

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 LDM GA sponsors golf events throughout the summer. These events include the weekly Tuesday league, 9 Saturday events, 7 two day tournaments and 8 mixed events. The second page gives the schedule for these events. We believe you would enjoy the opportunity to meet and play with the members of LDM GA. All men who have season memberships to the Lake Doster Golf Club are welcome to join LDM GA and 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 annual "Information Manual" which gives the objectives of the asociation and describes the tournaments and rules, along with phone numbers for all members.

DUES STRUCTURE

The basic dues for LDMGA are \$50 if paid by the first day of Joey The Jet Derby, our first major tournament. For previous members, dues are \$60 after that date. 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 to ward 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 plavable.

The Tuesday league membership is an additonal \$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 warmst

WEB SITE

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GOLFER OF THE YEAR

The golfer of the year is decided by a point scheme as descibed 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.

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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 preceeding Tuesday 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 entries.

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-MEMBERS

This 36 hole event creates more interest than any other. The format is 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.

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Then, to: Jerry Bray, 26 Eagle Greens Ct., Plainwell, MI 49	080

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This long cold winter is finally about over. I see a few hearty souls have been out already. The back nine is playable, weather permitting, if you are willing to walk, although I've seen a couple of golf cars. The front nine should be playable in a week or so. You should get the OK from management before playing.

Speaking of management, Tim and Bart attended our last board meeting. We had a very pleasant chat with them. This year the club will add 10% to gift certificates won at our various events. Also, the expiration has been extended to year end. If you are looking for equipment that the club doesn't have in the proshop; see Tim, Todd or David. They will be glad to special order for you at a very competitive price.

Circle April 4 on your calendar. Our first event of the year the "Bloody Mary" will be played on that Saturday. This event is open to non-members. So, bring a friend and introduce him to the LDMGA. One of the things Tim brought up at the board meeting was that our LDMGA is unique to public courses in Michigan, according to GAM. I don't think anyone has more fun than we do here at Doster.

Last year, participation was not great for the Bloody Mary. This year, hopefully everyone, who is able, will be there and support the LDMGA.

Also, this season we will be trying something new. On two select Tuesdays, we will have a special 18 hole event. Hopefully everyone can attend these special events. It will be fun to get the weekend and weekday guys together again.

By the way, you have my personal guarantee that the weather will be real nice for the Bloody Mary.

Your 2009 President.

Steve Sieeman

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BLOODY MARY SCRAMBLE

Weather permitting, this first event of the season will be played on Saturday, April 4th. No sign up is necessary until you arrive at the dub around 8:00 AM. Scramble teams will then be selected and their handicap determined.

The annual spring LDMGA meeting may be held before we tee off. A shotgun start will be used, if possible.

This event is intended to help those who have a lot of rust in their game after the long winter break from golf. Come, play and enjoy the help from your scramble partners.

HANDICAPS.

GAM has a new handcap program which we will be using this season. There may not be much difference as you enter your scores, but the periodic updates should be automatic.

The official 2009 golf season for

Michigan begins March 29 so be sure to enter all your qualifying rounds from that date forward.

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2009 GIFT CERTIFICATES

The Lake Doster Golf Club will add 10% to every dollar spent on gift certificate prizes in 2009. The gift certificates will be honored until the end of the year.

If you cannot find what you want in the pro-shop, special orders may be placed with Tim, Todd or David and will be priced at retail unless worked out between the member and whoever places the special order.

Winners of all LDM GA events will be paid with gift certificates except for those events that are usually paid in cash, such as Member-Member, Kings & Queens and Senior Member-Member.

TUESDAY LEAGUE

The Tuesday format will continue to be played as net Stableford following the system in the "Rules of Golf" booklet

In response to interest expressed in the membership survey, two "Special Tuesday" events will be planned, details still to be worked out. These will be June 23 and August 18. Because of these events, the regular Tuesday League season will consist of 7 Tuesdays for each half of the season.

Furthermore, the scores that count for season winners will be the best 5 of the 7 weeks played. This is a change from the 5 of 8 weeks that were used in prior years.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Secretary Dave Fortune has gotten responses from over 50% of our 2008 membership to the survey sent out by email. He has summarized the results to date on our website at:

http://idmga.homestead.com/Member_Survey_results.html

If you haven't completed your response to this survey, you may still do so by going to: http://idm.ga.hom.este.ad.com/2009MemberSurvey.html

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The official Michigan golf season has arrived, so play em down and enter your scores in the computer.

Dave Fortune and Don Ampersee need some special recognition. Both have spent many hours getting our computer set online with GAM. Dave put out the survey that many of you responded to. He also is responsible for the LDMGA web site. If you haven't seen it, be sure to look at it. there is a lot good stuff on it. Don took it upon himself to meet with Par 5 and discuss the responses produced from the survey.Don also has been working with GAM learning the handicap details. These are two very dedicated guys who help make our association more enjoyable for all.

Ivan, Jerry, and Marlin have volunteered to mark the course. It's a big job , if anyone has the time, contact them. I'm sure they would appreciate the help

If you haven't paid your dues, be sure to get them in. I believe they must be paid to get yourself into the computer. L DMGA dues are \$50 and league is \$20.

By the way Lloyd Pylat had a hole in one at the Bloody Mary and got his hole in one insurance, because his dues were paid.

Your 2009 President.

Steve Sleeman

JOEY THE JET DERBY

Get a partner soon for this 2 day event on Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2. The format is 2 days of net best ball of the 2 partners using 90% of handicaps as calculated using scores from play at Lake Doster only.

The first place prize is a 2010 individual membership to the Lake Doster Golf dub for each partner. Other places are paid in gift certificates. Refreshments and hors d'ouvres are provided for all participants. Join in and enjoy this event, formerly called the Fast Freddy.

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BLOODY MARY SCRAMBLE

49 guys braved the cold to play in this 3 man scramble. The winning net score was 59 for the team of Mike and Pat Rabe, and Loyd Pylat whose score was helped by Loyd's hole-in-one on #12. Second went to Mike Hils, Herb Ayres and Larry MacDonald with 61. Bill Mason. Eriks Klidiss and Phil Baker shot 62 for third place.

The weather warmed into the 50's late in the event which was chaired by Don Ampersee.

HANDICAPS

The official 2009 golf season for Michigan began March 29 so be sure to enter all your qualifying rounds. The GAM program for this year is slightly different. Be patient and follow the screens to enter your score. It is possible that you will not be able to enter your scores until your LDMGA/GAM dues are paid.

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Lake Doster Senior Golfers:

Spring is here and it's about time for golf. The first Lake Doster Senior League golfing day this year will be Wednesday, April 8, 2009. Tee time is 11:00 a.m.

Please note changes to past years format.

League Play The Lake Doster Senior League is open to golfers who are 55 years and older. You do not have to be a member of the Lake Doster Golf Club or the Men's Golf Association to participate.

Weather: We play if temperature is above 50 degrees and it is reasonably dry. (apply your own definition).

Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m. Check with the Club House each week as sometimes outings get scheduled after the League starts.

Format: We will pair playing partners by random drawing. There will be two nine hole events. This allows each player to play the first nine (at 11:00 a.m.) or the second nine (approximately 1:00 p.m.) or play both nines. The cost will be \$1.00 for each 9 played, plus golf fees if not a member of Lake Doster Golf Club. Low net individual score for each nine will win that nine holes. Thus, two individual winners are possible; ties split the pot. Each team may play side games as desired. Each participant is responsible for their refreshments after the completion of their last nine holes.

Handicaps The Senior League plays from the gold tees. Full handicaps will be used each week. Those with established handicaps will use that handicap. Those with no handicap established will use 90% of the difference between par and their score each week.

Let's have a great season!

Tom Vogeler, Chairman 269-664-6559

JOIN LDMGA NOW TO SAVE MONEY AND GET YOURHOLE-IN-ONE INSURANCE

The bole-in-one insurance covers you from the Bloody Mary until the fall LDMGA banquet. LDMGA dues go up to \$60 on May 2.

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Jerry Bray has our membership total for this year, it looks like the total is the same as last year. I would like to welcome new members Glenn Nevelle, Bob Perino, Matt Kneebone, and Lou Gabany to the LDMGA. Some of the benefits of playing golf here at Doster are the various events and tournaments we have throughout the year. .Also during the week and on weekends there are different groups that get together, informally, and play. No invitation is needed to play with these groups. Just contact the pro shop or any member for tee times, showup and you are in.

You have probably noticed by now, that many of the white out of bounds stakes have been replaced by red hazard stakes. Thanks go out to Tom Vogeler, Don Ampersee, Jerry Bray, Marlin Kleckner, Bob McLelland, Bob Green and Ivan Henman for getting that time consuming job done. Hopefully this will speed up play. Remember, if you find your ball and play from a hazard you can't ground your dub or move any impediments. See more on this on the next page.

Speaking of rules, Mike Hills has contacted GAM and has scheduled a "Rules Workshop" here at the club. A rules instructor from GAM will be here June 18 for a one to two hour seminar. Details will be posted on the bulletin board by the computer and by e-mail.

I'm sure everyone is getting a little frustrated by the slowness of the computer when posting a score. Our computer experts are doing their best to speed things up. I'm sure we will see some improvements soon. Be aware you can also enter your scores on your home computer at the GAM web site.

Your 2009 President,

Steve Sleeman

JOEY THE JET DERBY

Dean McBeth and Tom Jacobs won the event with a total of 128 best ball for 36 holes at 90% of handicaps. Don Meitz and Bill Rhodes finished 2nd with a score of 132. There were 3 teams tied for 3rd: Dick Nowling/Dave DeWeerd; Jim Gesmundo/Eriks Killdiss and Dan Conway/Ted Whittaker.

On each individual day, there were 3 way ties for 1st with play offs to determine the winner. First day winners were Phil Baker/Brewce Larkin over Pat Rabe/Bud Jensen and Nowling/DeWeerd., Second day winners were McBeth/Jacobs over Gesmundo/Kildiss and Scott Cool/Paul Mulka...

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SATURDAY EVENT

The event played on May 9 was two man best ball using 90% of handicaps. Two teams tied at 64 for 1 st.: Dave Fortune/Pete Torres and Bill Rhodes/Dan Conway. There was a tie at 66 for 3rd between Bob Surslev/Mike Roberts (guest) and Dean McBeth/Bud Jensen.

Billy Martin and Eriks Kildiss chaired this event.

HANDICAPS

The handicap computer continues to be slow despite efforts to improve it. However, if you have internet access at home, you can enter your scores there at a faster rate.

Go to GAM.org, click on Member Login, enter your user User Name and Password. (Both are your full name plus 07 using no spaces.) Click on "View Handicap/Post Score", then, "Post A Score" and pick your tees and enter your score.

While logged on also dick "Profile" and be sure your email address is listed so you will receive your updated handicaps as they are released.

LDMGA WEB SITE

The address for the web site is: http://www.ldmga.homestead.com

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LATERAL HAZARDS

There are now red stakes marking lateral hazards along many fairways. The Rules of Golf allow several options when your ball ends up in a lateral hazard, all under *penalty of one stroke:*

 Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played; or,

2. Drop a ball behind the hazard, keeping the point at which the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped with no limit on how far behind the hazard the ball may be dropped; or,

3. Drop a ball outside the hazard within two club lengths of and not nearer the hole than where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard. See Rule 26 for all details.

If your ball is found and playable within the hazard, it may be played without penalty. However, the player must not touch or move any loose impediment lying in or touching the hazard.

A ball to be dropped must be dropped by the player himself. He must stand erect, hold the ball at shoulder height and arm's length and drop it. If the ball rolls and comes to rest nearer the hole than the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard, it must be redropped (no penalty). However, it may roll and come to rest up to two club lengths from where it where it first struck the ground and be played as long as not closer to the hole. See Rule 20 for all details.

LDMGA TO HOST RULES WORK SHOP

The Golf Association of Michigan offers a workshop on the Rules of Golf held at member dubs.

The instructor for this program is Jeanne Myers, GAM Assistant Tournament Director. Jeanne has been a Rules official for 22 years for the GAM, the USGA and the Michigan Section of the PGA. She has worked nearly 100 national championships including three U.S. Opens and fifteen U.S. Women's Opens.

The workshop at Lake Doster is scheduled for **6:00PM, Thursday, June 18,** in our club house. Make your plans to attend this informative presentation!

GOLFER OF THE YEAR

After a couple events and 2 weeks of league, Bill Rhodes is leading with 50 points. President Sleeman has 45 for 2nd. Tom Jacobs, Dean McBeth and Marsh Forsberg each have 40; Eriks Kildiss has 38; Dick Nowling, 33 and Don Meitz, 30.

There is a long way to go until we crown the 2009 winner!

SUNDAY MIXED EVENT

On May 17, the pairing of Bill Mason and Pat Nowling won the event with a score of 99. Playing at 90% of handicaps, one ball counted on odd numbered holes and both balls on even numbered holes. Marlin and Sherry Kleckner had 105 for 2nd. Bob and Cathy Green (event chairs) won 3rd with 108.

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2009 INFORMATION MANUAL

All LDMGA members are entitled to a copy of the 2009 Information Manual. Copies can be picked from the tray by the handicap computer.

The Manual includes many policies and positions established by LDMGA over the years. The phone numbers for all current LDMGA members are listed. Pick up your copy_ASAP.



After a cool wet spring, summer looks to be finally here, and not a minute too soon. I'm sure everyone will agree that the course is good condition. Be sure to repair your divots and ball marks, every little bit helps to keep the course looking good.

I would like to thank Eriks Kildiss for running a great Sat. event. Every one had a fun time, and it was good to help Jeff. Hopefully He will be successful at the Buick Open qualifier. We are all pulling for him. It would be nice to get as good a turnout for future Sat. events as we had last week. Every one, try to play in as many as you can. They are a lot of fun and you get to play with people you normally don't see very often.

Another thank you is due to Rick Zane for completing the hazard markings on holes 14, 15 and 16. We belive these lateral hazard stakes all over the course have helped to speed play. Keep up the pace!

A reminder: June 18 we have a GAM representative visiting us for a rules work shop. Please try to attend. It should be a very informative meeting. Look for an E-mail or a posting at the computer billboard for the exact time. (Now scheduled for 6:00PM.)

The Member-Guest is coming up July 17 & 18. The committee is working hard to make this year's tournament a success so recruit a partner and plan on attending. I understand a Sat. pig roast is planned. Note more details on next page.

Your 2009 President,

Steve Sleeman

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SATURDAY EVENTS

The event on May 23 was played as progressive best ball: 2/4,3/4,4/4 at 90% of handicaps. The winning team of Herb Ayres, Steve Sleeman, Dick Bryck and Don Meitz shot 212. Second went to Dean McBeth, Brian Gonzalez, Hank Norton and Matt Kneebone with 213.

This event was run by Pete Torres and Dave Fortune.

The event on June 6 was played as a "Shambles" and chaired by Eriks Kildiss. The team of Ken Pace, Mike Lee, Brian Gonzales and Gene Watson scored 174 for first place. Jim Fodell, Tom Jacobs, Dick Nowling and Ivan Henman shot 177 for second. In third place at 180 were Pete Torres, Bill Mason, Del VanBruggen and Matt Kneebone.

A portion of the entry fee was donated to Jeff Brokema to help toward his expenses of trying to qualify for the Buick Open. Good luck, Jeff!

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Your wife is also welcome to attend if interested in learning more about the rules of golf.

2009 LDMGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Sign up by 3:00Pm, Thursday, June 18, to get in this years event. The flight brackets will be set at that time. Entry fee was included in your dues.

GOLFER OF THE YEAR

Steve Sleeman now leads the Golfer of the Year contest with 100 points. Next is Jim Fodell with 60 points. Four men are tied at 55 points: Dean McBeth, Dick Petrick, Bob McLelland and Tom Jacobs.

THE 2009 MEMBER-GUEST

To encourage participation, the price will be reduced from last year. For a regular member and guest, \$380; for investor or personal cart owner and guest, \$365; for weekday member and guest, \$425. Extra Saturday night dinner purchases are \$19 each.

The basic fee includes 5 nine hole rounds with cart for you and guest, breakfast and lunch for both days and dinner for 4 on Saturday.

The practice round on Thursday is not included in the entry fee. Call pro shop for tee times.

Applications will be available very soon.

SUNDAY TEE SHIRT MIXED EVENT

This was played as a foursome event with 1 best ball from men and one from the women. First place went to the VanBruggens and Nowlings at 120. Second went to Casey Jones's and Jensens at 124. Brays and DeWeerd/Snyder shot 125 for third.

2009	SCHEDULE

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June 20	Club Champ. Starts	
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Pick up your copy ASAP.



We are nearing the half way point of the golf season. I think every one would agree it has been a great year so far. For the most part the weather has been nice and the course is in good shape.

We have a couple big tournaments coming up. The Member Guest will be played next Friday and Saturday. There is plenty of room for more players, so recruit a friend and sign up. The committee has put a lot of time and effort into this event. Every one who plays in it has a great time. Coming August 22-23 is the ever popular Member-Member. I'm giving an early heads up this year, so start thinking about a partner. The signup sheet will be posted soon.

Remember, if you are looking for equipment or clothing see Tim Hartson as he will be more than happy to get it for you, at a good price, and using your gift certificates if you have any.

As I'm sure every one is aware, the computer hasn't been perfect. Dave Fortune and Don Amperse have been working hard to get it straightened out. It seems that most of the problem has been on GAM's end. Recently, it is working fine. It seems to work better if you use the touch screen. Dave is looking into getting another mouse.

In dosing : I, along with the rest of the membership and management, wish Jeff the best in the Buick Open Qualifier coming up soon. I think it's great everyone pulled together and made it possible for him to play in it.

Your 2009 President,

Steve Sleeman

GAM HANDICAP SYSTEM

If you have internet access, you should be able to get into the <u>GAM.org</u> website by logging in as a member using your name plus 07 (joesmith07). However, there are some exceptions if your name was added as a member in 08 or 09. Only trial and error will tell unless you want to call their office at 248-478-9242.

The handicap service this year provodes your updated course handicap sent to your home computer each update IF your correct email address is in your "Profile" in the GAM database. Also, you can post your scores from your home computer. You may find this method more dependable than entry at the club.

SATURDAY EVENT ON TUESDAY!

Forty-four men played in the event on Tuesday, June 23. It was played at 3 of 4 balls on the front nine and 2 of 4 balls on the back nine.

The winning team at 154 was Scott Cool, Bill Rhodes, Jerry Bray and Ivan Henman. Second place was tied at 155 between Ken Pace, Tom VanHerweg, Phil Baker and Marlin Kleckner with Jim Fodell, Dan Bird, Larry MacD onald and a draw. In another tie for fourth at 158 were the teams of Jim Gesmundo, Dick Bryck, Del VanBruggen and Dick Petrick with Jeff Bronkem a, Hank Norton, Dick Nowling and Tom Vogeler.

Dave Fortune and Dennis Carman chaired the event.

SATURDAY EVENT ON SATURDAY

Twenty four men played in the event on Saturday, June 27. It was played with 6 holes from the red tees; 6, from the white tees and 6, from the blue tees as chosen by each team. Red, white and blue recognized the upcoming Fourth of July.

The winning team of Dave Deweerd, Bob Sursley, Dick Bryck and Bob McLelland shot 183. Second went to Ken Pace, John Light, Dick Nowling and Dave Fortune who scored 184.

Scott Cool chaired the event

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2009 LDMGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The matches have begun with several very dose contests going to extra holes.

Please get those still to be played scheduled as soon as possible.

GOLFER OF THE YEAR

Steve Sleeman now leads the Golfer of the Year contest with 180 points. Next is Jim Fodell with 124 points. Bill Rhodes has 120 for third. Dick Petrick now has 98 for fourth.

THE 2009 MEMBER-GUEST

You can still get in this enjoyable event. Contact any of the committee ASAP.

BUICK OPEN

Jeff Bronkem a will play in the qualifier for the Buick Open at the Fieldstone Golf Club, Auburn Hills, on July 23. Of the 126 entrants in this first round, the low 50 scores will play a second round on July 27. Only 4 players from this second round will qualify to play in the Buick Open.

The Buick Open will be played July 30 through August 2 at Warwick Hills. Let's hope Jeffmakes it!

LDMGA WEBSITE

You can find lots of current and historic information at the LDMGA website maintained by Dave Fortune. The address is <u>http://www.ldmga.homestead.com</u>

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LDMGA Tee to Green

YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The biggest tournament of the year is coming up soon The MEMBER- MEMBER will be played Aug. 22 & 23. There is still time to enter. The sign up sheet is posted by the computer. You have until Tues. afternoon to sign up. I want to give every one a heads up. Payment is due this Tues. evening Aug. 18 after golf. There are a couple qualifications you must meet to play in this tournament. At least ten 18 hole Lake Doster scores must must be on your handicap card and 3 must be tournament scores. If you don't meet these qualifications you can still play, but your handicap will be adjusted. The details are spelled out in the information manual.

There seems to be some controversy about holing out putts. Remember there is no such thing as a "gimmie" in a stroke play tournament, or for that matter any kind of golf other than match play, so putt every thing out.

Rick Riggin reports that the Member Guest was a big success, a good time was had by all. Next year's tournament is already being planed.

The computer seems to be working fine now, a little slow but Dave Fortune has been working with GAM to get a lot of issues ironed out. Remember you can always enter a score using your home computer.

One of the really fun tournaments is coming up. The Fall Match Play, run by Don Ampersee, will begin play Aug. 29. The Sat. event scheduled for that day will be scratched and the matches will begin. The format is 2 man best ball, partners are one low handicap(14 and lower) one higher handicap (15 and higher). First round play must be completed by Sept. 7. The pay out will be cash.

See every one at the MEMBER- MEMBER .

Your 2009 President,

Steve Sleeman

SATURDAY EVENT, JULY 25

27 men played in this "Designated Hitter" event. The winning team shot 201: Bob Sursely, Dan Conway, Del VanBruggen and Bill Riggin. 2nd at 204 were Scott Cool, Rick Riggin, (a draw) and Don Meitz. There was a tie at 206 between the team of Mike Lee, Fred Anderson, Brian Gonzalez and Ivan Henman with Dave DeWeerd, Steve Sleeman, Herb Ayres and Paul Mulka. Rick Riggin chaired the event.

MEMBER-MEMBER

You must sign in and pay up by Tuesday evening, August 18. The "multi-pack" format will be followed so you decide how many "packs" you wish to enter. To qualify, you should have ten or more 18 hole scores from Lake Doster on your handicap card in effect for this event, of which 3 must be from tournament play, or the entrant has played at least 6 times in the Tuesday league. However, members who wish to play but have not met the qualifications, may enter and play with a penalty of one stroke subtracted from their handicap for each round they are short.

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2009 MEMBER-GUEST

The Member-Guest was played on July 17 and 18 with 24 pairs participating. Four flights were used with 6 teams in each. The winners in each flight were:

1st: Billy Martin & Don Gwin

2nd: Gary Stewart & Doug Gardiner

3rd: John Light & Bob Barber

4th: Scott Rachel & Larry Rachel

The Shootout among the flight winners also included the Wild Card qualifiers of Tom Jacobs & Fred Kovalik. The Shootout winners were Light & Barber.

PRESIDENT'S CUP

Stormy weather on Saturday shortened this year's President's Cup to 18 holes on Sunday, August 8.

Jim Fodell won the scratch division after a 3 hole playoff vs. Scott Cool. They both shot 77 for 18, Pete Torres had 79 for 3rd and Tom Morin, 81 for 4th.

Jerry Bray was 1st in the handicapped, Stableford, division with 43 points. Paul Mulka finished 2nd with 42. There was a tie at 38 for 3rd-4th between Steve Henderson and John Light.

GOLFER OF THE YEAR

Jim Fodell is now leading with 299 points. Steve Sleeman is 2nd at 230. Six members have 100 or more: Fred Greaves, 125; Bill Rhodes, 120; Tom Morin, 120; Larry MacDonald, 119; Bob McLelland, 110; Scott Cool, 110; And Jerry Bray, 110. The results from the Club Championship have not been entered, pending completion of all flights.

KINGS AND QUEENS

The event was played on August 2. The format was best ball at 90% of handicaps.

Jack Kellogg and Ann Bray won with a 60. Scott Cool and Carol Greaves had 61 for 2nd. Two teams, Dick Nowling and Sandy Jones - Marlin Kleckner and Sharon VanBruggen, tied for 3rd-4th at 62. There was another tie for 5th at 63 between Bob Green and Ann Smith with Tom Jacobs and Pat Nowling.

2009 SCHEDULE

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COUPLES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Jack and Carol Kellogg won the Couples Club Championship with a combined Stableford score of 93 points. 2nd went to Bill and Jill Rhodes who had 84 points. Marlin and Sherry Kleckner scored 80 for 3rd. Dean and Carol McBeth got 4th with 79. Dick and Pat Nowling shot 77 for 5th.

The Kelloggs will chair the 2010 event.

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The golf season is in it's last quarter. As usual the season has flown by, but there are plenty great golf days left. So try and take advantage of the great golf days we have in September and October.

The Fall Classic is coming Oct. 3 & 4. This is always a fun event with 4 different 9 hole formats. Sunday is chili cook off day, so cook up your favorite chili recipe and join in. John Light will be running this event. He will be posting the sign-up sheet soon, be sure to sign up.

The Member-Member tournament went very smoothly this year. I would like to thank Jerry Bray, Jack Kellogg, and Tom Vanherweg. They were instrumental in making this such a successful event. I would like to also thank Mike Lee for getting up early and handling the bucket sales.

There will be some board openings this year. If anyone would like to be on the board, please contact any board member. It takes very little time to be on the board. So put some thought into being a board member. The success of the LDMGA depends on the participation of everone. SPECIAL TUESDAY

This event was played on August 18 with 50 men entered. The format was a "Mini Member-Member" with total net on one nine and best ball net on the other, using 100% of handicaps.

Steve Henderson and Ken Pace ran away with first place, shooting 93. Two teams tied at 100 for second: Dave McConnell/Bob McLelland and Steve Sleeman/Dick Nowling. Two teams also tied for 4-5 at 101: Tom VanHerweg/Gary Stewart and Craig Wagner/ Fred Greaves. There was still another tie at 102 for 6th: Dave DeWeerd/Dennis Carman and Dave Fortune/Dan Conway.

Fortune and Carman chaired the event.

Your 2009 President,

Steve Sleeman

LDMGA ANNUAL FALL BANQUET

Make plans to attend the LDMGA Fall Banquet and annual awards presentations on Tuesday, October 20, starting at 6:00PM. Your frugal Board of Directors have the budget expenditures under such good control that the cost of the dinner for members will be paid out of the LDMGA account. Non-members are welcome to attend, but at the cost of \$20.00 per person.

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2009 MEMBER-MEMBER

The event was played in 2 days of cool weather with a few light rain showers. The "Five Pack" format was used with two man best ball at 90% of the years lowest handicaps for the first day and total net with 100% of handicaps the second day. 28 teams entered Pack 1; Pack2, 22; Pack 3, 20; Pack 4,13; and Pack 5,13.

Jim Gesmundo and Eriks Kildiss shot 60 on day one to place 1st. Mike Hills and Scott Rachel had 63 for 2nd. Three teams tied for 3rd at 64: Dan Conway/Bill Mason, Jim Fodell/Bill Rhodes and Scott Cool/Paul Mulka.

Steve Sleeman and Norm Young had 141 total net on day 2 for 1 st. Gesmundo/Kildiss had 143 for 2nd. Bryan Gonzales and Ken Pace had even pat 144 for 3rd. Dana Tran and Roger Salinas were 4th at 146. Four teams tied at 147 for 5th.

Overall, 1st went to Gesmundo/Kildiss with 203. Young/Sleeman had 209 for 2nd. Tied at 211 for 3rd were Conway/Mason and Cool/Mulka. Fodell/Rhodes got 5th with 212.

GOLFER OF THE YEAR

The results from the Club Championship are still on hold pending completion of the final match in the First Flight. As of now, Steve Sleeman has 315 points for a slight lead over Jim Fodell who has 309 points. Ten other members have over 100 points, but with little chance on catching Sleeman or Fodell.

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LABOR DAY EVENT

This event was played as 3 net best balls of 2 couples using **110%** of handicaps. 14 couples entered.

Bob and Cathy Green, Bill Mason and Ruth Dwoinen won first with a 188. Bill and Jill Rhodes, Brewce and Janine Larkin captured 2nd at 190. Gene and Dot Watson, Marlin and Sherry Kleckner had 194 for 3rd.

The Larkins chaired the event.

2009 SCHEDULE

September L2	Saturday Evebt
October 3 & 4	Fall Classic
October 7 October 11	Sr. Member-Member
October I I	Derby Day Mixed
October 20	Fall Babquet

POST THOSE SCORES!

The Handicap Committee has been charged by the LDMGA Board to check to see if all rounds played have been posted for handicap calculations. Special attention will be given to tournament scores, especially those from the winners of each event.

It is the responsibility of every member to see that his scores are posted promptly after play. Failure to post can result in a "penalty" score being put on his record by the Handicap Committee.

The chairman of each event has been instructed to refuse acceptance of score cards until the scores have been posted. The score cards from each event will be saved and given to the Handicap Committee for review.

The slowness of the computer has been used as an excuse for not posting, but it is now working reasonably fast so POST THOSE SCORES!



Another golf season is about over. Amazing how fast the year has gone by. I would like to thank the members of the board for their time and effort in making this another great year. Also, I would like to thank everyone who helped make our various events successful. As I have said before, no one has more fun on or off the golf course than we do here at Doster. One example is the Snooty--Snotty event that was played last Tuesday. As usual Phil Baker, with that special touch he has, ran a great tournament. A fun time was had by all, and I'm sure the Snottys will do better next year.

On October 20, the Fall Banquet will be held. Food ,beer and soft drinks will be provided at no cost to LDMGA members. We have noticed that several members stay in the bar, and don't come in for the awards ceremony and meeting that follows the meal. We would appreciate it if everyone would please attend the meeting this year. Non LDMGA members are welcome to join us for the meal at a cost of \$20.

We will have the election of directors to serve on the LDMGA Board at this meeting. We now have 4 or 5 nominees for the 4 vacancies, but will take additional nominations from the membership. Plan to be there to vote!

Your 2009 President,

Steve Sleeman

HOLES-IN-ONE

There were two holes-in-one scored late in the season bringing the total for the year to five. The pay out will cease on October 20 so time is running out!

Dan Conway got his on #12 on September 29. Steve Sleeman had one on #3 on October 6.

FALL CLASSIC

This event was shortened to one day because of nasty weather on Saturday, October 3.

26 men played on Sunday as 2 man teams. The first nine was alternate stroke played at 50% of combined team handicap for the front nine. The A player teed off on the odd numbered holes, and the B player on even holes. Jim Fodell and Gary Stewart won with a net 33. Ken Pace and Jim Gesmundo shot 35 net for second. Jack Kellogg and Tom VanHerweg had 36 for third.

The second nine was Best Ball played at 90% of each plyers back nine handicap. Dean McBeth and Pete Torres got first with a 29. Two teams tied at 32 for 2nd-3rd: Fodell and Stewart with Paul Mulka and Billy Martin.

The chilli cookoff was a big success with lots of participants. Special thanks to Dave and Linsey for stting up the chilli fixins and cleaning up after us.

John Light chaired this event.

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After a couple delays, this event was shortened to one day on Wednesday, October 7. The weather was threatening resulting in several withdrawals, but 24 men played in the 3 man format. The 2 better balls counted using 100% of handicaps.

The team of Norm Young, Jerry Bray and Brewce Larkin shot 128 to win first. Second at 130 was the team of Virg Williams, Steve Henderson and Don Meitz. The team of Paul Murray, Jack Kellogg and Marlin Kleckner got third with 131.

The event was run by Dave McConnell, Jerry Bray and Don Meitz.

The teams were selected by draw after putting all entrants into A, B and C groups, with an A player drawing a B and C player for his team.

GOLFER OF THE YEAR

This turned into a 2 man race between Steve Sleeman and Jim Fodell. Thanks to Jim's making points in the Fall Classic and Steve making none, **Jim won Golfer of the Year** 343 to Steve's 335.

There were 69 members who scored points in this contest during the season.

SATURDAY EVENT

Eighteen members played in the Saturday event on September 12.

The winners were Dave Fortune, Rick Riggin and Virg Williams. Second went to Steve Sleeman, Bill Rhodes and Brewce Larkin.

Rick Riggin chaired the event.

2009 SCHEDULE

October 20 Fall Banquet

2010 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

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April 3	Bloody Mary Scramble			
0	Spring LDMGA Meeting			
April 7	Senior League Starts			
April 17	Saturday Event			
April 25	Sunday mixed Event			
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This is my first letter as President of our association. I want to first thank Steve Sleeman for a great job of leading the association in 2009. I also want to thank our outgoing board member John Light for his many contributions during his term. Our new board member is Ivan Henman. Thanks to Ivan for agreeing to serve with us on the board. Finally I'd like to offer some special recognition to Tom VanHerweg, Jerry Bray and Jack Kellogg for volunteering for another board term. I hope you members will thank all of these guys for their contribution to LDMGA. Par 5, as most of you know, has instituted a very generous program for bringing new members to our club. I think we all agree, for our Association to really be successful, we need to see some new members and particularly some younger members. If you sponsor a new member by December 15th that membership is free for 2010. If that new member re-ups for 2011 you and that member get a 30% discount for your 2011 dues. I hope everyone will take advantage of this program. The board has decided to also take advantage of this program by offering any of those new members' free LDMGA dues. They will still pay for handicap service and the league dues.

Many of you expressed concerns over the golf shop gift certificate program because the inventory has been so low. You asked us to address this with Par 5. We did that at our board meeting on November 11th. We met with Tim and Bart and relayed your concerns about the program and also let them know what many of you would like to see as part of the GC program. Par 5 is sensitive to our concerns, but they are not going to change the GC program for 2010. They have however committed to increasing the level of merchandise in the pro-shop next season. They will also continue the 10% bonus on each certificate and will still maintain their arrangement with Maple hill. I know this isn't what some of you were hoping for, but I hope you will be understanding and please support the club. I know we all want them to be successful. I hope you all have a very happy and healthy off season. I'll see you at the Bloody Mary Open on April 3rd.

Your 2010 President,

Rick Riggin

<u>2010 BOARD</u>

Rick Riggin (10), President Mike Hills (11), Vice President Jerry Bray (12), Treasurer Dave Fortune (11). Secretary Steve Sleeman (11), Past President **Directors:** Scott Cool (10) Marlin Kleckner (10) Don Ampersee (10) Scott Rachel (11) Tom VanHerweg (12) Jack Kellogg (12) Ivan Henman (12)

() = year term expires.

2010 LDMGA DUES

The LDMGA Board voted on November 11 to keep the membership and Tueday league dues for 2010 the same as they have been for 2009, except for new 2010 members who will pay a half price, just to cover the GAM handicap expense.

LDMGA dues for returning members = \$50.00. New members = \$25.00. Tuesday League = \$20.00.

Application on next page.

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LAKE DOSTER FREE MEMBERSHIP!

Any 2009 Member who pays their 2010 membership before December 15, 2009, will receive a free 2010 Membership Voucher. (Some restrictions apply - new member only, not valid for league or outing play.) Think wisely because you will be paired with this new member for a special discounted rate for the 2011 season and beyond.

Any questions, please contact the Golf Shop at 269-685-5308.

2010 Membership Application Lake Doster Men's Golf Associ		
Name		
Address		
Email		
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Birth Date		
LDMGA Dues for Continuing Members LDMGA Dues for New Members Tuesday League Dues	\$50.00 \$25.00 \$20.00	
Total Enclosed \$		
Prior to 4/1/10, send to Ivan Henman, 257 Deer Run Dr., Plainwell. MI 49080		
After 4/1/10 send to Jerry Bray, 26 Eagle Gre Plainwell. MI 49080	ens Ct.,	

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