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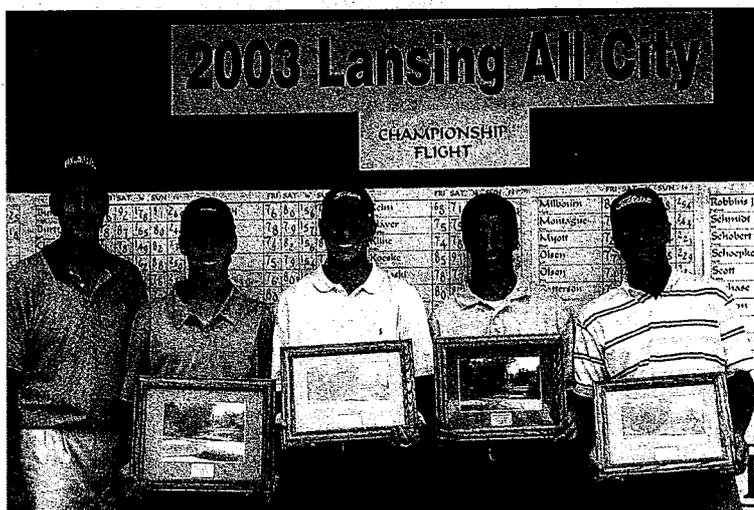
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## Johnson's Closing Surge Wins All City Championship by Two

Haslett High School senior Matt Johnson closed with birdies on two of the last three holes to edge Tony Keim for the 2003 All City Championship at Forest Akers Golf Courses August 8-10. Johnson's five under par 211 bettered Keim by two strokes. Former champion Bob Matthiesen and 2003 Lansing Match Play champion Jonathan Pauli finished joint third with one under par 215 three-day totals.

Lansing's premier amateur golf event returned to MSU's Forest Akers East and West courses that were in exceptional condition. A total of 192 players competed in the three-day event. GLAGA introduced a new feature this year by creating a "Championship Division," where players with handicap indexes of 8.0 or less were paired together and played from the championship tees each day. Eighty-two players competed in the Championship Division, playing the final two rounds on the more demanding West Course. The remainder of the field was flighted by 36-hole totals and played the final round on the East Course.



GLAGA President, Gray Tuttle with Winner, Matt Johnson and Runner-Ups, Tony Keim, Jonathan Pauli and Bob Matthiesen (Second, and joint Third, respectively).

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## Wuetrich Breezes in GLAGA Senior Stroke Play at Willow Wood

Larry Wuetrich separated himself from the field with steady play over a wet Willow Wood C.C. course during the GLAGA Seniors' Stroke Play Championship on August 16 and 17, 2003. His even par rounds of 71 on Saturday and again on Sunday bettered runner up Jim Westwood (73-73) by four.

Ron Clevenger and Gary Broughman finished joint third with 36-hole total scores of 151.

The top three finishers in the First Flight redeemed themselves from poor first round scores with some of the best scores of the final day. Royce Wolverton improved by 10 shots the second day, posting an even par 71 and a 36-hole total of 152, to take the first place prize. Terry Vanderberg edged Dan Balogh for second place by one stroke with a two-day total of 156. Bob Graham's steady play (83-81) was good for fourth place.

The top four finishers of each flight won gift certificates at the Willow Wood C.C. Pro Shop and the top three received Garland Resort certificates under its generous 2003 Events Sponsorship of all GLAGA events.

Thirty GLAGA members participated in the event this year.

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## PLEASE HELP US PLAN

from Gray Tuttle,  
GLAGA President

A brief overview of this past year reveals that we once again had strong turnouts for our Spring Stroke Play and All-City Match Play events. Our return to Akers West and East for the All-City Championship event bolstered the number of participants, just as we hoped it would. Our one-day Junior event has continued its steady, slow growth.

We saw only slight growth in participation in the Stableford competition despite the tremendous value we were able to offer at a fine course. The turnout for the Senior Tournament was simply disappointing. A great deal of time and effort was expended by one of our Directors to offer another tremendous value and a unique competitive experience with our first try at a Fall Best Ball Event. We only got 13 entries and cancelled the event.

Last winter we mailed out nearly 1,000 surveys to past and present GLAGA members. We received less than 40 back. We will begin planning for 2004 very soon. **We need your input!** If you have any helpful ideas or thoughts about how we can improve and expand our events, please take a minute to send them to:

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**by October 15, 2003.**

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for your continued support.

## Russ Cunningham wins Stableford Format tourney Runner-up Pauli continues stellar play

Russ Cunningham's shaky start at the Stableford Tournament may have been just what he needed to win the tournament.

Cunningham double-bogeyed the first hole on Saturday, then proceeded to make seven birdies in the first round for 28 points. He had two birdies and an eagle on Sunday to best Jonathan Pauli of St. Johns 54-46 at Hawk Hollow Golf Course.

"I got aggressive on the first hole and went at a pin I wouldn't have gone for in medal play," Cunningham said. "My original intention was to be aggressive. But after the first hole Saturday, I waited for the right time and place."



The Stableford scoring system used by GLAGA for this tournament awarded six points for an eagle, three for a birdie, one for par, zero for bogey, -1 for double bogey and -3 for triple bogey and higher.

Pauli, who also finished second in a playoff at the season's first event, the GLAGA Spring Stroke Play event, and then won the All-City Match Play Tournament, was in second place with 22 points after Saturday's round. On Sunday he birdied four of the first six holes to cut Cunningham's lead to one point. "I was in midseason form to begin the year after playing in college (at Oakland University)," Pauli said when asked to comment about his strong showing in the first three GLAGA tournaments.

Cunningham, who was paired with Pauli both days, built a three-point lead on Sunday with a birdie on the 11<sup>th</sup> hole, right after Pauli had chipped in at the 10<sup>th</sup>. Cunningham bolted ahead to stay with his eagle on 13.

Jerry Blake, who had been runner-up at the Stableford for three consecutive years, took first in the first flight when he rebounded from a poor showing on Saturday with a strong 19 points on Sunday.

Our congratulations to all the competitors who experienced "the thrill of competition" as well as "the agony of defeat." (Our apologies to ABC's Wide World of Sports.)

Stableford Tourney - See Results on pg 15

# GLAGA JUNIOR TOURNAMENT CONTINUES TO GROW

Thirty-seven junior golfers participated in GLAGA's fourth Junior Tournament held July 15, 2003 at Groesbeck Golf Course. The event was open to GLAGA Scholarship winners and children of GLAGA members. The event has grown steadily each year and was well attended in each of the five age divisions.

Competition was keen in each division. Jeff Klein won the 16-17 age group with a four over par 75. Luke Thode finished second at 76, while Matt James and Ryan Clark finished joint third with scores of 80.

Seventeen players competed in the 14-15 age group. Eric Lilleboe started strongly and survived a shaky finish to post a first place

score of 76. Gary Bissell and Matt Bailey claimed second and third place medals with scores of 79 and 81, respectively.



Noah Sawyer easily out-paced the 12-13 year old division with an impressive six over par 77. Ben McGinn finished second at 98, while Patrick Duda claimed third place with a score of 99.

The most tightly contested competition came from the youngest age groups. In the 10-11 year old division, James McKeller's nine hole score of 51 bettered runners-up Reid Boucher and Trent Tuttle by one stroke. Ben and Joshua Sawyer, younger brothers of Noah, made it a championship sweep for the Sawyer family with

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# By The Rules

By Terry Kildea, 2003 GLAGA Vice President

In this issue, I would like to cover Rule 26 *Water Hazards (including Lateral Water Hazards)*, specifically covering the drop outside the hazard for a ball that is in the hazard or lost in the hazard. This drop is made under penalty of one stroke.

Before we begin, let's address "line of flight". The phrase "line of flight" cannot be found anywhere in the rule book or the decisions book. I know that you will find it in all most every golf league rule sheet when you begin play in the spring, but leave it there. For tournament play you want to know where the ball "last crossed the margin of the hazard".

The margin of a water hazard is the natural boundary of the hazard. This margin extends vertically upwards and downwards. Stakes and lines defining the margin of the hazard are in the hazard (the stakes are obstructions). A ball is in the hazard when

any part of it touches the hazard. The committee is responsible for accurately marking the margins. However, if the committee fails to mark a hazard or errs in doing so, the player is still bound to treat the body of water as a hazard and respect the natural boundary, which is the margin.

Yellow stakes are used to identify a water hazard and yellow lines define the margin of the hazard. Red stakes identify a lateral water hazard and red lines are used to define the margin of a lateral water hazard. For ease of understanding, throughout the rest of this article I will use call them yellow hazards or red hazards. Note again, that in the absence of a line on the ground, the player (and his opponent or fellow-competitors) should look at the natural boundary of the hazard to determine the margin.

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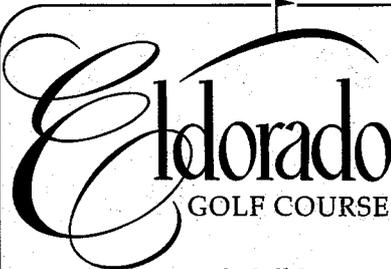
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## All City Championship

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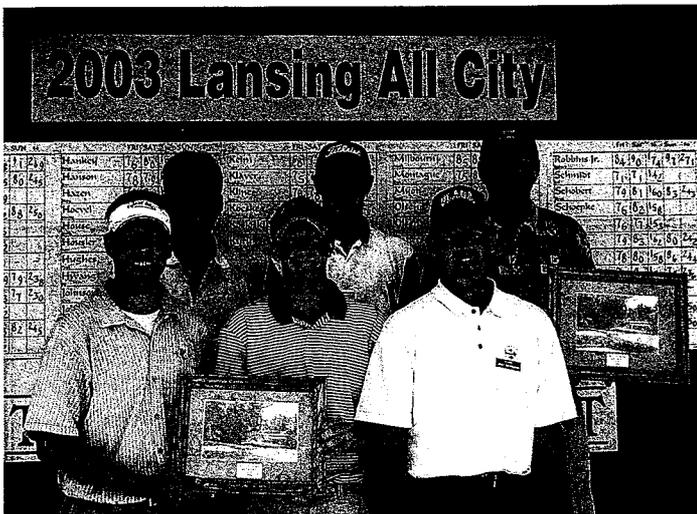
Keim and Pauli entered the final round tied with five under par totals of 139. A four-under par second round 68 placed Johnson at 140, with Chris Johnson trailing at 141. Pauli stumbled out of the gates Sunday, but recovered mid-round to contend at the finish. Matthiesen's steady final round play found him again in contention for another All City Championship, but missed birdie opportunities ended his search for another title.

Johnson and Keim made it a two-man event over the last six holes. Keim stood on the 16<sup>th</sup> tee with a one stroke advantage. Johnson's tap-in birdie against Keim's bogie returned him to the lead. Both missed favorable birdie chances on the uphill par five penultimate hole, setting up a dramatic ending on the demanding 422-yard finishing hole.

Needing birdie on the last, Keim watched Johnson hole an impressive 30-foot putt for a closing birdie, making Keim's effort from 20 feet meaningless. Pauli's final-hole birdie pulled him into a joint third place finish with Matthiesen.

Matt Johnson's victory is the first by a high school player in the All City in at least 20 years according to Jim Donahue, the long-time former GLAGA president. Tournament records are incomplete and it's very possible Johnson is the first high schooler to claim the title.

Pauli and Keim dominated the 2003 GLAGA events. Keim defeated Pauli in a five-hole playoff in the season opening Spring Stoke Play. Pauli, a rising sophomore at Oakland University, claimed the All City Match Play Championship in



First Flight Winner Dick Seehase with Runner-Ups Corey Danford, Bill Sermak, Chad Risner, Tom VanCamp, and Tournament Director Larry Meirndorf.

June and finished runner-up in the Stableford event to 2002 GAM Player of the Year Russ Cunningham.

## Flighted Results

The remainder of the field was grouped into five flights using 36-hole scores. The first round was played on the more difficult West Course, with the final two rounds contested on the East.

Dick Seehase claimed the First Flight Title by four strokes and closed with an impressive three-under par 69. His 220 total consisted of rounds of 79, 72 and 69. Corey Danford, Bill Sermak, Chap Risner and Tom Van Camp shared second place with three-day totals of 224.



Tournament Director Larry Meirndorf with Second Flight Winner Rob Dunham and Runner-Up Ed Hooks.

Rob Dunham survived a competitive Second Flight with a two-stroke victory with a 230 total. Ed Hooks' final round 71 secured second place. Steve McCuaig and Scott King shared third place with 233 totals.

In the Third Flight, Dan Balogh closed with an impressive one over par 73 and posted a 54-hole total of 236 to claim the championship by three strokes over Vic Buranskas and Nicholas Burpee. Five players finished joint fourth with 240 totals: Jonathan Abent, Tony Forsthoefel, Mike Fredbloom, Pakapon Phinyowattanachip and Bob Graham.

The Fourth Flight was the most competitive. Mike Campbell closed with a 77 to post a 243 total and a one-stroke victory over Bo Bahl, Ron Hope and Ron Parsons. Neal Richey, Richard Pennington and Dana Marcum shared fifth place with totals of 245.

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Tournament Director Larry Meirndorf with Third Flight Winner Dave Balogh, Runner-Ups Vic Buranskas and Nicholas Burpee.

The only play-off of the Championships occurred in the Fifth Flight. Steve Duling seemed to have the championship in hand with two to play, but a triple bogey, bogey finish dropped into a tie with Traverse Donovan at 254. Donovan's steady par on the first playoff hole secured the Championship. Michael Asola and Mark Dickins shared third place with 255 totals, and John Beedle finished fifth at 257.



Tournament Director Larry Meirndorf with Fourth Flight Winner Michael Campbell, Runner-Ups Bo Bahl, Ron Hope and Ron Parsons.



Tournament Director Larry Meirndorf with Fifth Flight Winner Donovan Traverse and Runner-Up Steve Duling.

## Senior Champions

Jim Olson finished as the low senior player (among competitors born before 1954) in the Championship Division with a 226 total (74-76-76). Homer Hawkins led the Flighted Divisions with a 228 three-day total (78-78-72). Each received a framed photographic trophy as a memento.

## Hanson's Opening Round Ace

Dan Hanson was the second player to record a hole-in-one during GLAGA competition this year. His opening round ace came on the fourth hole of the East Course, holing a 7-iron shot from 156 yards.

## Prizes

The top 25 finishers in the Championship Division and top five in each Flight received Forest Akers Golf Courses certificates. Framed photographic trophies were presented to the top three finishers in the Championship Division and each flight. Additionally, the champions of each group received \$100 gift certificates from 2003 event sponsor Garland Resort.

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Bruce Fossum is a former President of the Golf Coaches Association of America and onetime chairman of the NCAA Golf Committee. He is one of just nine golf coaches in history to receive the "Honors Award" of the Golf Coaches Association. Bruce Fossum coached 11 All American golfers and led six teams to the NCAA finals. Now retired from full time coaching, he continues to teach at clinics and in private lessons.

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## GREATER LANSING AMATEUR GOLF ASSOCIATION ALL-CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

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Forest Akers Golf Course

### Championship Division

Last Name	First Name	Place	Prize \$	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total	Last Name	First Name	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
Johnson	Matt	1st	High School	72	68	71	211	House	Duffy	76	80	81	237
Keim	Tony	2nd	\$375	68	71	74	213	Yachcik	Larry	75	81	81	237
Matthiesen	Bob	3rd	\$290	73	70	72	215	Diana	Richard	79	80	79	238
Pauli	Jonathan	3rd	\$290	68	71	76	215	Kline	Andy	74	78	86	238
Johnson	Chris	5th	\$240	71	70	75	216	Hazen	Blake	74	82	83	239
Allen, II	Tommy	6th	\$210	69	76	73	218	Walker	Sam	82	80	79	241
Schmidt	Bill	7th	\$180	71	71	77	219	Seehase	Dave	79	83	80	242
Myott	Brad	8th	\$165	72	75	74	221	Reck	Rob	78	78	87	243
Tungate	Grant	9th	High School	68	76	78	222	Schobert	Doug	79	81	83	243
Wilutis	Erik	10th	\$150	69	74	80	223	Waidelich	Geoff	79	84	80	243
Abood	Sam	11th	\$120	71	78	76	225	Blasius	John	80	78	86	244
Brownback	David	11th	\$120	71	78	76	225	Kury	Steve	80	81	83	244
Olsen	Jim	13th	\$90	74	76	76	226	Montague	Dan	75	83	86	244
Blake	Jerry	14th	\$82.50	74	74	79	227	Slocum	Matt	78	80	86	244
VanDerBos	Vic	14th	\$82.50	75	74	78	227	Burt	Josh	78	87	80	245
Hallan	Bill	16th	\$75	76	76	76	228	Gietzen	Mile	76	87	82	245
Fink	Mark	17th	\$60	77	75	77	229	Pentecost	Kirk	85	76	84	245
Kaufman	Dave	17th	\$60	74	79	76	229	Yoon	James	80	88	77	245
Olson	Jeff	17th	\$60	77	77	75	229	Housler	Kent	80	84	82	246
Pryce	John	17th	\$60	71	79	79	229	Van Ravensway	Jamie	79	81	86	246
Bowersox	John	21st	\$42.50	75	73	82	230	Barrett	Jim	80	81	86	247
Donovan	John	21st	\$42.50	71	82	77	230	Zbojniec	Scott	82	85	80	247
Hoevel	Morrie	21st	\$42.50	75	79	76	230	Lamacchia	Scott	79	83	86	248
Scott	Aaron	21st	\$42.50	76	77	77	230	Trout	Robbie	74	85	90	249
Chambers	Craig	25th	\$24	71	78	82	231	Clevenger	Ron	78	84	88	250
Colthorp	Todd	25th	\$24	75	77	79	231	Lindert	J.D.	79	85	86	250
Hughes	Paul	25th	\$24	77	76	78	231	Stump	Jeff	83	86	81	250
Patterson	Smith	25th	\$24	75	82	74	231	Thode	Luke	77	89	84	250
Tuttle	Gray	25th	\$24	73	77	81	231	Millbourn	Mark	85	81	88	254
Bohnhoff	Karl			74	80	78	232	Hwang	Jae	80	94	82	256
Burman	Sam			72	79	81	232	Leyrer	Jacob	80	87	89	256
Colthorp	Ryan			74	82	76	232	Koeske	Glen	85	91	89	265
Hankey	Doug			76	80	76	232	Burt	Brian	86	92	91	269
Schoepke	Herb			76	82	74	232	Zsoter	Mark	85	92	92	269
Kosloski	Mile			78	77	78	233	Robbins Jr.	Richard	84	90	97	271
Mason	Morgan			76	81	76	233	McGraw	John	74	DQ	DQ	74
Pauli	Brian			80	79	74	233	Hanson	Dan	78	79	WD	157
Pawlowski	Mark			76	75	82	233	Thon	Corey	75	83	NS	158
Klaver	Nicholas			75	75	84	234	Smorch	Mike	77	82	NS	159
Baker	Brandon			80	78	77	235	Babbitt	Mark	79	93	WD	172
Joseph	Scott			73	81	82	236	Baryames	Sparty	78	94	WD	172
Smith	Chris			76	82	78	236						

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## First Flight

Last Name	First Name	Place	Prize \$	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
Seehase	Dick	1st	\$185	79	72	69	220
Danford	Corey	2nd	\$107.50	74	80	70	224
Sermak	Bill	2nd	\$107.50	80	72	72	224
Risner	Chad	2nd	\$107.50	75	76	73	224
VanCamp	Tom	2nd	\$107.50	72	78	74	224
Dannemann	Frederick			81	73	71	225
Leung	Dan			74	75	76	225
Scott	Adan			78	76	72	226
Woodruff	Coy			77	74	75	226
Lee	Dave			77	78	72	227
Hawkins	Homer			78	77	73	228
Pumford	Rob			78	72	78	228
Harry	Jeff			81	73	76	230
Blake	Tom			78	78	75	231
Anderson	Paul			73	83	76	232
DiStefano	Gary			80	76	76	232
Broughman	Gary			78	76	78	232
Kares	Dan			80	74	78	232
Allen	Joe			80	76	79	235
DePottyondy	Tom			79	76	81	236
Kares	Kevin			75	80	85	240

## Second Flight

Last Name	First Name	Place	Prize \$	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
Dunham	Rob	1st	\$185	82	75	73	230
Hooks	Ed	2nd	\$150	82	79	71	232
McCuaig	Steve	3rd	\$110	79	82	72	233
King	Scott	3rd	\$110	83	76	74	233
Saville	Kenneth	5th	\$30	82	76	76	234
Folleth	Kevin	5th	\$30	84	73	77	234
Pryer	Matt			76	81	78	235
Boucher	Michael			83	78	75	236
Smith	Doug			81	80	75	236
Brija	Jim			85	73	78	236
Laban	Jerry			85	73	78	236
Gelfius	Matt			78	79	80	237
Carey	Tim			83	78	78	239
Holmes	Brett			81	77	81	239
McCarthy	Patrick			80	77	82	239
Horan	Dan			81	80	81	242
McFee	Bruce			81	80	82	243
Fiebig	Ralph			78	80	85	243
Farlin	Ron			81	77	87	245
Oswalt	Isaac			78	83	89	250

## Third Flight

Last Name	First Name	Place	Prize \$	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
Balogh	Dan	1st	\$180	84	79	73	236
Buranskas	Vic	2nd	\$135	81	82	76	239
Burpee	Nicholas	2nd	\$135	78	85	76	239
Abent	Jonathan	4th	\$30	91	73	76	240
Forsthoefel	Tony	4th	\$30	83	81	76	240
Fredbloom	Mike	4th	\$30	78	86	76	240
Phinyowattanachip	Pakapon	4th	\$30	82	81	77	240
Graham	Bob	4th	\$30	82	80	78	240
Hovinen	Darrell			85	78	78	241
Spencer	Patrick			88	76	78	242
Volkers	Rick			85	79	78	242
Wolverton	Royce			85	79	79	243
Manchester	Aaron			82	80	81	243
Bates	Tom			87	78	79	244
Borges	Edson			88	77	79	244
Hawkins	Dale			85	80	81	246
Spadafore	Sam			86	78	82	246
Darling	Eric			87	76	84	247
Havican	Craig			82	83	83	248
Hines	Chad			85	77	88	250

## Fourth Flight

Last Name	First Name	Place	Prize \$	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
Campbell	Michael	1st	\$175	83	83	77	243
Bahl	Bo	2nd	\$118.33	84	85	75	244
Hope	Ron	2nd	\$118.33	85	81	78	244
Parsons	Ron	2nd	\$118.33	84	82	78	244
Richey	Neal	5th	\$20	89	79	77	245
Pennington	Richard	5th	\$20	85	82	78	245
Marcum	Dana	5th	\$20	78	88	79	245
Hoewel	Dan			85	81	81	247
Hudson	Leon			88	78	81	247
Cooney	Maltrus			87	81	81	249
Getzmeyer	Robert			87	82	81	250
Masters	Jay			90	76	84	250
Wriggelsworth	Scott			89	81	81	251
Winn	Cliff			87	80	84	251
Ried	Rhett			88	83	81	252
Fleming	Douglas			92	80	82	254
Livingston	Don			93	79	83	255
Millbrook	Roger			87	84	84	255
Rosenthal	Jeff			88	81	87	256
Hause	Chris			83	83	90	256
Lee	Sung			86	85	86	257
Whitford	Pat			86	84	88	258
Wisway	Jeff			88	82	88	258
Powtak	Rick			89	82	DQ	171

## Fifth Flight

Last Name	First Name	Place	Prize \$	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
Traverse	Donovan	1st	\$175	91	82	81	254
Duling	Steve	2nd	\$145	92	81	81	254
Asola	Michael	3rd	\$105	91	82	82	255
Dickins	Mark	3rd	\$105	88	85	82	255
Beedle	John	5th	\$60	90	86	81	257
Harkema	Doug			92	84	83	259
Paris	Andrew			86	90	83	259
Richey	Dave			97	81	81	259
Burt	Doug			94	80	86	260
Sutton	Jim			88	86	87	261
Jasonowicz	Mark			89	88	84	261
Hart	David			95	85	84	264
Stein	Mark			91	83	91	265
Stott	Doug			94	83	88	265
Nelson	Rick			92	89	85	266
Smith	Jim			96	86	85	267
Johnson	Dan			93	90	84	267
Klinger	Jimmy			93	88	87	268
Baker	Richard			101	83	86	270
Weaver	Craig			98	89	90	277
Hovey	Brian			101	90	91	282
Miles	Philip			103	88	94	285
Whitman	Rich			96	98	99	293
Lee	Jim			97	84	NS	181

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## Junior Tournament

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four-hole totals of 25. Tim Schiller finished in third place one stroke behind.

"It's very gratifying to see this event grow steadily over the past four years," stated Tournament Director Gray Tuttle. "The GLAGA Junior Tournament is the first competitive event for many of these young boys and girls," he continued, "and it's a thrill to see everyone enjoy the experience of competitive golf."

# TOURNAMENT

### 9 Years and Under (4 Holes)

Ben Sawyer	25
Joshua Sawyer	25
Tim Schiller	26
Joe Riverman	32
Katherine Kares	48

### 10-11 Years (9 Holes)

James MacKeller	51
Reid Boucher	52
Trent Tuttle	52

### 12-13 Years (18 Holes)

Noah Sawyer	77
Ben McGinn	98
Patrick Duda	99
Evan Shumway	101
Jordan Schiller	102
Bryan Doyle	109

### 14-15 Years (18 Holes)

Eric Lilleboe	76
Gary Bissell	79
Matt Bailey	81
Dugan Murphy	83
Tony Kovac	83
Steve Flintoff	84
Corry Walsh	85
Matt Duda	89
Bradley Arnold	90
Aaron Anderson	91
David McComb	91
Andrew Campbell	95
Zach Masters	99
Robbie Schiller	100
Alex Reid	100
Edward Clark	100
Nick Boucher	101

# RESULTS

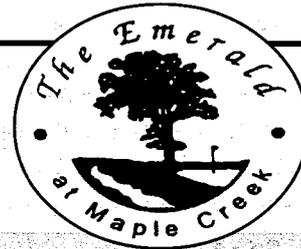
### 16-17 Years (18 Holes)

Jeff Klein	75
Luke Thode	76
Matt James	80
Ryan Clark	80
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## By The Rules

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The player is entitled to attempt a stroke from within the hazard without penalty, unless the committee has made a local rule prohibiting play from an environmentally-sensitive area which has been defined as a hazard. If the player elects to take a penalty stroke, he may:

- a. Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot where the original ball was played **(this is permissible for both yellow hazards and red hazards)**.
- b. Drop a ball behind the hazard. The ball shall be dropped on a line determined by the **hole** and the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard. There is no limit as to how far behind the hazard the ball may be dropped on this line, as long as it remains in-bounds. **This option is permissible for both yellow and red hazards.**
- c. The following is permissible **only for red hazards**. The player may drop a ball outside the hazard within two club lengths of and not nearer the hole than (i) the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the lateral water hazard or (ii) a point on the opposite margin of the lateral water hazard equidistant from the hole.

The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this Rule.

The above is pretty much straight out of Rule 26-1. Allow me to add a few points from rulings I have made during tournament play.

With a yellow hazard, your drop must keep the hazard between you and the hole. Even if you hit the green and the ball spins back into the yellow hazard from that side, you **MUST** drop a ball behind the hazard.

A drop from any hazard may roll up to two club lengths after it strikes a part of the course as long as it does not roll back into a hazard, onto a putting green, out of bounds, or nearer the hole than the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard. If it does any of the above, or it rolls more than two club lengths the player must re-drop. If the second drop repeats the above, the player is allowed to place the ball at the point where the ball last struck a part of the course. Note two things: the player may stand in a hazard or out of bounds to play the dropped ball and it may be to the player's advantage to drop very near the hazard line (so that it will roll back in twice and he is allowed to place the ball).

It is almost always possible to drop from a red hazard without going nearer the hole. The reason involves simple geometry. The nearest point from the hole to the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard is a straight line. If the player drops in the small pie-shaped area up to two club lengths to one side or another of this line, by definition, he moved farther from the hole.

If you have questions regarding the above or any other ruling, please e-mail me at [tlkildea@aol.com](mailto:tlkildea@aol.com). Keep it in the fairway and take time to stop and smell the flowers along the way.

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# GREATER LANSING AMATEUR GOLF ASSOCIATION SUMMER STABLEFORD TOURNAMENT

July 19-20, 2003

Hawk Hollow Golf Course

### Championship Division

Name	1st Day Points	2nd Day Points	Total Points
Russ Cunningham	28	26	54
Jonathan Pauli	22	24	46
Alex Coss	12	22	34
Gray Tuttle	17	16	33
Sam Burman	16	14	30
Dan Balogh	19	11	30
Vic VanDerBos	15	13	28
Bill Schmidt	12	15	27
Smith Patterson	15	12	27
Randy Mastin	16	10	26
Karl Bohnhoff	11	14	25
Dave Seehase	12	13	25
Larry Meirndorf	18	6	24
Carl Burman	10	12	22
John Bowersox	13	6	19
Tom Lindemann	11	6	17
Edward Watson	12	4	16
Steve Wylie	10	1	11
Rob Britton	11	(1)	10
Mark Zsoter	12	(3)	9

### First Flight

Name	1st Day Points	2nd Day Points	Total Points
Jerry Blake	7	19	26
Chris Johnson	5	15	20
Tony Keim	7	12	19
Scott King	7	11	18
Darrell Hovinen	9	8	17
Larry Yachcik	8	5	13
Dan Leung	6	5	11
Maltrus Cooney	9	(1)	8
Dick Seehase	2	5	7
Cliff Winn	1	4	5
Dave Lee	1	3	4
Royce Wolverton	6	(3)	3
Rob Pumford	1		1
Dana Marcum	6	(5)	1
Ralph Fiebig	(5)	4	(1)
Steve Duling	(5)	(3)	(8)
Jacob Leyrer	(3)	(6)	(9)
Kevin Kares	1	(12)	(11)
Jerry Harte	(6)	(7)	(13)
Craig Weaver	(26)	(9)	(35)
Mikeal Dikeman, II	-16	NDS	
Kevin Folleth	2	DNF	

## New Mid-Michigan Fall Best Ball Cancelled

GLAGA cancelled the new Mid-Michigan Fall Best Ball for low entries. The event was scheduled for September 6 and 7 at Ledge Meadows Golf Course near Grand Ledge. GLAGA received entries from only 13 teams by the entry deadline.

"It's disappointing and frustrating for us," stated Tournament Director Dave Seehase. "We were excited about closing our 2003 tournament season with a new team event. We promoted the event heavily and were expecting a field of 50 to 60 teams. Ledge Meadows worked with us to offer preferred pricing, complementary practice rounds, free practice balls, and the course is well suited for a best ball format. We're hard pressed to understand why more of our members didn't take advantage of the opportunity," he concluded.

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