

Together, we are creating opportunities for Michigan Students and promoting the “Growth of the Game”.



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The Michigan Section of the Professional Golfers’ Association has teamed with the National Golf Scholarship Association and the Top50jrTour to promote junior golf in Michigan. The Michigan Section PGA will be the Top50jrTour presenting sponsor for the

2004 golf season.

”By **combining our efforts** we will be able **to provide more opportunities** for Michigan students to participate in golf related activities such as tournaments and instruction programs”, says Dan Thomas, PGA Golf Professional and president of the National Golf Scholarship Association. “Additionally, we will be able to provide more opportunities for students to earn scholarship awards and increase participation at the grassroots level.”

“We are very pleased with the Top50jrTour’s promotion of youth golf. The Top50jrTour offers professionally managed golf tournaments at great golf facilities, which provide students with a competitive environment to enhance their playing abilities. Also, unlike other junior golf programs, the Top50jrTour provides students with schedule flexibility and numerous free golf opportunities each week”, says Ken Devine of the Michigan Section PGA. “We are certainly supportive of the unique format which awards scholarship points to participating Top50jrTour students and encourages players of all skill levels to play.”

“No other junior golf program provides more free golf and scholarship opportunities than the Top50jrTour”, says Thomas. “The tour format is intentionally layered to provide incentive that motivates each player to accomplish higher goals. Also, there are other opportunities for tour members to earn scholarships in addition to playing ability, such as, essays, rules of golf exams, community service and sportsmanship. We are very proud to have the Michigan Section PGA supporting our efforts to grow this great game at the junior level”, says Thomas.



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About the Founder of the *National Golf Scholarship Association*

The President of the National Golf Scholarship Association is Daniel J. Thomas. He is a Member of the Professional Golfer's Association and graduated from Ferris State University in 1988. While enrolled at Ferris State University he received his Bachelors Degree in Business specializing in Professional Golf Management, a program designed to educate and train individuals to become qualified Golf Club Professionals. In addition to his NGSA responsibilities, he continues to provide golf instruction to a strong following of dedicated students each year at Oasis Golf Center in Plymouth, Michigan.

In addition to Dan's educational and instructional golf background, he is also an accomplished player. He has qualified and played in the Buick Open at Warwick Hills, was a member of two Fuller Cup Teams, "Player of the Year" at Ferris State University and "Player of the Year" in the Central Chapter of the Michigan PGA.

Future goals of the *National Golf Scholarship Association*

The officers of the NGSA with the help of supporting sponsors and numerous volunteers hope to accomplish several wonderful things over the course of the next five years. To include:

- We will continue to sponsor and co-develop other student tournaments and student golf programs, that will provide hundreds of additional **opportunities for high school students to be awarded scholarships by the year 2007.**
- In our first season, 2003, we provided \$3,500 in scholarship awards. Our goal is to provide nearly \$10,000 in 2004, **and exceed \$25,000 in 2007.**
- The development of a web-based system that provides high school students the ability to create a personal student profile and make their profile available to college golf coaches nationally. **Anticipated roll out is late 2004.**
- Providing college coaches with the ability to evaluate and examine numerous high school golf student profiles and to promote additional scholarship opportunities. **Anticipated roll out is late 2004.**
- Create a web page dedicated to providing hundreds of employment opportunities for students seeking employment in the golf industry. **Anticipated roll out Spring 2004.**
- Create a web page for serious students that want to play college golf. College prep will be a comprehensive informational source that will **assist students in finding and pursuing a college that best fits his or her requirements.**



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Highlights of the 2003 Michigan Top50jrTour Inaugural Season



The Inaugural Season was a great success. Students and parents showed appreciation for the efforts toward developing a professionally managed, unique junior golf program. Seventy students participated throughout the season's tournament schedule with most students playing more than half of the events.

The NGSA provided over \$3,500 in scholarships to several Top50jrTour participants. A total of thirty-three tour members accumulated Scholarship Points that will be used for furthering their educations after high school.

Among the highlights of the season was providing three Top50jrTour members the opportunity to be paired with Champions Tour players at the Ford Senior Players Championship at TPC in Dearborn, Michigan. **We were proud to create memories that will last forever.**

Sponsors included Taylor Made/Max-Fli and Coy Construction of Commerce Township, Michigan.

The winners of Sportsmanship Awards were Kate Amrhein (Livonia) and Matthew Lapham (Brighton).

Players of the Year were Justin Ables (Wayne, Michigan) Boys 15 and Under Division, Ross Brubaker (Waterford) Boys 16 and Over Division and Stacey Goins (Rochester) in the Girls Division.

The 2004 season is already shaping up to be even better, with more sponsors and more opportunities for members of the **Top50jrTour**.

Thank you to all the sponsors, volunteers and parents.

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