

LDMGA Tee to Green

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YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen:

Many of us have enjoyed the fact that the golf weather is far ahead of the Michigan golf season. I was able to get out recently and found the course to be in very good shape. The aeration and fertilizing that was done last fall and the mild weather have yielded great conditions. Many of the green side bunkers have been recently redefined via edging and they look super

As a reminder, the 2012 Michigan golf season starts on April 1st, so that means you must enter your scores for play starting then. I have tuned up the handicap computer from its winter hibernation and it is ready for business. Along the lines of technology, save the LDMGA website as one of your browser favorites, as this year there will be various features added that will enhance your LDMGA experience. I also intend to produce a one time "tech edition" of the LDMGA newsletter in addition to the great work Marlin Kleckner does in producing the monthly newsletter "LDMGA Tee to Green".

The board has also budgeted in 2012 to publish a paper Information Manual as was most recently published in 2010. As a result please make sure you provide legible and current data when you pay your 2012 dues, especially your email address. As many of you are aware, we are distributing event reminders, notices and newsletters via the email address of info@LDMGA.org.

I am saddened to report that LDMGA Vice President Mike Fitzsimmons passed away this month. The Board will have its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 11, at 7:00 pm at the LDGC clubhouse and we will discuss an appropriate remembrance for Mike. If you have any suggestions please advise any Board Member or feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

Your 2012 President,

Dave Fortune

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BLOODY MARY SCRAMBLE

This first event of the season is open to all men who wish to play. You do not have to be a member of the golf club or LDMGA. You do not have to sign up until the day of the event (by 8:00AM so teams can be selected).

A brief general membership meeting of LDMGA is held preceding golf, while the teams are selected, Bloody Mary's are sampled and the weather warms?

JOEY THE JET DERBY

This first major event of 2012 is scheduled for May 4 & 5, 18 holes each day. You can select your own partner for the two man, net best ball format played at 90% of handicaps.

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>

BLOODY MARY SCRAMBLE!

Saturday April 7th-8:00 am

OFFICIAL 2012 MICHIGAN GOLF SEASON

Despite warm temperatures in Michigan this March, the active handicap season in the state of Michigan is April 1 – Oct. 31. This means you are not allowed to post MICHIGAN scores that are played outside of that date range. If you played golf in a warm-weather state during their active golf season, you must post those scores!

STROKE ADJUSTMENT RULES

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)

Posting an exceptionally bad score for a hole could change your GAM/USGA Handicap Index too much. If a score on any hole exceeds the limit in the ESC formula, you should, for handicap purposes only, record a score for the hole in accordance with the formula below. There is no limit to the number of holes on which a player can adjust his score.

<u>If Your Course Handicap is:</u>	<u>MAXIMUM SCORE TO BE POSTED ON ANY HOLE:</u>
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 - 19	7
20 - 29	8
30 - 39	9
40	10

All of your scores, 9's and 18's, as adjusted, must be posted promptly whether from Lake Doster or away.

The handicaps are updated by GAM on the 1st and 15th of every month. All members are expected to keep their scores posted for handicaps to allow for fair and accurate competition.

Incomplete Holes or Conceded Strokes

If you pick up on a hole or are conceded a stroke, record the score you most likely would have made. It is the number of strokes (including penalty strokes) taken thus far, plus the number of strokes you think would be needed to complete the hole from that point 50 percent of the time. An X should be placed on the scorecard before such a score.

Holes Not Played:

When a hole isn't played, your score for the hole is par, plus any handicap strokes to which you're entitled (based on your Course Handicap). And don't let a partial rainout stop you from posting a score. Use this method to fill out your scorecard when you play at least 13 holes out of 18, or at least seven out of nine. An X should be placed on the scorecard here, as well.

Membership Application for Lake Doster Men's Golf Association

Name _____	LDMGA Dues
Address _____	\$50.00
Email Address _____	Tuesday League
Phone _____	\$20.00
Birth Date _____	Total Enclosed
Send to Larry MacDonald, 9000 Milo Road, Delton, MI 49046 \$ _____	

- April 7 Bloody Mary Scramble* & Spring LDMGA Meeting
- April 11 Senior League* Starts
- April 21 Saturday Event
- April 29 Sunday Mixed Event
- May 4 & 5 Joey the Jet Derby**
- May 8 Tuesday League Begins
- May 11 Friday Couples Starts
- May 12 Saturday Event*
- May 20 Tee Shirt Open, Mixed
- May 26 Saturday Event
- May 28 Memorial Day Mixed Event*
- June 9 Saturday Event
- June 16 Club Championship Begins**
- June 17 Father's Day Event
- June 23 Saturday Event
- June 26 Special Tuesday Event
- July 8 Couples Club Championship
- 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 25,26 Member-Member**
- August 28 Special Tuesday Event
- September 3 Labor Day Mixed Event*
- September 8 Saturday Event
- September 13 Senior Event
- September 22 Saturday Event
- October 6,7 Fall Classic
- October 14 Derby Day, Mixed
- October 16 Fall Banquet & LDMGA Meeting

Non-members may be invited to these events.