

THE DAILY DIVOT

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Monday
American Legion
1st
 Bill & Mary Anne
 Stewart
2nd
 Don & Pat
 Savard

SILVER ANNIVERSARY FOR OLD BOYS

The Tamaracks Golf Course opened its original 9 holes in the Spring of 1981. Three years later we offered the first Season Pass for unlimited golf. It was a very successful campaign for us, selling nearly 20 pass's for \$115 each. Most of those were held by a group of retired guys who played several times a week, but always made a point to play together each Tuesday morning. So began the longest running league we have here at The Rack. The term 'league' may have fit very loosely for the first 12 or 15 years, but when a newly retired Dick Gates volunteered (*maybe he was coerced*) to become the face of the league around 10 years ago, it took shape of a real entity. The number of payers has varied between 12 to nearly 40 players over the years, but have never been known not to leave lots of



"The Tuesday Morning Dew Stompers"

tracks in the dew (or sometimes in the frost) on the first few holes, well before the sun breaks over the trees every Summer Tuesday morning. Without mentioning names, (**Dick Hammond, Bob King**) there are a few guys that have played for all these years, and

there are many who have played for nearly 20 years. To these guys and to all of our friends who have moved on to happier hunting grounds, The Tamaracks thanks you all! You're one of the reasons we get to be here for our 29th season.

It got quite nice during the last full week of March, and a few of the hardy players enjoyed a round or two between the melting snow banks and iced over ponds. Then on the last Saturday of March we got brilliant. We burned a snowman to mark the end of Winter. That began two more weeks of winter. I guess you could call the early golf season normal, some days kinda nice, some cool and wet. Unfortunately, the early season continued through June, July and into August, with more than normal cool days and not any reason to plan a day on the beach. Mid August started a pretty nice run of good weather and Labor Day began a run of just delightful weather that included 22 straight beautiful days into September. The streak ended after the last players finished the Santa Scrambles for Kids tournament

SUMMER 2009 A WEIRDO!

on Sept. 26th. It started to rain at 3:30 that day, and never got nice again. October featured at least 20 gloomy, wet days, and nearly zero really nice days. Although it was too late for golf season, November was a beautiful month. Many players who never got a game in October got several in November. I saw some of our more questionable pals putting through a skiff of snow on the 3rd green on the evening of Dec 2nd. But that was it. 10" of very heavy wet stuff came that night and we haven't seen the ground since. See you in the Spring!!

NO MORE BUMPS ON THE HEAD

The morning of December first saw the ground covered with snow. But by 2:00 the sun came out and cooked it all away. As only someone with true insight to the future can do, the most jolly of all gents stopped by for the last round of golf of the year. He didn't report much about his game, but said that he appreciated how smooth the entrance driveway was on his sleigh. He also said that his reindeer easily stayed behind all the railroad ties that were put out this year and noted the good condition of the grass because of them. Santa & Mrs. Claus come to "The Clubhouse" often and have voted our famous Coney Dogs as the "Best in Northern Frost Township" for the third year in a row.. Just another reason that we'll be here for our 29th year! Thanks Santa!



2010 NORTH-SOUTH
 NORTH 0
 SOUTH 2
 We'll be BAACK!!

This year all tournament winners must submit to a urinalysis and have their clubs checked for groove conformity.

Wed Moose

Men

1st Flight

2nd Flight
 Bill Stewart
 Jim Crane

Women

Mary Kay
 Chisholm
 Kay Burton

THE MAJORS

What makes a tournament a Major? First of all it must have history. Our first tournament back in the Fall of 1981, Tamaracks Open, started out as a two person best ball. A couple years later we started the Spring tournament known as the Morel Open. At that time both tournaments switched to 3 person scrambles. We had to put 3 bodies on each of the few carts that we had, and many of those had a hard time making it around our 9 hole course twice in one day. Along with history comes commitment. Neither of these tournaments has ever been cancelled, which shows the great support that we are fortunate to have. Just one reason that we will be here for our 29th season in 2010.

This years Major Season started on a cool, wet, windy day in May. Our tents outside blew down before the day was over, but 99 players started and finished the round. A new first for the Tamaracks happened that day. Three guys played together on one team, and their three wives played together on another team. In a feat that may never be repeated, they all finished in a tie for first in their flight. **John VanAntwerp, Wayne Haskin, and Chris Fletcher** finally succumbed to the team of **Shane Kelly, Recker, and Peiffer** on the second exciting playoff hole. Finishing third was the legendary team of **Greg Roy, John Hoeft, and Jim Cooper**. On the Ladies side, also finishing tie for first was **Stacy VanAntwerp, Becky Haskin, and Diane Fletcher**. They tied with **Carol Barnett, Trena Hawkins, and Rachael**. In a stroke of genius, they decided to leave it a tie, so that all six ladies are Champions. Third place was yet another tie. This time the team of **Sheri St. Dennis, Britney Hawkins, and Megan Hawkins** tied the team of **Kay Burton, Mary Kay Chisholm, and Linda VanVoorst**. The Tamaracks Open was played on a much nicer day this year to the delight of Andrea McCreary and the Harrison Sports Boosters that always works so hard on this event. The First Flight was a three way tie at -8, 63. Using the card handicap to determine the outcome, our friends from Clare, **Fran Loar, Dave Kyle, and Kyle** were this years Champions. The boys from Mt. Pleasant, **Sponseller, Sponseller, and Jackson** finished second. Like a kiss from Chet's sister, third place went to **Greg Roy, John Hoeft, and Jim Cooper**. The Second Flight was won by **Dick Harris, Keith Foote, and Frank Brohle**, followed by the mother/son team of **Joy Moore, Nick Moore, and Karey Garber**. Third place in the second flight went to **Charlie Heath, J.D. Krchmar, and Joe**. THANK YOU to all the participants of last years Majors for their support for the local causes that benefit from it.

SOME LEGENDS GROW SOME ARE BORN

The 13th annual Tamaracks Club Championship saw its format changed for the third time. While the popular Match Play format was retained, the matches were reduced to only 9 holes for the first two rounds which were both played on the same day. The shortened matches provided many very close contests, with several going extra holes to determine a winner.

The Seniors played their rounds on yet another wet summer day, with not all players getting the first two rounds in. After a couple of weeks Carl Van Note won a few good matches before finally losing in the finals to **Jim Porter**. Jim is a past Club Champion as well as a Past Senior Champ.

The Men's and Ladies started their rounds on a very nice

Sunday afternoon. The winners of the first nine continued onto the back nine for round two. In the Ladies flight they even continued on for a third nine to determine a Champion. It was nearing dark when a tired **Linda VanVoorst** outlasted an equally exhausted Mary Kay Chisholm to claim her first Ladies Championship.

Although there have been 13 Mens Championships held to find to best overall golfer here at The Tamaracks Golf Course there have only been 6 men that have shown that they can climb that mountain. Josh Farrell, Jim Porter, Dave Aldrich, and a young Pat Jesse have all had their year on top of the world here. Steve Riley won the first two Championships before leaving town

undefeated. All the rest; an almost unbelievable seven times have belonged to **Jim** (Babe Ruth) **Cooper**. Again this year he defeated Rob Hoffman, who amazingly enough, is runner-up for the fourth time.

The participants of our Club Championship are from the core of our golf family, and are another reason that we get to be here for our 29th season. Thanks to all of you. The Championship is open to all Season Pass holders and league players. Anyone interested in playing must sign up in the clubhouse before August 7th.

**Mon Moose
League**
1st Bill Sharp &
Ethan Carl
2nd Carl Van Note
& Wayne Mountz

**Senior
Scrambles**
Junior Senior Flight
(both over 50)
Jim Cooper &
Mike Hawkins
(we did use two of my
putts!)

Seniors Flight
(both over 60)
Tom Hecker &
Dale Stekl

Super Senior Flight
(both over 70)
Dick Johnson &
Ken Bronkema
Tied

Rod Curtis &
Ron Malone
Last Leg Flight
(both over 75)

Dick Lohman &
Ron Jessup

Women's Flight
(both over 39)

Barb Hecker &
Mary Kay Chisholm

Mixed Flight
(mixed their beer bag
with 1/2 Bud & 1/2
Bud Light)
Ed & Linda
VanVoorst

"You don't have to have talent to have effort." **Derek Jeter**

MINOR TOURNAMENTS MEAN A LOT!

This years Minor Tournament season began on a very nice Thursday in April when past Champions Craig Goldsworthy and Lee Bobo, Trena Hawkins and Linda VanVoorst tuned up their five irons to win the FP3 (five iron, putter, 3 balls). The traditional winners prize of a spot of Wild Turkey was substituted with another less demanding beverage.

Due to the Moose Tournament (and the closing of the Par 3 course) the Par 3 Shootout was not held in 2009. But it's not dead. This years event will begin at Noon on Sunday July 18th with Bloody Mary's and snacks while the final round of The British Open airs on T.V. After the pros are finished we'll play a par three version of our front nine that no one has ever seen. Don't miss this major minor. The Hooky Bowl is neither an Invitational, nor an Open Tournament. It will be held on the last Thursday of July, but only previous entrants will receive a notice in the mail. There will be no sign up sheet posted. To be eligible to play for the first time you must be present at 1:00 on that day with a foursome that has something in common (work together, all related, all in the same club...). Fresh players are needed as the same team has won this event two of the last three years. **They appear to be unstoppable!** The last Minor of the year is also its fastest growing. The Senior Scramble has attracted more old Men and Ladies every year. It's unfortunate that this segment is growing without being replaced in the younger ranks, but these folks are another reason that we'll be here for our 29th year!



STATE MOOSE TOURNEY A CHILLY SUCCESS!

For the second time in 4 years The Tamaracks was fortunate enough to host the Michigan State Moose Golf Tournament. Over 850 men from all over the state took turns playing 36 holes of golf on five weekends from late June into early August. Many even played practice rounds on Fridays. They all had a great time, but on certain days, that wasn't real easy. Many days were cool; almost cold. On one drizzly Saturday in late July it barely got to 60 degrees, causing a few folks to head home, forsaking their Sunday round. Several other days were not exactly a sunbathers delight but the players persevered. The most important part of the tournament for the players was the hospitality shown to them at the Harrison Moose Lodge. ***(The Best Moose Lodge in Michigan keeps the tournament coming back.)*** Of course, nothing can happen at any Moose func-

tion without volunteers. Dozens and dozens of men and women volunteered their time and efforts at the lodge and here at the golf course as spotters, cooks, and other support. Some got lucky, but many of them sat out on the course in lonely positions, fighting the cool, wet air. To all who volunteered a few hours, to those that were here every day of the tournament for up to 10 hours, the Harrison Moose officers, to all the Moose members statewide who voted to play here in Harrison, and to the State Tournament Committee (especially Mike & Pam) . To all of you, The Tamaracks says ***"THANK YOU VERY MUCH!"*** You're just another reason we get to be here for our 29th year.

The only suggestion that I have to the State Moose Tournament is; Give all of your prize money to the player who finish's second place in the second flight. He obviously deserves it.

*"My lack of effort is overshadowed only by my lack of talent."
Spike*



*Just a few of the Moose Volunteers.
They were rewarded with good weather for their fun day in late August .*

The Rack would like to send a special Thanks to all of our friends at **HARRISON REALTY** for their hospitality on Hecker Hill during to State Moose Tourney. They personally greeted every one of the over 850 participants, **TWICE!!** Not only that, but they injected hundreds of millions of Tom-a-Bucks into the state's economy! They're doing their part. **WE LOVE YOU GUYS!**

ANOTHER ROYAL SEASON!

It gets closer every year. The Friday night Jack & Jill Scrambles had another great year. Weather was pretty good for every couples night out until the Grand Finale. The last night was definitely the worst, but it was only a light drizzle in relatively warm conditions. When the teams were drawn that night there were still four or five teams that could have been crowned and revered by all for the next year. The Twist of the Night was that the cup on the 13th green was mysteriously placed right on top of the beauty mound on the left-front. None of the 6-person scramble teams was able to sink a birdie putt, but amazingly, only one team suffered a bogie. After play, while the contestants were enjoying their end of year steak dinner, the computers were buzzing trying to calculate who was really the superior team of the year. Finally, by a margin of only a single point, Rob & Sherry Hoffman edged out last years co-King & Queen Tom & Sharon. Last years other co-King & Queen Ed & Linda VanVoorst finished only 1.5 points back, despite their absence on the last night.



ROB & SHERRY HOFFMAN CELEBRATE THEIR FIRST TASTE OF ROYALTY WITH A TASTE OF "THE FINEST" IN THE HOUSE!

Tom & Barb Hecker along with Garth & Angela finished in a tie for 4th only 3.5 points back. The year long mystery person was only identified by three teams. Proving that he spends way too much time on his computer, Bill Trahan was the first to come up with the correct answer.

The Friday Night Jack & Jill Scrambles is open to any couple that shows up at 5:00 on most Friday nights this summer. ***Come on out if you dare!***



The Second Annual Tamaracks Vintage Snowmobile Rally will be held on Sat. Feb 27. 10:00 A.M.

Enter your '75 or older Snowmobile for huge prizes. There will be a ride to Elbow Lake open to all snowmobiles. A Dart Tournament at 2:00 and a big pot of Chili to warm up with. Come enjoy a winter day at ***"The Clubhouse!"***



Santa Scrambles for Kids

Men
1st
 Ron Malone
 John Lewis
 Jeff Malone
 Rob Kinear
2nd
 Mark Smith
 Gary Benner
 Richard Cornwell
 Cole Cornwell

3rd
 Doug Detering
 Rod Curtis
 John Weston
 Brad Weston

Ladies
1st
 Kay Burton
 Linda VanVoors
 Carol Barnett
 Trena Hawkins

2nd
 Bonnie Hilliker
 Ray Anne Waldron
 Karline Engle
 Kay Garvey

3rd
 Vickie Marvin
 Bonnie Mussel
 Linda Foust
 Barb Harkabuskie

Best Hole in One
George Greenwood
 Nice shot George!!!

Wed. Mens League A Flight

1st
 Scott St. Germaine
 Josh Farrell
2nd
 Lee Bobo
 Dale Stekl

B Flight
1st
 Lyle Stoner
 John Brown
2nd
 Tim Selbig
 Tim Weakley

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THE COUNTRY CLUB;
JUST A GREAT CLUB
IN THE COUNTRY!"*

Coming Events

Every Wed. at 1:00 thru
March-Championship
Euchre

Fri. Feb. 19 Hippy
Night- Live Music
Prizes for best costume.
Drink & Food Specials

Sat. Feb 27
2nd Annual Vintage
Snowmobile Run Prizes
for '75 or older sleds.

Everyone invited to
vote at 10:00
Chili Contest

Sat March 27
Fiesta Party-
End of Winter
Snowman Burning 7:00
50 cent Tacos
Cheap Beer All Day!!

Masters Contest dead-
line is April 7
Pick up an entry form.

Tournament Schedule

Thurs April 22 1:30
FP3- 2 Person Scramble

Sat. May 15 10:00
Morel Open -3 Per Scramble

Jack & Jill Scrambles 5:00
Most Fridays beginning June
11th Check for Schedule

Sunday July 18
After British Open
Par 3 Shootout
2 Person Scramble

Thurs. July 29 1:00
Hooky Bowl
4 Person Scramble

(no further notice given!)

Sunday Aug 15th 1:30
2 rounds of Men's & La-
dies Club Championship
Tuesday Aug 17th 10:00
2 Rounds of Senior Club
Championship

***(must be signed up
before 8-7-10)***

Sun. Sept. 12 10:00
29th Annual

TAMARACKS OPEN

"THE FALL CLASSIC"
"THE GRANDDADDY OF
THEM ALL"
"THE MOST MAJORISTIST
OF ALL MAJORS"

Wed. Sept 15
Senior Scrambles
2 Person Scramble
4 Flights **or more**

Sat. Sept 26th
Santa Scrambles for Kids

Sat Oct 30 7:00
Halloween Party
Costume Contest

Tues Nov 2nd 1:00
2nd Bi-Annual Election Day
Scramble. ***(If you can't
dream on election day, then
when can you??)***

Sat. Nov 13th 2:00
All you can eat Smoked
Pork Loin Dinner