103rd Michigan Amateur Championship
Conducted by the Golf Association of Michigan
JUNE 16-20, 2014
BELVEDERE GOLF CLUB
CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN
ENTRY DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2014

ELIGIBILITY
Entries are open to amateur golfers residing in Michigan since April 1, 2014, with a GAM/USGA Handicap Index at time of entry not exceeding 5.4 strokes. Eligible contestants will receive a confirmation by e-mail if an address is provided. Verification of entry may also be accomplished by logging on to www.gam.org and clicking on the Championship you have entered.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING ROUNDS-
18-Hole Stroke Play for all except exempt players.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS- 156 Players eligible
STROKE PLAY- 36 holes to determine 64 players for match play. All sectional qualifiers and exempt players shall compete.
Monday, June 16- First round, 18 holes stroke play.
Tuesday, June 17- Second round, 18 holes stroke play. A tie for the final spot in match play shall be decided immediately after completion of the second round by a hole-by-hole playoff.

MATCH PLAY- USGA general numerical draw shall be used. The stipulated round shall be extended to as many holes as necessary for the match to be won.

Wednesday, June 18 AM - Round of 64, 18 holes.
PM - Round of 32, 18 holes.
Thursday, June 19 AM - Round of 16, 18 holes.
PM - Quarterfinals, 18 holes.
Friday, June 20 AM - Semifinals, 18 holes.
PM - Finals, 18 holes.

CONDITIONS & SCHEDULES
The Michigan Amateur Championship Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. The decision of the Championship Committee in any matter shall be final.

PRIZES
Medals will be awarded to sectional qualifying Medalists, and prizes will be awarded to the Champion, Runner-Up, and 36-Hole Medalist. The Champion’s name will be engraved on the Michigan Amateur Staghorn Trophy and the 36-Hole Medalist’s name will be engraved on the Charles Koscis Medalist Trophy.

ACCEPTANCE OF PLACES, NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL
On the day of Sectional Qualifying, every qualifier should notify the Official-In-Charge or GAM staff whether he will play in the Championship. If a qualifier or exempt player decides not to compete, he must notify the Association office promptly.

ONE BALL RULE AND NON-METALLIC SPIKE POLICY
The One Ball Rule and the Non-Metallic Spike Policy are both in effect for this Championship and all qualifiers.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES
In this championship, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. Use of a device that is designed to measure other conditions will result in disqualification. A prohibited device shall include any cell phone or smart phone (e.g., i-phone, blackberry, etc.) capable of operating an application for yardage or other conditions of golf information.

ENTRIES: FORM, FEE, DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2014
All entrants, including exempt players, shall make application on GAM forms, obtainable from the GAM website, www.gam.org or the GAM office. Copies are acceptable. Only one entry per person. Entry fee of $135 (GAM member) or $180 (Non-Member) shall be paid at time of application by every applicant. Entry fee will be refunded for any reason if the GAM office is notified (248-478-9242, ext. 24) before entries close on April 30. After April 30, entry fee will be refunded only in the event of injury or illness verified by a doctor’s statement. There will be a $25 service charge deducted from all refunds. No refunds will be given for any reason after your assigned qualifying date or if exempt after June 16. Any player whose check is returned due to insufficient funds will have his entry denied and returned. Entry applications and fee must reach the GAM office by on Wednesday, April 30, 2014. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The date of a postmark is not relevant. Fax transmittals will not be accepted. The entry fee covers the Sectional Qualifying Round, practice rounds for competitors at the Championship site and the Championship schedule. Fees and times for practice rounds at sectional qualifying sites are at the discretion of the host club/course.

CADDIES, AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION
An entrant may provide his own caddie or carry his own clubs for sectional qualifying or any phase of the Championship. Players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round. Pull carts may be allowed at Sectional qualifying sites and at the Championship site only if the host facility permits. Players should check the players’ memo at www.gam.org.

SWEET 16 DINNER
The dinner will be held at the Belvedere Casino on Wednesday evening, June 18, following the first two rounds of match play. Winners of their second match and one guest are invited to attend the dinner as guests of the GAM. Other guests are welcome to attend at a cost of $25.

SECOND CHANCE QUALIFIER
A second chance qualifier will be held at Owosso CC on Wednesday, June 4. The qualifier will be open to any player who has failed to qualify, but who has posted an 18-hole score in one of the eleven 2014 regular qualifiers. Entries will be available online 8:00 a.m., May 28th, 2014. The fee is $100.
Golf Association of Michigan
Tournament
Player’s Information

If you plan to participate in a tournament sponsored by the Golf Association of Michigan, it is important that you read the following information. It is your responsibility to know the rules and conditions of the competition concerning participation in GAM competitions.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY: The Golf Association of Michigan reserves the right to decline any entry. Any person whose entry is accepted shall be subject to the rules and conditions of play set forth by the GAM. The GAM reserves the right to alter the conditions or shorten any competition due to weather or other conditions warranting such action. Any act of unsportsmanlike conduct, as written in the GAM PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT stated below, will be cause for removal from a tournament or suspension from participating in future GAM events. NOTE: The GAM will not make any provisions for a player asking for special consideration due to other commitments.

GAM PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT: By submitting an entry, or by participating in any GAM competition, the player understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the GAM. The player’s entry may be rejected for any reason, at the discretion of the Official-in-Charge, at any time before the close of the competition (as defined in the USGA Rules of Golf Rule 34-1b). Unbecoming conduct or actions at any GAM event, or state, national, or international event, or conduct or actions deemed detrimental to the GAM, the spirit of the game, or to the host facility, or for such rejection. A serious breach in etiquette may result in disqualification per Rule 33-7.

A serious breach in etiquette may include, but is not limited to:
1. Cheating
2. Wilful destruction of golf course or GAM property
3. Abusive language or conduct towards GAM and/or host facility, staff, volunteers, or other players
4. Club throwing and/or physical endangerment of others
5. Offensive or excessively loud behavior
6. Alcohol and/or substance impaired behavior
7. Repeated withdrawals or no cards during or after the round
8. Inappropriate golf attire
9. Not meeting handicap requirements
10. Other conduct deemed to be unbecoming
11. Use of a cell phone by a player or caddie during the stipulated round.

Should such an incident occur, the Official-in-Charge shall submit a report to the Championship Committee. Future sanctions may range from suspension from future GAM events to being ineligible for GAM team competitions and/or player awards. This may also include losing exempt status for future year(s). The decision to reject an entry during an event by the Official-in-Charge is final. However, any further sanctions imposed by the Championship Committee may be appealed to the GAM Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION: Information concerning course assignment, pairings, starting times, etc., will be published online as soon as possible after entries close. If you have problems locating this information on the website, please call the GAM office at 248-478-9242.

RULES OF GOLF: Play will be governed by the 2012-2015 USGA Rules of Golf, the USGA or GAM 2014 Local Rules and Conditions hard card and any Local Rules so provided on a Hole Location Sheet. Questions will be settled by the Association’s Rules of Golf Committee for the Championship, whose decisions shall be final.

TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY: All GAM Championships may be entered at any time starting Monday, February 10, 2014, provided the entry is received on or before the entry closing date and the field is not full. Late or incomplete entries are not acceptable and will be returned. Time limit for entries means time of receipt at the GAM office (not time of postmark). Entries should be mailed early to allow ample time for delivery. Entries with insufficient funds will be considered incomplete and unacceptable and will be withdrawn. The entrant is responsible for any fees incurred by the GAM for NSF checks and must pay such fees before entry in further GAM events is allowed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ENTRY: All entrants whose applications are accepted will be notified only by e-mail. Verification of entry may also be accomplished by logging on to www.gam.org and clicking on to the Championship you have entered. An entrant who has not received email confirmation or is not listed on the website is solely responsible for determining the status of the application by calling the GAM office at (248) 478-9242. Each entry is date and time stamped upon receipt to establish the order in which limited fields are filled on a first come - first served basis. Applications that do not meet the criteria for acceptance will receive a new date and time stamp upon re-submission or, in the case of a held application, when the application is qualified for acceptance. Checks accompanying applications that are unresolved by the entry deadline will be returned.

QUALIFYING PLACES, TIES, ALTERNATES, SUBSTITUTIONS: The number of qualifiers and alternates in each sectional will be determined by the Committee, after entries close. A tie for last place and/or alternate spot shall be decided immediately after completion of play by a hole-by-hole playoff (except for the GAM Net Team and Michigan Amateur Championships and qualifiers.) On the day of Sectional Qualifying, each qualifier should notify the Official-in-Charge or GAM staff whether he will play in the Championship. If a qualifier or exempt player decides to withdraw, he must notify the Association office promptly. Failure to comply may result in future entries for GAM events being declined. Before the Championship begins, substitution with alternates in order of qualifying scores at each sectional will be allowed. Non-exempt qualifiers who withdraw. If an exempt player withdraws, the Committee will establish the Sectional site order to fill the position. Alternates have no status at the Championship, including practice rounds or practice privileges of any type.

WITHDRAWALS/NO SHOWS/NO CARDS: Any player who has applied to participate in a GAM competition and wishes to withdraw for any reason MUST notify the GAM office at (248) 478-9242 prior to the event. (Note: Use extension 24 outside of normal business hours.) If withdrawing on the day of the competition, call the course you are assigned to play. Players who fail to follow this procedure will be listed as a NO SHOW. A player who withdraws during a round MUST return the official score card to the Official-in-Charge with an explanation. Otherwise, the player will be listed as a NO CARD. Players must also inform the Committee in advance if they are unable to compete in subsequent rounds of a multi-round championship. Repeated NO SHOWS, NO CARDS or withdrawal between rounds may result in rejection of future applications.

13/10-STROKE RULE: The GAM expects all contestants in championship play to exhibit playing skills that are comparable with their peers. Thus, if a player repeatedly returns scores that are not within 13 strokes of the Course Rating, or in the case of net competitions, repeatedly returns net scores that are not within 10 strokes of the Course Rating, and/or falsely reports his/her Handicap Index, his future entry applications may be rejected by the GAM. The player will be notified in writing of his/her status and expected to prove his/her playing ability is consistent with the requirements of the GAM by submitting evidence supporting such a claim.

EXCEPTIONS: Players identified as exempt on entry applications shall be exempt from Sectional Qualifying provided they meet all other eligibility requirements.

PHOTOGRAPHIC/VIDEO: By submitting an application, the player agrees to allow the GAM to use the player’s photographic/video image for any GAM media related use(s).

NON-METAL SPIKE POLICY: It is a condition of the competition that shoes with either traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or, regardless of design, spikes comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the stipulated round.

Penalty for breach of this condition: Disqualification
CERTIFICATION OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN (Required if applicant is under the age of 18):

As parent or guardian of the applicant, I hereby certify the facts in this entry form and state that I am familiar with his plans to participate and that he does so with by approval. Further, I, for myself and the applicant, hereby release the GAM, its Committee members, officers, and employees from any and all liability for any event or consequence whatsoever in any way arising out of or relating to the applicant’s entry or participation in this Championship with the sole and singular exception of liability arising out of bad faith or willful misconduct. In case of emergency occurring during this Championship, I authorize a qualified medical doctor to take all necessary measures in the treatment of this applicant.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: ___________________________ Phone: ________________
HANDICAP VERIFICATION FOR NON-GAM MEMBERS:

Any Player who is not a GAM member must have this section completed by an officer, handicap chairman, or the head professional from his home club:

The most current USGA Handicap Index for the player identified on the reverse side of this form is:

Current Index: ______. ______
Effective Date: __________

Club Name: ___________________________ City: ___________________________

Verified By: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Please Print

Signature: ___________________________ Title: ___________________________

2014 Michigan Amateur Championship Exemptions

Players in the categories listed are exempt from Sectional Qualifying provided they meet all other eligibility requirements. (Italic denotes ineligible)

1. Michigan Amateur Champions for the last 5 years
   2013 – Andrew Chapman
   2012 – Drew Preston
   2011 – Willie Mack III
   2010 – Joey Garber
   2009 – Tom Werkmeister

2. Quarterfinalists in 2013 Michigan Amateur
   Nate Golomb, Nick Dennis, Tom Gieselman, Jared Dalga, Mike Ignasiak, Russ Cunningham, Brad Bastion

3. GAM Champions for last 3 years
   2013 – Scott Strickland
   2012 – Jared Dalga
   2011 – Marty Jeppesen

4. 2013 Michigan Junior Stroke Play Champion
   Francesco Ruffino

   2013 Michigan Junior Match Play Champion
   Donnie Trosper

5. 2013 GAM Mid-Amateur Champion – Tom Werkmeister
6. 2013 GAM Senior Amateur Champion – Bill Zylstra
7. 2013 GAM Senior Match Play Champion – Mike Raymond
8. 2014 GAM Senior Match Play Champion – Filled by GAM
9. 2013 GAM Top Ten Honor Roll (not otherwise exempt)
   Jeff Champine, Casey Baker, Nate Clark, Evan Bowser, Greg Davies
10. GAM Player of the Year for the last 3 years
    2013 – Brad Bastion
    2012 – Tom Werkmeister
    2011 – Randy Lewis
11. Qualified for the U.S. Amateur, U.S. Mid-Amateur, U.S. Senior Open or the U.S. Pub Links (not otherwise exempt)
    Andrew Walker, Brad Bastion, Mike Ignasiak, Nate Clark, Evan Bowser, Gates Muller, Blaze Hogan
12. 2013 USGA performances; Won at least one match in the U.S. Junior Am, USGA Senior Am (not otherwise exempt)
13. 2013 USGA Performance: Reaches match play in a USGA Championship where the player was exempt (not otherwise exempt)
14. 2014 USGA Open Local Qualifying Rounds – Non-exempt players entered in the Michigan Amateur who advance in any USGA Open Local will be exempt from Michigan Amateur Sectional Qualifying.
15. Championship Committee Exemptions – Tom Rex, Jr.