

Swinehart Fulfills 56th Birthday Wish—Wins Member / Guest Shootout with John Kramer

In a “major” that will be remembered for the animated behavior of Ty Swinehart imitating Chi Chi Rodriguez with his putter, he and partner John Kramer won a hard fought shootout over the duos of Larry Monique / Lou DeSchaine; Pat McGuire / Chuck Andrysiak and Ken Bronkema / Scott Roethlisberger.

Flight winners Monique / DeSchaine (Nicklaus) and Bronkema / Roethlisberger (Palmer) automatically advanced to the shootout round. However, the Nicklaus flight was loaded. That gave the Swinehart / Kramer (*whose score beat the Palmer flight winners*) and McGuire / Andrysiak (*whose Sunday charge allowed them to tie the Bronkema / Roethlisberger pair*) an opportunity for trophy immortality.

With a “thundering herd” (*not to be mistaken for the University of Marshall Thundering Herd*) of carts tagging along, the four teams teed off on # 10. When McGuire / Andrysiak and Bronkema / Roethlisberger both tied with double bogeys for last, the two teams had a chip-off to eliminate one of the two teams. Chuck Andrysiak’s wedge to within three feet eliminated the Palmer Flight winners from the tournament.

Onward to # 17 where Ty Swinehart stuck his (short) drive down the middle of the fairway, landed his third shot on the back fringe and then drained his putt for an improbable birdie. He then paid tribute to the “Galloping Ghost” (*AKA NFL Hall of Famer Red Grange*) by riding horseback on his putter.

After Monique / DeSchaine and McGuire / Andrysiak both tied with bogeys, Gene Bone arranged for another chip-off eliminator. Each of the four rolled off the green but Monique / DeSchaine survived to advance for a winner take all playoff on # 18.

The Swinehart / Kramer and Monique / DeSchaine teams tied the first time they so they drove back to the tee to replay # 18. Swinehart and Kramer again both kept their balls in play. DeSchaine lost his ball in the woods and picked up. When Monique, on the fringe, missed his bogey attempt, Swinehart’s birthday wish had come true—a Member / Guest championship and a nice decoration (courtesy of Otten Trophies) for the house.

Final results as follows:

Nicklaus Flight

1st	Larry Monique / Lou DeSchaine	123 (61 / 62)	\$500	Sunday bucket winners at 9:1
2nd	<i>Ty Swinehart / John Kramer</i>	130 (61 / 69)	\$400	Saturday winners at 22:1
3rd	<i>Pat McGuire / Chuck Andrysiak</i>	132 (68 / 64)	\$300	

Palmer Flight

1st	Ken Bronkema / Scott Roethlisberger	132 (69 / 63)	\$500	
2nd	Tink Wilcox / Randy Dunkle	134 (67 / 67)	\$400	
3rd	Tyler Swinehart / Nick Harless	137 (69 / 68)	\$300	

Italic = Qualified for the “horserace” / “shootout” playoff as a wild card team.

We've had Oscars, Emmys, Tonys and Grammys for movies, television and music. Back in 2008, yours truly was running out of ideas / topics to cover on these LMGA "major" events when it hit me. Take the easy / lazy way out and create a special set of award categories that could be rerun on an annual basis.

Ergo (*a common crossword puzzle answer for the clue "therefore"*), the Magoo Awards. And now presenting to you live on black and white paper, the 7th annual "Magoo's".
Drum roll please.....

Some traditional favorites (***Bold italic font***) return along with some totally ***NEW AWARDS (CAPS FONT)*** created exclusively for the 2014 LMGA Member / Guest tournament.

The ***Happy Gilmore Long Drive winner*** for both Saturday and Sunday goes to Kent Wallace. This is the first time in Member / Guest history that one person has accomplished a "sweep" in this category.

The ***Sitting Bull Scalp winners*** (AKA team skins) are:

Saturday (\$40 / each)

Sunday (\$48 / each)

1 ***Ty Swinehart / John Kramer (3 / 2)***
6 ***Mike Triemstra / Dan Dorgan (2 / 1)***
12 ***Pat McGuire / Chuck Andrysiak (2 / 1)***
14 ***Barry Harris / Bernie Sosnowski (2 / 1)***
17 ***Josh Gruber / Jason Marshall (3 / 2)***
18 ***Ned Roethlisberger / Steve Scharf (4 / 3)***

1 ***Ted Roethlisberger / Jon Scharf (4 / 2)***
5 ***Scott Diewald / Brad Coombs (4 / 3)***
11 ***Ty Swinehart / John Kramer (3 / 2)***
13 ***Larry Monique / Lou DeSchaine (4 / 2)***
18 ***K. Bronkema / S. Roethlisberger (3 / 2)***

Blue = Actual Eagle Red = Actual Birdie Black = Actual Par *Italic = Person scoring*

The ***Robinhood "Bullseye" Awards*** for closest to the pins are:

Saturday (\$50 / each)

Sunday (\$50 / each)

3 ***Dan Dorgan***
6 ***Andre Pelletier***
12 ***Dennis Brooks***
14 ***Bill Sanders***

Ken Bronkema
John Kramer
Larry Monique
John Murphy

The ***JOE DUMARS SPROTSMANSHIP AWARD*** goes to ***Lou DeSchaine*** for his conduct during the horse race. Despite putting his second shot into the woods on # 18 and taking himself out of the hole, he still hung around the green to acknowledge opponents / survivors Ty Swinehart and John Kramer.

Trivia: During the "Bad Boys" run from '87-'91, the Detroit Pistons reached the Eastern Conference Finals five consecutive years and won the NBA championship in 1989 and 1990.

In 1991, they were down 3-0 to their hated rivals—Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls. During the waning minutes in front of their hometown fans, Coach Chuck Daly heard rumblings of a walkout and urged the players to "take the high road."

Isiah Thomas, Bill Laimbeer, Mark Aguirre, Dennis Rodman and Scott Hastings were among the majority of Pistons who walked by the Bulls bench and headed to the locker room without stopping to congratulate the victorious Bulls—a snub (*or “dis” in street lingo*) of epic proportions that is still talked about on occasion even today!

Joe Dumars, John Salley and Coach Daly were the only Pistons who displayed class and decorum after this “changing of the guard” / sweep and shook hands with their victorious opponents.

Don’t know if it was because of this incident or not but the NBA now has a sportsmanship award named in honor of Joe Dumars for his on and off-court contributions to the game.

The **“I Blew the Kids College Fund” Award** goes to **Kent Wallace** for the Andrew Jackson he “deposited” on his team prior to the Sunday morning round. The Wallace / Sanders “stock” plummeted faster than Enron (*i.e. how quickly the average person forgets—especially with the Benghazi, IRS and VA scandals currently in the news today*) in the early 2000’s. That makes for a nice lead into the next award.

The **Warren Buffet Award** for the best investment in the buckets goes to **Joe Otten** for his \$6.00 investment on Ty Swinehart and his partner John Kramer. This led to a “windfall” of \$131—a “return of 2183% ($\$131 / \$6 = 21.83$).

The **FORD LINCOLN AWARD** winner is **Ryan Abraham** for his black “Continental” golf cart. In a normal year, this would have been the Cadillac Award. However, the unique circumstances of this situation dictate an “upgrade” in the nomenclature.

Abraham, from Tapper **Ford** in Paw Paw [*as opposed to GM (maker of Cadillac) and currently in the news for its myriad recalls but I digress as well as editorialize*] took a calculated risk that he wouldn’t be on the hook for a car if someone scored an ace.

Another reason for the “upgrade?” Ford was the only one of the “Big Three” companies which didn’t take a government bailout in 2009 (or was it 2008?)!

As yours truly finished typing for this award winning recipient, the irony was obvious—Lincoln also plays off of his surname!

This could have also been called the **COMMANDER CODY AND HIS LOST PLANET AIRMEN (‘70’s musical group) “HOT ROD LINCOLN” AWARD** [*“...They arrested me and put me in jail. I called my pappy, he paid my bail and he said ‘Son you’re going to drive me to drinking if you don’t stop driving that HOT (insert 5-10 second guitar riff) ROD (more riff) LINCOLN (conclude song with a 30-45 second riff). Check You Tube for some clips of this ‘70’s hit!*].

The **Earvin “Magic” Johnson Dishing out Assists Award** winner is **Pat “Magoo” McGuire** for his chipper stroke from the throat on # 17 during Saturday’s round.

With the pin in the back of the green, PM knew he had to aim ten feet to the right to allow for the huge R → L break on the green.

Marshall, a few feet inside of PM but on the green, said, “Wow! I didn’t expect that. I was only going to play about half of that for a break!”

McGuire then said, “How about buying me a drink if you sink the putt for an eagle?”

Marshall replied, “That sounds fair.”

Which makes for a nice segue to our next award....

The **STUART SCOTT** (of ESPN Sportscenter) **“BOOYA!”** (*I’m taking a stab at the spelling here based on his voice when he utters this—usually after a rim rattling highlight dunk*) **AWARD** winner is **Jason Marshall**. After draining his 57 foot putt (JM paced it off), he uttered a less sanitized version of ‘Booya’—as in, “Take that (i.e. the ball) *****!”

Net result: An unexpected eagle three (net double eagle on the card) and a team skin. “Magoo” and his guest Chuck Andrysiak were so “jazzed” that we actually “high fived” Marshall before partner Josh Gruber was able to congratulate him.

To borrow a quote / “catchphrase” from the late Mike Hegstread (AKA Road Warrior Hawk), “What a rush!”

Marshall also is a recipient of the **AC DC “HAVE A DRINK ON ME” AWARD**.

The **BEATLES “HARD DAY’S NIGHT” AWARD** winners are **Jon Scharf** and **Pat “Magoo” McGuire** who both played their Saturday rounds on less than three hours of sleep.

The **ORVILLE & WILBUR WRIGHT “FIRST IN FLIGHT”** (*NC state license plate motto / slogan*) **AWARD** winners are **Larry Monique & Lou DeSchaine** in the Nicklaus flight and **Ken Bronkema & Scott Roethlisberger** in the Palmer flight.

The **Molly Hatchet “Flirtin’ with Disaster”** winner is **Pat “Magoo” McGuire** for his second shot on # 17 during the Sunday round. Sitting just short of the abyss on the left, PM opted to aim for the big tree to the left in front of the pond. Unfortunately, he pushed it farther right than intended and was ready to utter, “Oh *****!” when he heard Doug Nooney say, “You’re safe.”

For high handicap golfers who don’t hit it 250+ yards off the tee, that pond is in the perfect spot to imitate the great white shark in **Jaws** and gobble up golf balls.

The **EAGLES “TAKE IT EASY” winners** for the longest putts made on # 8 were **Mike Bath** (Saturday) and **Sam “Yoooper” Stukel** (Sunday).

The **LAWRENCE WELK “A ONE AND A TWO” winners** for the closest to the pin on # 16 in two shots are **Tink Wilcox** (Saturday) and **Nick Harless** (Sunday).

The **JACKSON FIVE “ABC”** (“...as easy as 1-2-3, as simple as do-re-me,...”) **winner** for the closest to the pin in three shots on # 5 is **Jon Scharf**.

The **FRIDAY WAS A BAD OMEN AWARD** goes to **Kent Wallace** and **John Sanders**. The twosome won the Friday practice round with a ten under par score of 62. Unfortunately for them, they didn’t duplicate this performance on either Saturday or Sunday.

The **TGIF winner** of the Friday par 3 shootout on # 1 was **Steve Scharf** (Jon’s father) who won \$150 by beating out 16 other competitors.

The **BAY CITY ROLLERS “S-A-T-U-R-D-A-Y NIGHT” winner** of the Saturday chip-off contest from the patio was **Ray Rowe**. Rowe, who won a wedge (courtesy of Golf Services) gave it to Down & Derby partner and fellow Red Wings fan Ken Bronkema.

The **Foreigner “Long, long Way from Home” winners** are **Justin Tjalma** (via CA) and **Doug Nooney** (via FL).

The **Invisible Moat Awards** for the toughest pin placements are:

#’s **1** (back left corner) and **18** (close to the sand trap where the green is a cliff—a par net birdie held for a team skin) on **Saturday**.

#’s **5** (back right) and **14** (back right corner—AKA “Marvelous” Marv Tjalma’s favorite spot) on **Sunday**.

The **JEFFERSON’S “MOVIN’ ON UP”** (“Now were up in the big leagues, getting our turn at bat,we’re movin’ on up...”) winners are **Jim Szilagyi** and **John Murphy** who struggled in their first competitive golf tournament of the year. Both also resided in the “east side” of Michigan during their formative years.

The **Abacus Award** winners are anyone who posted a double digit score on a hole.

The Norman Lear **All in the Family Award** winners (i.e. Archie Bunker and his liberal son in-law Michael “Meathead” Stivic played by now famous director Rob Reiner) are:

Bill Ball and brother in-law **Sam Stukel**, the **Roethlisberger’s** (Ned and his two sons Ted and Scott) and the **Scharf’s** (Steve and his son Scott).

The **Adam and Eve Raised a Little Cain Award** winners are “**Marvelous” Marv & Justin Tjalma** and **Doug & Jeff Nooney**.

The **BILL WITHERS “LEAN ON ME”** (an early ‘70’s hit that later became the title of a movie in the late ‘80’s about the life of high school principal “Crazy” Joe Clark who patrolled the hallways with a baseball bat) **AWARD** winner is **Chuck Andrysiak**.

During Sunday’s round on # 8, McGuire’s tee shot landed in the creek. After launching his fourth shot into the woods, he picked up.

Andrysiak’s tee shot landed in the pines and he made a nice punch out. He duffed his third shot and had no choice but to lay up in front of the trap on his next shot. Going for the pin with the par attempt, he stuck his wedge to within ten feet and drained the bogey putt for a net par.

McGuire regrouped on # 9 and came through with a par (net birdie) and the duo finished with a round of 64—and what would turn out to be the final wild card entry into the shootout.

The **INXS New Sensation AWARD** for an outstanding guest debut goes to **Lou DeSchaine**. Paired with Larry Monique, the two decisively won the loaded Jack Nicklaus flight by seven strokes before falling in the “horse race” in “sudden death”—losing on a replay of # 18.

The **DANIEL POWTER “BAD DAY”** (a one hit wonder in 2006) goes to **Doug Nooney**. Starting off the back nine on Sunday, he shot a 42 (despite a nice birdie on # 11) without a single par until # 18

The **Hospitality Award** nominees are:

- a) Gene Bone and the Lynx staff
- b) Kim Gilles and the kitchen staff
- c) The LMGA board of directors.

And the winner is?

A three way tie!

The **Queen “We Are the Champions”** and **REO Speedwagon “Riding the Storm Out”** winners are **Ty Swinehart and John Kramer.**

That concludes the 7th annual Magoo Awards. Hope you enjoyed them. With 44 golfers, it's impossible for everyone to receive an award.

Our next LMGA is the President's Cup on July 26th and 27th. This is an individual event with two divisions—the scratch division played from the blue tees without any strokes and the net division played from the whites. Hope to see you there.

“Magoo”