off the tee. Tony's 3-wood found the woods on the right side of the fairway. He chipped out and then hit his third shot over the green. Jim, meanwhile, hit an 8 iron to the middle of the green and 2-putted for his par. Tony chipped back and 2-putted for a double bogie which allowed Jim to increase his lead to 4 shots.



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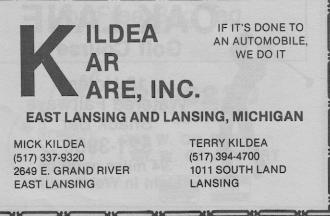
On the 12th hole (a sharp dog-leg left), Jim hit a 3-wood off the tee to the far right side of the fairway. His second shot, a 9-iron ended up 4 feet to the left of the hole and when Jim holed the putt for a birdie, his lead was now up to 5 shots.

Jim parred the 13th hole and the 14th hole and when Tony bogied the 14th, Jim's lead was now 6 shots. As the rain moved in, Jim hit a soft 4-wood off the 15th tee which ended up dead-center. This shot once again forced Tony to gamble. Tony tried to drive the green on this hole and was wide to the right. Jim's second shot hit a puddle and ended up 25 feet from the hole. Tony's second shot was long and ended up 30 feet past the cup. Tony putted and missed and when Jim's putt found the mark the tournament was all but over.

Jim parred the 16th hole, and when he missed a putt for par on the 17th hole, it prompted a woman in the gallery to remark, "he finally missed one!" Jim two-putted from inside 10 feet on the 18th hole for a 2-under par 33 on the back for a 68 for the day and a 137 total for the tournament. Meanwhile Brian Lewis made up some ground on the rest of the field, by firing a fine 72 for a 146 total, which was 9 shots back, but non-the-less tied him for second place in the tournament.

Other players from the Lansing area who competed were: Jack
Bowman (4 Winds G.C.), Felix Risdale - St. Johns, Harold Singleton Lansing and Bruce Fossum - M.S.U..





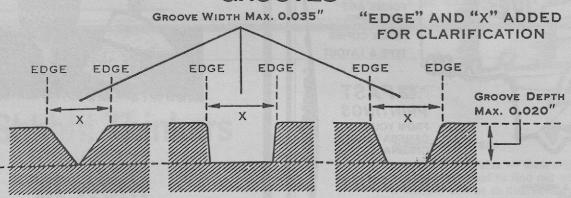
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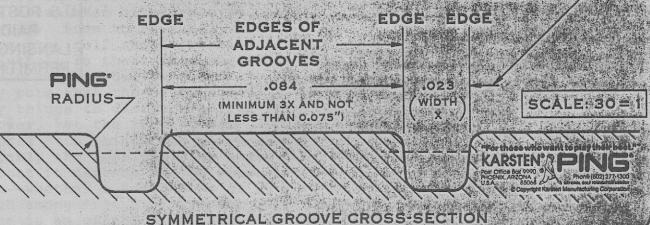


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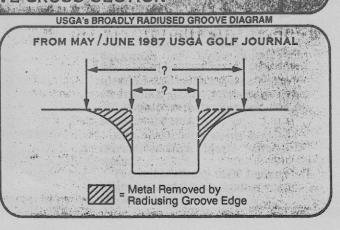
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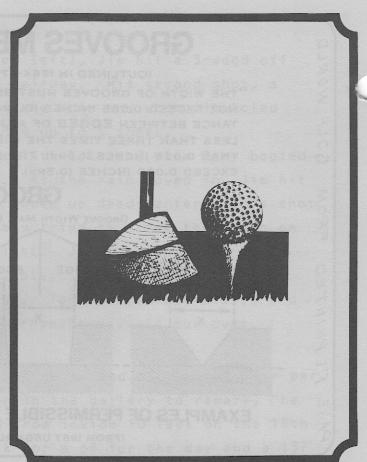
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