

# LDMGA Tee to Green

Volume 1, New Year 2010



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## THE LAKE DOSTER

### MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

The primary objectives of the Lake Doster Men's Golf Association are to promote and encourage competitive golf programs, to provide golfing contacts among the members and to provide golf handicaps to implement such programs. We invite you to join if at all interested. The LDMGA sponsors golf events throughout the summer. These events include the weekly Tuesday league, 7 Saturday events, 7 two day tournaments and 8 mixed events. The next page gives the schedule for these events. We believe you would enjoy the opportunity to meet and play with the members of LDMGA. All men who have season memberships to the Lake Doster Golf Club are welcome to join LDMGA. We would be pleased to have you join us.

### TUESDAY LEAGUE

This is a nine hole weekly league played from early May until late August for 16 weeks of competition. The format has been individual net Stableford points using 100% of the player's handicap with a maximum of 23 points allowed. The league nine may be played anytime on Tuesday, but tee times are blocked out from 4 to 6 for the majority of league play. Special (optional) two man events are run each week along with the league with a separate entry fee and pay out.

### INFORMATION MANUAL

The LDMGA publishes an "Information Manual" which gives the objectives of the association and describes the tournaments and rules, along with phone numbers for all members.

## DUES STRUCTURE

The basic dues for LDMGA are \$50 to be paid by the first day of Joey The Jet Derby, our first major tournament. For new members in 2010, dues are \$25. You must be a paid member of LDMGA to participate in the tournaments (and, to win any prizes). The dues include membership in the Golf Association of Michigan which handles our handicap system. Also included is "hole-in-one" insurance which credits \$150 toward your celebration if you score a hole in one at Lake Doster. The LDMGA issues a newsletter 8 to 10 times a season which is sent out on the internet with a few printed copies for those without email. Budget permitting, we also purchase items to make the course or club house area more attractive or playable. The Tuesday league membership is an additional \$20 for the 16 week season. Each tournament has an entry fee, varying from \$10 for most Saturday events to \$400 or so for the Member-Guest event. A membership application is on the second page of this newsletter.

### SENIOR LEAGUE

Golfers, 55 and over, whether they are members of LDMGA or not, play each Wednesday morning in an informal weekly event, followed by donuts and coffee (included in the \$5 entry fee). Teams are made up by lottery after everyone arrives prior to the tee time.

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### BLOODY MARY SCRAMBLE

This is the first event of the season. It is held on a Saturday in early April (April 4 this year) so the weather is unpredictable. Three man scramble teams are selected by the tournament committee to mix golfers of various handicaps and new and old members. The entry fee is usually \$5 with prizes paid to the top few finishers. This event is open to all men who wish to play. You do not have to be a member of the LDMGA. The annual spring general membership meeting of LDMGA is held on this same day, preceding golf, while the weather warms!

### WEB SITE

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### GOLFER OF THE YEAR

The golfer of the year is decided by a point scheme as described in the Information Manual. Each time a member plays in an LDMGA event and is on the winning team, he gets points based on his finish and the type of event. The season winner receives a sizable discount on the membership for the coming year.

**Page 2, LDMGA New Year Newsletter for 2010****JOEY THE JET DERBY**

This is the first two day tournament. Two man teams play net best ball for the two 18 hole rounds using 90% of handicap. The prize for 1st place has been single memberships to the Lake Doster Golf Club for the following year. Other leading teams are awarded substantial gift certificates. This is a popular and fun event.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

This is a match play tournament flighted and played by handicap except for the championship flight which plays scratch from the blue tee markers. Trophies are awarded to all flight champions at the fall banquet.

**PRESIDENT'S CUP**

This is an annual 36 hole individual event with a gross division and a net division. The winners have their names engraved on a standing trophy as well as a personal trophy. The presentations are made at the fall banquet.

**SATURDAY EVENTS**

On two Saturdays each month, excluding major events, we play an organized 18 hole tournament. Sign up is required, usually by the preceding Thursday evening. The teams are usually 4 man and selected by draw. The entry fee is usually \$10 with 3 to 5 places paid depending on the number of entrants.

**MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT**

This two (or three, optionally) day event is planned to give all participants a pleasant time both golfing and socializing. The entry fee includes drinks and lunches for the players as well as food for four on Saturday evening. There are many special door prizes and, usually, a chance to win other prizes.

**MIXED EVENTS**

In cooperation with the Lake Doster Ladies' Golf Association, we co-sponsor eight mixed events during the summer. Most are held on Sundays. The format varies with some using husband-wife teams and others using couples selected by draw. You may sign up as a single with the possibility of being matched with an available lady if you don't have a golfing spouse.

**MEMBER-MEMBER(S)**

This 36 hole event creates more interest than any other. The format has been 1 day of best ball and 1 day of total net with the total of the 2 days winning the big prize.

A Senior Member-Member is held in September played under a different format, usually 2 best balls of a threesome for 2 days.

**2010 SCHEDULE**

Tentative

April 3\*Bloody Mary Scramble & Spring LDMGA Meeting  
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**Membership Application for Lake Doster Men's Golf Association**

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Phone _____	\$20.00
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	\$ _____

Prior to 4/1, send to Ivan Henman, 257 Deer Run Dr., Plainwell, MI 49080

Then, to: Jerry Bray, 26 Eagle Greens Ct., Plainwell, MI 49080

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Volume 18, Issue #2  March, 2010

## YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello LDMGA!

Welcome to the 2010 golf season at Lake Doster. With the nice early weather we have had I hope you all have had a chance to get out and play a few holes. Our season starts on March 31st. On that date you must enter your scores for the handicap system. If any of you were lucky enough to play some golf this winter in Florida you should also enter those scores. They do count.

The board was informed by Par 5 that the membership drive they undertook for this season has been very successful. It appears we will have as many as 45 new members. This creates a great opportunity for us to grow our permanent membership. I want to encourage all of our veteran membership to help our new members get acclimated to the LDMGA. We want our new members to feel at home right away so please go out of your way to help us in this regard. I also have a list of members who are qualified to sponsor a new member but have not done so yet. If you know of someone that needs a sponsor you can contact me and I will attempt to get them a sponsor. We need to do this before April 30th. Send me an e-mail at Rickr@chemtreat.com.

It is time to pay your LDMGA dues. Please pay this as soon as you can. You can pass your dues on to Ivan Henman. Please provide your information on the application form from the second page as it is needed for your membership in GAM and your USGA handicap.

Steve Sleeman has decided to step down as Co-chairman of the Member-member tournament. Steve was a big part of introducing the popular new format we now use for this tournament. When you see Steve, thank him for his service. Tom VanHerweg will continue as Chairman and could use your help. If anyone is interested in working this tournament with Tom please let him know.

Don Ampersee has also stepped down from Chairing the Fall Two Man match play. If you would like to volunteer to take on this event let me know.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Bloody Mary Open. Please be early as we need to set up our teams after everyone arrives.

Please make a commitment to yourself to help us keep the course in great shape. Fix your ball mark and one other and replace your divots. Have a great golfing season.

Your 2010 President,

*Rick Riggan*

## GAM RULES SEMINAR

A rules expert from GAM will be here on Saturday, June 26, to give a presentation on the "Rules of Golf". The session will start at 6:00PM. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

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## **BLOODY MARY SCRAMBLE**

Weather permitting, this first event of the season will be held on Saturday, April 3. There is no signup sheet so plan to get to the club by 8:00 to 8:15AM to get your name in for the team assignments. The spring LDMGA general meeting will be held at 8:30.

The 3 man handicapped scramble will start at 9:00AM using a shotgun start. Dave Shepard will have a special on Bloody Marys to help everyone loosen up!

## **OFFICIAL MICHIGAN GOLF SEASON**

The official Michigan golf season starts with play on Wednesday, March 31. ALL your qualifying rounds played in Michigan must be entered for your handicap calculation from that date until Monday, November 7.

Reminder: All scores made in an area where the authorized golf association has declared an "active" season must be posted. (At the very least, the last 20 scores, if more were played.) Note: Florida and Arizona are "active" all year.

## **WEB SITE**

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**Page 2, LDMGA Newsletter, March, 2010****JOEY THE JET DERBY**

You can pick your own partner for competing in this 2 day event. Or, you can sign up as a "Needs Partner". The event will be held on Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1. The format is two man best ball using 90% of handicaps for each player. If you do not have an established USGA handicap, you must get in five eighteen hole rounds at Lake Doster by Wednesday, April 28, in order to establish a handicap for the event.

This is one of our major events with a sizable entry fee and sizable prizes including 2011 golf club memberships for the twosome winning the overall first place.

**A "GATHERING" SPONSORED BY LAKE DOSTER MANAGEMENT**

A special evening for getting acquainted among old and new members is being planned for Tuesday, April 13, at the golf club. Hors d'oures will be provided at no cost to members.

**GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR 2010**

With few exceptions, prizes for golf events will be paid as gift certificates redemable in the pro shop. The club adds 10% to the amount collected from entry fees as a bonus.

A bigger inventory of merchandise in the pro shop has been promised for this season. The arrangement with the Maple Hills golf outlet in Grand Rapids is being continued.

**TUESDAY LEAGUE**

League play begins on May 4. Each half will consist of 8 weeks with your best 5 Stableford scores counting for your ranking in each half and the total of the two halves for overall. The optional \$2 event will be offered each week. "Special Tuesday" events are planned for June 29 and August 31 following each half. These will be formats similar to our usual Saturday events.

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events.\*

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Volume 18, Issue #3



April, 2010

## YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello LDMGA!

I want to again welcome all of you new members to Lake Doster and to the LDMGA. I also want to thank all the sponsoring members who have made this program such a success. Thanks also to Par 5 for making such a generous offer to our members. The more members we have the better for all. This new member program expires on April 20th at Noon, so if you still want to bring in a new member you need to hurry. To the old membership I want to ask you to continue to be active in helping out any new faces you see. To the new members, please don't be shy about coming out and joining in with a group. You are welcome to join any of our members in a round of golf.

For the new members please remember that you must record all of your scores in the computer whether it is a 9 hole or 18 hole round. Because the LDMGA relies heavily on handicapping for all of our events it is also very important that you follow the rules of golf completely whenever you are on the course. We have rule books available near the computer for any of you that want one. If you don't see one, ask a board member or someone in the golf shop. On June 26th at 6:00 pm there will be a GAM rules official here offering a rules presentation. She was here last year and everyone enjoyed the presentation and learned a lot.

I was just notified that we still have 60 former LDMGA members that have not paid their dues yet. Please keep in mind that you are not qualified to play in any LDMGA events and you don't qualify for hole-in-one insurance if you have not paid your dues. You can pay them to Jerry Bray or Ivan Henman.

We have 8 Saturday events this season. As VP of the LDMGA, Mike Hills is in charge of Saturday events. He is actively looking for volunteers to run an event. The next one is Saturday May 8th. Please consider running one of these events. There is not a lot to do and the Association and Mike would appreciate your help.

The signup sheet is up for the Joey the Jet tournament, which will be held April 30 and May 1. Get a partner and sign up for this fun event. You could win a free membership for 2011.

The course is in really nice shape for this early in the season. Please continue to do your part by replacing your divots and fixing your ball mark and one other. Also keep your carts away from the greens and don't run your push/pull carts over the greens.

I hope you all continue to have a great spring and enjoy our club.

Your 2010 President,

*Rick Riffin*

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## BLOODY MARY SCRAMBLE

This event started out in the best weather for April 3 in memory, but a cold rain moved in for the last few holes.

The format was a handicapped four man scramble using the handicap allowance recommended by USGA: 20% of the A player's handicap; 15% of B; 10% of C; and, 5% of D. The winning team of Alan Awe, Stefan Johnson, Don Meitz and Randy Rieder had a 55.

Two teams tied at 56: Dave Dewerd, Bill Rhodes, Phil Baker, and Larry MacDonald with Mike Lee, Dean McBeth, Casey Jones and Marlin Kleckner.

Two more teams tied for 4th-5th: Don Ampersee, Reed Nielsen, Scott Cool and Billy Martin with Rick Zane, Herb Ayres, Jack Kellogg and Jake Anderson.


Over 60 men participated in this successful first event for 2010.

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Volume 18, Issue #4  May, 2010

## YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello LDMGA!

Well I hope you are all getting an opportunity to get some golf in this spring. I know the weather hasn't been that great. I have no doubt it will improve. I hear that last Saturday when the weather was terrible we had 13 guys play in our Saturday event. What dedication to the game. Who needs good weather?

I want to continue to encourage our new members to get out here and play. Our Tuesday league has started and so there are several groups available and would be very happy to have you join them. There are groups at 10:30, 12:20, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00 and 6:00. Please don't be shy. All of these groups will welcome you and you won't be sorry you joined the group. We also have several groups that play on Saturday and Sunday. Just check with the pro-shop for times and come on out. Also don't forget to pick up one of the new 2010 LDMGA information manuals. They are next to the computer.

The handicap committee has informed me that starting this week you will not be able to enter your scores in the computer if you have not paid your dues. Now is the time to take care of that oversight. I am told we have also had several instances of wrong scores being entered in the computer. Our Association is highly dependent on the handicapping system for everything we do and we count on our members to take entering scores very seriously. Please make sure you double check your scores before you enter them.

The Saturday events are only as good as we make them. Please watch the bulletin board and sign up. It's a great way to make some new friends or play with an old friend. We also need volunteers for running a Saturday event. The sign-up sheet is by the computer. Please help us out and run an event. It really is easy.

Your board of directors has made an important decision involving the club championship. As a member of the LDMGA you will automatically be entered in the tournament. Your handicap will determine which flight you are in. There will be 8 flights. The winners of this year's event will truly come from the entire membership.

As the chairman of the Member Guest I have to put a plug in for that tournament. Your committee is already hard at work to make this year's event another big success. Please reserve July 15, 16 and 17 to join us for great time. This is truly a family event with 45 holes of match play and lots of food and fun. Talk to me, Mike Hills, Scott Rachel or Jack Kellogg if you have any questions.

Please take good care of your course. Don't forget to replace your divots, fix your ball mark and one more and have a great time at Lake Doster.

Your 2010 President,

*Rick Riggan*

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## JOEY THE JET DERBY

This event was played in the best weather in memory for this time of year.

The format was 2 man best ball using 90% of handicaps based on the 2009 season end handicaps.

**Norm Young and Bud Jensen** won 1st place with 126 for the 36 holes.

Second went to Dave Deweerd and Alan Awe with 127. Jolly Allen and Tim VanBruggen had 128 for third. With 130, Pete Torres and Bill Reppenhagen got 4th. Three teams tied at 131 for 5th: Herb Ayres/Dave Fortune; Greg Deward/Andt Kristen and Jim Gesmundo/Eriks Kildiss.

The first day winners were Young and Jensen at 61 after a play off vs. Allen and T. VanBruggen. Second day went to Deward and Awe at 63.

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**Page 2, LDMGA Newsletter, May, 2010****SATURDAY EVENTS**

The event on April 17 was played as best 2 balls of 4 using 100% of handicaps. With 121 (23 below par), the team of Larry Stratton, Herb Ayres, Hank Norton and Dennis Carman won first. Alan Awe, Billy Martin, Scott Belkofer and Don Meitz had 126 for second. With 127, Bob Sursely, Dean McBeth, Del VanBruggen and Bill Reppenhagen got third.

The event on May 8th was played in ugly weather: cold, rainy and windy. 13 brave souls started the event which was played as 3 of 4 front and 2 of 4 back. Two groups finished the 18 with first place won at 174 (6 under par): Ken Pace, Byron Gonzales and Dennis Carman. The other finishers were Pete Torres, Tim VanBruggen and Joe Anderson at 180 (even par).

**2010 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

The LDMGA Board decided to change the club championship to automatically enter all LDMGA members into this match play event with no entry fee. The membership will be divided into flights of 16 based on the handicap indexes as of Tuesday, June 8. Each flight bracket will be set following the "12. Draw for Match Play" in Appendix 1 of "The Rules of Golf" for 16 qualifiers.

Those golfers with the lowest 16 indexes will play scratch from the blue tees. The next 16 higher indexes will play scratch from the white tees. All other flights will play with handicaps based on the lower man in each match with 100% of the difference going to his opponent. Those 16 golfers with the highest indexes will play from the gold tees. All those in handicapped flights will use the handicap that is current on the day played.

No sign up is needed as all members will be enrolled. HOWEVER, any member who wishes to play in one of the scratch flights, but whose index may not place him there, may volunteer for the change. A sign up sheet will be put up for such members to volunteer.

Matches may be played whenever the 2 opponents can arrange them. We will have reserved tee times on Saturday, June 19, , for all the first, or second, round matches that can be played on those days. Please get your matches played ASAP. Winners in each flight will play a total of 4 matches so play needs to move along!

Match play rules are different than our usual stroke play so refresh your knowledge from "The Rules of Golf" booklet. Of importance with this new format may be Rule 2-4, "Concession of Match, Hole or Next Stroke" "A player may concede a match at any time prior to the start or conclusion of that match."....

**2010 SCHEDULE**

May 16 Sunday Mixed Event  
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**HOLES IN ONE**

Dan Conway got the first hole in one of the season on hole #3 on a Tuesday in April.

Chad St. Clair got the first hole in one of his life during the Joey the Jet Derby on hole #12.

Both benefited from the \$150 insurance from LDMGA.

# LDMGA Tee to Green

Volume 18, Issue #5



June, 2010

## YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello LDMGA!

We had a really great spring season. I trust you all have taken advantage of it. We are now moving into our summer season with lots of events that I hope you all will participate in.

We have seen a significant increase in our Saturday event participants. This has been fantastic and I want to thank all of you who have made the events a success. I also want to encourage more of you to join us. It's a great way to get to know new members or enjoy playing an event with friends. We also have a special "Saturday event on Tuesday" coming up on June 29. This will be a 1:00 pm shotgun start that I hope many of you can take the time to enjoy. Watch for the announcement.

As you all may know by now, your board has made the decision to enter every member in the club championship. In this way our champions will come from the entire membership. Please check with the pro-shop if you don't know who your first match opponent is. Try to complete your first match in the next week or so. A good time to do this is either on the weekend or during our Tuesday league. If you continue to win, please continue to complete matches in a timely manner. Good luck to all of you.

The board has made another decision concerning the hazard to the right of #6 green. We have decided that we will treat it as a water hazard and not as ground under repair. We recognize the current condition of this hazard is not ideal, but this hole needs to have this hazard in play. The risk/reward for that second shot must be there for this hole to score as it is rated. It is marked as a water hazard. If you find your ball in the hazard and can play it, that is fine. Otherwise you should treat this as a water hazard, using the options available to you under that rule; Rule 26 in The Rules of Golf.

Don't forget Dad. We have a Father's Day event on June 20th. It is a 2 person best ball. There is also a 9 hole division for the kids that will be an alternate shot event. I hope to see you there.

Please take good care of your course. Keep your carts away from the greens and on paths as much as possible. Don't forget to replace your divots, fix your ball mark and one more and have a great time at Lake Doster.

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## LDMGA MEMBER GUEST

Our biggest event of the year is coming up on July 15, 16 and 17. The 18 hole "practice round" on Thursday, the 15th is optional. There will be 3 nine hole matches in each flight on Friday and 2 nine hole matches on Saturday. All the flight winners play sudden death on Saturday afternoon to determine an overall championship team.

The event includes breakfasts, beverages and Saturday dinner for four. Find a guest and enjoy the camaraderie.

There are more details given on the bulletin boards by the handicap computer and in the locker room. Get your entry in soon to give the committee time to finalize the plans for this event.



Page 2, LDMGA Newsletter, June, 2010SATURDAY EVENTS

The event on May 22 was played counting 3 best net balls on odd numbered holes and 2 of 4 on the even numbered holes. 36 members participated.

The winning score was 167 made by the team of Chris Milani, John Light, Dick Petrick and Bruce Larkin. Second went to Bob Sursley, Dean McBeth, Tom Jacobs and Andy Kristen with 169. The team of Dave DeWeerd, Greg Deward, Gene McDonald and Don Meitz shot 170 for third.

Dennis Carman and Dave Fortune chaired this event.

The event on June 5 was played with 32 members. The format was 2 best net balls of 4 on holes 1 thru 6, 3 of 4 on holes 7 thru 12 and all 4 on holes 13 thru 18.

The team of Rick Riffin, Steve Smith, Keith Bartlam and Tim VanBruggen won with 199. Second went to Alan Awe, Fred Anderson, Bill Rhodes and Gene Watson with 201. The team of Dave DeWeerd, Tom VanHerweg, Del VanBruggen and David McDonald captured third with 206.

Greg Deward and Dave Fortune chaired the event.

2010 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Eight flights have been set up including all LDMGA members who have an established handicap. The "Championship" flight will play scratch from the blue tees. The "First" flight will play scratch from the white tees. All other flights will play using the handicaps effective on the day of the match with the lower handicapper getting zero strokes and his opponent 100% of the difference in handicaps. Flights 2 thru 6 play from the white tees. The 7th flight will play from the gold (senior) tees.

You are responsible for arranging your match. Please do so ASAP as winners of each match will continue to play until the flight winner is determined which requires a total of 4 matches. Report the result of your match to the pro shop so the brackets can be kept up to date.

The rules for match play differ from those for stroke play. Review "Rule 2" in "The Rules of Golf".

TEE SHIRT OPEN

This mixed event was played on Sunday, June 6, with 15 couples participating. The format was couples net best ball using 90% of handicaps.

Fred and Carole Greaves won first with 60. Dick and Pat Nowling had 61 for second. Third went to Dave and Sandy Jones at 62. Close competition!

The Jensens, Bud and Chris, both won the "best tee shirt" award.

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Of the 51, there are 12 who are new members this year, led by Tim VanBruggen with 68 points and Andy Kristen with 59.

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**Page 2, LDMGA Newsletter, July, 2010****SATURDAY EVENT**

The event played on June 26 was played as 2 best balls of 4. The team of Rick Zane, Steve Sleeman, Bud Jensen and Casey Jones win 1st with a score of 123, 21 under par. Second went to Bob Sursley, Keith Bartlam, Larry MacDonald (plus a draw) at 124. Third was won at 125 by Dave Deweerd, Jollie Allen, Tom VaHerweg and Dave Fortune.

Dave Fortune and Dennis Carman chaired the event.

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Many first round matches have been played. If you do not want to play your match, please call your scheduled opponent and forfeit so the contest can move forward.

Some questions have been asked about posting your match play round as a tournament score when putts are conceded or all 18 holes are not played.

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**FATHERS DAY EVENT**

This event was played as a 2 man best ball using 90% of handicaps. The team of Carman/Carman shot 57 to win 1st. Deward/Deward had 63 for 2nd. Two teams tied for 3rd: Murray/Murray and Milani/Shook.

**COUPLES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

15 couples played in this contest using total Stableford points at 100% of handicaps.

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This event was played on July 31. It was a tough format counting 3/4 and 4/4 net best balls with an orange ball.

The foursome of Scott Cool, Dave Fortune, Herb Ayres and Ivan Henman won with a score of 207. Second went to Larry Stratton, Bill Rhodes, Keith Bartlam and Dave DeWeerd at 212. Third at 217 were Dan Corway, Tom Vanherweg, Dean McBeth and Gary Stewart.

Billy Martin chaired the event.

**2010 MEMBER-GUEST**

Thirty four teams played in six flights at the Member-Guest on July 16 & 17.

First Flight winners were Norm Young and Mike Hanson. Billy Martin and Don Gwin won the Second Flight; Dick Nowling and Scott Nowling, Third Flight; Bill Riggan and Jeff Riggan, Fourth Flight; Herb Ayres and Bob Barber, Fifth Flight; Ivan Henman and Hank Heynen, Sixth Flight.

**KINGS AND QUEENS**

Twenty two teams played in this event on Sunday, August 1. The format was the net best ball between the 2 partners using 90% of handicaps.

Eriks Kildiss and Pat Nowling won first with a score of 57. Second went to Gene McDonald and Rhonda Alberda with 60. Gary Stewart and Amanda Hartson scored 62 and won third after a tie breaker with Jck Kellogg and Ann Smith who also had 62. Brewce Larkin and Sandi Ball were fifth at 63.

Last year's winners, Jack Kellogg and Ann Bray chaired the event.

**SCORE ENTRY FOR HANDICAPS**

Your score in all tournaments must be entered before the scorecard is turned in for the event. The handicap computer does seem slow, but be patient and it can be used. All scores should be entered as soon as possible after the round is completed.

The public review of everyone's scores is considered an important part of the handicapping system. You can view the scoring history of any member of GAM by going to GAM.org and clicking on Handicap, then, Handicap Lookup, and entering a name.

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75 members have now scored points in the Golfer of the Year contest.

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September, 2010

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It's hard to believe that another golf season is coming to a close. Hopefully we still have a lot of great days to play this fall and I hope everyone will take advantage of that.

We have come to the end of our Tuesday league for this season. I hope everyone enjoyed your Tuesday experiences. Please be sure to thank Don Ampersee, Dennis Carman, and Dave Fortune for doing such a great job of handling the league duties this season.

This year's Member-Member tournament was played in the middle of August. There were 22 teams this year. The format allows for several big winners, but the overall champs were Jimmy Gesmundo and Erik Kildiss. Jimmy and Erik defended their win from last year. Congratulations to you both.

The club championship matches, I'm sorry to report, are not being completed in the manner that we were hoping for. Those of you who still have matches need to sense some urgency. We award winners trophies at the Fall Banquet, which is only about a month away. Please get on the phone and set up your match now. If you are unable to compete please step aside (fofeit) so we can determine our flight winners.

Don't forget to sign up for the Fall Classic. This two day event will be held the first weekend of October. This is always a great event, so put it on the calendar. You can play either day or both.

Your LDMGA Fall Banquet will be Tuesday, October 19th. Please plan on joining us for dinner(\$10.00), with beer and pop furnished by LDMGA and our annual awards ceremony. We will also conduct our annual end of the year meeting. There are going to be some vacancies on the LDMGA board this year. We are looking for some new people to join us to help us continue to improve our organization. New people with new ideas are what we are looking for. Please consider joining our leadership. If you are interested just mention it to one of the current board members.

We owe a thanks to Hank Norton for printing a supply of signup sheets for future events. Also, thanks to Phil Baker for running the Snooty-Snotty event.

I hope you enjoy your fall golfing experience. Don't forget to replace your divots and fix your ball mark and one other one.

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## TUESDAY LEAGUE

Dave Witvoit and Tom Morin shared first for the overall season title with 205 points each. Jason Meyle won 3rd with 200 points. Gene Watson and Jim Fodell tied for 4th with 199.

The second half was won by Ivan Henman with 107 points. Bill Stephenson and Tom Morin shared 2nd with 102 points. Witvoit and Greg Deward both had 101 to share 4th.

## SENIOR MEMBER-MEMBER

39 played in this event on Sept. 9. Three man teams of A-B-C handicaps using 2 of 3 net balls. Larry Stranton, Tom Jacobs & Tom Vogeler won 1st. Bob Peterson, Jerry Bray & Dennis Carman were 2nd. Dean McBeth, Hank Norton & Dzintar Abuls got 3rd. Don Ampersee, Bob Green & Marlin Kleckner won 4th. Dave Witvoit, Paul Geary & Bill Rigglin got 5th.

**Page 2, LDMGA Newsletter, September, 2010****SATURDAY EVENT**

The event played on August 28 counted 2 best balls net using 90% of handicaps. The winning score was 126 by the team of Tom VanHerweg, Jim Fodell and Bud Jensen. Second, at 131, were Bill Mason, Dennis Carman and Dean McBeth.

John Light chaired the event with 24 players.

**2010 MEMBER-MEMBER**

Eriks Kildiss and Jim Gesmundo won first overall with a score of 208. George Dunn and Hank Norton were 2nd with 211. Ken Pace and Reed Neilsen had 214 for 3rd. Del VanBruggen and Dan Corway shot 215 for 4th. Scott Cool and Paul Mulka got 5th with 216.

The first day, played as best ball, 90% of handicaps, was won by Greg Deward and Andy Kristen with a 60. Kildiss and Gesmundo had 61 for 2nd; Bob Sursley and Bing Chappell, 62 for 3rd; Pace and Nielsen, 63 for 4th; and, Dunn and Norton, 64 for 5th.

The second day, played as total net for both players, was won by Fred Greaves and Bud Jensen with 145. VanBruggen and Corway had 146 for second. Dunn and Norton had 147 which got 3rd after the tie-breaker from Kildiss and Norton, also at 147. Cool and Mulka shot 148 for 5th.

Tom VanHerweg chaired the event.

**TO GIVE OR NOT TO GIVE**

In Match Play, a player may concede the match, a hole or his opponent's next stroke at any time. The opponent is considered to have holed out with his next stroke. See Rule 2 in "The Rules of Golf" booklet.

In Stroke Play, (which is how most of our golf is played) there are no "gimmies" allowed. If a competitor fails to hole out and does not correct his mistake before he makes a stroke on the next teeing ground, *he is disqualified*. See Rule 3-2. in "The Rules of Golf" booklet. It is the responsibility of fellow players to see that all balls are holed out and the correct score recorded - "protect the field!"

**"SPECIAL TUESDAY" SNOOTY-SNOTTY EVENT**

59 guys played in this event on August 31. Phil Baker ran the complex calculations to determine winners. Check page 3 of this newsletter for a couple snapshots taken by Dave Fortune at this event.

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**LABOR DAY MIXED EVENT**

Mike & Nancy Lee with Bud & Chris Jensen won 1st of this 1 best ball male and 1, female; 100% handicap. Dick & Pat Nowling with Bill & Jill RHodes were 2nd. Dean & Carol McBeth with Reed & Carol Nielsen won 3rd. A great potluck was hosted by Fred & Carol Greaves following play.

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## Hello LDMGA!

Well we are now coming to the end of a great golf season. Thank you all for allowing me the privilege of being the President of the LDMGA. I really enjoyed the experience. I hope you are all taking advantage of this great fall weather. There are a lot of us still playing on Tuesdays and the weekends so come out and join us.

I want to thank your LDMGA board for a great season. They all did their part behind the scenes to make this golf season a success. Be sure to thank these guys when you see them. They have put in some extra time to make your golf season a little better. Thanks to Mike Hills, Dave Fortune, Steve Sleeman, Scott Cool, Marlin Kleckner, Don Ampersee, Tom VanHerweg, Jack Kellogg, Scott Rachel and Ivan Henman.

I appreciate all of you club champion participants getting your matches in before our Fall Banquet. As of this moment all flights are completed except one and that one will be done by next Tuesday. Speaking of the Fall Banquet, it is next Tuesday starting at 6:00 pm. Many of us will be playing golf prior to the banquet so come and join us. There will be a small charge of \$10 for dinner. Beer and pop are at no charge. Please make every effort to be there. We will award all of the trophies from the golfing season and elect 3 new board members. There is also a general meeting of the LDMGA following dinner. I hope I see all of you there.

I want to offer my congratulations to Tom Morin who had a double eagle on #13 on Tuesday the 12th. He holed a 5 wood from 220 yards out. To many a double eagle is considered a much greater feat than a hole-in-one. I know in my time at Lake Doster I only know of one other double eagle. So congratulations Tom. That is really something to be proud of.

I hope you all have a wonderful winter and I'll see you at the Bloody Mary in April.

Regards,

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## GOLFER OF THE YEAR

The 2010 Golfer of the Year is

### **Bill Stephenson**

He ended up with 290 points. Dean McBeth was second at 245 with Mike Hills a close third at 240.

The rest of the top ten were:

Keith Bacon 220  
 Andy Kristen 219  
 Jim Fodell 187  
 Dennis Carman 187  
 Ivan Henman 185  
 Fred Anderson 184  
 Tom Morin 180

Bill gets a big discount off of his 2011 club dues, courtesy of Par 5. The rest get a big "attaboy!"

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Page 2, LDMGA Newsletter, October, 2010**2010 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

For the first time, all LDMGA members were automatically entered into the match play Club Championship. This resulted in a total of 8 flights with 16 members in each flight. The Championship and First Flights were played scratch and the rest handicapped.

The flight winners were:

Championship	Mike Hills
First	Paul Murray
Second	Mason or Belkofer
Third	Bill Stephenson
Fourth	Fred Anderson
Fifth	David McDonald
Sixth	Keith Bacon
Seventh	Dzintar Abuls

**FALL CLASSIC**

The Fall Classic was played on Saturday and Sunday, October 2 & 3. The first nine on Saturday was played as a 2 man best ball net. Don Ampersee and Dean McBeth won with 29. Tied at 31 were Bob Sursley/John Light and Scott Sleeman/Tom VanHerweg. The second nine was played as 2 best balls of 4, won at 61 by Alan Awe, Bill Greaves, Reed Nielsen and a draw. Second went to Dan Conway, Del VanBruggen, Dave DeWeerd and Brian Gonzales at 63.

The first nine on Sunday was played as two man best ball Stableford. Alan Awe and Dean McBeth had 24 points for first. Tied at 23 were Larry Stratton/Bill Reppenhagen and Herb Ayres/Brian Gonzales. The second nine was played as best 2 net balls of 4. Larry Stratton, Bill Reppenhagen, Bob Surslet and Billy Martin won with a 63. Second at 66 were Jim Gesmundo, Dennis Carman, Scott Sleeman and Bud Jensen. Dave Fortune, John Light, Dennis Carman and Tom VanHerweg handled the event.

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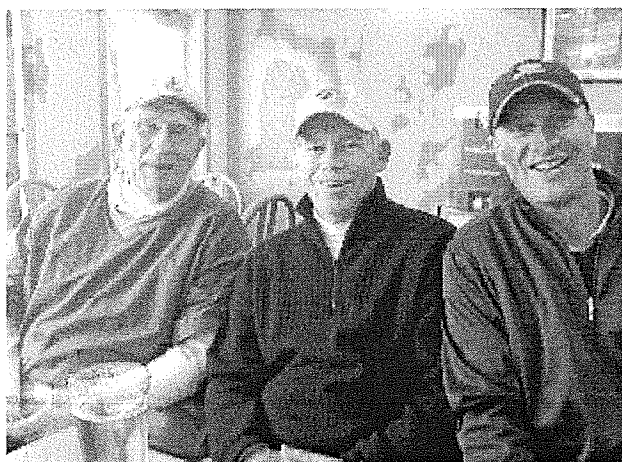
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**DERBY DAY**

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The winners were Gary Stewart and Pat Nowling. Second, after a 1 hole play off, were Bob Green and Jeanne Jones.



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