

# Strikes n' Strokes

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## Father-son combos on course for success



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Mike Stelter (putting) receives some line-up advice from his dad, Ron, during the final round of the Saginaw District Golf Association Open Championship that was held at Apple Mountain Golf Course. Alan Pumford (right photo with putter in hand) looks over his line with his son, Nick, who caddied for Alan as he won both the Senior and the Open Championships.

### MIKE GODARD

*Strikes n' Strokes editor*

**T**here's a special link between a successful golfer and his caddy.

For Alan Pumford and Mike Stelter, it is more than that. Each of them shares a father-son relationship with his caddy.

Alan Pumford recently captured the Saginaw County District Open and Senior titles at Apple Mountain. It was his first title in both divisions, and he became only the second player to win both titles in the same year.

Mike Humphrey first captured that honor in 1998.

On Pumford's bag for the entire

weekend was his son, Nick Pumford.

Mike Stelter, on the other hand, finished second in the Senior Tournament, and on Sunday he finished the final round of the Open Tournament with his father Ron on his bag. Stelter finished tied for second with Micah Skidmore.

The two caddies brought a lot of

experience with them, as Ron Stelter has 10 District titles to his name and Nick Pumford has two. Nick is also assistant coach of the Georgia State University golf team.

"He really helped me out there," Alan Pumford said of his son.

"Nick kept telling me to commit to the shot. He teaches that to his kids

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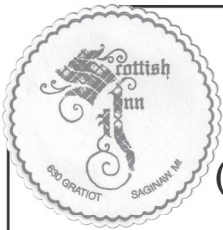
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## Saginaw Valley Women's Golf Association Results for June 23, 2011 at Pine River Country Club

Playing Field-12

Flight	Name	Score	Club
"First"			
Low Gross	Linda Chilton	100	Maple Hill CC
Low Net	Gerry DeVoe	77	Maple Hill CC
Low Putts	Sue Spaedt	39	Maple Hill CC
"Second"			
Low Gross	Sue Casey	98	Maple Hill CC
Low Net	Betty Assman	74	Mt. Pleasant CC
Low Putts	Sharon Wilkes	34	Pine Run CC
"Third"			
Low Gross	Sally Fischer	112	Maple Hill CC
	Sandy Blake	112	Sawmill
Low Net	Arlene Purvis	84	Maple Hill CC
Low Putts	Kay LeBreck	34	Bay City CC

## Saginaw Valley Women's Golf Association Results for June 30, 2011 at Owosso Country Club

Playing Field-33

Flight	Name	Score	Club
"Championship"			
Low Gross	Jean Murray	92	Mt. Pleasant CC
Low Net	Shirley Cole	84	Maple Hill
Low Putts	Luanne Worthington	30	Owosso CC
"First"			
Low Gross	LuAnn Ferchau	95	Sawmill
Low Net	Marty Mahar	75	Sawmill
Low Putts	Janet Young	29	Owosso CC
"Second"			
Low Gross	Carla Zietz	95	Maple Hill CC
Low Net	Luvée Lee	72	Sawmill
Low Putts	Joan Kruske	30	Maple Hill
"Third"			
Low Gross	Sally Fischer	106	Maple Hill CC
Low Net	Jeanne Corrigan	77	Owosso CC
Low Putts	Estelle Lamb	33	Bay City CC

**SVWGA Schedule**  
July 14--Sawmill

August 11--Maple Hill  
August 25--Bay City CC



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Wednesdays** — Twin Bridges Golf Course men's gamble scramble league.

Come join the fun. We are here every Wednesday between 9 - 10 a.m. and it is a non-committal league. We draw for teams every week. For information call Twin Bridges at 989. 643-7475.

**July 24 — MDA/National Association of Letter Carriers Golf Scramble. Twin Oaks Golf Course.** 8 a.m. shotgun start. \$70 includes, for 18 holes with a cart. \$15 for dinner. Information: Brad McKenna at (989) 790-3388 or Marvin Towns at (989) 793-7570.

**Monday, Aug. 1 - Aug. 5 — Delta College will be the site for the YMCA Golf for Life Junior Camps** this summer.

The camp, billed as a camp like no other. Each camper, ages 5 to 18, receives a U.S. Kids Golf Club (wood or putter) valued up to \$99.

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Each camp ends with an outing at Maple Leaf Golf Course in Linwood.

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For additional information, call 989.992.0404.

**Sunday, Aug. 7 — The Christy (Hawes) Blakely golf benefit fundraiser** at Green Acres Golf Course. Cost is \$45 per person (\$180 per team) includes 18 holes with cart and chicken dinner. Team skins are optional. For

information call Dave at 989.213.3302 or Cherie at 989.274.5110.

**Sunday, Aug. 28 — The Guadalupe Gomez Scholarship Fund Golf Outing,** Sandy Ridge Golf Course. Registration 9 a.m.; outing starts at 10 a.m. Four-person scramble costs \$65 per person which includes 18 holes with cart, hot dog at the turn and rib dinner following the tournament. For information call Victoria at 989.213.4131.

**Saturday, September 17 — Bay Valley Golf Club - Valley Lutheran High School Annual Golf Outing.** Four person scramble, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start (Rain or Shine). RSVP by Thursday September 15, 2011. Cost is \$110.00 per player, \$440.00 per team which includes 18 holes w/cart, dinner, and prizes after golfing. For more information email Lori Drinan at [ldrinan@peacesaginaw.org](mailto:ldrinan@peacesaginaw.org)



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*This is the view from the No. 3 tee box at the Coyote Preserve in Fenton. The par-4 hole measures 412 yards from the tips.*

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# Aces in the crowd

## Chuck Sproul, 58

July 2, Maple Hill  
168 yards, 7-iron  
first ace

## John Sangster

Twin Oaks  
No. 11, 210 yards  
3-hybrid  
Witnesses:

Roger Turpin, Charles Cork,  
Roosevelt Jones.

**Note:** Charles Cork hit his tee shot just before Sangster and hit the pin with shot . . . but it didn't go in.

## Rob McDonald

Twin Oaks  
No. 6, front nine  
145-yards, 9-iron  
Tri-City Men's League  
Witnesses: Rich Held, Mike Spaulding, Brad Nieman, Eric Lee (One witness was on the next tee)

## Other noteworthy tidbits:

**Ross Stachowiak** accomplished one of the most difficult tasks in golf on June 11th.. He made a double eagle, or an "albatross," on the Par 5, 15th hole at Maple Hill Golf Club.

Ross holed a 3-wood shot from 220 yards out ... going "three-under" on one hole is a feat that is very rare. It would be like a hole-in-one on a par-4.. The shot was witnessed by his brother Rob Stachowiak.

**Also at Maple Hill**, the foursome of Bob Tomlin, George Schmidt, Harry Matekel, and Mike Cheger all birdied the 2nd hole (par-3) at Maple Hill on June 30th. What's so unusual about that?

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*The above picture is a panoramic view of the No. 16 green (left) and the No. 8 green at the Indian River Golf Club in Indian River. Both holes run parallel separated by a patch of woods. Below, right, is the view of the No. 9 green from its tee box. The clubhouse (not pictured) is on the right with a view from spectators looking down on the green.*

## Indian River fun for all abilities

**MIKE GODARD**

*Strikes n' Strokes editor*

Golf trips are fun to plan. It's always nice to know what courses to include with your favorites on your yearly trips.

When planning a golf trip, I like to add a newer course that I've heard about and want to experience.

As I made a trip up north, I found a course that fits the bill. The Indian River Golf Club is located in a dense wooded area just minutes off I-75 on Exit 310.

The first hole is a 300-yard par-four with a severe dogleg left and an uphill green. Those are just a couple of the many interesting characteristics of the course.

Nos. 8 and 16 stood out, as a small body of water fronts both greens for a very nice panoramic view.

The No. 9 par-3 is 142 yards from the tips. The downhill green is flanked by a cemetery on the right,

with the clubhouse visible atop the hill to the right of the green.

Their large practice area is reached by driving through the road that separates the course from the cemetery.

Indian River has tee boxes for all abilities. The blue tees are 6,887; the white tees 6,158; the gold tees 5,405; and the red tees 5,175.

The course also boasts a full-service restaurant, with a chance to order food and beverages before you reach the ninth tee from the half-way house.

Everyday rates through September run \$59 for 18 holes with cart. For Strikes n' Strokes readers, Indian River has a special offer of \$39 all day, every day for the 2011 golf season (See Page 17).

That means you can play it twice in one day for little more than \$1 per hole.

It's a drive to get there, but among the many courses in that area, it's well worth a visit. ♦



**Yudha Pratama/Strikes n' Strokes**





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Left photo, first hole at Indian River is only 314 yards. It has a sharp dogleg left and an uphill green. Above photo, shows the multi-tiered No. 3 green. If the pin is on the lower level, so does the need for your approach shot. A putt from above finds the ball off the green or in the cup.

**Indian River Golf Club**  
3301 Chippewa Beach Road  
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**Golf Pro:** Doug Temple

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LOW NET: Linda Brandt - Flushing - 70

### FIRST FLIGHT:

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LOW NET: Margaret Lynch - Bay Valley - 71

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LOW GROSS: Arlene Schrank - Maple Hill - 90

LOW NET: Kathy Lear - Sawmill - 69

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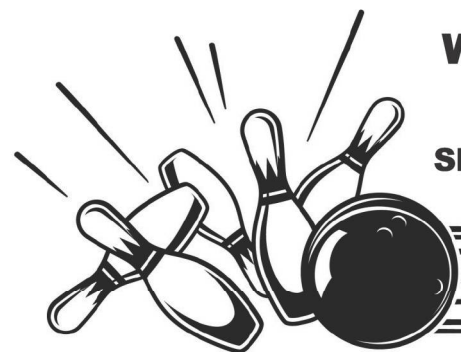
1st LOW GROSS: Linda Chilton - Maple Hill - 87

2nd LOW GROSS: (3-way tie) at 99: Carla Zeitz - Maple Hill; Carol Jeppeson - Bay City CC; Carol Troester - Saginaw CC

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# Hill records first 300

**GARRETT SHOVAN**  
*Strikes n' Strokes*

Andy Hill has had a lot of success in recent months at State Lanes.

On May 25, Hill fired his first-ever 300 game, the highlight of a 743 series.

"The shot in the ninth was horrible," he said. "I got lucky. But that made the tenth frame



Andy Hill

pretty easy." Two weeks prior, Hill posted his second lifetime 800 series, stringing games of 286, 279 and 238 for an 803.

And, during a make-up match the week before, he had a 297 game.

The big scores have helped Hill compile an average of just under 240 in the Wednesday Summer Trio league at State Lanes.

Hill has a brother (and a fiancée) who each have many honor scores, and says he needs to catch up to them. If he keeps putting up numbers like these, he's right on track. ♦

# Lucky No. 13

**GARRETT SHOVAN**  
*Strikes n' Strokes*

Saginaw bowling veteran Jesse Gonzales rolled his 13th career 800 series, an 804, in mid-June on the Thursday "Boogie Down" summer league at Stardust.

Gonzales had games of 279, 278 and 247 to record his fourth 800 set of the season. It means a lot to me, just like the first one," he said. "I always had the goal to get into double digits with my honor scores."

His participation in the Saginaw area bowling community includes running leagues and tournaments. And one more goal for Gonzales is to someday be inducted into the Saginaw Hall of Fame.

Considering his resume and his history with the association, Jesse Gonzales may not be far from achieving that honor. ♦

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# Raymond sets Stardust house record

**MIKE GODARD**

*Strikes n' Strokes editor*

JR Raymond wants to give it a try on the PBA Tour.

This summer, the 27-year old Gaylord native plans on participating in the Central Region PBA regionals.

His confidence received a boost while bowling in the Stardust Lanes "Boogie Down" trio league.

Raymond struck on 33 shots for games of 289, 300 and 279 to establish a new house record series of 868 at Stardust.

Raymond left a 10-pin on the second ball in the 10th in the first game and a 4-pin in the ninth frame of the third game.

"I got a couple breaks," he said. "I tripped a 4-pin to win the wild turkey. That was kind of cool."

Raymond made a move after that strike.

"A couple of frames later, I swished one," he said.

Raymond pulled out a seldom-used Motiv QZ1 for his award series.

"It's the oldest in my bag," he said. "I practiced with it and had it drilled for the U.S. Open in February."

"It didn't work out there. I never thought about trying it for a house shot."

Raymond is a rep for Motiv, a Michigan-based bowling ball company located in Muskegon.

Ironically, he struggled during



**JR Raymond**

practice before his super set.

"I was practicing with a new ball not on the market yet," he said of the Raptor P7 that he used during warm-ups.

"The ball was too strong for the conditions. So I decided to use my older ball and moved further right. I played down 12-13 all day."

Raymond's previous high series was an 836, rolled in his hometown of Gaylord.

The skilled right-hander bowled at Saginaw Valley State University for one year before transferring to McKendree University, near St. Louis, Mo.

He coached the girls team there for one year and then competed as a member of with the men's college team for two more seasons.

For all three years he bowled with a college squad, Raymond made the All-American team.

"I've been debating on going back to school to finish my degree," Raymond said. "But the next four weekends, I am trying Central Region PBA regionals. They have eight-game qualifiers with the top 16 advancing to match play."

A win in any of the regionals counts as a PBA championship and an automatic berth in the PBA Champions of Champions tournament.

"Last year I was the rookie of the year for the Central region," Raymond said. "I didn't win any but I had a couple of second places."

Raymond also plans on bowling in the World Series of Bowling that kicks off the PBA tour in November.

"I some success in a couple of tournaments last year," he said. "I hope to use that as a learning experience and move on from there."

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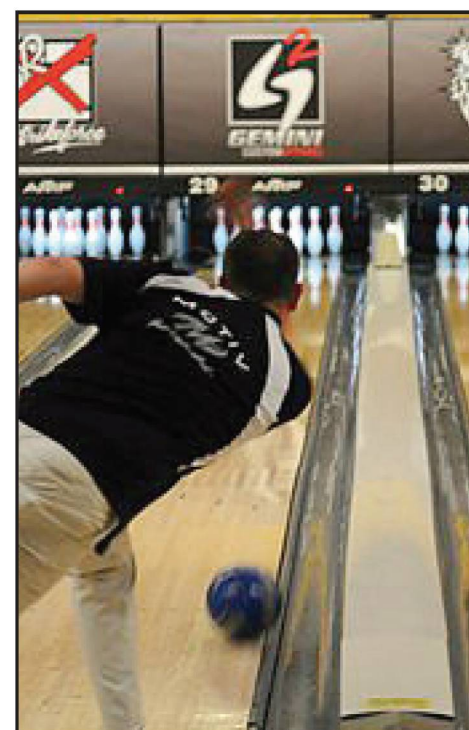
"I also have a couple ball reps in my corner this year," he added. "That's very important. Everyone out there (on the tour) can roll the ball with consistency."

Raymond said ball reps are important as they can get the right ball in your hands for the conditions out there on the tour.

Raymond kicked off his regional tour with the 868 series on a house shot.

"Usually I feel that I am on the other end of the stick," Raymond said. "There's been times I have felt that I should have gotten a few more."

"Sometimes you win," said Raymond about getting breaks or not. "Sometimes you don't." ♦



*JR Raymond will make an attempt to make the PBA Tour this winter.*

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# 2011 21 Club Qualifying Schedule

July 14	Thursday	Valley View	7 a.m.
July 21	Thursday	Valley View	7 a.m.
July 28	Thursday	Valley View	7 a.m.
Aug. 4	Thursday	Valley View	7 a.m.

## 2011 Tournament Sites/Results

Sunday June 19	Swan Valley	Bruce Eccleton
Sunday July 3	Valley View	Bruce Eccleton
Sunday July 10	Maple Hill	
Sunday July 17	Twin Brooks	3 p.m.
Sunday July 24	The Sawmill	3 p.m.
Sunday July 31	Bay County	3 p.m.
Sunday August 7	Bay City C.C.	3 p.m.

### Championship

Sunday August 14	Saginaw C.C.	12:30 p.m.
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/Courtesy photo

From left, Kim Dinh, Bruce Eccleton, Robbie Marsh

## 21 Club Tournament - Swan Valley Sunday, June 19th, 2011

Place	Player	Total	Points
1	Eccleton Bruce	70	21
2	Dinh Kim	73	20
3	Marsh Robbie	74	19
4	Jacobs, Adam	78	18
5	Finkbinder Tyler	80	17
T 6-7	Cottrell Cam	82	15.5
T 6-7	Fiting, Brandon	82	15.5
T8-11	Defor Matt	83	12.5
T8-11	Fisk Brian	83	12.5
T8-11	Phillion, Brett	83	12.5
T8-11	Pumford Dustin	83	12.5
12	Sarmiento Ryan	84	10
T 13-14	Gnatkowski, Tyler	86	8.5
T 13-14	Loberg Jack	86	8.5
15	Tindell Tom	87	7
16	Scott Kevin	88	6
17	Willamson Cory	89	5
18	Volk Mark	91	4
19	Striker Derek	97	3
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From left, Kim Dinh, Bruce Eccleton, Paul Ostby

**21 Club Tournament - Valley View  
Sunday July 3rd. 2011**

Place	Player	Total	Points
1st.	Eccleton Bruce	71	21
2nd.	Dinh Kim	73	20
3rd.	Ostby Paul	74	19
4th.	Schultz Jeremy	75	18
5th.	Fisk Brian	76	17
T 6-7	Gnatkowski Tyler	77	15.5
T 6-7	Pumford Dustin	77	15.5
T 8-9	Leach Mike	79	13.5
T 8-9	Marsh Robbie	79	13.5
10th.	Yntema Zach	80	12
11th.	Tindell Tom	81	11
12th.	Fiting, Brandon	83	10
T 13-14	Willamson Cory	84	8.5
T 13-14	Jacobs, Adam	84	8.5
15th.	Cottrell Cam	85	7
T 16-17	Vollmer Dalton	86	5.5
T 16-17	Phillion, Brett	86	5.5
18th.	Defor Matt	87	4
19th.	Sarmiento Ryan	88	3
20th.	Squnda Nicholas	91	2

## Eccleton brings home first two GARB-KO 21 Club titles

**MIKE GODARD**

*Strikes n' Strokes editor*

Bruce Eccleton captured the first two GARBKO 7-11 21 Club tournaments of the season.

Eccleton, who won the 21 Club Championship in 2009, shot a 70 at Swan Valley Golf Course.

Eccleton competed in the Saginaw County District Tournament (at Apple Mountain) and finished fourth, three strokes behind the champion Alan Pumford.

The very next Sunday, Eccleton took home the 21 Club Tournament at Valley View with a 71.

In both tournaments, Kim Dinh, finished second place with a 73 in each tournament.

According to tournament director Byron Wilson, Dinh is the first female that has competed in the history of the 21 Club Tournament.

Robbie Marsh finished with a 74 at Swan Valley to finish third while Paul Ostby took third with a 74 at Valley View.

The tournament continues throughout the summer and will finish with the championship tournament Sunday, Aug. 14, at the Saginaw Country Club. ♦

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# High hopes dashed on first swing

**MIKE GODARD**  
*Strikes n' Strokes editor*

I was so disappointed. This had been my best chance since I'd started trying to qualify for the Saginaw County District Golf Tournament. After all, in the senior division,

the Saginaw Golf District Association was taking 13 qualifiers for this year's tournament at Apple Mountain Golf Course. There were only 16 potential qualifiers in this year's qualifying round at Twin Brooks Golf Course. Thirteen out of 16 — that's pretty good odds.

I knew what I wanted to do. My goal was to score five strokes on every hole. Now, a 90 still wouldn't be enough to qualify. But there were six par-fours that I felt that I could reach in regulation with confidence. Add four par-threes and all the par-fives were within my reach in regulation. My theory was that if my goal was to score five per hole, I could get that number down with six fours and finish with an 84. That would put me in the running.

After my last attempt at the Twin Brooks Golf District qualifier, I was ready and eager for my attempt to qualify. There would be no getting lost in this year's event. I only had to beat out three other golfers. By sheer numbers, it was my best chance — until my first shot. I started on No. 12, a par-5 hole. The goal was to drive the ball into the opening and, two shots later, to hit the green.

SEE QUALIFIER, Page 19

## SAGINAW DISTRICT QUALIFYING

(June 12, 2011 at Twin Brooks Golf Course)  
REGULAR DIVISION

First	Last	Club	Front	Back	Score
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Casey	Colpean	S	38	36	74
Marvin	Jenkins	S	41	36	77
Kreg	Sherman II	AM	39	38	77
Joe	Howe	SV	38	40	78
Mike	Leach	AM	38	40	78
Bill	Kundinger	U	39	40	79
Aaron	Longtain	U	37	42	79
Nick	Momrik	SV	39	40	79
Tyler	Spence	SCC	39	40	79
David	Krueger	VVF	38	42	80
Dustin	Pumford	KO	38	42	80
Sam	Mancina	U	41	40	81
Nathan	Reinhardt	U	39	42	81
Tom	Smallwood	S	39	42	81
Brody	Schiller	AM	42	40	82
Mitch	Sikorski	MH	41	41	82
Brian	Watz	RG	42	40	82
Garrett	Chronowski	MH	45	39	84
Robert	Fulsher	U	40	44	84
Brett	Phillion	VVF	40	44	84
Eric	Frost	MH	39	46	85
Christopher	Nichols	U	39	46	85
Reggie	Williams II	U	42	43	85
ALTERNATES					
Nick	DuRussel	S	43	42	85
Brian	Fisk	U	43	43	86
MISSED CUT					
Jeff	Adler	U	41	45	86
Matt	Chevalier	U	43	43	86
Steve	Ellis	TO	45	41	86
Ryan	McColgan	U	45	41	86
Henry	Fee	SV	43	44	87
Jeremy	Berger	VVF	40	48	88
J.D.	Grover	U	43	45	88
Scott	Snyder	U	42	47	89
Trent	Waugh	G	43	48	91
Nick	Adams	U	45	49	94
Cory	Williamson	S	51	43	94

## SAGINAW DISTRICT QUALIFYING

(June 12, 2011 at Twin Brooks Golf Course)  
SENIOR DIVISION

SENIOR DIVISION					
First	Last	Club	Front	Back	Score
John	Kowalewski	S	36	39	75
Christopher	Chaffer	GA	38	39	77
Bill	Coulter	F	38	40	78
Jim	Leach	AM	41	38	79
Tom	Nichols	BV	39	40	79
Thomas	Coates	U	41	41	82
Sam	Jones	S	40	42	82
James	Dawkins	BV	39	44	83
Clint	Mills	SV	44	39	83
Herb	Spence	SCC	40	44	84
Gary	Bellinger	MH	39	46	85
Kevin	McDonnell	MH	46	39	85
Jerry	Waterman	S	42	44	86
ALTERNATE					
Bill	Crofton	SV	43	43	86
MISSED CUT					
David	Fass	S	44	45	89
Mike	Godard	U	48	47	95

**Legend:**  
AM = Apple Mountain  
BCCC = Bay City Country Club  
BV = Bay Valley  
F = Fortress  
G = Germania  
GA = Green Acres  
KO = Kimberley Oaks  
MH = Maple Hill

PV = Pleasant View  
RG = Rolling Green  
S = Sawmill  
SCC = Saginaw Country Club  
SV = Swan Valley  
TO = Twin Oaks  
U = Unattached  
VVF = Valley View Farms



FROM PAGE 18 **QUALIFIER** Another 'lost' chance to make the districts; but there is always next year

But the first shot didn't cooperate. A slice put the ball in the woods before the opening to the green. I was able to find the ball and tried punching it out.

It was good until the final five feet, when it caught a branch and then nestled behind a small pine tree. Another punch-out, and I still couldn't see the green.

Before I knew it, I was sitting with an eight after the first hole.

After that first hole, I had three fives, two fours and a six to finish out the back nine.

While a slice got me on the first hole, it was a duck hook that caught me when I started the front nine.

I hit the tree on the par-five and went straight down into the creek. Another eight ensued.

But at that point, I still had a chance to catch up — there were several holes that I felt were within my reach

of getting a par.

Then bad luck hit. It was the direct result of some poor shots that sent my ball behind trees where I needed to punch out to see the green.

I finished with a 95 that day — nine shots off the pace for the chance to play in the district.

Looking back at my round, the two par-5s on which that I took a snowman (eight) took a lot of wind out my sails.

For the other 16 holes, I averaged a shade under five strokes per hole. So my theory did work, in a way.

#### Playing my own district

I invited four friends and my son Ryan to play in a one-day, mini-district tournament at Apple Mountain.

We teed off just after the Saginaw County District on their second day of the tournament.

My goal was to see how well I could

hit the ball under the same conditions, with the same pin placements and tee boxes.

Apple Mountain was a tough test for all the Saginaw County District golfers, as only three players were under par for any one round in the tournament. The pin placements weren't in any easy locations.

I finished with a 95 that day (that seems to be my average) and would have done better than a couple of other golfers.

There again, I left several strokes out there that could have lowered my score.

I even finished in the middle of the pack of our little outing.

I keep working on my game and will keep trying to qualify for the districts.

I still have a long way to go, and the odds may not be as favorable as they

were heading into this year.

But that will just make qualifying that much sweeter. ♦

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*Mike Godard/Strikes n' Strokes*  
*Micah Skidmore, above, finished tied for second place with Mike Stelter, above right, in the Saginaw County District.*

2011 SAGINAW DISTRICT GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Finish	First	Last	Club	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
1	Alan	Pumford	KO	71	73	74	218
2	Micah	Skidmore	VVF	73	74	73	220
2	Mike	Stelter	BCCC	72	76	72	220
4	Bruce	Eccleton	PV	76	72	73	221
5	Dustin	Pumford	KO	75	72	75	222
5	Matt	Pumford	KO	81	73	68	222
7	Adam	Jacobs	S	78	75	73	226
8	Dan	Hughes	MH	77	77	74	228
9	Jason	Sturm	MH	77	76	78	231
10	Terry	Franz	MH	71	81	80	232
10	Daniel	Stoney	AM	74	83	75	232
12	Tom	Smallwood	S	77	73	83	233
13	Matt	Coulter		78	80	76	234
13	Peter Jr	Olgin	U	76	79	79	234
13	Brody	Schiller	AM	78	74	82	234
16	Justin	Bellinger	MH	80	77	78	235
16	Ryan	Gnatkowski	S	80	78	77	235
18	Adam	Haswell	AM	80	81	75	236
18	Edward	Meyer	B	79	76	81	236
18	Brian	Watz	RG	79	80	77	236
21	Parry	Hughes	SCC	76	80	81	237
22	David	Buko II	SV	74	85	79	238
22	Mike	Humphrey	MH	79	80	79	238
22	Roger	Pumford	KO	81	77	80	238
22	Zach	Turner	MH	78	80	80	238
26	Tyler	Spence	SCC	83	78	79	240
27	Tyler	DeShone	SV	78	83	80	241
28	David	Krueger	VVF	83	77	83	243
29	Christopher	Chaffer	GA	81	80	85	246
29	Casey	Colpean	S	82	79	85	246
29	John	Kowalewski	S	78	82	86	246
32	Mitch	Mulcahy	U	81	79	88	248
33	Nathan	Reinhardt	U	80	80	89	249
MISSED CUT							
MC	JJ	Waterman	S	80	82		162
MC	Daniel	Warner	MH	82	81		163
MC	Todd	Essex	TO	82	82		164
MC	Kreg	Sherman II	AM	79	85		164
MC	Cameron	Sich	S	77	87		164
MC	Mitch	Sikorski	MH	84	80		164
MC	Trace	Hendrick	SCC	85	82		167
MC	Joe	Howe	SV	84	85		169
MC	Mike	Leach	AM	92	77		169
MC	Marvin	Jenkins	S	84	86		170
MC	Garrett	Chronowski	MH	88	83		171
MC	Eric	Loberg	SCC	79	94		173
MC	Aaron	Longtain	U	88	85		173
MC	Brett	Phillion	VVF	84	90		174
MC	Robert	Fulsher	U	88	91		179
MC	Vince	Mosca	S	87	92		179
MC	Reggie	Williams II	U	94	86		180
MC	Bill	Kundinger	U	93	90		183
MC	Nick	Momrik	SV	95	91		186
MC	Sam	Mancina	U	104	83		187
MC	Eric	Frost	MH	95	94		189
DQ	Christopher	Nichols	U	84	DQ		DQ

SAGINAW DISTRICT GOLF SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP  
(Final Standings at Apple Mountain)

Div	FName	LName	Club	Friday	Sat	Total
S	Alan	Pumford	KO	71	73	144
S	Mike	Stelter	BCCC	72	76	148
S	Terry	Franz	MH	71	81	152
S	Steve	Yockey	SCC	76	77	153
S	Dan	Hughes	MH	77	77	154
S	Gary	Trumble	KO	79	76	155
S	Mike	Humphrey	MH	79	80	159
S	John	Kowalewski	S	78	82	160
S	Christopher	Chaffer	GA	81	80	161
S	Roger	Alverson	MH	85	77	162
S	Jim	Leach	AM	81	83	164
S	Paul	Martin	TB	84	81	165
S	Herb	Spence	SCC	88	82	170
S	Gary	Bellinger	MH	83	88	171
S	Ron	Stelter	BCCC	83	88	171
S	Bill	Coulter	F	89	82	171
S	Clint	Mills	SV	85	88	173
S	Sam	Jones	S	88	86	174
S	David	Bewley	F	93	82	175
S	Jerry	Waterman	S	87	91	178
S	Kevin	McDonnell	MH	84	99	183
S	Thomas	Coates	U	93	100	193
S	James	Dawkins	BV	106	88	194
S	Tom	Nichols	BV	WD		WD





Yudha Pratama/Strikes n' Strokes

Adam Jacobs, left, tees off in Saginaw County District play. Jacobs finished seventh, eight strokes off Alan Pumford's first-place, three-day total 218. Above, Tom Smallwood, a member of the Professional Bowlers Association tries to make a putt while his caddy Randy Rieck tends the flag..

**FROM COVER DISTRICT** Alan Pumford wins the Saginaw District Senior and Open titles with his son at his side

at Georgia State. I never really wavered on any of the shots until No. 17 (on the last day)."

Pumford was coasting along after sinking a birdie putt on No. 15. A bogey on 16 cut into his lead, leading up to his errant shot on 17.

"I was 212 out and the wind had picked up. I decided on the four-iron, but I really wasn't comfortable with it," he said.

"I never had confidence when I went to hit that shot, and it showed. I didn't hit it well and it landed in the water."

On No. 18, his drive landed in the sand trap on the right side of the fairway, some 170-plus yards out.

Alan Pumford's triple-bogey on No. 17 cut his lead down to one . . . or was it?

The walking scoreboards showed just that.

"We could see what was happening ahead of us, and knew we needed a birdie to win," said Nick Pumford, who didn't realize the scoreboards were wrong at the time.

"I went for it right then," Alan Pumford said.

"Win or lose, right there. I hit it over the water and the sand right onto the green."

Two putts later and Pumford had a birdie and a two-stroke win.

"That was just a great shot he made back there," Nick Pumford said of his father. "Thinking that we needed a birdie to win . . . and making the shot was clutch."

"It was horrible carrying his bag," Nick Pumford laughed. "I think I was more nervous than he was. I wanted him to do so well. He has always been behind me and my efforts into the game."

"I couldn't hit the shots for him," he added. "It is absolutely a great feeling. It brings tears to my eyes."

Pumford's two titles gave him a sweet feeling of a goal finally accomplished.

"It's something that I have been looking for a long time," he said. "It's an indescribable feeling. Having (my son) Nick here made it all that much better."

Mike Stelter finished tied for second in the Open Division, but he gives a lot of the credit to his father, Ron.

"If he wasn't there I wouldn't have shot a 72 — not even close," Stelter said. "He knows my game and he really helped me out with my putting."

"I tell everyone that we have 11 District titles between us," he added, laughing. "Of course, (my fa-

ther) has 10 of them himself. He has the experience coming down to the final round. We have such a great relationship together. It was fun having him there."

Ron Stelter competed in the Senior Tournament on the first two days.

On the final day, he caddied for his son.

"He caddied for me when I was going strong," Ron Stelter said. "So this was my turn. We read the greens the same way, so that part is easy. I was just making sure his putter was square to the line."

While his son Mike didn't win any titles that weekend, Ron Stelter had high praise for the 2011 champion Alan Pumford.

"No one can say he's the best player never to win the District," he said. "Now he has two of them." ♦



# Keeping Apple Mountain in tip-top shape

**MIKE GODARD**

*Strikes n' Strokes editor*

I have four sons and a daughter, and I'm very proud to be their father. They are all adults now and have started their own families.

My son Ryan is part of another family — his Apple Mountain family. Ryan is an assistant to Jason Farah, the Apple Mountain Superintendent of Greens. Ryan is in his fourth year, ever since he received his two-year certificate from the Michigan State University Turfgrass program.



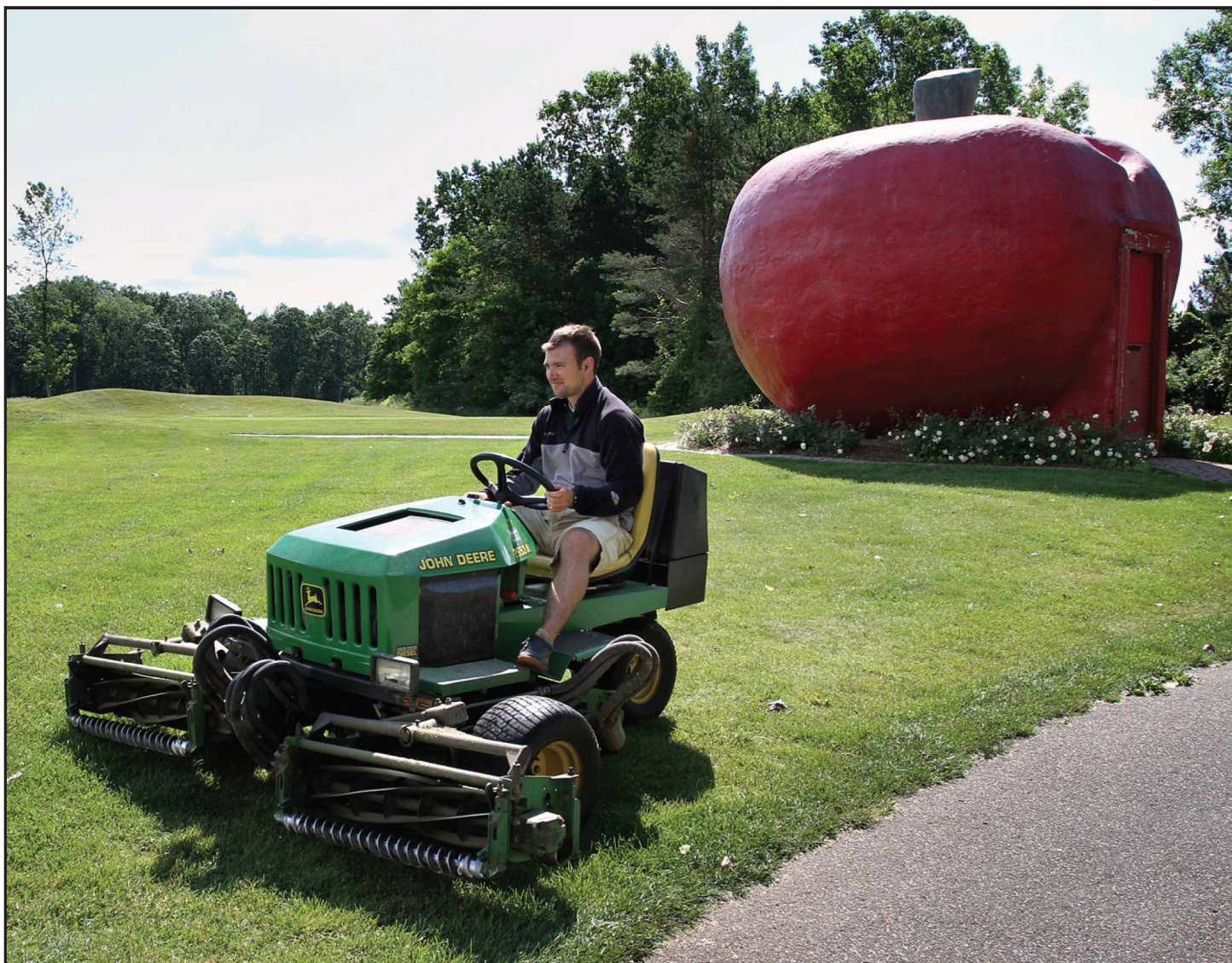
**Jason Farah**

Superintendent Farah has always been proud of the work done by his extended family. He was happy that their hard work in getting the course ready for the Saginaw District tournament hadn't gone unnoticed.

"I always tell my guys that they do a good job," said Farah, who is in his ninth season at Apple Mountain. "But it's nice to hear that from others . . . from the golfers that play the course."

"I have a great staff and two assistants (Ryan Godard and Tyler Waibel) that are on the same wavelength with me," he added. "The staff does all the work. I just give them direction."

Recently, I have been able to witness the fruits of the Apple Mountain grounds crew's labor, as Apple Mountain was the site of this year's Saginaw County District Tournament. I thought it looked wonderful,



**Mike Hollenbeck/Strikes n' Strokes**

*Bryan Madaleno rides the mower near the No. 1 tee at Apple Mountain Golf Course.*

and several players and tournament organizers were also pleased with the conditions of the course.

Apple Mountain was hit with more than three inches of rain just two days before the start of the District.

"We put the time into getting the course ready for the tournament," Farah said. "We spent a lot of hours trying to get the bunkers back in shape."

Besides the normal maintenance in getting the course tournament ready, Farah added a special touch.

Farah has worked at many major tournaments, including a U.S. Open, a PGA Championship and a Ryder Cup.

"There are some ways to dress the course up a bit," he said. "We will do it here for some special outings or tournaments."

Using a special tool and non-toxic paint, Farah's crew painted the inside dirt white above the cup, giving the hole the illusion of being larger.

Because the District tee times started at 10 a.m. on the last two days, there was public play before

the start of the tournament.

"We worked with Chad (Maxim, Head Golf Professional at Apple Mountain), and told him we could get the work done if we had two vacant tee times ahead of the District," Farah said.

"We felt that it was important the District had fresh greens and cut holes prior to the start of their play," he added.

"We didn't want someone to come back and say they missed a putt because of a divot or bad cup."

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**M**ike Godard **Y**udha Pratama **PICS**

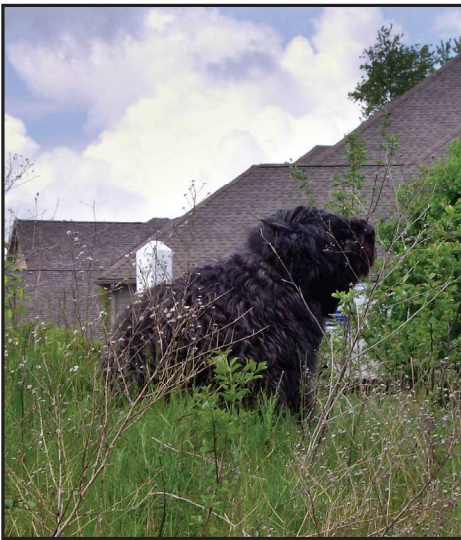
Our summers are busy, playing different golf courses around Michigan. With camera in hand, Yudha Pratama and myself look for out-of-the-ordinary pictures that are not always noticed by us golfers.

During the past month we gathered some of pictures that we took within the confines of the golf course. Starting from left top: The two birds were seen at The Coyote Preserve in Fenton. The two statues stand by the tee box at Sycamore Hills in Macomb. The Place Order sign hangs on the fence separating a cemetery and the Indian River Golf Club at the tee box on the No. 9 hole.

The turtle was found at Coyote Preserver and the huge bear, (er, dog) was on the back nine at the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club in Ann Arbor.

From time to time, we will find additional shots for our readers. We encourage any of our readers to submit photos of any interesting sights they have found on the golf course.

Just e-mail the pictures in a jpeg file to [strikesnstrokes@hotmail.com](mailto:strikesnstrokes@hotmail.com).







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Above, the oil pump in the background is at the Bay County Golf Course in Essexville. Above right, a bug catcher was found at Indian River Golf Club.



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# Enjoy your golf game; Tee It Forward

**MIKE GODARD**  
*Strikes n' Strokes editor*

By its very nature, golf is a tough game. Now, The PGA of America and the United States Golf Association (USGA) are partnering in an effort to make it not necessarily easier but more enjoyable to play this game we all love.

When golfing at a new course, I like to be challenged. I go to the tips and try to play where the pros tee off. When playing familiar courses, I play from the white tees. But what about the golds? Or even the reds?

The USGA has just begun a campaign to help people answer that very question. The Tee It Forward program encourages golfers to play a course at a length that is aligned with their average driving distance. Golfers can speed up play by choosing tees that provide the greatest playability and enjoyment. They can use a simple chart to find the ideal tees.

The program is being promoted from July 5 - July 17.

A Tee It Forward press release explains that Barney Adams, the founder of Adams Golf, came up with the original idea. By playing from forward tees, amateur golfers have the chance to play the course at the same relative distance as a touring professional would over 18 holes. By giving every golfer the opportunity to play from a distance that is properly aligned with his or her ability, Tee it Forward levels the playing field.

With many more golfers hitting approach shots with six- and seven-irons instead of hybrids and long irons, their chances for enjoyment increase. Also, playing from

Driver Distance	Recommended 18-hole yardages
Tour Professional	7,600-7,900
300	7,150-7,400
275	6,700-9,900
250	6,200-6,400
225	5-800-6000
200	5,200-5,400
175	4,400-4,600
150	3,500-3,700
125	2,800-2,300
100	2,100-2,300

forward tees should result in fewer overall shots, shorter distance traveled on each hole, and, potentially, fewer lost balls.

“The passion that golfers have for our game has the potential to be enhanced by the Tee It Forward initiative,” said Jim Hyler, president of the United States Golf Association. “This is an innovation that we think will appeal to golfers of all skill levels because it gives them a new challenge that better aligns with their abilities. We hope that Tee It Forward will be embraced by players and golf facilities across the country.”

Tee It Forward is not necessarily about creating a new set of tees, since many facilities already have multiple tees in use every day. It is about changing the mindset of golfers in a positive way—encouraging people to consider setting aside playing from 6,500–6,700 yards and moving up to a length of 6,000–6,200 yards or moving from 6,000–6,200 yards to 5,700–5,800 yards (see chart).

The 6,700-yard course that many amateur golfers play today is proportionally equivalent to a PGA Tour player competing on a course

measuring 8,100 yards—and that’s 700 yards or longer than a typical PGA Tour layout.

I tried that while playing Indian River on Father’s Day. I am not a long ball hitter by any means. I started out playing from the tips (3,250 yards on the front nine). By the time I got to No. 8, I had decided to Tee It Forward.

My sons, Ryan and Joey, and my playing partner and Strikes n’ Strokes Webmaster Yudha Pratama, teed off from the tips on No. 10. I was sitting in the cart, and when they came down, I took off.

I could hear them chortling “Where do you think you’re going?” from behind our cart.

I passed the white tees. The wise-cracks from the peanut gallery just kept coming.

When I got up to the gold tees, which were just behind the reds on No. 10, I had knocked 700 yards off my distance for the rest of the round.

I decided to look at how far the 150-yard marker was from the tees. My 150-yard club (in my case an 11-wood) is one of my favorite weapons in the bag.

My score went from 55 from the tips to 46 from the gold tees. But

more important than a better score was the confidence I gained and fun I had when I had an opportunity to reach the green in regulation.

That’s important. Golf is meant to reach the green in two or three shots, depending on par-four or par-five, and, with two putts, gives you a par for the course.

During all nine holes, I heard remarks from my sons like “You da woman!”; “Check that woman out for steroids!”; even “Don’t let that skirt get in your way.”

It didn’t matter. I was having success and fun at the same time.

And isn’t that why we play this game we sometimes love to hate?

The great Jack Nicklaus is a proponent of Tee It Forward.

“I love the game of golf, but I will be the first to tell you that there are things about our game we need to improve,” said Nicklaus in a press release. “Now, The PGA of America and the USGA have come together to develop ways to that can make the game more attractive and more enjoyable. Tee It Forward is the first of many initiatives we have discussed together, and I think families around the country will enjoy alternate formats like this to make the game more fun.

“All of us deeply involved in the game constantly encourage golfers of all skill levels to play the proper tees, but too often golfers want to bite off as much of the golf course as they can. What end up suffering are their scorecard and their overall enjoyment. This program should help stimulate people to play the proper tees and maximize the golf experience.”

I have tried it myself and will  
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# Successful fundraiser continues at Willow Springs

**GREG RICCARDI**

*Strikes n' Strokes*

The Willow Springs Fundraiser began three years ago for a sad reason. Sydney Gavan, then five years old, had been diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia.

To raise funds, three very dedicated people put together a golf scramble — Casey Gavan, the stricken girl's mother; Willow Springs co-owner Ken Moore; and Frank Gibson, a friend of the family.

Since then, many more people have become involved, and the story has taken a positive turn.

Sydney, now eight, has been in remission for more than a year, in large part because of a successful bone marrow transplant.

But the event at the Vassar/Millington area 18-hole golf course will continue, benefiting other people with serious medical problems.

Ken Moore told Strikes n' Strokes how it all began.

"(Casey and Frank) first came to me with the idea of a golf outing, along with a venue to test for bone marrow donors," he explained.

Moore, along with longtime friend and business partner Larry Warner, has owned and managed Willow Springs for nearly 20 years.

"All it took was a mouth swab and filling out some paperwork for potential donors. And, that first year, we came up with more than 160," recalled Moore.

"This year was really special, too, because it was the first time that Sydney was able to attend."

Casey Gavan is beyond grateful for the heartfelt efforts on behalf of her daughter.

"It has been unreal and truly amazing how it all came together," she said. "Our family appreciates it so much."

The Gavans, Gibson and almost everyone in what has come to be called Team Sydney attended Lakeville High School.

"Nearly all of us are from Columbiaville, Otter Lake or Otisville," said Gibson, who organizes and runs the golf scramble. "Sydney goes to Lapeer schools, so a lot of people from that area have joined up, too."

For its first two years, the event was held in mid-May; however, because of rain, this summer's fundraiser took place in late June.

These days, Sydney's parents are kept busy with many trips to Ann Arbor for their daughter's chemotherapy maintenance treatments.

But since the girl's condition has improved so dramatically, the mission of the fundraiser has expanded.

"Last year, we helped a woman in Davison who had some major medical problems," said Gibson. "The rest of the money went to leukemia research."

Casey Gavan reports that the 2010 proceeds went to the Children's Miracle Network, while

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*/Courtesy photo*  
Sydney Gavan, left, was able to attend this year's fundraiser, named in her honor. Sydney's mom Casey addresses the golfers that attended this year's event at Willow Springs Golf Course.



# So far, so good for Greenbrier Golf Course new owners

**GREG RICCARDI**

*Strikes n' Strokes*

He golfs; she doesn't. But that didn't worry Caro natives Dwayne and Gloria Hall as they decided to purchase the Greenbrier Golf Course this past spring.

The Halls thus became only the third set of owners at the 18-hole layout in its 40-year history.

It is located south of Mayville on M-24.

"Dwayne had played the course for years," said Gloria, "and offered to pay his membership dues (for 2011) last fall. But they (then-owners Burt and Tim Quinn) didn't think they would be opening in the spring."

Both Halls are retirees from long-term jobs—Dwayne from General Motors, Gloria from Hurley Hospital in Flint — and they began pondering the possibility of buying the course and keeping it open.

According to Gloria, the couple had no intention of going into business. "We went back and forth about it. Should we? Shouldn't we?"

"Finally, we just said 'Let's go ahead and see what happens.'"

For the Halls, the deciding factor was the opportunity to provide local support in a tough economy.

"We've just been in the habit of doing things in the community," said Gloria, who ran the Heritage Hall exhibit at the Tuscola County Fair for about five years in the early 2000s.

"We try to focus on local employment, and we've been very pleased at the support we've gotten. And we've gotten busier as the weather has gotten warmer," she added.

In keeping with their support of



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*Greenbrier owners Gloria and Dwayne Hall are happy with the early results at their golf course.*

jobs in the community, the Halls opted to keep the course's grounds crew intact.

"And they've done a great job for us," said Dwayne, referring to new landscaping and improvements that the crew has done on the cart paths and tee areas, in addition to keeping the course in good shape.

Another encouraging development: the increased amount of play at Greenbrier by area youth.

"We're glad that the members of the Mayville High School golf team have continued to play here after their season was over," reported Gloria.

"We even had some home-schooled kids and some children as young as three and four years old come out this year. And we've started giving a discount to students from other schools in the area so they can work on their game here during the summer," she said.

"Golf is a good, healthy sport for young people."

League participation has held steady this year at the course, and Greenbrier will be hosting a couple of fundraiser outings later this summer.

One will benefit several area residents currently recovering from in-

juries sustained in an auto accident, and the other will help maintain a local scholarship fund.

"We hope to have more (fundraising events) in the future," said the Halls.

In addition, the new owners are reviving the Sunflower Festival 4-Man tournament in late July, in conjunction with the Mayville Sunflower Festival.

"The course hasn't been involved with it (the festival) in quite a few years," said Dwayne.

Call 989.843.6575 for details on these events and other happenings at the Greenbrier Golf Course. ♦



# Bay City Country Club wins Halub Cup . . . again

**MIKE GODARD**

*Strikes n' Strokes editor*

The Bay City Country Club team enjoyed its home-course advantage in the fourth annual Halub Cup, held July 9-10, versus their counterparts from the Bay County course.

The BCCC golfers trailed 72-68 in the two-man, best-ball tournament after the first day of play.

But, when the match moved to the Bay City Country Club the following day, it wasn't long before BCCC took the lead for good.

With the exception of the battle between the head pros, Bay County's Brent Goik and BCCC's John Nowosatka, the BCCC golfers won

every other match on Sunday by a margin of 80-60 to claim the Cup for a fourth straight year.

"They got us, all right," Goik said. "The greens are so much faster here. If you hit the ball in the wrong spot, sometimes this course can be intimidating.

"Their members play here religiously," he added. "That's a big advantage."

Nowosatka said he thinks their course is a little tougher.

"They shot great at their course on Saturday," he said.

"And we stayed with them. Our course plays tougher; you can see that in the higher scores from today (Sunday)." ♦



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The Bay City Country Club captured the Halub Cup for the fourth straight year. The Cup features the best players from Bay County Golf Course and the Bay City Country Club in a modified match-play tournament.



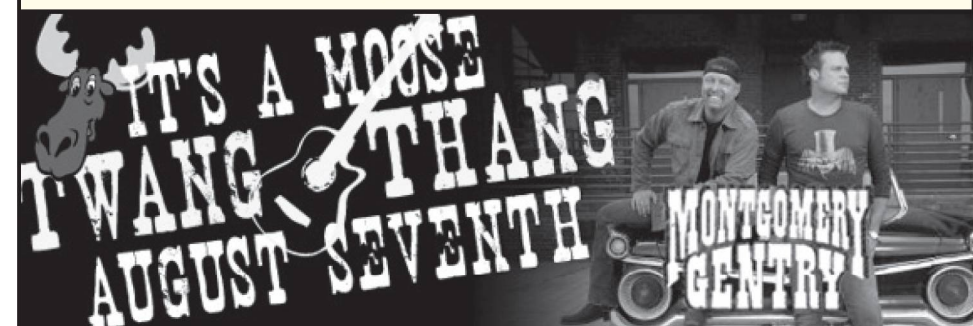
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Tom Merkle, above, blasts one out the back bunker on No. 18 at the Bay City Country Club. Below, Jason Holyszko, looks to sink a putt on No. 18 while playing in the Halub Cup tourney at the Bay City Country Club.



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# Swinging for a good cause

**MIKE GODARD**  
*Strikes n' Strokes editor*

The number of players was down. But that didn't diminish the fund-raising efforts of the ladies who participated in the 32nd annual Ladies Best-Ball Invitational, held in June at the Maple Hill Golf Course.

"We were down 10 team (20 players)," said Ruth Robinson, Tournament Chairperson. "But we raised more than \$500 more than last year."

Proceeds from the yearly event are directed to the Covenant Health Care Foundation Breast Health Center Care Fund.

The money will be used to provide mammograms for uninsured and underinsured women. This year, the screenings will be held Saturday, Sept. 10.

"Despite the economy being down, people have been so generous," Robinson said. "We had great weather and it was a great day out on the golf course."

"It was really a wonderful day," she added.

"We are looking at doing different things, but the tournament is always the last Tuesday in June." ♦

## Ladies Best-Ball Invitational (32nd annual) (at Maple Hill Golf Club)

<b>Diamond Flight</b>	
Darlene and Paige Pumford	77
<b>Emerald Flight</b>	
Lori Higgins-Sharon Bishop	87
<b>Ruby Flight</b>	
Sharon Schwab-Judie Conzelmann	89
<b>Pearl Flight</b>	
Lynda Beck-Kim Munger	93



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Above, Mariah Ferris watches her drive while Tina Everett, right, chips onto the green during the Ladies 32nd annual Best-Ball Invitational. In the below photo, Mert Chapin, Geri McCarthy, Julie McCarthy and Ferris celebrate a made long putt.





CURRIE PLAYERS TOURNEY

EAST COURSE SAT 25-Jun

WEST COURSE SUN 26-Jun

	NAME	INDEX	HNDCP	SCORE	SCORE	TOTAL
CHAMP	Gandy, Eric	+1.8	+2	71	68	139
	Coffey, Tim	+2.2	+3	72	73	145
	Marsh, Robbie	+2.2	+3	74	77	151
	Pickering, Mark	2.9	3	74	79	153
	Fairbank, Jordan	1.5	2	74	84	158
	Rousos, Andrew	1.0	1	82	79	161
	Fairbank, Carl	3.5	4	78	84	162
	Mulka, Mark	2.5	3	78	88	166
SECOND	Lincoln, Ed	7.3	8	80	74	154
	Roberts, Charles	8.2	9	78	80	158
	Kosinski, Jim	9.6	11	86	88	174
THIRD	Gould, Coty	10.8	12	84	82	166
	Haddad, Paul	10.5	12	85	87	172
	Ostyn, Joe	12.3	14	90	90	180
	Dutcher, Ron	13.0	15	89	93	182
	Doremus, Chris	12.1	14	88	96	184
FOURTH	Chatland, Barry	15.0	17	93	84	177
	Bell, Mark	15.0	17	95	99	194

Gandy wins Currie title

Eric Gandy shot a 71 and 68 to win the Midland City title held at Currie Golf Course.

“We had a battle going on the front nine of the second day,” Gandy said. “I doubled on the fourth hole and Tim (Coffey) tied me at that point.

“I sank a couple of long putts,” he said. “That got me going.

“I was hitting the ball pretty good on the second day,” he added. “I really didn’t have many hiccups.”

Gandy has been working with Midland Country Club Head Pro Jim Deiters.

“We’ve been working on my timing,” he said. “I had a rough go trying for the Michigan Amateur qualifier. But I am starting to hi the ball solid now.”

Gandy has sights on a couple Michigan based tournaments and the Midland City title within the next month.

Ed Lincoln captured the second flight with rounds of 80 and 74 to beat out Charles Roberts by four strokes. Coty Gould finished with round of 84 and 82 for a 166 two-day total to take the third flight title. Barry Chatland won the fourth flight with scores of 93 and 84. ♦

FROM PAGE 26 TEE IT FORWARD *Don't be afraid to try something different*

continue to Tee It Forward whenever possible.

While playing Timber Ridge in East Lansing, we settled on the white tees at 6,010 yards. But we should have gone the forward tees at 5,175.

By moving to the white tees for the four par-fives, we would have increased the yardage to 5,500 yards.

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Learn more on the Internet by using the search terms “tee it forward.” ♦

FROM PAGE 27 SYDNEY *Willow Springs fundraiser in its third year*

this year’s funds will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

“We’ll try to find somebody in the community each year who needs help because of a serious medical condition,” added Gibson. “But Casey and Scott (Gavan) have the final say.”

The key players in Team Sydney are lavish in their praise and admiration for one another.

“Ken (Moore) is a great guy,” said Gibson. “We couldn’t do it without him. And Casey is amazing, too.”

For his part, Moore has been truly impressed by the group’s efforts during these last three years.

“The work they do and the love they show is incredible,” he said admiringly.

Here’s hoping for Sydney Gavan’s continued recovery. A lot of good people will continue to root for her and pray for her.

“She’s the reason we keep (the fundraiser) going,” Moore added. “Frankly, Sydney’s a miracle.” ♦



# Where am I?

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Last month's winner was Paul Rickman, who correctly guessed No. 17 at Cutter's Ridge in the Manistee area. We had 26 participants with the last issue. We would like to see more. Just look for the answer within this month's magazine.

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