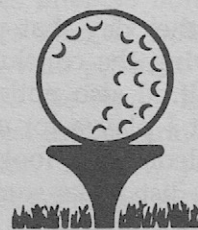


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# GOLF NEWS



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As another golf season has fallen into that wonderful category of days gone by, I decided to reflect back on what I consider to be positive strides which our association took in 1989.

Probably the most significant, yet least noticed change, was that of trimming the size of the GLAGA Board of Directors down to nine members. This move has enabled us to expedite the process of decision making and has raised attendance to the board meetings substantially. With our streamlined board (made up of ambitious volunteers) our tasks have changed from what once seemed like tedious "who really cares" work to that of a well structured goal oriented and goal attaining system.

Another plus was the organizing and running of our sponsored events. The All-City Match Play had an increased field over that of 1988, the Men's All-City Medal Play, our Junior Golf Program, the Women's All-City Medal Play and the Reniger Memorial tournaments all had great participation. We also paid out more in prize money (gift certificates) in these events and allocated more funds for the Junior Golf Program than ever before.

This ability to disperse more money towards all of our various programs was brought about by positive feedback from the golf community. Our total membership has gone up significantly over the previous years, and our advertising and hole sponsorships have increased sharply too. By bringing in more dollars, this will

expand our possibilities of enhancing our golf association now and for years to come.

Also, this year we implemented two new programs which we feel greatly benefited the golfers in the Lansing area. These were the "Golf Equipment Sale and Swap Day" (which was held at Foster Community Center) and the Junior Golf Raffle which helped to enhance the Junior Golf Program. With the success of both these new programs, we hope to make them long lasting annual events for years to come.

In ending, I would like to say "Thank You" to all of you who have supported our association in the past. I look forward to your continued support in the future. Have a great 1990! And remember - "Stay Connected".

Thanks Again,

Tim Russell  
President - GLAGA

## BIG BUCKS FOR AMATEURS

The United States Golf Association has announced that beginning with the 1990 Golf Season, the maximum amount of merchandise that an individual can win in any one tournament has been increased from \$450 to \$500.

## MUSINGS

I noticed the other day that people I talk to keep drawing the conclusion that I play a lot of golf. I also noticed that I keep denying that I play a lot of golf. This discrepancy led me to look at how much I play. My list looks something like this: 20 or so tournaments in the summer (almost every weekend), some foursome golf during the week, fall Oak Lane scrambles, snow golf in Michigan with McIntyre, two trips south in January, and mud golf in the spring with Hankey. Now that's not so much is it?

Well the first step in rehabilitation (I am told) is to recognize that there is a problem, to quit denying what is obvious to others. I have now done this and in an attempt to help others I am considering starting a new organization called Golfer's Anonymous. We will hold weekly meetings in church basements. There each member will be asked to stand up and publicly declare, "I am a Golfer". They will then proceed to tell their story: How they started golfing, what drove them to it, how it ruined their life, their relationships, how they tended after a while to black out bad rounds.

The aim of the organization will be to rehabilitate. We will hear from those who are well along in that process. They will stand up and tell how many years they have been off golf. We will institute a phone chain, so that golfers who feel the urge can talk it through with a member/friend. For example, Todd Colthorp will have many people to call (from Palm Springs), to whom to describe each shot in his round (not just me).

And, of course, to prevent temptation at the meetings, to divert attention to something else, Jack Daniel's will be served.

So if you think starting a GA affiliate in Lansing is a good idea, don't call me. I won't be home, I'll be out golfing.

by Bob Aumaugher

G.L.A.G.A. THANKS YOU!

On behalf of the Greater Lansing Amateur Golf Association's Junior Golf Program and the family of Richard G. Donahue, we would like to sincerely thank all of you who made donations in his name.

## 1990 ALL-CITY GOLF TEAM POINT SYSTEM

At the present time a panel made up of members of the G.L.A.G.A., the Lansing State Journal, Walnut Hills Country Club and the Country Club of Lansing is studying changing the current method of team selection to that of a point system.

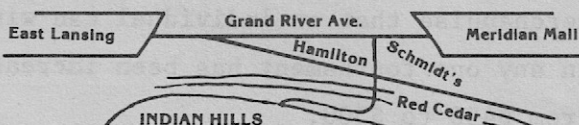
The changes in the selection system will be announced prior to the first major tournament in the Lansing area. All area golf courses and country clubs will receive a copy of these changes.

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TURNING PRO  
by  
Jim Donahue

So you want to turn pro? Your game has improved as you have gotten older. The Kids are grown and you have become somewhat financially independent over the last few years. Now you see guys like Walt Zembriski making it on the Senior Tour. Why not me? I can play. I win my share. All I need is some time and a couple of new clubs and I can play with those old guys.

Well let's see what it really takes to get on the Senior Tour. The first thing is that you must be 50 years of age and you must be able to prove it with a valid birth certificate, which has to be attached to your application. The second thing is that you must be a Professional golfer. This alone is something that should not be taken lightly, since once you cross over the line to professionalism you are stuck there for a year or more.

The next thing that you must have is \$1,000.00 to spend on a Regional Qualifier. This fee is non-refundable. A pretty steep price for a minimum of 36 and a maximum of 144 holes. But that doesn't scare you. You have the money and you know you can make it. What else do you need to do?

There are 3 sites available for Regional qualifying. All regionals have a maxi-

mum of 144 players and are played over 72 holes. The fields are reduced to the low 90 and ties after 36 holes, and to the low 60 and ties after 54 holes. The number of players who advance from each Regional site to the Finals is decided on a pro rata basis, and is announced prior to each qualifier. So now you need to be prepared to spend some money on hotels, travel, etc.. The 1989 qualifying sites were held at:

Sarasota, Florida.  
Houston, Texas.  
Murrieta, California.

The finals were held at: Middleburg, Florida (The Ravines G.C.).

The qualifying rounds and the finals are all held in the course of one month. You should also be aware that Senior Tour cards are awarded to only the low 16 players and of those 16, only the top 8 will be exempt into the weekly Senior Tour events. Positions 8 through 16 can get in the events only with sponsors' exemptions or by qualifying weekly. In addition to all of the above you are required to dress properly and keep a neat or acceptable appearance while you are participating.

It is estimated that it costs around \$1,000. to \$1,500. each week to stay on the regular PGA tour. It may not be that expensive on the Senior Tour, but it would be at least in the \$750. to \$1,000. range.

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Ray figured that his expenses for each week were as follows:

Meals: \$150 to \$250.

Motels: \$250 to \$300.

Caddie: \$250 plus 10% of any winnings.

Travel: \$150, does not include air fare.

Thus Ray's total is around \$800 to \$950 per week. Clearly, you must have a sponsor lined up prior to qualifying and you should be prepared to spend the first year just trying to make expenses. This of course means loss of income for you and your family. You must be prepared also to meet all the demands and commitments required of you by your clothing and shoe agreements.

I guess the old adage still applies - "If you can't beat the players in your local and state areas, you should not even think about the tour until you can."

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## MYRTLE BEACH GANG NOW UP TO 20

It is that time of year again. The Lansing--St. Johns golf gang will head out January 24th for a week of golf etc. to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This will be the 14th year of the trip. Returning to the fold after a year's absence are Fred Ignatovich and Mo and Jerry Sharick. Rookies this year are Barry Saltman, Dick Wakulsky, and Mike Boynton. The gang now numbers 20.

Recall that a year ago I reported in detail the costs of the trip along with scores and betting winners and losers. The costs have not changed too much. This is still the best value of all the golf trips I know. \$330. for a week's golf, including room, carts, and breakfast. Air fare has gone up to \$228. round trip. This year 8 of us are driving and 12 are flying. Myrtle, this year, has already had a hurricane and 14 inches of snow, so we expect our usual good weather (so far we have hit it right every year--50 to 70 degrees--of course we do not go for the swimming.

Letter winners returning for another season are: Doug Hankey, Barry Dean, Todd Colthorp, Red McIntyre, Ted Bratchi, Felix Ridsdale, Jamie Simon, Steve Bakita, Paul Kostamo, Gene Schoendorf, John Weurding, Ed Coletta, Dan Schueller, and Bob Aumauger. I will report on the results of the mass migration and the St. Johns versus Lansing grudge match when we return.

by Bob Aumauger

## WORLD'S LONGEST COURSE

Dub's Dread Golf Club, near Piper, Kansas is the world's longest course, according to Bartlett's WORLD GOLF ENCYCLOPEDIA. The course measures 8,101 yards from the back tees and carries a USGA course rating of 78.

Dub's was built by Harold "Jug" McSpaden, who along with Byron Nelson, was dubbed a "Gold Dust Twin" of the 1940 pro tour. McSpaden also holds the course record, a three under 69.

The average length of the par threes is 270 yards, the par fours 473 yards, and the par fives 596 yards. One must conserve ones strength during the round because the 18th hole is a mere 530 yard par four.

GLAGA awaits the report of one of Lansing's long lashers as to how easy the course is. Any volunteers?

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## SANDY ENDS THE SEASON

Its been a few months since I've made my last predictions, but I could have predicted that. However, in answer to the many requests and demands from my fans, I have decided not only to make the general predictions that will follow, but I will also make predictions on a regular basis in each of the five newsletters for 1990.

As this is one of the last issues for 1989, I will skip my usual review of how well I did on my predictions (I wouldn't want to insult your intelligence by once again telling you how right I have been) and go right to the general predictions for 1990.  
Here we go:

- Several Lansing area individuals will begin to practice on a regular basis in an effort to ready themselves for an attempt to follow the Walter Mitty dream of qualifying for the Senior Tour.
- Previous studies will be reviewed by a noted golf course architect and the first of many changes will begin at Groesbeck and other city courses as well.



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- Karsten Golf (the makers of the Ping Eye 2 iron) and the United States Golf Association will settle their dispute out of court. This settlement will make all current Ping Eye 2 irons with the "square groves" classics and their value will double.
- The Greater Lansing Amateur Golf Association will study the feasibility of and probably announce and institute two new tournaments in 1990. These tournaments will be for the Juniors and Senior golfers.
- A working agreement between the G.L.A.G.A., the City of Lansing and M.S.U.'s Forest Akers Golf Courses to hold the 1991 All-City Stroke Play Championship will be announced. This agreement will be unique in that for the very first time both Groesbeck Golf Course and Forest Akers will be used in the same tournament.
- The newest "hot selling" irons will be the perimeter weighted forged irons from MacGregor - the new JNP irons. These irons will gain instant fame when Jack Nicklaus makes a fantastic charge in this year's "Masters" using these irons. Jack will really help the sale of these clubs when he announces "I could have doubled my "Major" total if I would have had these irons."
- A "new" trend (I use the word "new" loosely) will begin this year as more and more of the good players revert back to the real woods that they have used in the past.



- Under the leadership of Scott Walker, the 1990 All-City Stroke Play Championship will be the best run tournament of this type yet.

- A record number of people will visit, sell and purchase golf equipment at this years "Swap Day" in March.

These are just a few of the predictions that I have to make, but it is enough to once again keep you on the edge of your seat waiting for the next issue to arrive.

Remember, while there may be a lot of people who try to make predictions, there is still only one SANDY BUNKER!

### OAK LANE FALL SCRAMBLE RESULTS

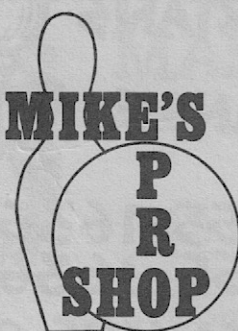
Apparently we taunted Mother Nature too much the last few years. She paid us back this fall with record cold, keeping Snowman Aumaugher and his December playing contingent off the courses. Even so, the contingent and others managed to get in 6 scrambles before Ma Nature sent us to our room (and washed our mouths out with snow). Below are the results, recorded here to show that there is golf after Labor Day.

OCTOBER 8th: 46 teams. \$ per team

62-Bryon Karhoff, Dale Karhoff.	80.
63-Lilliboe, Riegle	60.
64-Bothell, Ren	50.
65-Peakes, Aumaugher	30.
-Boynton, Donahue J.	30.
-Dunham, Lee	30.
-Baker, Baker	30.
66-McIntyre, Gray	20.
-Kolderman, Senkya	20.
-DeYoung, Theis	20.
-Smackel, Grainger	20.
67-King, Fruechtenicht	10.
-Everett, Murtagh	10.
-Edwards, Murray	10.
-Riley, White	10.
-Ebbert, Warda	10.
-Johnson, Johnson	10.

OCTOBER 15th: 61 teams.

63-Mark Lambo, Tom Strong	95.
-Peters, Knapp	95.
64-Colthorp, Whitman	52.
-Aumaugher, Becker	52.
-Walters, Prokop	52.
-Overhouse, Overway	52.
65-Bushman, Tomasino	29.
-Davis, Colaki	29.
-Thoma, Baugh	29.
-Dunham, Foster	29.
-Baker, Baker	29.
66-Russell (Tim), Reid	25.
68-Foltz, Goodwin	20.
70-Riegle, Riegle	20.
72-King, Lingo	20.



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OCTOBER 22nd: 58 teams.

61-P. Kurth, Fred Behymer Jr.	100.
62-Wakulsky D., Aumaugher	80.
64-Peters, Hanes	57.
-Strang, Lamba	57.
65-Curtis, Kelly	50.
66-Meirndorf, Seehase	32.
-Dorer, Dorer	32.
-Smith, Burns	32.
-Blackmond, Miller	32.
67-Simon, Theis	30.
-Couturier, Shaw	20.
68-Wireman, Ries	20.
69-Bathell, Lefler	20.
71-Golden, Jersy	20.

-West, Bertrand	10.
-Whiteman, Colthorp	10.
-Dziesupec, Kitto	10.
-Glocksine, Missbach	10.
-White, Diana	10.
68-Archer, Archer	10.
71-Michaney, Roche	10.

NOVEMBER 5th: 36 teams.

61-Armstrong, Forrest	80.
65-Aldrich, Webber	55.
-Barnes, Bratschi	55.
66-Ridsdale, Aumaugher	30.
-Weurding, Colthorp	30.
-McIntyre, McIntyre	30.
-White, Diana	30.
-Everett, Murtagh	30.
67-Peakes, Gates	20.
70-Baker, Baker	20.
73-Clark, Jersey	20.

OCTOBER 29th: 54 teams.

60-Jim Donahue, Mike Boynton	100.
61-Weurding, Colthorp	75.
-Theis, DeYoung	75.
64-Peters, Hanes	36.
-Truxton, Truxton	36.
-Dunham, O'Conner	36.
-McIntyre, McIntyre	36.
-Engstrom, Scott	36.
65-Bignell, Vincent	30.
66-Waldron, Peterson	10.
-Chestnut, Steward	10.
-Kowalski, Beebe	10.

NOVEMBER 12th: 28 teams.

62-Bob Aumaugher, Red McIntyre	60.
-Earl Anderson, Howard Evens	60.
63-Boynton, Weurding	35.
-Blake, Farley	35.
64-Wakulsky, Wakulsky	23.
-Forrest, Armstrong	23.
-Couturier, Couturier	23.
65-Everett, Murtagh	20.
68-Baker, Baker	20.
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## WINTER GOLF JOURNAL

by  
THE SNOWMAN

Well me hardies (as Long John Silver used to say, or was it Mae West?), some of us got the new decade off to a golfing start January 5 and 6 by playing 10 holes each day at a local course. Saturday the 5th, Red McIntyre, Mark Strolle, and I tossed a coin over pond hockey or golf and waiting until it warmed up (30 degrees, no wind) teed off about 1:00. Sunday our fivesome (McIntyre, Ted Bratchi, Todd Colthorp, Harry Schmidt, and I) had no trouble holding up other players (40 degrees, but windier). Some of our special rules are, no lost balls, a maximum of 2 putts per green, and hitting a pin frozen in the hole (at reasonable speed) is in.

We did not lose too many balls (there were only patches of snow) but putting was tough. Some greens were clear but most had either snow or ice, and some, ice ridges from the cross country skiers. Even so some putts were made. Now, should you think this too crazy, remember that one of the advantages of winter golf is that you cannot lose a ball in a water hazard. Hmm, I wonder if anyone has ever played lite-stick night winter golf.

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Word is that Tim Russell's Christmas present was a trip south for golf lessons with Jimmy Ballard. I only report this fact out of consideration for those who are deciding how many strokes Tim should give this summer.

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Heard also that Jim Donahue will be the first in town to play the new Jack Nicklaus irons. They are a combination of forged and perimeter weighted irons.

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John Peakes, his son Ian (#2 man on MSU's golf team), Ian's roommate--Mike, and I took off Christmas day for 9 days of golf in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Alas, that

was the week that Myrtle had 14 inches of snow, the most ever. We made the best of things however and diverted to Lake City, Florida--the first town you come to on 75.

There are two courses in town and they are well worth a play. We managed 36 a day for 6 days, including motrin for the old guys. Lake City CC is as good as any course I have played. Some of the local motels include greens fees in their lodging price, \$32. per room, so \$16 per man for sleep and golf (carts extra).

We then drove south to Ocala (70 miles) to play Golden Ocala. The course has about 8 copies of famous holes from around the world. For example, it had the 12th, 13th, and 16th from Augusta. It had the 17th (road hole) from St. Andrews, the 1st (the first hole in golf) from St. Andrews, and the 'Postage Stamp' from Troon. The price was \$30. for 18 and cart, and \$13 more for a second 18. We ran into Monty Litwiler on the course who said he had been playing 36 all week. The rest of the course is difficult and beautiful--this is no 'see Rock City' tourist trap--I recommend it.

From Ocala we drove then to Myrtle Beach (snow gone) thru Charleston S.C. I cannot fully describe the destruction caused by the hurricane. One example may hint at it. The Francis Marion National Forest borders highway 17 for 25 miles between Charleston and MB. It was a pine forest with most trees 1 to 2 feet in diameter and 30 to 50 feet high. Almost all of the trees were snapped off about half way up, and it was like that for most of the 25 miles. It reminded me of pictures of Mt. St. Helen's forests. We drove to MB with our eyes wide and our jaws dropped.

Myrtle Beach's trees were largely spared and we played two days there before driving all night home. Ian had a very fine 72 from the blues at Burning Ridge the last day-- the rest of us, we don say nuthin.

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FROM THE EDITOR:

Hello Members.

Right off we want to report that over the last few months the GLAGA has encountered some personal unhappinesses, as well as some personal joys. As you may know, Jim Donahue lost his father, Dick, and the GLAGA wishes to express its condolences. Dick was an excellent player who, along with others, set the course for golf progress in the Lansing area.

One of our joys was the birth of Arbrey Lynn Russell, our President's first child. Congratulations to both Tim and Julie.

These among some other personal life changes have led to some delay in getting the newsletter out. However, we are now catching up.

So please bear with us and have a happy golf New Year!

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