

LDMGA Tee to Green

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YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen:

With an early morning storm and light rain, the Saturday Event on May 12 was played by a reduced field, but that did not stop Bryan Gonzalez from registering the first LDMGA member hole in one of 2012. It was his first ever, on hole #12. Eriks Kildiss did a great job running the event. Hats off to Hank Norton and Fred Greaves for running the Joey the Jet Derby.

The Tuesday League now consists of at least 63 and is running smoothly thanks to Dennis Carman and Andy Kristen. A few more tweaks and we hope to be emailing weekly results to participants on Wednesdays.

The next Saturday Event is May 26 and Pete Torres is running the "Birdies or Better" format. Points only for net birdies or better, 4 man teams, 100% handicap. The sign up sheet is now posted. In other event news, planning is underway for the Member Guest, one of the premiere events of the year, and certainly the most enjoyable. Chair Rick Riggan has posted some info by the handicap pc, be sure to check it out and save the dates of July 19, 20, 21.

In our May Board Meeting, we learned from Jack Kellogg that the Kalamazoo Gazette is no longer publishing scores from local golf clubs. As an alternative we are publishing event results and photos to our website. Treasurer Larry MacDonald reported we have at least 104 members. Marlin Kleckner has once again done an excellent job and produced the 2012 LDMGA Information Manual. Copies are available by the handicap computer. There is a lot of info in these pages, and the member phone directory is helpful for scheduling your Club Championship matches. See the next page for news on the Club Championship.

We have gotten a lot of positive feedback on the email event reminders, if you prefer not to receive them, please reply to the email message and we will comply with your wishes. For those using smart phones, I recently noticed GAM.org converts to phone format, I easily looked up my handicap while on the course...also the "Tee to Green--Tech Edition" is in its beta testing, more info next month...

Your 2012 President,

Dave Fortune

SATURDAY EVENTS

A 2 man best ball format , blind draw for partners, was played on April 21 with 28 players. 1st place with 65 went to Jim Gesmundo and Brian Gonzalez. two way tie for 2nd with 67 went to Bill Mason/Greg Deward and Tom Vanherweg/Malin Kleckner. The game on May 12 was 2 of 4 on par 5's; 3 of 4 on par 4's and all 4 on par 3's. The winning team of Scott Cool, Dan Conway, Brian Gonzalez and Dean McBeth shot 193. 2nd went to Bob Sursley, Eriks Kildiss, Dave Fortune (plus a draw) with 196. The field was shortened to 18 players by rain. Despite the rain,

TUESDAY LEAGUE

The league is underway. Each week be sure to fill out the special Stableford scorecard completely, including your name!

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JOEY THE JET DERBY

Mike Rabe and Brent Wieber won this event with a 36 hole, best ball net, 90% handicap with a score of 124, 20 under par. They led the first day with 59 and added 65 the second day.

Tom Vanherweg and Jollie Allen had 64 to win low net on the second day.

Billy Martin and John Larson shot 126 to win 2nd overall. Steve Sleeman/Dan Conway won 3rd; Jim Gesmundo/Eriks Kildiss got 4th; Bing Chapell/Bob Sursley, 5th.

All cards were audited for posting and accuracy. Only six scores were not posted. For this early season event, these were posted as scored rather than posting a penalty score.

2012 INFORMATION MANUAL

Pick up your copy of the 2012 Info. Manual from the tray by the handicap computer.

LDMGA WEB SITE

The LDMGA Newsletters and other LDMGA documents are placed on 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>

2012 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

In a change from recent years when all LDMGA members were automatically entered in the club championship, this year, **a sign up by those who wish to enter will be required** with the signup deadline as of Tuesday, June 5.

The sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board. There is no entry fee as your LDMGA dues cover the trophy costs.

All LDMGA members are urged to enter this match play tournament.

Flights will be assigned based on the handicap indexes as updated June 1.

Those members with the lowest handicaps will be put in the blue tee, scratch flight.

The next flight will be a white tee, scratch flight. All entrants with higher indexes will play in handicapped flights. The number of flights and the number per flight will depend on the total entering with the goal being 16 men per flight. The brackets will be set by June 8. **They will be posted in the pro shop and sent out by email.**

You will be responsible for arranging your tee time with your assigned opponent.

Play your first match ASAP, but no later than July 5.

The winners of each match must arrange their next match within 3 weeks or less. In handicapped flights, each player will use his current handicap on the day of the match.

The intent, if there are sufficient entries, is to have a flight made up of the highest handicaps among those entered to compete from the gold tees, using their gold tee handicap.

MATCH PLAY RULES

The rules for match play differ from those for stroke play. Review Rule 2 in "The Rules of Golf". Because of this, it is not desirable to play a match at the same time you are competing in a stroke play event.

One major difference is described in Rule 2-4:

A player may concede a match at any time prior to the start or conclusion of that match.

A player may concede a hole at any time prior to the start or conclusion of that hole.

A player may concede his opponent's next stroke at any time,.....

A concession may not be declined or withdrawn.

Other differences for match play are scattered throughout the "Rules of Golf".

See Rule 6-2, Rule 7-1, 7-2, Rule 10-1 (Describes the order of play in matches). Rule 15-3, etc.

The Club Championship is our only event played as individual matches.

It is different, but most find it memorable!

2012 SCHEDULE

May 20 Tee Shirt Open, Mixed

Mat 21 EYWTP

May 26 Saturday Event

May 28 Memorial Day Mixed Event*

June 9 Saturday Event

Mid-June Club Championship Begins

June 17 Father's Day Event

June 18 EYWTP

June 23 Saturday Event

June 26 Special Tuesday Event

July 8 Couples Club Championship

July 16 EYWTP

July 19 Member-Guest Practice

July 20,21 Member-Guest*

July 28 Saturday Event

July 29 Kings & Queens

August 11,12 President's Cup

August 20 EYWTP

August 25,26 Member-Member

August 28 Special Tuesday Event

September 3 Labor Day Mixed Event*

September 8 Saturday Event

September 12 EYWTP

September 13 Senior Event

September 22 Saturday Event

October 6,7 Fall Classic

October 8 EYWTP

October 14 Derby Day, Mixed

October 16 Fall Banquet & LDMGA

Meeting

EYWTP=Eat Your Way To Par

Non-members may be invited to these events.

2012 INFORMATION MANUAL

Each LDMGA member is entitled to one copy of the LDMGA Information Manual.

It contains much on tournaments, handicaps, the Tuesday league and has the phone numbers on page 8 & 9 of LDMGA members.