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FROM THE PRESIDENT: Tim Russell

Hello members and all local linksters. Once again we find ourselves on the verge of a new golf season. Each week end PGA tournaments are shown on television to help us through these "harsh" winter months, and many new faces are finding their way to the winner's circle.

Here in Lansing we also have new faces emerging on the golf scene. For instance, at our association's year ending meeting I made the grievous error of showing up a little late (first time in his life-Ed.note) only to find myself nominated and voted in as the new president. I have since discovered that holding this position entitles my fellow board members to sit at home watching sports events while I am composing what has come to be known as "the letter from the president." (a ha!, the Joe Isuzu of GLAGA-Ed.note). Incidentally, I never did see why we needed such a letter in the Golf News. But this belief was not shared by the Board, the vote to eliminate the letter was 8 to 1 against. Thus, I lost my first battle with congress. But Never fear my golfing public, I will defend your interests to the death. (trust me, Joe Isuzu-Ed.note).

In this initial address I would like to congratulate and thank outgoing president-Burton Smith for all his contributions to our association and to golf in the Lansing area. While president, Burton was a driving force in the resurrection of the Women's All City Medal Play. Also during his tenure as president we saw the rebirth of the All City Match Play, and the birth of the Bud Reniger Memorial, as well as the continued growth of our junior golf program. It is my intention to continue the traditions established by our previous presidents in promoting golf in the Lansing area. Thanks again Burton.

GLAGA INTERVIEW

Don Clark:

-Pro and owner of Chisholm Hills G. C.

-P.G.A. member for 26 years.

-Started golfing at age 11.

-51 years old.

-Married to JoAnne.

Clubs:

-Irons--Arnold Palmer Tour Blade, 2-SW.

-Driver--1953 MacGregor George Bayer.

-Fairway woods--3 & 4, MacGregor G.Bayer.

-Putter--Inertial Slotline.

Golf News met with Don and JoAnne at their place out on Narrow Lake. We started the evening with some super burgers, chips, and pop. After gorging ourselves we got down to the nitty gritty of this rendevous by talking some serious golf. Here is how it went:

GOLF NEWS: How were you introduced to golf? DON CLARK: I started caddying at the Country Club of Lansing, in 1950, and did that for one year. Then I moved to the Pro Shop where my main duties were in the rack room and some club repair, under Pro Ed Gaunt Jr.

GN: Where did you go from there? DC: I then took a job across town at Walnut Hills C.C. under Pro Reggie Myles Sr., doing similar tasks.

GN: At what point in your life did you realize you wanted to make golf your profession?

DC: At the age of 15 I had already reallized that I enjoyed being around and a part of the golfing environment.

GN: Did you ever entertain the thought of pursuing the life of a touring pro?

DC: No, not really. I never spent much time or effort pursuing that possibility in

golf.

GN: You must have played in many tournaments throughout your career, with many victories. Is there any one that stands

out more than any other?

DC: Yes, it was in 1956 at the Michigan Veteran's Administration Hospital Tournament at Fort Custer, near Battle Creek. It was my first year as a Pro and I shot a course record 58, 29-29. This victory was extra gratifying because I beat John Barnum, the Pro at Blythefield C.C. in Grand Rapids, and Walter Burkemo, the Pro at Franklin Hills C.C. in Detroit. They were considered to be two of the best players in the state at that time and both had played previously on the Tour.

GN: Speaking of course records, have you

set any others?

DC: Yes, there were some others. At Sycamore I shot 4 under 29. At Binder Park in

Battle Creek I shot a 9 under 63.

GN: Who were your role models regarding the golf swing when you were learning the game? DC: Oh. Let me see, hmmm! I'd have to say Lou Wendrow for one. Also Bud Reniger. I would say these two guys had and have ideal swings, and both possessed great tempo. It was really something to watch them, they were both such pure strikers of the ball.

GN: Who is your favorite golfer to come out of the lansing area?

DC: That would be Bud Reniger. Some of us know of your golfing brothers. For those members who don't, what are their names, from oldest to youngest .? DC: There is Carl, myself, Ken, and Coley. Everyone is still in the Lansing area except for Coley, who resides in Guam. GN: Now Don, be honest here. Which one of you is the longest bomber? DC: That is definitely Coley. I remember one time when he took a free drop from the ninth green at Groesbeck after his second shot to number 18 landed there. GN: Don, what is the best lesson you ever learned during competition? DC: The greatest lesson I ever learned was

during the All City Match Play Tournament. In my second match I played against a guy with only 5 clubs stuffed into a little cloth bag. On the first hole I blew my drive about 150 yards past him. He knocked two woods onto the green and holed his 30 foot putt. He went one up and never looked back. In short, I learned to 'get it in the hole first.'

GN: With all the talk and publicity lately about square grooves and the effect of modern technology on golf, what do you think about such things?

DC: Not much. I believe that it is all part of the evolution of the game. the whole issue on square grooves is getting

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carried away. There's no doubt they help in wet conditions. But as far as spin, I don't buy it. One year, for the heck of it, I ground the grooves completely off the face of an old wedge. I then hit some balls onto a green and was able to make them dance just as well as a wedge with grooves.

GN: What about metal woods?

DC: Personally I don't think it makes much difference.

GN: Don, we would like to say thanks for an enjoyable evening and for sharing these comments with us. In closing, what final words would you leave for our members? DC: When it comes to golf, if I had to do it all over again, I'd do it over again.

THANKS AGAIN, DON AND JOANN.

Tim Russell

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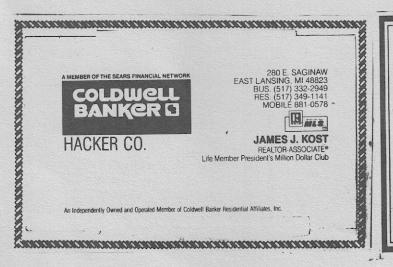
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GREATER LANSING AMATEUR GOLF ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES AS OF RECEMBER 31, 1988

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Memberships-Regular (125) Memberships-Senior (2) Memberships-Junior (8)	\$ 625.00 6.00 16.00	\$ 647.00
Donations Advertising Interest		1,205.00 850.00 74.96
Tournaments:		
All-City Match Play All-City Medal Play (283 entries) All-City Medal Play (carts) All-City Medal Play (Hole Sponsors) Reniger Memorial Invitational	325.00 14,150.00 750.00 200.00 2,530.00	17,955.00
Junior Golf Program		219.00
Expenditures:	Total Revenues	\$20,950.96
Miscellaneous Newsletter Memberships Bank Service Charge Tournaments:	123.35 671.44 323.88 7.40 Total Operating Expenditures	1,126.07
All-City Match Play All-City Medal Play Reniger Memorial Invitational All-City Golf Team	576.12 14,886.57 2,682.14 36.01	18,180.84
Junior Golf Program	Total Expenditures	$\frac{1,023.72}{$20,330.63}$
Excess Revenues over Expenditures Add: Adjustment to Fund Balance Add: Beginning Fund Balance	Ending Fund Balance	\$ 620.33 150.02 175.00 \$ 945.35





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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FROM MEMBERSHIP OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

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Revenues:	OK THE IEAK ENDED DECEMBER)1, 1,000	
Memberships Interest	\$647.00 <u>74.96</u>		\$721.96
Expenditures:			
Membership Bag Tags Membership Cards Check Book & Records Post Office Box Fee Postage Stamps Miscellaneous Items Bank Service Charge Award for All-City Tex			490.64
S	Revenues in Excess of I CHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPE FOR THE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 31, 1988		\$231.32
Revenues:			
Advertising			\$850.00
Expenditures:			
	\$542.31		
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Mailing	99.13		671.44
	Revenues in Excess of I		\$178.56
S	FOR ALL-CITY MATCH PL DECEMBER 31, 1988		
Revenues:			
Entry Fees (28 golfers Non-member surcharges	s @ \$10)	\$280.00 45.00	\$325.00
Expenditures:			
Printing and Mailing / Trophies	Applications	76.84 74.28	ED 6 10
Prize Money		425.00	576.12
Expendi	itures in Excess of Revenues		\$(251.12)

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES FOR ALL-CITY MEDAL PLAY DECEMBER 31, 1988

Revenues:

Entry Fees (283 golfers @ \$50)	\$14,150.00	
Carts	750.00	
Hole Sponsorships	200.00	\$15,100.00

Expenditures:

Applications (printing & distributing) Forecaddies	163.05 175.00	
Scorekeeper	150.00 263.54	
Trophies NSF Check	5.00	
Greenfees (203 golfers @ \$27)	7,641.00	
Carts	750.00 424.50	
Food & Beverages Bag Tags	300.00	
Prize Money (gift certificates)	5,014.48	14,886.57

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RENIGER MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL DECEMBER 31, 1988

Revenues in Excess of Expenditures

Revenues:

Entry Fees (46 golfers @ \$55) \$2,530.00

Expenditures:

Applications	\$ 40.00	
Forecaddy	50.00	
Trophies	62.14	
Greenfees (46 golfers @ \$18)	828.00	
Food and Carts	222.00	
Prize Money	1,480.00	2,682.14

Expenditures in Excess of Revenues

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Revenues:

Donations Entry Fees \$1,205.00 219.00

\$1,424.00

Expenditures:

14.12 Miscellaneous 65.00 Golf Balls 444.60 T-shirts Golf Pro Exhibition (Jim Gallagher) 500.00

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Revenues in Excess of Expenditures

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Note: The excess of revenues from this current year's program will carry over to subsequent year's Junior program.

> GREATER LANSING AMATEUR GOLF ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1988

Assets

Cash \$685.35 Accounts Receivable 260.00

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Liabilities and Fund Balance

Total Assets \$945.35 Total Liabilities & Fund Balance

Fund Balance

\$945.35

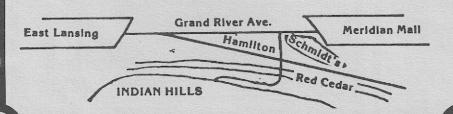
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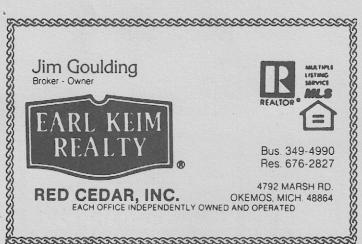
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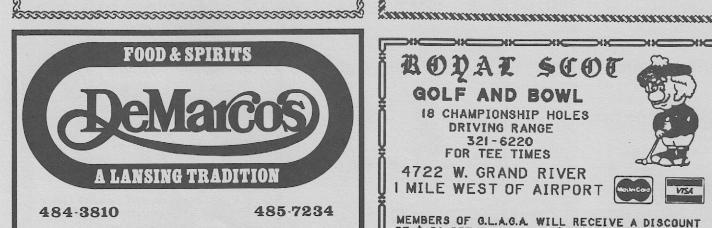
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THE BETTER THE TREATMENT . . . THE BETTER THE COURSE

by John Peakes

At the BoarsHead Theater, I know that the most important people the audience members encounter work in the front office — that is the Box Office Manager, the House Manager, and the Ushers. These are the people who take your money, give you your ticket, take you to your seat, and engage in a little small talk with the patron. Audience members don't meet the Managing Director, or the Designers. They don't ever really meet the actors. So, in a great part, the pleasantness and the success of the evening is in large part dictated by those people who "DEAL HITH THE PUBLIC." These people are in great measure the major influence in whether or not you want to come back to the BoarsHead. Of course the play should be one you enjoy and the acting, costumes, lights etc.had better be good, but a major component in your reaction to your short stay with us, is in the people you actually deal with. So I, as head of the BoarsHead, keep a sharp eye on my "Contact People." They can make or break us.

In a similar way, I find that the way I and my playing partners are treated as we check into a golf-course, greatly determines my liking for a particular course. At some courses, whether they know me or not, I feel that they are ACTUALLY GLAD I CAME TO PLAY ON THEIR COURSE!!! At other courses (at too many of them, in fact) I get the feeling they (the "contact people" - i.e. the person at the check-in desk) not only is indifferent to my planned 9 or 18 holes, but is actually a little hostile to my presence there in the first place. At too many of our local courses CAVEAT EMPTOR (Buyer beware!) is the watchword. As a result, given a choice, I'll play at the course where the atmosphere is friendly, helpful, courteous and hospitable. This category of "contact people" includes Starters, Rangers, people at the Snack Bar, etc. As a service to our membership, and even more importantly as a service to the various local golf course owners and their personnel, I'd like to ask our readers to quickly fill out the enclosed survey form and mail it to Bob Aumaugher, 2083 Fox Hollow, Okemos, MI, 48864. In the next GLAGA News Letter, we'll report your opinions as to where you get "good" treatment, and which of the courses ought to "shape up their acts!"

Please list in order, your favorite and then your least favorite courses as regards <u>hospitality and reception</u> only. (We can check out your favorite course <u>lay-out</u> in another survey. This survey is only to find out which courses we, the golfers, the customers, think have the best "CONTACT PEOPLE.") Perhaps some owners/managers will be suprised how they are perceived by the people who are their "bread and butter."

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I got a call from Chuck Pohl the other day to inform me that Royal Scot is going to start doing the WAVE. In this case not the Tiger Stadium Wave. Royal Scot is going after slow play this year with an experiment in tee times called the Wave Format. On the weekends golfers will be sent off in waves. understand the system to go something like this: Around 7:30, golfers will be sent off both nines until about 9:15 at which time the tees will be closed. The groups on the course would be the first wave. They will be expected to cross over to the other nine at the end of about 2 hours, and to complete eighteen holes in about 4 hours. This means the #1 and #10 tees will be closed between roughly 9:15 and noon. Around 12:30 a second wave will begin teeing off. They will be expected to crossover around 2:30, at which time both tees will be open for open play. Each group will be given a card (seen to the right of this article) with its starting time and its starting time range for the second nine.

Chuck tells me that the card will enable the rangers and starters to verify a group's position on the course and at the crossover. Warnings will be issued and possible suspension of playing privileges considered. The hope is to cut playing time down from the current 5 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours to 4 to $4\frac{1}{4}$ hours. Chuck says the system worked in Florida.

Clearly, any reasonable proposal to speed up play has the support of GLAGA. I look forward to hearing how this one works out.

Aumaugher

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- Late for tee time you may not be allowed to golf.
- Repair all ball marks and divots.
- Rake all bunkers.
- Only two bags and two riders per cart.
- Speed of play must be maintained at all times. Slow players will be asked to leave without refund.
- The rate of play for 18 holes should be 4 hours.
- Do not delay between nines.
- Gas and/or pull carts should be parked behind the green and directly toward the next tee.
- Record all scores on the next tee.
- A player may only play one ball.
- No pets allowed on course at any time.

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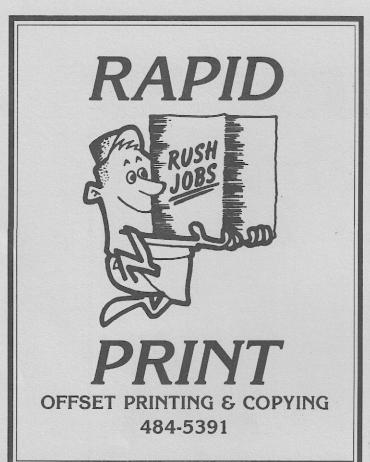


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Pat Chisholm, Orchard Lake CC	1987
Peter Green, Orchard Lake CC	1986
John Morgan, Oakland Hills	1985
Roy Schultheiss, Bay City CC	1984
John Johnson, Rochester GC	1983
 Dave Graulau, Alma CC 	1982
Bill McDonald, Godwin Glen GC	1981
Steve Maddalena, CC of Jackson	1980
Peter Green, Orchard Lake CC	1979
John Morse, Marshall GC	1978
Danny Joe Pohl, Mt. Pleasant	1977
Michael Hurley, Albion GC	1976
Danny Joe Pohl, Mt. Pleasant	1975
Rod Sumpter, Grand Rapids	1974
Robert Chapman, Meadowbrook	1973
Randy Erskine, Battle Creek	1972
John Grace, CC of Detroit	1971
Dennis Vass, CC of Jackson	1970
Peter Green, Orchard Lake CC	1969
 Lynn Janson, Pine Lake 	1968
Bill Newcombe, Barton Hills	1967
Robert Meyer, Niles	1966
Bud Stevens, Western	1965
 Doug Hankey, St. John's 	1964
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Mike Andonian, Sylvan Glen	1962
Glenn Johnson, Grosse Ile	1961
Don Stevens, Plum Hollow	1960
Bud Stevens, Western	1959
Glenn Johnson, Grosse Ile	1958
Lloyd Syron, Pontiac CC	1957
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 Reggie Myles, Walnut Hills 	1953
Fred Turner, Brookwood	1952
Chuck Kocsis, Red Run	1951
Ben Smith, Lochmoor	1950
Tom Draper, Red Run	1949
Charles Koscsis, Red Run	1948
Ed Ervasti, Sunnybrook	1947
Louis Wendrow, Lansing CC	1946
Sam Kocsis, Middle Belt	1941
Zygmund Zawadski, Middle Belt	1940
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PAT CHISHOLM



GOLF SWAP DAY

WHERE: FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEN: MARCH 11, 1989 SATURDAY

HOW LONG: 10AM TO 5PM

WHAT SWAPPED: Anything to do with golf. GLAGA has reserved the golf hitting room and one across the hall as places for golfers to swap sell, or find used golf equipment. Bring clubs, balls, umbrellas, video tapes, anything golfable and swapable. Trade that 1 iron you can't hit for a sand wedge you can. Clubs can be tried out in the golf hitting room. Also, instructional video's will be played throughout the afternoon. GLAGA memberships will be available for a mere \$5.00. Pick up a copy of this year's golf schedule. If you don't have any equipment to swap then come anyway and swap golf stories. See ya there!

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