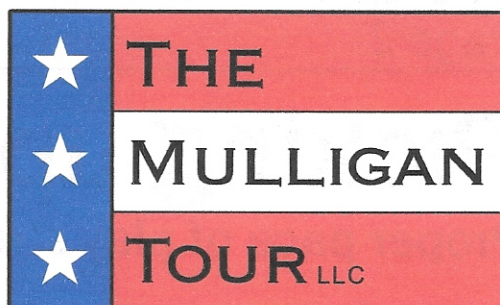


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Tour Expands Eastward

Tour adds East division, several new tournaments for 2010 campaign

The Mulligan Tour LLC, Belleville, MI -

After splitting the Mulligan Tour into 2 regional divisions for the 2005 season, it has taken 5 more years to take the next step in expansion.

The 2010 season opens with 3 regional divisions - the new East division joining the established Central and West circuits. But while the division is new on paper, many of the tournaments making up its first campaign are very familiar.

Among the 6 regular season tournaments that will comprise the inaugural East campaign are 4 established tournaments - the Sweet Sixteen, the Big Dog Pro-Am, the Caddyshack Classic and the Fifty Cent Classic.

First played in 2005, the Sweet Sixteen had been played simultaneously with the Animal House Classic at Salem Hills until 2008. The tournament, whose format allows players to only count their best 16 holes from the 18 played, will move to Blackheath GC in Rochester for a May 16 date to kick-off the East schedule.

The Big Dog Pro-Am makes a return to the Tour schedule after getting shelved for 2 of the last 3 years. Riverview Highlands GC will

host the event, which has the Mulligan Tour players teaming with a PGA Tour partner, on June 5.

The Caddyshack Classic loses its title sponsor in 2010 but the tournament will continue at its home for more than 10 years - the Links at Lake Erie. A sponsor since 2000, Anchor Conveyor Products, Inc. is bowing out of the sponsoring business as it continues to struggle with the automotive industry.

The Fifty Cent Classic was the original foray into eastward expansion. The 4-year old tournament has an August 7th date at Stony Creek Metropark.

Two new tournaments were created to supplement the new division. The MSU-themed Sparty Classic will debut on June 19 at the beautiful Pine Trace GC in Rochester and Twin Lakes GC will introduce the first Casino Classic on July 10.

The first EASTERN Championship will be decided on August 22nd at Greystone GC in Romeo. Built in 1992, the course boasts the "best finish in Michigan Golf" as the final 3 holes circumnavigate an old gravel quarry. Players must qualify for the east division championship by finishing in the top-20 on the East

2010 East Regional Schedule

May 16

Sweet Sixteen - Blackheath GC

June 5

Big Dog Pro-Am - Riverview Highlands

June 19

Sparty Classic - Pine Trace GC

July 10

Casino Classic - Twin Lakes GC

August 7

Fifty Cent Classic - Stony Creek MP

August 15

Caddyshack Classic - Links at Lake Erie

August 22

EASTERN Championship
Greystone Golf Club

division money standings.

Long time member Tom Hoelzle was named Commissioner of the East division and will conduct the tournaments. Hoelzle is also part of the group that sponsors the Fifty Cent Classic.

The East division will also hold its own Skins Game bringing a 3rd foursome to the annual event held at

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Picking up the Pace

Proper pace of play stressed for key improvement of Tour

The Mulligan Tour LLC, Belleville, MI -

The dilemma in golf at all levels is slow play. And the Mulligan Tour is not immune.

An activity that already takes 4 and half hours of commitment just in playing time - and there's still the travel to and from the course and the warm up time before the round - cannot afford to take more time away from member's already busy weekend schedules.

While some mechanisms are already in place to keep things moving on the Mulligan Tour, primarily the 3-putt max rule and the quadruple bogey max rule, additional strategies are being considered.

"I think some players just don't realize the time their taking for their play," said Tour President Erik Meland. "So, we are introducing stopwatches this year so that we can

document the time intervals between groups as they come in."

"We're not going to penalize players yet, but that time could be coming in the future with what we learn this year", continued Meland. "We have to keep stressing to all members that the proper pace of play must be respected for the benefit of all of the Tour players."

One area where players are taking too much time is on the greens. The first player to putt might need a few more seconds, but the other players need to read their putts while others are putting so that they are ready to go as soon as others have holed out.

Scorecards also need to get turned in as soon as players come off the course so that the tournament directors (usually the Commissioners) can complete their double-checking and finalize the tournament.

Keep Moving Tips for faster play

- **Play Ready Golf - Do not wait for "honors" on the tee box**
- **Play Ready Golf - If the player that is "away" is not ready but you are, play your shot**
- **Be ready to putt as soon as it your turn - putting should not take more than 10 seconds**
- **Move quickly from the green to the next tee - as long as you're golfing, burn a few calories too**

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Mystic Creek GC in Milford. Each division has closest-to-the-pin challenges throughout the year with the opportunity to qualify for a spot in one of the Skins Games.

The Central and West divisions have their usual compliment of tournaments. The West starts fast with 3 tournaments in May and 3 more in June. After the final 3 tournaments from late July to August, the division concludes at the WESTERN Championship on August 28th at the Grande Golf Club.

The Central has 8 tournaments including 4 with title sponsors - the Dudlee's Plymouth Open, the Real McCoy Classic, the UPS Store Quad-Tour Challenge and the Carrington Classic. The Central finishes it's

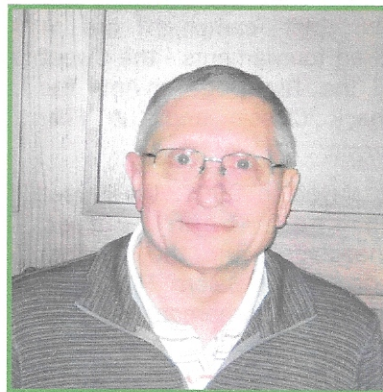
schedule with the PLAYERS Championship at Eagle Crest Golf Club on September 4th.

Among the other tournaments on the schedule, Fieldstone Golf Club will host the 4th MT Ladies Open on Sunday, July 11th, and the inaugural MT Senior Open will be played at Lake Erie Metropark on July 18th.

The season's first grand slam event, the Memorial Tournament, is set for May 22 (see article on page 4).

The 36-hole Harbour Pointe Open returns to historic Lakes of Taylor Golf Club in late June and the Match Play Championship returns to the Woodlands of Van Buren in July.

The TOUR Championship is



Tom Hoelzle
Commissioner - East Division

scheduled for September 18th at the Polo Fields Golf & Country Club in Ann Arbor, the 2nd of a 4-year deal with the Polo Fields for the Tour's final major of the year.

Plymouth Open goes to the dogs

Dudlee asks players to help the Michigan Humane Society

The Mulligan Tour LLC, Belleville, MI -

Karl Carter, a 2nd year pro from Dearborn, has signed on to sponsor the Plymouth Open starting in 2010.

Named for Carter's dog, the 2010 Dudlee's Plymouth Open is scheduled for June 5th at Fox Hills Golf & Conference Center. The tournament will benefit the Michigan Humane Society.

Besides donating \$5 from every player's entry fee to the MHS, players can make further contributions by buying "back-nine mulligans" for \$5. There will also be a 50/50 putting contest with half of the proceeds going to support the MHS.

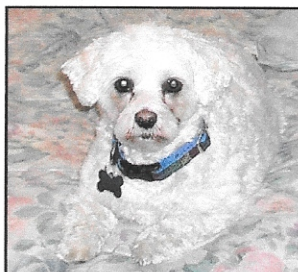
The Plymouth Open returns to the Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center where 10-year veteran Jim Cwikla collected his 5th Tour victory in 2008

by shooting a 1-under 69 on the Hills and Woodland nines. The Plymouth Open was not played in 2009.

The deadline to enter the tournament is May 27 and the \$45 entry fee includes the \$5 donation to the MHS and \$5 toward food in the grill room.

All players will also be eligible to win prizes in the closest-to-the-pin challenges on each of the par-3's during the tournament.

Pictured to the right is Dudlee, a 10-year old Maltese that Carter adopted from the Michigan Humane Society.



2010 Dudlee's Plymouth Open

June 5, 2010

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center
Woodland and Hills nines

Entry fee: \$45

Registration deadline: May 27



\$5 from every player's entry fee will go to the **Michigan Humane Society**

www.michiganhumane.org

Master of his domain

Rookie Steve Prew wins MT group in ESPN fantasy game

The Mulligan Tour LLC, Belleville, MI -

Rookie Steve Prew won the Mulligan Tour group of the ESPN on-line fantasy game "Masters Best Ball Challenge" on April 11th. He actually tied with 3rd year pro Erik Johnson at 46 under par but won the tie-breaker by having a lower first round score.

Prew selected Ernie Els, Anthony Kim, Matt Kuchar and Fred Couples for his first round team and he rode them to the tournament's low round with a 15 under par performance. He kept the same players for round 2 before changing up his team for rounds 3 and 4.

Johnson was 1-stroke back after the first round and remained 1-stroke back after 2, but caught Prew by the 3rd round. Both players went 12 under in the final round.

Prew won a sleeve of Pro V1 golf balls for winning the group. The overall winning score from over 100,00 entries at ESPN.com was 55 under par.

The Tour will sponsor similar challenges when ESPN.com conducts the same best ball games for the US Open (June), the British Open (July) and the PGA Championship (August) this summer.

ESPN - The Masters Best Ball Challenge

Top 10 RESULTS

| | | |
|----|------------------|-----|
| 1 | Steve Prew * | -46 |
| 1 | Erik Johnson | -46 |
| 3 | Mike Percy | -45 |
| 4 | Jon Heikkinen | -44 |
| 5 | Sharon Lisle | -42 |
| 5 | Erik Meland | -42 |
| 7 | Jeff Klipa | -41 |
| 8 | Rick Persichetti | -40 |
| 8 | Joe Roach | -40 |
| 10 | Tim Jakubowski | -38 |

* won tie-breaker

For the record: The Chronicles had this headline before the April 19 edition of GolfWorld magazine

Memorial to honor Biedron

Heart failure takes Ken Biedron Sr. in off season

The Mulligan Tour LLC, Belleville, MI -

As the tournament director of the Memorial Tournament, Erik Meland names past Tour players to be honored each year at the championship.

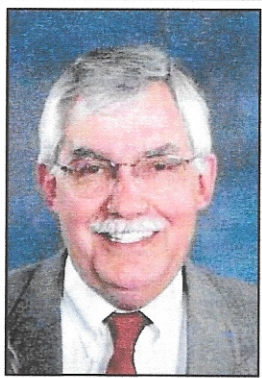
Now, for the 3rd time in 4 years, Meland finds himself naming a Tour member that passed away in the off-season. The 2010 honoree is Ken Biedron.

Biedron suffered a heart attack while exercising at his gym this past November. He was 60 years old.

Biedron discovered the Mulligan Tour by searching the web for old school biddies. One search found Tour member Phil Abele, currently the Tour's west division Commissioner. Abele and Biedron were high school friends at Detroit Cathedral but had lost contact for nearly 30 years.

**Ken
Biedron**
1949 - 2009

Mulligan Tour
2008 - 2009



At the Michigan Golf Show in March of 2008, Biedron dropped off his contact info and Abele reconnected with his old friend.

Ken Biedron joined the Mulligan Tour for the start of the 2008 season. His Tour career was brief, but in 8 tournament starts in '08 and '09 his best finishes were T14's in the 2008 Caddyshack Classic and the 2009 HP Open.

Said Abele of his friend, "Ken's

game was, like many of us, a source of moments of great personal triumph amidst chunks, shanks and putts that didn't follow the line. But Ken was never discouraged. He took the game as it came, and played it with respect and dignity. Of course, that was the way Ken led his life, so having that same approach to the game was easy for him".

Biedron's son, Ken Biedron Jr., who joined his father as a guest at a few tournaments told the Chronicles, "He was so happy he found the Mulligan Tour these last few years. Dad enjoyed the people and the format."

"Many of my fondest memories of Dad are on a golf course", continued Biedron Jr. "The laughs we shared over bad shots or the surprisingly good ones that kept us coming back. The time I shared with him on the course I will never forget."

The 2010 Memorial will have one rules change. With the record low scores of the 2009 tournament, Meland decided to allow the handicap strokes to go negative if the formula dictated it so.

In the past, if the handicap formula had a negative result, the team would simply get zero strokes. But Meland did not foresee the lower handicap indices of the modern Tour player and so decided this past offseason to change that part of the rule to allow the handicap strokes to go negative.

"This will help keep par relevant at the Memorial", reported Meland. "The teams are getting stronger every year and I have to keep the playing field fair for everyone."

The negative strokes means that those teams will add a stroke to their gross score starting on the #18 handicap hole (hole #8) and continuing as needed.

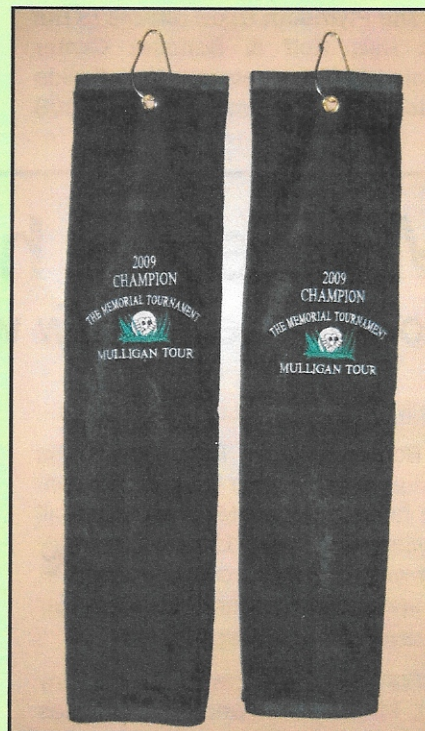
2010 Memorial Tournament May 22 at Gateway GC

Entry fee: \$60 each player
Registration deadline: May 13

Purse: \$240
1st Place = \$40 each

Defending Champions
John Powell and Joe Robar

2-man scramble format



The Green Towels
**awarded to the winners of the
Memorial Tournament**

FINAL RESULTS**Qualifying School I - April 17****Fox Creek GC**

| | | |
|----|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 | Joe Brandenburg | 44-43 - 87 |
| 2 | Steve Prew | 47-41 - 88 |
| 3 | Mike Sikes | 46-42 - 88 |
| | Joe Roach | 43-45 - 88 |
| 5 | Nate Moore | 47-43 - 90 |
| | Jon Heikkinen | 49-41 - 90 |
| 7 | Roman Roxas | 50-41 - 91 |
| | Jeremy Roach | 46-45 - 91 |
| 9 | Joe Varney | 46-46 - 92 |
| | Joel Roach | 47-45 - 92 |
| 11 | Ron Hiestand | 50-47 - 97 |
| 12 | Leo Bechard | 49-49 - 98 |
| 13 | Ned Loving | 49-50 - 99 |
| 14 | Rich Dunmore | 49-51 - 100 |
| | Dennis LeMaitre | 50-50 - 100 |
| 16 | Dwight Coleman | 49-52 - 101 |
| 17 | Barry Kirsch | 52-51 - 103 |
| 18 | Bob Ginnard | 58-46 - 104 |
| 19 | Bob Hill | 54-52 - 106 |
| | Bob Chace | 53-53 - 106 |
| | Robert Downey | 55-51 - 106 |
| 22 | Dale Irving | 57-55 - 112 |
| 23 | Johanna Lewis | 57-58 - 115 |
| 24 | Tim Jakubowski | 59-59 - 118 |

FINAL RESULTS**Qualifying School II - April 24****Whispering Willows GC**

| | | |
|----|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 | Mike Sikes | 41-42 - 83 |
| 2 | Steve Prew | 45-43 - 88 |
| | Joe Roach | 43-45 - 88 |
| 4 | Jon Heikkinen | 43-46 - 89 |
| | Jeremy Roach | 41-48 - 89 |
| | Joe Varney | 43-46 - 89 |
| 7 | Dennis LeMaitre | 45-45 - 90 |
| 8 | Joe Brandenburg | 45-46 - 91 |
| 9 | Chris Dunmore | 49-43 - 92 |
| 10 | Bob Vick | 47-46 - 93 |
| | Dwight Coleman | 44-49 - 93 |
| 12 | Rich Dunmore | 48-46 - 94 |
| 13 | Roman Roxas | 49-48 - 97 |
| | Jan Crawford | 48-49 - 97 |
| 15 | Bob Chace | 51-48 - 99 |
| 16 | Tim Jakubowski | 51-51 - 102 |
| | Steve Villerot | 55-47 - 102 |
| 18 | Barry Kirsch | 49-54 - 103 |
| 19 | Bob Hill | 51-60 - 111 |
| 20 | Dale Irving | 56-59 - 115 |
| | Bob Ginnard | 59-56 - 115 |
| 22 | Sharon Lisle | 66-63 - 129 |

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May 22

Harbour Pointe Open**Lakes of Taylor GC**

June 26-27

Match Play Championship**Woodlands of Van Buren**

July 30-Aug 1

EASTERN Championship**Greystone GC**

Aug 22

WESTERN Championship**Grande GC**

Aug 28

PLAYERS Championship**Eagle Crest GC**

Sep 4

TOUR Championship**Polo Fields G&CC**

Sep 18

2010 MULLIGAN TOUR SCHEDULE / RESULTS

| DATE | WEST | CENTRAL | EAST |
|--------------------|--|---|--|
| May 1 | Pine View Classic Pine View GC | Tin Cup Hickory Creek GC | |
| May 8 | Chelsea Classic Reddeman Farms GC | Western Swing Rustic Glen GC | |
| May 15 | Animal House Classic Salem Hills GC | | |
| May 16 | | | Sweet Sixteen Blackheath GC |
| May 22 | The Memorial Tournament Gateway GC | | |
| June 5 | | Dudlee's Plymouth Open Fox Hills (Classic) GC | Big Dog Pro-Am Riverview Highlands |
| June 11 Friday | The Fox Hunt Strategic Fox | | |
| June 12 | The Holy Grail St. Johns GC | Real McCoy Classic Farmington Hills GC | |
| June 18 Friday | | Par-54 Classic Strategic Fox | |
| June 19 | Strokes on a Rope Lake Forest GC | | Spartan Classic Pine Trace GC |
| June 26-27 | Commercial Underwriters Harbour Pointe Open Lakes of Taylor GC | | |
| July 10 | | | Casino Classic Twin Lakes GC |
| July 11 Sunday | MT Ladies Open Fieldstone GC | | |
| July 17 | | Crazy Brit Whispering Willows GC | |
| July 18 Sunday | MT Senior Open Lake Erie Metropark | | |
| July 24 | | UPS Store Quad-Tour Challenge Fox Creek GC | |
| July 25 Sunday | Two-Stick Classic Sandy Creek GC | | |
| July 30 - Aug 1 | Match Play Championship The Woodlands of Van Buren | | |
| August 7 | | | Fifty Cent Classic Stony Creek Metropark |

2010 MULLIGAN TOUR SCHEDULE / RESULTS

| DATE | WEST | CENTRAL | EAST |
|---------------------|---|--|---|
| August 8 Sunday | Go Blue Classic Leslie Park GC | | |
| August 14 | | Carrington Classic Carrington GC | |
| August 15 Sunday | | | Caddyshack Classic Links at Lake Erie |
| August 21 | Ugly Pants Open Downing Farms GC | | |
| August 22 Sunday | | | EASTERN Championship Greystone GC |
| August 28 | WESTERN Championship The Grande GC | | |
| Sep 4 | | The PLAYERS Championship Eagle Crest GC | |
| Sep 18 | The TOUR Championship Polo Fields Golf & Country Club | | |
| Sep 25-26 | Commissioner's Cup Thoroughbred GC at JJ Ranch | | |
| Oct 3 Sunday | The Skins Game (West) Mystic Creek GC | The Skins Game (Central) Mystic Creek GC | The Skins Game (East) Mystic Creek GC |
| Oct 10 Sunday | The Division Bell Farmington Hills GC | | |
| Oct 17 Sunday | MT Skills Challenge Riverview Highlands GC | | |
| Oct 24 Sunday | The President's Cup Fellows Creek GC | | |
| Nov 20 | Runny Nose Open Harbor Club GC | | |

Coming in the June edition of the Chronicles New in 2010: The Division Bell and the President's Cup

The Mulligan Tour plans to unveil 2 new post season exhibitions this fall to compliment the Commissioner's Cup. The first, the Division Bell, is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 10th, at Farmington Hills GC. The format calls for a team of 4 to represent each regional division of the Mulligan Tour and combine their 18-hole net scores for a 4 round total. The President's Cup is planned for an October 24 debut and will feature Tour President Erik Meland and 5 members of the Player's Advisory Council taking on 6 at large members of the Tour in 9 team matches played over 27 holes.

Backspin

From the Mulligan Tour archives

Abandoned for the playoff, David Martin beats the defending champs for 2nd Green Towel

May 27, 2003

As the Memorial Tournament rolled around in the spring of 2003, familiar faces were taking their spots at the top of the leaderboard.

Jim Cwikla and Chris Drake were the defending champs and Frank Caruana and David Martin had won the Green Towels in 2001.

Playing in the lead group, Martin and Caruana started with an opening bogey but settled down making pars on the rest of the front side. Finally the birdies came at 10 and 11 and then another at 13 to get to 2-under for the tournament. They parred out from there to finish at 2-under 69.

The defending champs made the turn at 2-under par and then birdies at 12 and 14 gave them a 2-shot lead with 4 to play. But the duo dropped shots at the 15th and 17th and they finished at 2-under 69 some 45 minutes after Martin and Caruana had finished.

Unfortunately, Caruana had commitments after the tournament and had already left Willow Metropark golf course. After the final group came in and it was clear that a playoff was needed to break the tie, tournament host Erik Meland allowed Martin to fend for himself in the playoff.

Martin's 1-putt birdie on the first playoff hole, a 20 footer, was the difference. Cwikla and Drake, with twice as many chances as Martin, could not make a long putt and settled for 4 consecutive pars. Martin also parred out after the first to win the playoff 7 strokes to 8.

Martin and Caruana remain the only team to win 2 Memorial titles together. Cwikla and Drake own 2 Green towels each but only once as partners. They had each previously won another with their respective spouses. Rick Persichetti, the only other 2-time winner, has won the Memorial twice but also with different partners.



David Martin and Frank Caruana
2003 Memorial Tournament Champs

Top-5 Finishers at the 2003 Memorial Tournament

| | NET | Name | Gross |
|----|----------------|------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 69 (-2) | D.Martin - F.Caruana | 37-32 - 69 |
| 2 | 69 (-2) | J.Cwikla - C.Drake | 36-37 - 73 |
| T3 | 71 (E) | R.Persichetti - G.Rose | 37-36 - 73 |
| T3 | 71 (E) | E.Meland - S.Meland | 38-38 - 76 |
| 5 | 72 (+1) | J.Klipa - V.McCoy | 36-37 - 73 |

