
GLAGA Golf News

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4 New Medal Play Tournaments

GLAGA has added three new individual flighted medal play tournaments for its members in 1995. With the renewal of Oaklane's medal play tournament in June, scratch golfers to high handicappers will now have an opportunity to compete in a medal play format at least five times this year.

The inaugural tournament is scheduled for May 6 and 7 at Centennial Acres. The tournament is open to GLAGA members only, so be sure to send in your 1995 membership application along with your entry form (both of which can be found inside this newsletter).

The tournament is open to the first 75 GLAGA members who enter. John Nagel, the pro at Centennial Acres, has worked closely with the GLAGA Board to prepare for the event. John has reserved a block of tee times for the tournament starting at 8 am. Groups of three will tee off in ten minute intervals.

The cost for this two day 36 hole event is \$50 plus a \$15 one time membership fee if you haven't already renewed your GLAGA membership for 1995. Carts are extra. A cart rents for \$20. Entrants who want to ride during the tournament will be paired up so

they can share the cost. The entry fee includes greens fees and a prize fund for up to three flights. Prize certificates are redeemable at the Centennial Acres pro shop. For the adventuresome, a separate daily skin pot will be available.

The tournament will be flighted according to handicaps. Entrants do not have to supply a handicap. If you don't have a handicap or don't supply either a USGA or League handicap that can be verified, you will be placed in the Championship Flight. Depending upon the range of handicaps among the entrants, there will be as many as three flights. Your flight will be established before you play.

Oaklane's summer medal play tournament is scheduled for June 24 and 25. This tournament is flighted by score after the first day of competition. Oaklane starts to take applications one month in advance of all its tournaments.

A GLAGA Summer Medal Play Tournament has been scheduled for July 22 and 23 at El Dorado Golf Course. Like the spring tournament, this one will be open to the first 75 GLAGA members who enter.

The All City Medal Play is set for August 4, 5 and 6. It will be played at Groesbeck and Highland Hills this year.

In September, the GLAGA Fall Medal Play Tournament will be held at

April 1995

Brookshire GC. With an additional 9 holes designed by the renowned Matthew's family, Brookshire offers golfers both a target and a links venue to test their skills. The tournament will be held on September 23 and 24.

The 1995 medal play schedule covers the map with tournaments north, south, east, and west of Lansing as well as in the city limits.

Equipment News

Say good-bye to your metal golf spikes in the near future, or so reports Terry Moore, the editor of *Michigan Golfer*. The emergence of a new product called Softspikes has some of the more famous country clubs adopting a spikeless shoes policy for regular play. While claiming to hold the road even in the rain, soft spikes supposedly have become the green superintendents friend. They don't tear or cut up the greens. The dread ball mark between you and your three foot putt may become the exception rather than rule. Spikeless shoes are also more effective in combating the spread of poa annua.

Moore claims that at the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando this year, nearly one third of the club pros responding to a question about adopting a spikeless shoes policy at their course said their courses were indeed considering such a policy. Here in

Michigan, if you plan to play in any tournament held at Boyne Highlands or Boyne Mountain, you'd better be spikeless, otherwise you won't be allowed to tee off.

Meirndorf's answer to Myrtle

If you are considering a winter trip South next year, you may want to investigate Jacksonville, Florida. A travel group called G.T.O. (Great Times Out) offers a very attractive package for the budget minded. We flew from Detroit to Jacksonville for \$334.

This price included round trip air fare, 4 days of golf, a rental vehicle, and three nights lodging at a Holiday Inn. The price does not include cart rental. Carts ranged from \$14 to \$17 per round. However, if you had an early tee time, you could play the same course in the afternoon for free and only have to pay for the cart.

We paid a little extra to rent a mini van. Having the extra room worked out well for golfers. You could spend as little or as much on food as you wanted.

Our itinerary was great. We flew down on a Monday morning and checked in to our rooms. We then went to the practice range and in the afternoon played 18 holes. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we played 18 holes and would have had time for 9 more but decided instead to get ready for the return flight home.

One course, Bay Meadows, was average. The others, Cimarrone, Golf Club at Jacksonville, and Mill Cove were very nice. The fairways in February were thin but playable. The greens were not quite up to par.

The people were very accommodating. We only had one little glitch with the car rental company, but everything else went like clockwork.

I have been to Myrtle Beach several times but each time we drove. This package costs only a little bit more and the flying made all the difference in the world.

We happened to go the first week of February and they were having record low temperatures, but with the proper clothing we could still play comfortably. If we had gone to Myrtle Beach we wouldn't have been able to play at all. Normal temperatures for that time of year are 60 to 65. For the price I would highly recommend this trip to fellow golfers.

Larry Meirndorf

Joining a Country Club

Every so often a member of our board fields a question on how to join one of the local "private" country clubs. I have compiled some basic facts on membership at the Country Club of Lansing and Walnut Hills Club. This information was true for 1994. Fees and dues may have changed for 1995.

At the Country Club of Lansing, regular membership fees are \$9,875 plus \$125 in stock. Dues for regular members are \$260 per month (\$3,120 a year). An intermediate membership (persons aged 21 to 35) would cost \$2,000 and monthly dues are \$175 (\$2,100). A social membership at the Lansing Country Club which does not include golf privileges is \$2,500 and monthly dues are \$100.

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An intermediate social membership is \$500 with monthly fees of \$68.75 (\$789 a year).

To join, two current members must sponsor you. You must also meet with two current members of the board of governors. Letters of recommendation from sponsors and/or present members of the club are advised.

Walnut Hills has a similar array of memberships. A general member whose fee is \$8,000 plus a \$2,000 equity fee. General membership and corporate membership dues are \$260 a month, (\$3,120 a year). For persons under 35, an associate membership is available. Associate members must pay the \$2,000 equity fee when they join and the \$8,000 initiation fee by age 35. Associate membership dues are \$172 a month (\$2,064 a year). A social membership is available with a \$500 initiation fee (\$100 is equity) and monthly dues of \$70, (\$840 a year).

Walnut Hills also provides a corporate membership for up to five employees. The corporate membership fee is \$12,500, (\$4,000 is member equity). All corporate members at Walnut Hills must work for the same corporation.

Walnut Hills members are also required to spend \$825 a year on food and beverages.

Jim Donahue

Golf - Boom of the 90s?

In 1975, 13 million Americans played one round of golf or more during the year, according to the National Golf Foundation in Jupiter, Florida. By 1992, this number had grown to

24.8 million, a 91% increase. The number of rounds of golf played rose from 308,562 in 1975 to 505,400 in 1992, a 64% increase in rounds played.

The number of private golf facilities actually declined 5% from 4,770 in 1975 to 4,568 in 1992 according to the US Census Bureau's 1994 *Statistical Abstract of the United States*. On the other hand, then number of daily fee golf courses grew from 5,014 in 1975 to 6,552 in 1992, a 30% increase. Municipal golf facilities increased 32% from 1,586 to 2,090 in 1992.

Clearly the expansion in golf has come through the public access side of the golf coin. As new golfers enter the sport, they are obviously going to have to turn more and more to public facilities to play the game.

Daily fee and municipal golf clearly pay their own way and can even turn a fairly respectable profit. Lansing's four municipal golf courses are a proven profit generator.

The Lansing Park and Recreation Municipal Golf Fund Budget estimates 1995 revenues of \$1,283,134 from golf related sales, fees and miscellaneous areas. Out of nearly \$1.3 million in revenues golfers generate for the city, \$272,051 or 21% is taken out for city "administrative charges." These charges represent what the City takes from the golf fund to help pay for running city government.

There is a resolution on Fiscal Year 96 budget priorities before the City Council which contains the following language:

That the administrative charges to the Golf Enterprise Fund be capped at no more than 14% of golf revenues, and the difference

between the cap and the actual charge, per the Indirect Cost Plan, be dedicated exclusively to Capital Improvements.

The recommendation was not incorporated in the Mayor's budget for fiscal 96. Judging from reports out of the Mayor's Office that only five people have called to express opposition to the sale of Waverly Golf Course, it is also likely that the Mayor and the City Council have heard little from Lansing area golfers in support of increasing the amount of golf revenues that go back into the maintenance and improvement of the area golf courses.

The Lansing Park and Recreation Department seems to understand the movement away from golf at private clubs to golf on publicly accessible grounds. They have produced a draft 1995-1999 Master Plan for the entire department which includes the following recommendations for the local area golf courses.

The plan calls for expanding Waverly to 18 holes with construction of a new clubhouse facility.

At Groesbeck, the draft plan proposes the renovation of Groesbeck Club House to include indoor seating, winter use for cross country ski rental and warming for the sledding hills open on the course. It also recommends the acquisition of additional land in what is now Bancroft Park. With this new land, Groesbeck will be redesigned. The new layout which includes a number of new water hazards on the course looks promising. The acquisition of new land for Groesbeck will also allow for a driving range where golfers will be able to buy a bucket of balls to hit.

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The Master Plan acknowledges developers' interest in what is now Waverly and replacing the facility with another one of equal or enhanced value. But the plan also recognizes that this will only happen if the public supports the idea at the ballot box.

The Plan addresses the need for a feasibility study regarding the flooding and frequent closure of Sycamore Golf Course. It recommends that the course be elevated and properly drained or closed and used for other park related purposes.

Finally the plan proposes new irrigation systems at Waverly and Red Cedar Golf Courses as well as the development of a separate driving range and golf learning facility which can generate additional revenue for the golf fund.

Editorial Comment

The planners at the Park and Recreation Department seem to recognize what golfers in this community need. But unless the golfers help by getting behind the plan for upgrading what we have as well as growing golf in the community, we may end up with less at a time when more and more people are turning on to the game. If the city's elected decision makers don't hear from area golfers about what is needed in Lansing, they will conclude that nothing needs to be done in spite of the 1995-1999 Master Plan for golf. But then again, that's my opinion. If you want, let me know what you think and I'll share it with our readers.

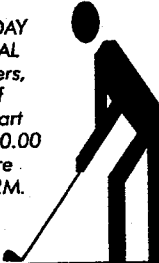
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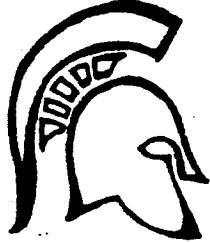
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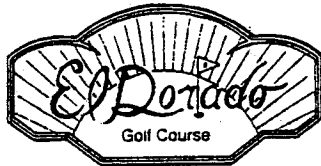
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Date	Event	Course	Phone	Notes
April 14	9th Annual Good Friday Scramble	Ledge Meadows	627-7492	3 Person Teams
April 29 - 30	Spring Best Ball	Chisholm Hills	694-0169	2 Person Teams
April 29	Scramble	Brookshire GC	655-4694	3 Person Teams
April 29 - 30	Spring Scramble	Daina GC	546-4635	4 Person Teams
May 1	50 Hole Youth for Christ Marathon	Royal Scot	321-6220	Individual - fundraiser with sponsored golfers
May 5	Friday Scramble	Overbrook GC	236-5357	2 Person Teams - every Friday for 20 weeks
May 6	Lansing Golf Day	Groesbeck	483-4333	4 Person Teams
May 6 - 7	GLAGA Spring Medal Play	Centennial Acres	566-8055	Individual - open to GLAGA Members Only
May 6	Saturday Skins Scramble	Shadow Ridge	616-527-1180	Blind Draw Teams - every Saturday at 5 pm
May 13	Chardell Matches	Chardell Golf Course	641-4123	4 Person Teams - Scramble, B. Ball, M. Play
May 13 - 14	Bobick's Best Ball Tournament	Cascades GC	788-4343	2 Person Teams
May 13 - 14	Scramble	Morrison Lake	616-642-9528	2 Person Teams
May 18	Mystic Lake YMCA Scramble	Royal Scot	321-6220	2 Person Teams
May 19 - Sept 29	Friday Scramble	Chisholm Hills	694-0169	2 Person Teams
May 20 - 21	May Best Ball	Oaklane	521-3900	2 Person Teams - sign up April 20
May 20 - 21	Spring Best Ball	Portland C.C.	647-4521	2 Person Teams
May 29	Memorial Day Scramble	Chisholm Hills	694-0169	Blind Draw
May 29	Memorial Day Scramble	Glenbrier	625-3800	4 Person Teams
June 2	Michigan Amateur Sectional	Cascades GC	788-4343	Individual
June 3 - 4	Spring Best Ball	Groesbeck	483-4333	2 Person Teams
June 3 - 4	Best Ball	Shadow Ridge	616-527-1180	2 Person
June 3	Waverly Football Boosters Scramble	Royal Scot	321-6220	4 Person Teams
June 5	Boys and Girls Club Scramble	Timber Ridge	339-8000	4 Person Teams
June 5 - 6	Senior (55 and Older) Best Ball	Oaklane	521-3900	2 Person Teams - sign up May 5
June 6	Meals on Wheels Scramble	Timber Ridge	339-8000	4 Person Teams
June 10	Parent - Child Scotchball	Pine Hills	651-5097	2 Person Teams
June 10 - 11 & 16-18	GLAGA All City Match Play	Groesbeck	483-4333	Individual
June 11	WMMQ Scramble	Royal Scot	321-6220	4 Person Teams

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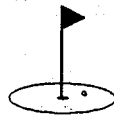


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Date	Event	Course	Phone	Notes
June 12	GLAGA Jr. Golf Tour	Pine Lake	339-8281	Individual - Qualifier
June 14	American Cancer Society Scramble	Timber Ridge	339-8000	4 Person Teams
June 16	Bath Football Golf Outing Scramble	Highland Hills	669-1559	4 Person Teams
June 16	MSU Museum Scramble	Forest Akers West	355-8257	
June 17	Scramble	Morrison Lake	616-642-9528	3 Person Mixed Teams
June 18	Father-Son Scramble	Ledge Meadows	627-7492	2 Person Teams
June 18	Father's Day Scramble	Glenbrier	625-3800	Father Son Teams - flighted by combined age
June 19	Youth Medal Play	Shadow Ridge	616-527-1180	Individual - youth 18 and under
June 19	GLAGA Jr. Golf Tour	Red Cedar	483-4333	Individual - 9 Holes
June 20	Capital Area Insurance Youth Golf Classic	Highland Hills	669-1559	Individual
June 20 - 21	All City Juniors (17 & Under) Medal Play	Groesbeck	483-4333	Individual
June 20	American Cancer Society Scramble	Centennial Acres	566-8055	4 Person Teams
June 20	Youth for Christ Men's Championship	Royal Scot	321-6220	Individual
June 20 - 24	Michigan Amateur	Red Run in Royal Oak		Individual
June 21	Camp Highfields Scramble	Timber Ridge	339-8000	4 Person Teams
June 23	First of America Senior Amateur Scramble	Timber Ridge	339-8000	4 Person Teams
June 23	Scramble	Morrison Lake	616-642-9528	4 Person Teams
June 23	MDA Scramble	Royal Scot	321-6220	4 Person Teams
June 24 - 25	Oaklane Medal Play	Oaklane	521-3900	Individual - sign up May 24
June 26	GLAGA Jr. Golf Tour	Groesbeck	483-4333	Individual - 18 Holes
June 27	AT&T Impression 5 Scramble	Timber Ridge	339-8000	4 Person Teams
June 29	Humane Society Scramble	Timber Ridge	339-8000	4 Person Teams
July 1	Independence Day Scramble	Chisholm Hills	694-0169	Blind Draw
July 3	GLAGA Jr. Golf Tour	Branson Bay	663-4144	Individual - 18 Holes
July 4	Independence Day Scramble	Glenbrier	625-3800	4 Person Teams
July 8	YWCA Golf Outing Scramble	Highland Hills	669-1559	4 Person Teams
July 8	Kiwanis Scramble	Parrie Creek	669-1958	4 Person Teams
July 8	Great Lakes Amateur Tour	Timber Ridge	800-618-2691	Open to Tour Members Only

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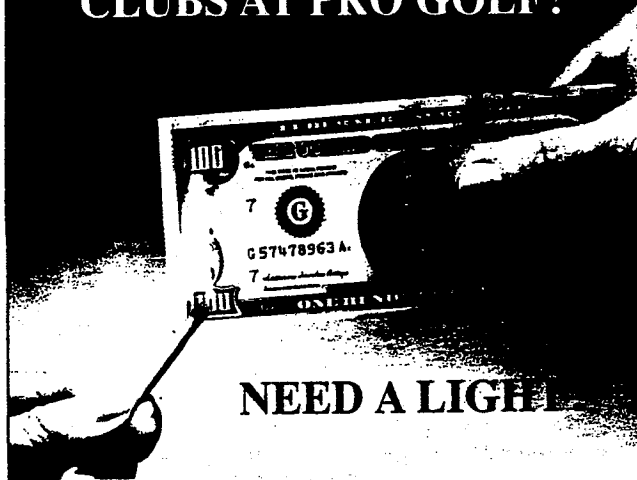
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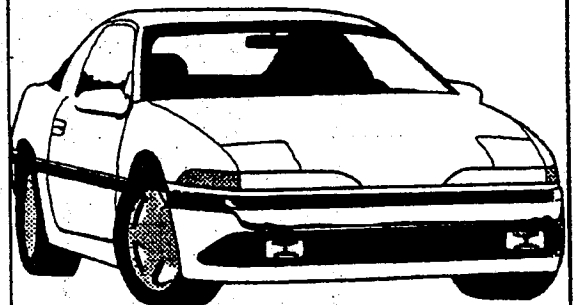
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July 8	Elimination Scramble	Shadow Ridge	616-527-1180	4 Person Teams - limit 15 teams
July 10	GLAGA Jr. Golf Tour	Indian Hills	349-1010	Individual - 9 Holes
July 12	Clinton Hlth. Fnd. Stroke for Life Scramble	Highland Hills	669-1559	4 Person Teams
July 15	St Vincent's Golf Outing Scramble	Highland Hills	669-1559	4 Person Teams
July 15	Scramble	Morrison Lake	616-642-9528	4 Person Teams
July 15 - 16	Best Ball	Glenbrier	625-3800	2 Person Teams
July 16	Oldsmobile Qualifier Scramble	Morrison Lake	616-642-9528	5 Person Teams
July 17	Youth Medal Play	Shadow Ridge	616-527-1180	Individual - youth 18 and under
July 17	GLAGA Jr. Golf Tour	Oaklane	521-3900	Individual - 18 Holes
July 18, 19, 20	Class B & C Juniors (14 & Under) Medal Play	Red Cedar	483-4333	Individual
July 20	Clinton Cnty American Cancer Society	Highland Hills	669-1559	4 Person Teams
July 22 - 23	GLAGA Summer Medal Play	El Dorado	676-2854	Individual - open to GLAGA members only
July 23	Bring Your Old Lady Scramble	Centennial Acres	566-8055	Two Couple Teams
July 24 - 26	G.A.M. Championship	Flint Golf Club		Individual
July 24	GLAGA Jr. Golf Tour	To Be Announced		Individual - 9 Holes
July 27	WMFK Big Brothers Big Sisters Scramble	Timber Ridge	339-8000	4 Person Teams
July 29	All City Seniors Medal Play	Groesbeck	483-4333	Individual
July 29 - 30	Centennial Acres Best Ball & Scramble	Centennial Acres	566-8055	2 Person Teams
July 29	Red, White & Blue Scramble	Glenbrier	625-3800	Handicap determines tee position
July 31	S.I.D. Scramble	Timber Ridge	339-8000	4 Person Teams
July 31	GLAGA Jr. Golf Tour	Brookshire GC	655-4964	Individual - 18 Holes
August 4, 5, 6	All City Medal Play	Highland Hills	669-1559	Individual
August 4, 5, 6	All City Medal Play	Groesbeck	483-4333	Individual
August 4	USGA Amateur Sectional	Orchard GC		Individual - in Washington, MI
August 5 - 6	Best Ball	Morrison Lake	616-642-9528	2 Person Teams
August 7	USGA Amateur Sectional	Egypt Valley		Individual - in Grand Rapids
August 12 - 13	Chilsum Hills Invitational	Chisholm Hills	694-0169	2 Person Teams
August 12	27 Hole Scramble	Pine Hills	651-9909	3 Person Teams

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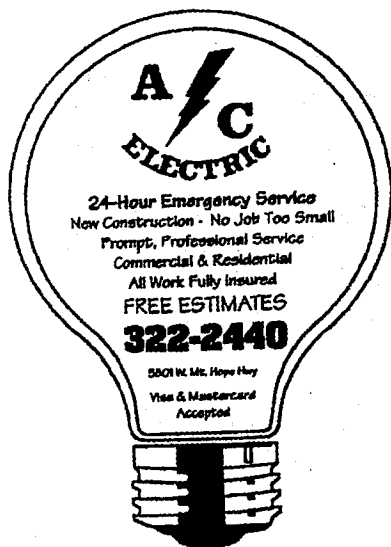


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August 14	GLAGA Jr. Golf Tour	Brookshire GC	655-4964	Individual - 9 Holes
August 17	Oaklane Youth Tournament	Oaklane	521-3900	Individual Youths 18 & Under
August 18	Domestic Assault Scramble	Royal Scot	321-6220	4 Person Teams
August 21	180 Year Old Man Scramble	Ledge Meadows	627-7492	3 Person Teams
August 26 - 27	Snyder Cancer Scramble	Glenbrier	625-3800	2 Person/4 Person Teams - flighted after first
August 26 - 27	Best Ball / Scramble	Shadow Ridge	616-527-1180	
August 31 - Sept. 1	Michigan Mid-Amateur	Lakewood Shores		Individual - in Oscoda
September 4	Labor Day Scamble	Chisholm Hills	694-0169	3 Person Teams
September 4	Labor Day Scramble	Ledge Meadows	627-7492	4 Person Teams
September 4	Labor Day Scramble	Glenbrier	625-3800	4 Person Teams
September 9 - 10	Fall Best Ball	Groesbeck	483-4333	2 Person Teams
September 9	Matrches	Chardell Golf Course	641-4123	4 Person Scramble, Best Ball, Match Play
September 10	DeWitt Football Scramble	Parrie Creek	669-1958	4 Person Teams
September 11	Chamber of Commerce Lansing Open Scramble	Timber Ridge	339-8000	4 Person Teams
September 16	DeWitt School Foundation Scramble	Parrie Creek	669-1958	4 Person Teams
September 16 - 17	Fall Best Ball	Oaklane	521-3900	2 Person Teams - sign up August 16
September 18	Michigan Year of the Family Scramble	Timber Ridge	339-8000	4 Person Teams
September 23 - 24	GLAGA Fall Medal Play	Brookshire GC	655-4964	Individual - open to GLAGA members only
September 28	Chuck Lane's So Long to Summer Scramble	Centennial Acres	566-8055	4 Man Teams of Players 55 and Older
September 30 - Oct. 1	Best Ball / Scramble Combo	Morrison Lake	616-642-9528	2 Person Teams
October 1	1 Man Two Ball	Chisholm Hills	694-0169	Individual - every Sunday in October
October 7	Friday Scramble Championship	Chisholm Hills	694-0169	Blind Draw
October 9	Columbus Day Best Ball	Chisholm Hills	694-0169	2 Person Teams
October 21 - 22	El Dorado Best Ball -Timber Ridge Scramble	Timber Ridge	339-8000	3 Person Teams
October - TBA	Reniger Invitational	Forest Akers	355-1635	Individual
November 4	Fall Skins Match	Chisholm Hills	694-0169	TBA
TBA	Waverly Hills Senior Open	Groesbeck	483-4333	

Greater Lansing Amateur Golf Association

Members' Spring Medal Play Tournament

WHERE: Centennial Acres Golf Course in Sunfield, MI

WHEN: May 6 and 7

WHO: Open to 1995 GLAGA Members Only

COST: \$50 Entry Fee*

The Inaugural GLAGA Member's Medal Play Tournament is open to the first 75 GLAGA members who enter. This two day event offers golfers of varying ability a chance to tune up their tournament skills. For tee times or questions about the tournament, please contact John Nagle at Centennial Acres (517-566-8055), Stu White (517-485-2734) or Mike O'Connor (517-332-4081). The first tee time will be 8:00 A.M.

* Entry Fee covers Green Fees for Saturday and Sunday and a Prize Fund. Prize certificates will be awarded with all certificates redeemable at the Centennial Acres Pro Shop only. Cart fees are not included in the entry fee. If you need a cart, please indicate on the entry form so we can pair up persons wanting carts. You will be responsible for renting a cart at the course, however. No pre-registration of carts will be necessary. Entry fees are not refundable. Checks returned with insufficient funds will result in an automatic disqualification.

Complete this Entry Form and Return it with Payment to:
GLAGA, 1215 N. Genesee, Lansing, MI 48915.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY & ZIP _____ PHONE _____

Avg Score _____ Course _____ Cart _____ Championship Flight _____

This is a medal play tournament. However, this tournament will be flighted prior to play on the first day according to handicap. The number of flights will be determined after applications are received. If you do not have a USGA or League Handicap or if you do not supply a handicap, you will be placed in the championship flight. If you wish to be flighted prior to play on Saturday, please provide the following:

USGA HANDICAP _____ Course Where Handicap is Maintained _____

League Handicap _____ Course Where League Is Played _____

League Secretary _____ Phone # _____

If you have not already renewed your 1995 GLAGA membership, enclose an additional \$15 for 1995 membership dues.

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A \$15 Check or Money Order made payable to GLAGA must accompany this application

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