

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

The end of August brings 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 96.5 points, 11 points ahead of second place. The members of the first place team are: Gary McDowell, Ray Duede, Paul Pierron and Glen Hoff. The members of the second place team are: Lloyd Butler, Ron Kuite, Deems Smith and Stan Sheridan. Top individual point scorers were; A player – McDowell (23.5), B player – Duede (23.0), C Player – Les Teague (23.0), and D player – Don Green (21.0). President Peter Bacon and his teammates did a great job organizing league play and special events. League members also 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. Two man teams played a Ryder Cup – type competition that 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 (29.125) are Bill and Bob Holdsworth. The second place team (29.5) members are Ron Dunbar and Pete DiMercurio. Very tight competition!

During the final dinner of the "Late League", President Mac Endo announced the winner of the Chaisson Memorial Trophy. This competition honors Late League co-founder Tom Chaisson and his skillful play. The Trophy is awarded each year to the player scoring the most points in a competition that measure a variety of golfing skills. Steve Breece was the winner and his name will be engraved on a plaque in the clubhouse and he takes home the traveling trophy that he can proudly display on his mantel during the next year. League members expressed their appreciation to President Endo, Treasurer Mark Viglione, skins manager Brian Perrault, events coordinator Ron Kuite and scorekeeper Deems Smith. The League members all expressed a special appreciation to Dick Larsen who managed the League's excellent dinners throughout the season.

The members of both leagues thank the pro shop staff who make the weekly events run so smoothly. And we all appreciate Chris Drummond and his greens staff for the opportunity to play on such a well maintained course.