



2005 Tee Times



Complete information about the JGA is available online at:
www.kalamazoogolf.org.

Tournament Schedule

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CONTINUING THE TRADITION...

The JGA was established in 1987 with the purpose of providing quality golf experiences for area juniors at affordable rates. Continuing with this tradition leads to another great schedule of events for 2005. The nominal \$35.00 entry fee covers all administrative costs involved with running the JGA. There are no additional fees to participate in the tournaments. Many thanks go out to the area golf professionals who donate their time and courses to bring this fantastic value to the community!

The July 1st event at Thornapple Creek is a dual event with the Independent Insurance Agent Junior Golf Classic (IIAJC). Open to ages 12 - 17, entry blanks will be available on our website at www.kalamazoogolf.org. A separate entry fee of \$35.00 is required if participating in both events.

Don't forget about the JGA Father-Son / Parent-Child event to be held on Sunday, August 7th at Eastern Hills. Entries will be available in July.



JGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR WINNERS

The JGA Player of the Year is awarded to the individual who has shown outstanding abilities based on the following criteria: participation in events, scoring average, order of finish in each event, competitive spirit and sportsmanship. The complete list of winners includes:

2004	Nick Carbary	2003	Patricia Monroe
2002	Nick Muszunski	2001	Dan Kucab
2000	Amanda Wilson	1999	Kevin Kremer
1998	Matt Doherty	1997	Scott Evans & Chad Scott
1996	Brian Rosenbaum	1995	Jon Cavanaugh & Matt Eldred
1994	Dan Meersman	1993	Paul Walker
1992	Kelly Wilcox	1991	Doug Biro
1990	Derek Haines	1989	Lisa Stover

Each winner has his or her name engraved on the JGA Player of the Year Trophy on display at Milham Park Golf Club.

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Visit our website www.kalamazoogolf.org frequently for the latest tournament information!

AGE GROUP DESCRIPTIONS

10 & Under

This division meets six times throughout the summer. The first three weeks will be on the driving range at Grand Prairie Golf Course. These sessions will concentrate on rules, etiquette and instruction about the golf swing. Grand Prairie has a fine teaching facility where we will be able to hit practice balls, practice our short game and fine-tune our putting. The last three events will be at Red Arrow Golf Club. These events will be competition by age group. The 8 and under group will play three holes while the 9-10 year olds will play six holes. We would like to have at least one adult walk with each group. Parent volunteers are an important part of the success of this program.



13 & 14

This age division is designed to prepare for high school competition. The events will have a tournament flavor and will enable the player to feel what it is like to play at the higher levels. In this division the boys will play 18 holes while the girls will play 9 holes. We encourage parents to volunteer to help administer the tournament.

11 & 12

Players in this division are expected to be able to play under the USGA rules of golf, keep score on the golf course, and total and sign their scorecard at the end of each round. These events will be treated as formal tournaments, which will give many participants their first competitive experience. The tournament schedule includes five 9 hole events at some of the area's shorter courses. This year we will be playing Red Arrow, Hickory Ridge Blue, Grand Prairie, Eastern Hills West and the short course at Kalamazoo Country Club. We want to have an adult walk with each of these groups so please try to arrange your time to help during at least one event.

15 - 17

This age division is designated to allow the high-school aged player to compete in events throughout the summer that will be similar to their school events. There are five events held at some of the area's finest courses. The tournaments are governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and all results are sent to high school coaches. Many coaches use these tournaments as a barometer of the progress of their players throughout the summer. The season-ending 36-hole championship is just before the school season starts, which gives the JGA player a head start on the competition. Both boys and girls will play 18 holes in this division.



JOHN BLOCK JGA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Each year, graduating seniors compete for one of the two \$1,500 JGA scholarships that will be awarded directly to the college or university of their choice. It takes more than just a sound golf game to be eligible for the scholarships. Awards are based on prior participation in the JGA, academics (cumulative 2.5 GPA) and displaying good character and citizenship both on and off the golf course. An application is enclosed with this newsletter and must be submitted by June 1st, 2005 to be considered. Thanks go out to Kalamazoo Gazette sportswriter John Block and Milham Park Director of Golf Jim Roschek for their hard work and dedication in

making the John Block JGA Scholarship possible. Recent winners include:

- 2004 Patricia Monroe & Timothy Fries
- 2003 Nathaniel Golomb, James Lettow,
Jeremy Sikkema, Joseph Byrne,
Lauren Eckert & Derek Rider
- 2002 Amanda Wilson, Nick Muszynski &
Bill Keselowski
- 2001 Justin Spyker & Ryan Eckert

Please visit www.kalamazooogolf.org for the complete list of winners!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...



Q Do I have to pay additional greens fees at each tournament?

A *No.* Your one-time entry fee includes all greens fees for each tournament. Regular greens fee rates at each course will apply for any practice rounds.

Q Is there a penalty for not showing up for an event I have signed up for?

A *Yes.* According to the JGA Code of Conduct, failure to show up for an event you are scheduled for will result in a suspension from the next entered JGA event. Remember that you are paired with 2-3 other players. Not giving us ample notice of a cancellation may affect the pairings and/or tee times of those other players. It is also discourteous to the host courses that have planned for a certain number of players. In order to maintain the integrity and stature of the JGA, we ask that you only sign up for the events you are certain you can attend. Poor attendance may affect the costs and ability of the JGA to find quality courses in the future to host our events. To cancel for an event you have signed up for, please call Grand Prairie at 388-4447.

Q My child is over 10 years old but has never played golf before. Can he or she still participate in the JGA?

A *Yes.* However, some sort of formal instruction is recommended, as tournament play is all that is offered for the older age groups. Formal instruction from local PGA professionals is available at reasonable rates. A schedule for many of the programs offered at area courses is included with this newsletter with current information available on our website at www.kalamazoogolf.org.

Q Can I request tee times?

A *No.* In order to maintain a tournament flavor to the JGA, there will be no tee time requests. We understand that there may be transportation concerns for some parents, but handling 400+ tee time requests is

impracticable for our administrative volunteers. Please be aware that it is your responsibility to verify your tee time and let us know if you will be unable to participate. Remember that most tee times will be between 8:00am and 11:00am and plan your schedule accordingly.

Q When will tee times be available? How do I get directions to the courses?

A Tee times will be available via our website (www.kalamazoogolf.org) only. No notices will be sent out. It is each player's responsibility to arrive at his or her tee time according to the JGA Code of Conduct. Directions are available by calling each golf course directly.

Q Can my child move up an age division? Can my child participate in two different age divisions?

A Each child may only play in one age division. We do not encourage moving up an age division, but if this option is taken, that will be the only division in which your child may participate.

Q Where can I find tournament results?

A All results will be posted on our website at www.kalamazoogolf.org.

Q What is the JGA scholarship?

A The JGA scholarship is awarded each year to two graduating high school seniors who have participated in the JGA program, shown academic achievement and have displayed superior character and good citizenship both on the golf course and in their daily lives. Applications are available in this newsletter or off our website and must be received by June 1st to be considered.

INSTRUCTIONAL & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES



Junior Instructional Clinics

Grand Prairie Golf Course (388-4447) will host a series of instructional clinics for juniors. These clinics will cover the basic fundamentals of golf including short game, swing mechanics and trouble shots, as well as rules, etiquette and course management. Classes will be limited to 10 students per timeframe, so sign up early!

- Session 1: Saturdays, May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
 1:00pm - 2:15pm, ages 8 & under
 2:30pm - 3:45pm, ages 9 - 13
 Cost: \$40.00
- Session 2: Tue & Thu, May 7th, 14th, 21st, Jun 2nd
 4:00pm - 5:15pm, ages 9 & under
 5:30pm - 6:45pm, ages 10 & older
 Cost: \$40.00
- Session 3: Tuesday - Thursday, June 7th - 9th
 4:00pm - 5:30pm, ages 8 & under
 5:45pm - 7:15pm, ages 9 - 13
 Cost: \$40.00
- Session 4: Tuesday - Thursday, June 14th - 16th
 4:00pm - 5:30pm, ages 8 & under
 5:45pm - 7:15pm, ages 9 - 13
 Cost: \$40.00
- Session 5: Tue & Thu, June 13th, 15th, 20th, 22nd
 3:00pm - 4:15pm, ages 8 & under
 4:30pm - 5:45pm, ages 9 - 13
 Cost: \$40.00

Nike Junior Golf Camps

Eastern Hills will once again host Nike Junior Golf Camps. These camps are geared towards the slightly more serious junior golfer age 7 - 15. Campers will have a chance to fine-tune their chipping, putting, bunker play, driving and iron play. There will even be a chance for on-course instruction. Each camper will receive a Nike amenity package including NIKE golf balls, workbook, hat and poster. Session dates are as follows:



- Session 1: Monday - Friday, June 13th - 17th
 1:00pm - 4:00pm, ages 7 - 15
- Session 2: Monday - Friday, June 20th - 24th
 1:00am - 4:00pm, ages 7 - 15

Cost for each session is \$195.00. Sign up using the link off the JGA website or call US Sports Camps at 1-800-645-3226.

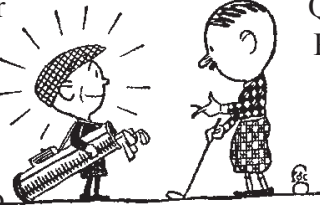
Links to the Future Golf Academy

This unique Academy is a grant-funded program sponsored by the City of Kalamazoo Parks and Recreation and the Kalamazoo Municipal Golf Association. The program meets twice a week for 7 weeks during the summer and participants are not only challenged to improve their golf game, they are challenged to improve every aspect of their life. They receive a hands on look at the golf industry while learning the fundamentals of the game. The program is limited to 15 participants who are selected based on certain criteria by local youth organizations and schools. Contact the City of Kalamazoo Parks and Recreation at 337-8191 for more information.



Junior Golf League

Grand Prairie will host two junior golf leagues this summer, one on Mondays and one on Wednesdays. Leagues will run from June 13th through August 17th. The Monday League has an 11 & under division and a 12 & over division. The Wednesday League is for 12 & over only. Both leagues will start at 10:30am with the younger participants teeing off first on Monday. Participants will be randomly paired into teams and play for prizes to be awarded at the end of the year. Cost to join each league is \$15.00. Participants will then pay the daily greens fee rate of \$6.00 each time they play. A ten-round pass is available for \$55.00. Call 388-4447 to sign up!



Other Events:

-JGA Father-Son / Parent-Child Tournament - Eastern Hills GC, Sunday, August 7th. Information available in July at Eastern Hills, 385-8175
-Westfield Junior PGA Championship
Qualifiers statewide in June. Contact Michigan PGA at 734-522-2323 or go online at michigan.pga.com or pga.com for information.
-PGA Junior Clinic
Grand Prairie GC, Saturday, June 11th from 10:00am to 12:00noon. Free clinic sponsored by the Michigan PGA for all-ages of juniors. Pizza & pop provided.

FOR THE PARENTS...

Link Up 2 Golf

Nationally dubbed as America's "Welcome to Golf" Program, this program includes 8 hours of group instruction including on-course playing lessons. Program cost is \$129.95 and is available at the following golf courses:

Milham Park Golf Club - 344-7639

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
April 26th, 28th, May 3rd, 5th

Grand Prairie Golf Course - 388-4447

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
April 25th, 27th, May 2nd, 4th

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
May 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th

To sign up or for more information, call your favorite course or visit www.playgolfamerica.com!



Beginning Golf Classes for Adults

These classes are geared towards adults with little or no experience. Classes will cover basic fundamentals of grip, stance, posture and swing. By the end of the class, you will be confident enough to play this game of a lifetime!



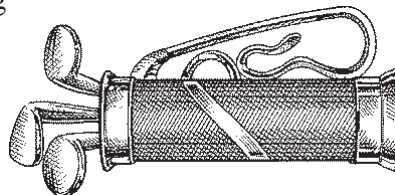
Session 1: Tuesdays & Thursdays
May 10th, 12th, 17th, & 19th
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Session 2: Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday
June 21st, 22nd, 23rd
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Cost for each session is \$60.00. More dates will be added throughout the summer. Call Grand Prairie Golf Course at 388-4447 to sign up!

JUNIOR GOLF EQUIPMENT

Looking for junior golf equipment? This year Grand Prairie Golf Course will be your junior golf equipment headquarters featuring **PowerBilt** golf clubs. These sets are color-coded based on age and height and come as a set with a quality stand bag. Clubs designed for kids are better than cutting down adult clubs because they



will be lighter, balanced better, have the proper shaft flex and proper grip size. Using golf equipment that doesn't fit properly as a junior can cause poor swing habits that will haunt a golfer for the rest of his or her life. Gloves, balls, shoes and apparel will also be offered. Look for the JGA coupon in this newsletter for even greater savings at Grand Prairie!

JGA CODE OF CONDUCT

The JGA provides worthwhile golf activities which can be pursued throughout life and which helps to develop character, sportsmanship and the life values of integrity, honesty, self-discipline and competitive spirit. In order to continue making the JGA tournaments enjoyable for everyone, the Association requires all members to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the *Code of Conduct*. Its purpose is to help JGA participants grow and mature by understanding and accepting the consequences of their actions. Violation of the Code of Conduct guidelines can result in tournament penalties and/or disqualification and if repeated, could result in suspension of membership. The following is a Code of Conduct, which is a guideline for junior golfers to follow throughout the tournament season, both on and off the course. It is not intended to intimidate players, but to help JGA participants understand the consequences of their actions.

1. TOURNAMENT CANCELLATIONS, NO SHOWS, AND WITHDRAWALS

The largest single problem facing the JGA relating to tournament administration is the failure of junior golfers to meet their scheduled tee times. The result is confusion at tournaments and causes considerable embarrassment to the association in its important relationship with the local golf course professional. The following policy has been adopted by the JGA to impress upon the junior golfers their responsibility to the association:

Any golfer who fails to give 48 hour prior notice of cancellation (Withdrawn – WD) and does not show up (No Show – NS) is suspended from the next entered JGA tournament. A second violation in a season results in suspension from all remaining tournaments without refund. If the violation falls on the last tournament of the season, the suspension will carry over to the following year.

To withdraw from a tournament, please call Grand Prairie at 388-4447. The JGA will publish on its website a list of NO SHOWS for all JGA events.

2. TOURNAMENT CONFIRMATION AND TEE TIMES

The JGA does NOT confirm acceptance in the association nor tee times for an event by mail or by phone (we do not call you). You may find all tee times and registration lists on the JGA website at www.kalamazoogolf.org. The official tee sheet will be located at Grand Prairie Golf Club until the day of the event, in which case it will be at the host site. The JGA reserves the right to adjust your tee time by 10 minutes without notice, and with notification if more than 10 minutes.

3. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

Entrants must check in at the starter's table to confirm tee time and receive scorecard 15 minutes before their scheduled tee time. The USGA Rule 6-3 concerning disqualification may be enforced for late arrivals. In the event of inclement weather, a decision to hold or cancel the event will be made as soon as possible (usually by the first scheduled tee time) on the morning of the event. Tee times may be delayed up to 1 hour, but the event will be canceled if play cannot be started within 1 hour. You are still expected to arrive for your scheduled tee time even if the weather looks bad - it may not be bad at the tournament site. Play will be immediately discontinued whenever there is lightning present.

4. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, CADDIES, PACE OF PLAY

The JGA highly encourage parents to participate in their child's progress with the game of golf. However, the JGA recommends that parents act only as observers during events, not caddies. Parents are encouraged to help with pace of play and finding lost balls, but shall defer all rulings to the JGA staff. (Please see USGA Rule 8-1 regarding the 2-stroke penalty for advice.) The use of caddies or power carts is prohibited for all participants, except in the 10 & under age group, where parents may act as caddies. Pace of Play will be monitored and appropriate penalties assessed when necessary.

5. SPECIFIC CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS INCLUDE:

- Lack of respect to the scorer, tournament officials or another player.
- Failure to abide by the Rules of Golf or a decision by an official.
- Damage to green and/or other course property.
- Throwing clubs.
- Obscene or vulgar language.
- Use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs (unless medically prescribed) during play.
- Poor conduct or behavior in general.

6. CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATION PENALTIES:

One-stroke penalty for the initial act of unsportsmanlike behavior on the golf course. Upon a second infraction or a serious violation of the code, a player may be immediately disqualified from the tournament at which the violation occurs and may receive a suspension of membership.

Visit our website at:
www.kalamazoogolf.org for complete
information including:

Printable entry blank
Tournament schedule
Code of Conduct
Tee Times & Results
Description of age groups
Frequently Asked Questions
Player of the year winners
John Block Scholarship winners
John Block Scholarship application
Instructional Clinics schedule
...and more!

JGA Quick Facts:

Established - 1987
Phone # - 388-4447
2004 total participants - 365
2005 entry fee - \$35.00
Entry deadline - June 11th, 2005

**10% off
Junior Golf
Equipment at:**

Grand Prairie G.C.

3620 Grand Prairie Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49006
269-388-4447

(With this coupon)
expires 8-31-05

Junior Golf Association
c/o Grand Prairie Golf Course
3620 Grand Prairie Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49006
(269) 388-4447

2005 JGA ENTRY FORM

\$35.00 entry fee (checks payable to: Junior Golf Association) and completed entry form must be received by 12:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 11th to be eligible to participate.

Mail to: *JGA c/o Grand Prairie Golf Course - 3620 Grand Prairie Road - Kalamazoo, MI 49006*

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Birthday: ___/___/___ Age: ___ Male ___ Female ___ High School _____

Graduation Year _____ Average 9 Hole Score: _____ at Course: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Emergency Phone: _____ Emergency Contact Name _____

Please select one age group and check events to participate in below:

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2005 JGA Parent Permission

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the 2005 JGA of Southwest Michigan Golf Program. I realize that the Junior Golf Staff will do everything possible to offer a safe and injury free program. By signing below, I agree not to hold any program sponsors or staff responsible for any injuries that might occur as a result of my child's participation in this program. I have read and understand the JGA Code of Conduct and will abide by all decisions involving a breach of the Code of Conduct.

Parent's Signature _____

Child's Name: _____

Date: _____