

GLAGA GOLF NEWS

The Newsletter of GLAGA, the Greater Lansing Amateur Golf Association

Your Membership Supports Junior Golf

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Local Man Builds Clubs, Dreams

For four Saturday mornings this May the vision of a "camp" for young people who otherwise would not get a chance to be exposed to golf, will again come to pass for Jeff Hunter of Hunter's Custom Clubs.

Jeff smiles modestly when he tells the story of how it all got started. It was at Christmas time four years ago. While sitting in church thinking about an appropriate way to be charitable, he was struck with the idea of building clubs for 9 children from his church. Being an experienced club builder, this was do-able. Then he explains that "The Lord spoke to me" and encouraged him to then help these kids with some instruction. Running a free golf clinic seemed to be what needed to be done.

By the time the weather broke that spring, the group had grown to 20. That bunch met for one Saturday morning. The response inspired Jeff. The following year there were 50 kids showing up every Saturday in May. Last year the number had grown to 65.

The curriculum has grown each year also. It now includes instruction in proper stance, set-up, alignment, putting, chipping, etiquette, sportsmanship and, of course, the rules of golf.

This year the Youth Golf Camp will again be back at the Lansing Golf Center every Saturday morning in May. These generous folks have donated their facility for all the camps. Jeff thinks the number of kids will only be limited by the number of volunteers that come out to help. It takes a whole lot of people willing to give their time to kids and a whole lot of hustle by a highly motivated camp director like Jeff to come up with the help necessary to pull off a program such as this.

Mr. Hunter is quick to point out he has not done this by himself. He says none of this would have happened without the help from wonderful

folks like Sherrill Pittman, Pete Cunningham, Barry Robinson, Ed Watson, Josh Clark and Ron Ferry. He would also like to publicly thank the following sponsors:

Lansing Golf Center

Pro Discount Golf

Lady Tee Driver Golf Club

Lansing Youth & Recreation

Lansing Par Maker Golf Club

Riley Funeral Home

If you would like to contribute to and/or volunteer for this program that takes the world of golf to yet another group of kids that otherwise might not get this kind of exposure, please contact Jeff Hunter at 517-394-4652. Speaking from experience, you'll be glad you did.

2001 GLAGA Junior Tournament

Twenty-three players competed in GLAGA's second Junior Tournament held on July 17, 2001 at Lansing's Groesbeck Golf Course. "The competition was keen in every age division," reported tournament director Dick Baker, "and the players certainly enjoyed the day."

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Junior Tournament,

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The tournament was open to GLAGA's Junior Scholarship winners and children of GLAGA members. A listing of the final results follows:

Greater Lansing Amateur Golf Association

2001 Junior Tournament

July 17, 2001

Groesbeck Golf Course

Age 16-18 (18 Holes)

Sean Rutherford	73
Nikki Winn	78
Sam Abood	79
Mark Lundeen	84
Robert Gtzmuyer	96

Age 14-15 (18 Holes)

Scott Kenyon	78
Luke Thode	81
Ryan Clark	88
Jeff Keilen	95
Peter Charette	100

Age 12-13 (18 Holes)

Cashel Rosier	73
Josh Burt	78
Sam Olson	100
Bradley Arnold	102
Spencer Couturier	120

Age 10-11 (9 Holes)

Noah Sawyer	49
Mike Fitzpatrick	54
Elizabeth Nagel	59
Pat Abood	61
Joe Olson	69
Kristy Burt	72

Age 9 and Under (4 Holes)

Brian Burt	22
James MacKeller	25

Summer Golf Scholarships

Enclosed is the application for the Greater Lansing Amateur Golf Association (GLAGA) Youth Golf Scholarship for 2002. **GLAGA** and the **Lansing Youth Recreation Fund** (LYFR) have donated the money for these scholarships.

The scholarship provides a "Gold Junior Golf Pass" for the City of Lansing courses that allows you to play for a reduced rate of \$.50 per 9 holes at Waverly, Red Cedar and Sycamore Golf Courses and \$2.00 per 9 holes (\$4.00/18 holes) at the Groesbeck course.

The pass is valid for the following hours:

Monday through Friday before 2PM
(except holidays like July 4th)
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays after 4PM

The scholarships will be issued for the month of June. **You must use your Gold Pass in June in order to have it renewed for the month of July. Similarly, you must use the renewed Gold Pass in July to have it renewed for the remainder of the summer season (to Labor Day).** *(The passes will be renewed monthly to ensure that unused scholarships can be awarded to other interested players and that maximum benefit is obtained for the money that has been donated for the program.)*

Scholarships will be awarded based on the following:

Residence - City of Lansing residents will be given preference
Middle or High School student
Need - City of Lansing Parks and Recreation criteria will be used
Interest in Golf
Willingness to learn and practice good golf etiquette

If you are interested in playing golf this summer and a scholarship would help you play more often, please fill out the attached application. You are asked to include a short essay (one page max) telling why you would like to have a scholarship. See the Application for Essay details. Mail it to this address:

Gold Junior Golf Pass Scholarship
Lansing Parks & Recreation Dept.
Golf Operations Office
1600 Ormond
Lansing, Mi 48906

Applications must be received by May 8, 2002.

If you have any questions about the scholarship program or the application, please call Don Ballard at 483-4154.

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Greetings!

Welcome to the second edition of GLAGA Golf News for the year. We hope that you enjoyed the 2001 tournament summaries in the first edition and have had a chance to review the Golf Calendar for 2002. We look forward to welcoming your participation in all of our events.

In this issue you'll find a variety of information on junior golf for the year including junior golf summaries from 2001, GLAGA Junior Golf Scholarship Program for 2002, the scholarship application and an introduction to Hunter's Custom Youth Golf Camp. Sadly, after more than fifteen years, Ed Brown has retired from running the GLAGA Junior Tour. The Junior Tour was formally separated from the operation of GLAGA four years ago even though it retained the GLAGA name. As the junior tour will not be continued, we have redirected our energies and the board elected to extend support for junior golfers through the GLAGA Junior Scholarship Program. In the past four years, GLAGA and the Lansing Youth and Recreation Fund in cooperation with Don Ballard, the director of golf operations for the city of Lansing, have provided more than \$10,000 for junior golf passes to our municipal golf courses. Further, plans are nearing completion and construction is soon to begin on a First Tee Learning Center at the site of the current Sycamore Golf Course. The scholarship program will be extended to include first tee range passes to qualified youth. GLAGA board member, Steven McLeod, is the golf course architect for the project.

In tournament news, the GLAGA SPRING STROKE PLAY tournament kicks off our 2002 season at the Emerald Golf Course in St. Johns, May 4 and 5. In addition to regular 1st, 2nd and 3rd place flight prizes, low senior and senior runner-up will be awarded medals and

gift certificates. The \$90 entry covers green fees and the prize fund for the 36-hole event. Carts are extra. The ENTRY DEADLINE is APRIL 27. Entries are limited to the first 75 paid entries received. Annual GLAGA membership dues (\$30) may be paid with your entry. For more Tournament information contact Dave Kaufman at 381-8527.

The ALL-CITY MEDAL PLAY, August 9, 10 and 11, pairs the Royal Scot Golf Links Tournament Course with the Timber Ridge Golf Club for what we believe will be a very challenging and exciting city championship. The field this year is limited to the first 252 paid entries. The ENTRY DEADLINE is August 2. If you have not had a chance to play the new Royal Scot Golf Links Tournament course, the weekend of June 1 and 2 will be the perfect opportunity as Royal Scot will host a two-day medal play event over the layout to be used in the All-City Medal. Contact the pro-shop at Royal Scot (321-6220) for all the details.

The ALL-CITY MATCH PLAY, June 14, 15 and 16 at Groesbeck, opens with an eighteen hole stroke play qualifier. The low 32 scores will advance into the Friday afternoon first round matches. All entrants are guaranteed at least two rounds with non-qualifiers playing a consolation medal play Saturday morning. The ENTRY DEADLINE is June 7. Other GLAGA tournaments for 2002 will be previewed in upcoming editions of the GLAGA Golf News.

Please enjoy this edition of the GLAGA Golf News and remember friends: It's only April... swing easy and have fun!

Paul Nieratko
Interim President

It's Time to Renew Your GLAGA Membership!!!

Benefits of Membership
Golf News & Updates **6 Tournaments for Members**

Discounts on Entry Fees for All-City Match Play and the All City Stroke Play Tournaments

\$30.00 Membership Fee (No Increase From 2001)

2002 GLAGA Membership Application

NAME _____ BIRTHDATE: _____/_____/_____
(To Determine Senior/Junior Status)

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

CITY _____ PHONE _____

Return To: GLAGA, PO BOX 27092, Lansing, MI 48909

Please check one:

- I've included my \$30 Check or Money Order made payable to GLAGA for my 2002 membership fee
- I've included my \$50 Check or Money Order made payable to GLAGA for my 2002 membership fee and to designate \$20 (tax deductible) to sponsor a Junior golfer for the summer.

GLAGA Tournaments 2002 -- Entry Form

Spring Medal Play

The Emerald at Maple Creek

May 4-5 \$90

Entries Close April 27

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

E-mail address _____

Want Cart _____ Avg Score _____

Date of _____

Return with Payment to:
GLAGA, PO BOX 27092, Lansing, MI 48909

Submission of application constitutes agreement that player will abide by tournament rules as spelled out by the tournament committee including the 4 1/2 hour pace of play rule in all tournaments.
Full payment **MUST** accompany this entry.

GLAGA Tournaments 2002 -- Entry Form

All City Match Play

Groesbeck

June 14-16 \$80

Entries Close June 7

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

E-mail address _____

Want Cart _____ Avg Score _____

Date of _____

Return with Payment to:
GLAGA, PO BOX 27092, Lansing, MI 48909

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GLAGA Tournaments 2002 -- Entry Form

Seniors Medal Play

Willow Wood
June 22-23 **\$85**
Entries Close June 15

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

E-mail address _____

Want Cart _____ Avg Score _____

Date of _____

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GLAGA Tournaments 2002 -- Entry Form

Summer Stableford

Forest Akers East
July 20-21 **\$85**
Entries Close July 13

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

E-mail address _____

Want Cart _____ Avg Score _____

Date of _____

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GLAGA Tournaments 2002 -- Entry Form

GLAGA Jr. Championship

Groesbeck
July 30 **\$T.B.D.**
Entries Close July 23

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

E-mail address _____

Want Cart _____ Avg Score _____

Date of _____

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GLAGA Tournaments 2002 -- Entry Form

All City Match Play

Royal Scot & Timber Ridge
August 9-11 **\$120/155**
Entries Close August 2

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____

E-mail address _____

Want Cart _____ Avg Score _____

Date of _____

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Medal

GLAGA Tournaments 2002 -- Entry Form
All City Fall Best Ball

Groesbeck
 September 7-8 ~~STBD.~~ *1/20/2002*
 Entries Close September 4

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone number _____
 E-mail address _____
 Want Cart _____ Avg Score _____
 Date of _____

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The GLAGA Golf Calendar 2002

GLAGA Member Competitions

Dates	Event	Entries Close	Venue	Age Limit
May 4-5	Spring Medal Play	April 27.	The Emerald	16* and Older
June 22-23	Seniors Championship	June 15.	Willow Wood	50 and Older
July 20-21	Summer Stableford	July 13.	Forest Akers East	16* and Older
July 30	Juniors Championship	July 26.	Groesbeck	Age Divisions 18 & Younger

All-City Competitions Conducted by GLAGA

Dates	Event	Entries Close	Venue	Age Limit
June 14-16	All-City Match Play	June 7.	Groesbeck	16* and Older
August 9-11	All-City Medal Play	August 2.	Royal Scott and Timber Ridge	16* and Older
Sept 7-8	All-City Fall Best Ball	Sept 4.	Groesbeck	16* and Older

All Entry Forms for GLAGA Member Competitions and All-City Competitions Conducted by GLAGA must arrive at the GLAGA P.O. Box by the closing date accompanied by full payment by check or money order.

*If under the age of 16 a player must present a verified USGA Handicap of 18 or less to be eligible to compete.

GREATER LANSING AMATEUR GOLF ASSOCIATION
LANSING YOUTH RECREATION FUND

SUMMER GOLF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please submit the following application along with a short essay (1 page) explaining why you deserve consideration for a Summer Golf Scholarship.

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____ SCHOOL (in Fall 2002) _____

PHONE _____ FAMILY ANNUAL INCOME _____

**QUESTIONS CONCERNING CITY OF LANSING SCHOLARSHIP INCOME CRITERIA
CAN BE DIRECTED TO DON BALLARD, GOLF MANAGER AT 483-4154.**

ESSAY

Please submit on a separate page an essay explaining why you want to be considered for a scholarship. Please include:

- Why you deserve this award
- How will you use the pass
- Your interest and experience in golf
- Why you need and want the scholarship

APPLICATIONS DUE BY MAY 8, 2002

Applications should be sent to:

Lansing Parks & Recreation Dept.
Attn. Junior Golf Scholarship
Golf Operations Office
1600 Ormond
Lansing, MI 48906

Award winners will be notified by May 18 and will be required to attend an etiquette and rules meeting, date to be announced, where you will receive your Gold Golf Pass. The Gold Golf Pass is available for purchase for those applicants not selected for the Scholarship.

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