

### **July 12 through July 15, 2011**

On July 12th, 14th, & 15th the Elk Rapids Golf Club held its 23 annual free Youth Golf Program and Tournament.

In the program club members provide free golf instruction to boys and girls ages 8 to 13. During the first two days, club members provided individual and group lessons to the boys and girls on golf skills including driving, pitching, chipping and putting. Instruction on golf rules and etiquette were also covered in the program. On Friday the 15th a special tournament for the kids was held. The kids were divided into age divisions of 8 to 10 year olds with a 3 hole match, and 11-13 year olds with a 6 hole match. At the conclusion of the tournament the Club provided free food and beverages for the kids and their families, while trophies, certificates and prizes were presented to the tournament participants.

In the 8 to 10 age division the girls competition was stiff! With Ellie Rickfelder winning in a putoff with Nicole Sands.

The 8 to 10 age division of boys was no different! With Nicholas Zagone winning in a putoff with his brother Christopher Zagone.

In the 11-13 age division the girls competition, Heather Brothers finished first, and Jack Hawkins finished first in the boys division with a handsome score of 33.

This event could not have been possible without its club volunteers. With a total of 48 participants in the lessons, and 43 players in the tournament our volunteers worked very hard.

A special thanks to Betty & Bob Kleinow, Mac Endo, Joanne Emmett, Debbie & Deems Smith, Janet Morrison Elaine Glowicki, Judy Oswald, Nancy Butson, Jackie Bowen, Gary & Joyce McDowell, Jeri & Gene Miller,(our grilling team!), Cheryl Knight, John Lawrey, Tom Gotts, Bob & Karen Kingon, Dana Vanoy, Linda & Jim Hoey, Ron Dork's granddaughters; Anna & Erin Gray, & Mike McDonald.

A big thanks goes out to our golf staff as well.

Patty McDonald