

# LDMGA Tee to Green

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## YOU PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen:

The 2012 season is now in the books and its time to reflect on the year that it was. Looking back at what we have accomplished in 2012 I think that our Association continued to successfully fulfill its three purposes as defined in the LDMGA Constitution, which I encourage all members to read. You can find it at the LDMGA.org website. There is a good recap of the seasons highlights on the website, all the newsletters, and the presentation that was done at the Fall Banquet has been posted. (Music removed to comply with copyrights).

Looking forward, I recommend that members consider joining me next year in entering scores "hole by hole" on the handicap computer. There are excellent reports and data that can be extracted from the GAM handicap program, for the individual and the club in aggregate, so the more of us that enter our scores in this manner, the better the data for reports. The reports can be summarized in our newsletter and website and will allow us to publish trivia like the club average score on a hole, and similar data.

Thanks to each of you for being an LDMGA Member in 2012.

Best Regards,

*Dave Fortune* LDMGA President

## FALL CLASSIC

This was played as 4 nine hole events over the 2 days, October 6 and 7. The weather was wet and chilly on both days.

11 members played on Saturday. The first nine was a 2 man best ball won by Dennis Carman and Brian Gonzales with 30. Second went to Chad Gaston and Dean McBeth at 32. The second nine was low team net, won by Larry Stratton and Ken Pace with a 69. Brewce Larkin and Tom Vanherweg got second with a 74.

15 members played on Sunday, the first nine played as total team net won by Larry Stratton and Dean McBeth with 64. Second went to Chad Gaston with a draw for 68. The second nine was net best ball, won by Greg Deward and Fred Greaves at 30. John Light and Steve Sleeman had 32 for 2nd.

The Sunday event was followed by a chilli lunch. Thanks to Dennis Carman and Larry Stratton for bringing chilli and to Brewce Larkin for corn muffins. A big thanks to Dave Shepard for making 2 kinds of chilli and providing condiments and utensils.

John Light chaired this event.

## 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dave Fortune, President

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Paul Murray, Brewce Larkin

## SENIOR OPEN

This event, limited to those 50 and older, was played on Thursday, September 20.

Format was 2 best balls net of 3 man teams drawn by A, B, and C handicaps.

The winning team of Alan Awe, Brewce Larkin and Dean McBeth had a score of 123.

Second went to Larry Stratton, Steve Henderson and Bill Riffin at 126.

Third went to Rick Riffin, Jerry Bray and Keith Bartlam at 127.

The team of Virg Williams, Dave McConnell and Rick Motter shot 134 for fourth, the last paid place.

Dave McConnell, Don Meitz and Jerry Bray chaired the event.

## LDMGA WEB SITE

The LDMGA Newsletters and other LDMGA documents are placed in a web site that can be viewed by all who have internet access. It is full of information about our organization.

The address for the web site is

<http://www.LDMGA.org>

**LAKE DOSTER / LYNX TIN CUP**

Lake Doster won the TinCup with a total winning score of 20 to 12. On day one at the Lynx, Sept. 29, the 16 Lake Doster members played a nine hole, 2 man best ball, splitting the matches 4 to 4.

The second nine holes were played as 2 man modified alternate shot, won by Doster 9 to 7. Day 2, Sunday, Sept. 30 was played at Doster as 16 individual matches with Doster winning 11 to 5.

The Lake Doster team was comprised of the following: Allen Awe, Greg Deward, Dave Deweerd, Jim Fodell, Chad Gaston, Bryan Gonzales, Dave Jones, Mike Lee, Bryan Marchand, Paul Murray, Rick Riggan, Bill Stephenson, Bob Sursely, Pete Torres, Tom Vanherweg, and Abe Young.

Alan Awe, Chad Gaston, Dave Jones and Bill Stephenson won all 3 of their matches.

Following presentation of the cup, Dave Shepard prepared a steak dinner enjoyed by all. The staff at the Lynx and at Doster assisted to make the event a success. Larry Stratton chaired the contest.

**GOLFER OF THE YEAR**

Larry Stratton won the 2012 Golfer of the Year contest with 425 points. Dave Fortune was runner-up with 390 points. Ivan Henman had 300 for third.

The Lake Doster Golf Club gives the winner a discount toward next year's membership fee.66 LDMGA members scored points during the 2012 golf season.

**OFFICIAL MICHIGAN GOLF SEASON**

During the late fall and winter, the GAM receives many questions regarding the posting of scores when the State of Michigan is out of season.

The USGA Handicap System Manual states – Adjusted gross scores from all courses with USGA Course and Slope Ratings made during their active season, both at home and away, shall be posted by the player along with the appropriate USGA Course and USGA Slope Ratings. The active season in Michigan is April 1 - October 31.

The last day of the GAM official season (October 31) was the last day that scores for rounds played at golf clubs in the State of Michigan could be posted for handicap purposes.

Rounds played after that date (no matter how good the weather was) within the State of Michigan or in any section of the country that is "off-season" are not acceptable for posting.

If you spend the winter in a section of the country that is "in-season" (e.g., Florida, Arizona, Southern California, etc.), those scores are to be posted for handicap purposes.

If your GAM Member Club allows Internet score posting, you can post scores from in the Sun Belt through the GAM web site or on your mobile application. Most all GAM clubs currently allow their members to post scores online

If you are a member of a golf club in the Sun Belt, the task of posting your winter scores so they return to your GAM club is fairly simple. The score routing is handled through the International Golf Network (IGN)

<b>TENTATIVE 2013 Schedule</b>	
April 6	Bloody Mary & LDMGA Meeting
April 20	Sat. Event
April 28	Sun. Mixed
May 3 & 4	<b>Joey the Jet</b>
May 7	Tues. League Starts
May 11	Sat. Event
May 19	Tee Shirt Open
May 25*	Sat. Event
May 27*	Mem. Day Event
June 8	Sat. Event
June 15	<b>Club Champ. Begins</b>
June 16	Father's Day Event
June 22	Sat. Event
June 25	Special Tuesday
July 7	Couples Club Champ.
July 18	Member-Guest Practice
July 19 & 20	<b>Member-Guest</b>
July 27	Sat. Event
July 28	Kings & Queens
Aug. 10 & 11	<b>President's Cup</b>
Aug. 24 & 25	<b>Member-Member</b>
Aug. 27	Special Tuesday
Sept.2*	Labor Day Mixed Event
Sept. 7	Sat. Event
Sept. 28 & 29	Tincup with Lynx
Sept. 12	Senior Open
Sept. 21	Sat. Event
Oct. 5 & 6	<b>Fall Classic</b>
Oct. 13	Derby Day
Oct. 15	Fall Banquet & LDMGA Meeting

\* Non-Members may be invited to these events.