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Junior Golf Scholarships

Junior Golf Scholarships were awarded to 94 Lansing area teens for 2003. Over 1850 rounds were played this year, an average of over 20 rounds per player, at the four City of Lansing Golf Courses between Memorial and Labor Day. This is up from 1530 rounds in 2002. And did they play a lot?? One player said he played so much "that I had to re-grip my clubs."

Scholarship recipients get a Gold Pass that enables them to play 9 holes on three of the city courses for \$0.25 or \$1.25 at Grosbeck everyday during non-peak hours. The purpose of course is to enable kids to become fans of golf and learn the game at this early age as well as the social and etiquette side of the game.

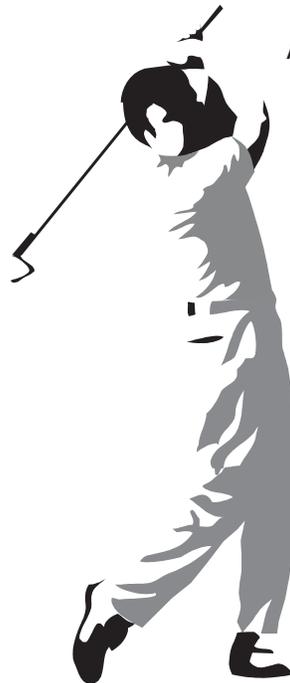
Like every previous year, we got lots of thank you notes and letters. They used the pass to "spend valuable time with their family and friends" (must have been that five-some in front of me....!). Others said, "...it also helped me meet new people..." A mother wrote that the Scholarships "are number one on this mothers list of summer blessings...it had a very significant and positive impact on my son's lives." Another wrote that his average improved from 54 to 45 this summer. Several reported improving their scores enough to try out for (and several made) their high school golf teams. Another wrote "it helped her prepare for the girls golf (team) this (coming) spring. Many wrote they had "so much fun this summer" and "thank you for this opportunity..."

The Program is a joint effort of GLAGA, together with partners Lansing Youth Recreation Fund

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GLAGA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

For the first time ever The Greater Lansing Amateur Golf Association has organized a yearlong competition. This series of events consists of five tournaments with a season-ending Tour Championship. The schedule includes individual and partner events. Points or "Funny Money" will awarded in each tournament, with more weight or value for The GLAGA Majors, The All City Stoke and All City Match Play.



All you have to do is be an active GLAGA member to be eligible for the Tour. Each event will award trophies and prizes to the top finishers. But at the end of the year there will be additional prizes and trophies for the leading Money winners. . . and the crowning of a GLAGA Tour Champion.

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GLAGA Tour Championship in 2004

New this year is a season-long points competition which will determine the "GLAGA Tour Champion." The Champions (Open and Senior Divisions) will be crowned after the season-ending GLAGA Tour Championship to be held September, 11 and 12. This event is a regular member's event, but will feature a "tournament inside a tournament." See the special article inside for more details.

No Senior Tournament in 2004; New Senior Division in Every GLAGA Event

GLAGA has not scheduled a Senior Championship for 2004. Instead, every event will feature Open and a Senior Division. Members born before 1955 are eligible for Senior Division play, which is optional. Each contestant must designate a Division on the tournament entry form. In team events both players must have be born before 1955 to play in the Senior Division.

Two One-day Team Events Added to 2004 Schedule

GLAGA offers two new events this year. The first is an early season warm up Best ball at Hawk Hollow Golf Course on April 27, 2004. The second team event is the Two-man 27-Hole Buddy Buster at Royal Scot Golf Course on July 10. Find a partner and enter early.

All City Match Play Schedule Altered

NOTE: IMPORTANT CHANGE IN SCHEDULE FOR ALL CITY MATCH PLAY!!!

This long-standing event will be contested on **Saturday**, June 12 through **Monday**, June 14 at Groesbeck Golf Course. All players will participate in an 18-hole stroke play qualifier on Saturday, June 12. The low 32 qualifiers in the Open Division and low 8 qualifiers in the Open Division will advance into the match play portion. Open Division Semi-final and Finals matches and the Senior Division Finals matches will be contested on Monday, June 14.

On Line Membership Application and Tournament Registration in 2004

New this year is the option to process your GLAGA membership application and tournament entries on line. Go to the www.glaga.org home page and follow the simple instructions. You may register and pay the membership dues and tournament entry fee using *Pay Pal*, or print out the form and mail in payment. If you use the mailed payment option, your tournament entry is not accepted until receipt of payment.

Smith Patterson Joins GLAGA Board of Directors Smith Patterson has joined the GLAGA Board of Directors and will head our technology services and maintain the GLAGA website. Sample his talents by visiting our website today.

Blake Claims Senior Caribbean Amateur Championship

2003 All City Match Play Runner-up Jerry Blake won the Senior Division of the 2003 Caribbean Amateur Championship in a three day stroke play event in December.

Garland Resort Renews as Event Sponsor

The Garland Resort will again serve as the major event sponsor this year. Each GLAGA event will award Garland Resort gift certificates (total value of \$500 per event) to top finishers in each Division and Flight. Please support this important sponsor.

GLAGA Exhibits at Lansing Golf Show

GLAGA again exhibited at the Lansing Golf Show held at the Lansing Center on March 19-27.

GLAGA Junior Tournament Date

The GLAGA Junior Tournament will be held on Tuesday July 20 at Groesbeck Golf Course.



2004 GLAGA Tournament Entry Form

All-City Match Play

June 12 – 14 Groesbeck G.C. - \$90
Entries must be received by June 5, 2004

Name _____ Birthdate: _____ / _____ / _____
(To Determine Senior Status)

Address _____

City _____ Want Cart? _____ Average Score _____

ZIP _____ Phone _____ EMAIL _____

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*The \$50 option designates the entire additional \$20 to go directly to Junior Golf scholarships.
- \$70 enclosed for tournament entry fee (**I'm still in high school** – not eligible for prizes)

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- _____ Open Division
- _____ Senior Division (Include Date of Birth Above)

Tournament Format

There is an 18-hole stroke play qualifier for Open and Senior Divisions on Saturday, June 12, 2004 with a 7:30 AM Shotgun Start. The low 32 Qualifiers in the Open Division will move into match play with the First Round Matches on Saturday (1:00 PM Shotgun Start), Second and Third Round Matches on Sunday, and the Semi-final and Final Matches on Monday, June 14, 2004.

In the Senior Division, the low eight qualifiers will move into match play. First and Second Round Matches will be played on Sunday, with the Final Match contested on Monday morning.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Saturday,	6/12/04,	7:30 AM Shotgun Stroke Play Qualifier for Open and Senior Divisions
Saturday,	6/12/04,	1:00 PM Shotgun First Round Matches, Open Division Only
Sunday,	6/13/04,	Open and Senior Divisions Matches Starting at 7:30 AM
Sunday,	6/13/04,	Optional AM Consolation Stroke Play for non-match play qualifiers.
Sunday,	6/13/04,	Open and Senior Divisions Matches Starting at 12:30 PM
Monday,	6/14/04,	Open Divisions Semifinal Matches and Seniors Final Matches Starting at 7:30 AM
Monday,	6/14/04,	Open Division Final Match Starting at 12:30 PM

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Avg. Score or 18 Hole Handicap: _____

ADDRESS _____

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PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

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(led by Kris Nicholoff) and the Lansing Golf Course Operations Division (led by Don Ballard). Don provides administrative support and day-to-day organization leadership. Kris Nicholoff's group provides about 40% of the funding, GLAGA provides the remainder.

Scholarship applications are passed out at area middle and high schools, as well as the Boys and Girls Club and Community Centers in the spring. Applicants write a brief essay of why they want the scholarship together with age, address and family income.

A scholarship awards ceremony is held at Foster Community Center in May, with lower income kids receiving full scholarships; those from higher income families receive partial scholarships. MSU Golf Coach Emeritus, Bruce Fossum provides an inspirational message on the etiquette and philosophy of golf to the kids and their parents, along with their Gold Golf Passes. Bruce also provides two free summer Clinics at Akers. GLAGA also sponsors a Junior Tournament at Grosbeck in July.

This Year, thanks to our members, partners and donors, GLAGA will again sponsor the program. If you have a son or daughter interested in golf, and who wants a chance to play often, keep an eye out for flyers this spring, or watch for an application on GLAGA's web site: www.GLAGA.org.

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Name #1: _____ Birthdate: _____ / _____ / _____

Address _____

City _____ Average Score _____

ZIP _____ Phone _____ EMAIL _____

Name #2: _____ Birthdate: _____ / _____ / _____

Address _____

City _____ Average Score _____

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_____ Open Division _____ Senior Division (Include Dates of Birth Above)

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Entries must be received by April 24, 2004

Name _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____

Address _____

City _____ Want Cart? _____ Average Score _____

ZIP _____ Phone _____ EMAIL _____

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_____ Open Division

_____ Senior Division (Include Date of Birth Above)

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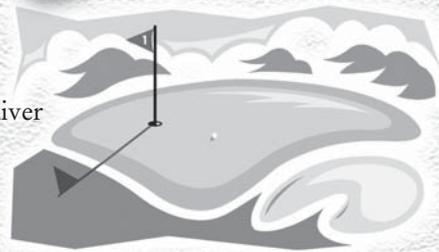
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Hawk Hollow April 24

Spring Stroke Play
The Emerald May 1-2

All City Match Play
Goesbeck Golf Course June 12-14

2-Man Team 27-hole Buddy Buster
Royal Scot July 10

GLAGA Junior Championship
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