

Men's Golf League Competition Completed at Elk Rapids Golf Club

The end of August brought a close to the men's leagues at the ERGC.

The men's "Early League" is a four-man team competition with points awarded each week during the 12 weeks of play. Each team member accrues points through both match play (scored by holes won) and stroke play (lowest total score wins) against a player of similar capabilities. Handicaps are used to further even the competition. The winning team scored a total of 94 points, 6 points ahead of second place. The members of the first place team were: Peter Bacon, Charlie Thomas, Tom Stokes, and Bruce Stevens. Two teams tied for second place. The members of one of the teams were: Bob Kingon, Tom Jones, Ron Dork and Charles Knoppow. The members of the other team were: Ted Demas, Ed Cooper, Jerry Donnelly, and John Berst. Very tight competition! Top individual point scorers were; A player – Lloyd Butler (25.5), B player – Steve Ravezzani (23.0), C Player – Jerry Donnelly (22.5), and D player – Bill Coburn (18.5). League members expressed appreciation to Rich Smith for performing an outstanding job as manager and scorekeeper during the year.

While the men's "Late League" usually engages in individual play with winners having the low net score in their flight, the last week of play was team competition. Three and four man teams played a Ryder Cup – type competition which included 3 holes of best ball, 3 holes of alternate shot, and 3 holes of scramble stroke. An average handicap was used to determine net scores. Members of the winning team with the lowest score (24) were: Jim Goetz, Mike Hamilton and Pete DiMercurio. The second place team (26.75) was: Tom Jackson, Bob Kingon, Dick Larsen and Bob Williams.

During the final dinner of the "Late League", President Mac Endo announced the winner of the Chaisson Memorial Trophy. This competition honors League co-founder Tom Chaisson and his skillful play. The Trophy is awarded each year to the player scoring the most points in a skills competition that measures; long straight drives, precise putting, and accurate wedge play. John Grossa was the winner and his name will be engraved on a plaque in the clubhouse as well as on the trophy that he can proudly display on his mantel for the next year. League members expressed their appreciation to President Endo, Treasurer Jim McKimmy, and Scorekeeper Deems Smith. The Leagues members all expressed a special appreciation to Dick Larsen who managed the League's excellent dinners throughout the season.