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Marathon Memorial

Jeff and Samantha Kellstrom earn Green Towels in a playoff

Gateway Golf Club, Romulus, MI -

Without a single cloud to hide the rays, the sun shown brightly on the 18th Memorial Tournament, played on May 19th at Gateway Golf Club. And the sun warmed the scores as well, evidenced by 10 teams finishing in red numbers - 2nd most in Memorial history.

Two teams tied for low score at 5-under 67 and the "every third year playoff" trend continued at the Granddaddy tournament of the Tour.

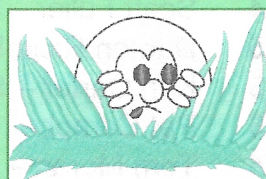
Jeff and Samantha Kellstrom were playing in their 2nd Memorial Tournament together and the father / daughter team completed just the 4th bogey-free round in tournament history. A birdie at the #2 handicap hole, the 433 yard par-4 12th, was their 5th birdie of the day and completed their score of 67.

The 2008 winners, Rick Persichetti and Kelly Arnold, were competitive again. Bogey-free thru their first 17 holes in 2012, disaster struck at the par-3 14th. Their final hole of the day resulted in a double-bogey and they fell into a tie with the Kellstrom's.

The ensuing playoff became an instant classic. Gateway's practice green has significant undulations and past playoffs here have seen 4-putts,

2012 Memorial Tournament

May 19, 2012
Gateway Golf Club
Par 36-36 - 72



Samantha and Jeff Kellstrom
2012 Memorial Tournament champs

something not even allowed in regulation play. But this playoff would see the 2 teams match pressure-packed par saves one after another. After another. After another.

Now Jeff Kellstrom was no stranger to the Memorial Tournament, or playoffs. He and wife Heather teamed up in 4 Memorial's from 2001 to 2005 and

finished in the top-4 3 times. Then, Jeff partnered with Rick Persichetti in 2006 and lost in a playoff to Greg Kline and Bob White. Kellstrom retired from the Tour after the 2006 season but returned with daughter Samantha in 2011.

With the 2006 teammates now battling on opposite teams, the 4-hole playoff was extended into

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sudden death and the 2 teams continued to match par-2's for another 4 holes.

Finally, on the 9th hole - a delicate downhill, 40 footer that slid to the right - Jeff followed Samantha's attempt with a precise putt that found the bottom of the hole.

Arnold and Persichetti needed to match the playoff's only 1-putt, but neither could duplicate the feat and the Kellstrom team prevailed.

The playoff was the longest in major championship history and 2nd longest only to the 10 hole playoff between David Martin and Tom W Litzler at the 2006 Sweet Sixteen - won by Martin.

Jeff and Samantha are the first multiple winners in 2012. Samantha scored a win at the UPS Store Golf Classic on May 6 and Jeff followed with a victory at the Chelsea Classic the following weekend.

Samantha, the reigning Ladies Open champ, already has 3 career wins in just 13 starts. Jeff became the 6th player in Tour history with 9 wins and moved into the top-10 money winners of all-time.

For Persichetti, also winner of the Green Towel in 2004 with Ray Collins as his partner, the 2nd place finish was bittersweet. He now has 8 top-4's at the Memorial including the wins in '04 and '08 but he was denied the chance to be the first to own 3 Green Towels.

Among the teams that tied for 3rd, just one stroke out of joining in the playoff fun, were tournament hosts Erik & Susan Meland. They had their best showing in years shooting a 68. An eagle putt that would have put them in the playoff lipped out on the 18th green.

Greg Kline and Jason Rectenwald also shot a 68. Kline has 6 top-4's in 10 appearances at the Memorial, including the win in 2006.

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2012 Memorial Tournament

May 19, 2012

Gateway Golf Club, Romulus, Michigan

	NET	Players
1	33-34 - 67	Jeff Kellstrom - Samantha Kellstrom * \$40.00
2	33-34 - 67	Rick Persichetti - Kelly Arnold \$30.00
3	30-38 - 68	Phil Abele - Charlie Roy \$12.50
	35-33 - 68	Greg Kline - Jason Rectenwald \$12.50
	33-35 - 68	Erik Meland - Sue Meland \$12.50
	33-35 - 68	Barb Hoelzle - Tom Hoelzle \$12.50
7	32-38 - 70	Tom Sachs - Denny Ersig
	32-38 - 70	Bill Gordon - Mike Harmon
	33-37 - 70	Dan Schwartz - Gary Vich
10	33-38 - 71	Jim Cwikla - Chris Drake
11	36-36 - 72	Thom Bales - Mike Prieskorn
	35-37 - 72	Don Morris - Eric Morris
	37-35 - 72	Rich Dunmore - Chris Dunmore
	33-39 - 72	Bob Baar - Terry Baar
15	36-37 - 73	Jeff Klipa - Klaus Juska
	35-38 - 73	Mike Percy - Erik Johnson
17	37-37 - 74	Scott Fuller - Rich Blanton
18	37-38 - 75	Damon Rickel - Dan Michalski
	34-41 - 75	Karl Carter - Sam Akunuri
	35-40 - 75	Pat Campbell - Ed Campbell
	36-39 - 75	Tom Moran - Tim Markel
22	37-39 - 76	Ned Loving - Ray Collins
23	34-43 - 77	Steve Dent - Jim Vazquez
24	38-40 - 78	Niall Berkery - Jarod Rickel

* won playoff

The Phil Abele-Charlie Roy and Barb & Tom Hoelzle teams also finished 1-stroke back. Abele and Roy started hot, needing only 10 putts on their first 9 holes. They were 7-under par thru 8 holes, but bogies at 11, 14 and 15 were their undoing as the pair settled for the 3rd place tie.

The Hoelzle's carded 2 eagles and 4 birdies but a costly double-bogey at

the par-3 5th was the difference. Still, it was their best score at the Memorial, even better than the 71 in 2006 that made them the 3rd team involved in that playoff.

As usual, Gateway's back nine played tougher than the front. The field averaged 34.5 net strokes on the front nine while averaging 37.5 net strokes on the back.

Leaderboard is a big hit

Real Time Scoring adds new dimension to the competition

The Mulligan Tour LLC, Belleville, MI -

The Real Time Scoring System developed by Tour rookie Scott Fuller has received rave reviews from some Touring players. This live leaderboard offers players the chance to see their status against the rest of the field in a given tournament. The info allows players to gage how aggressive to play as they're coming down the stretch of the back nine.

The evolution of the system is continuing as the tournaments and their courses are added to the database. Special accommodations have been made for many of the unique playing formats seen on Tour.

Its one thing to have nothing but 18-hole, stroke-play, net-scoring tournaments, but the Tour also has a

2-man scramble (The Memorial), multi round scoring (HPO, Quad-Tour Challenge, Big Dog Pro-Am) and stableford scoring (Crazy Brit) - not to mention the team formats of the Commissioner's Cup and the President's Cup.

The system has been in use at all tournaments this season, and the only issue so far is that not all members have capable mobile devices to use to update a group's scores after each hole.

Any concerns about slowing the pace of play - already a significant issue - has been calmed. The system is quite easy to use and takes only seconds to enter 4 gross scores and the number of putts.

The system is also able to document fairways hit and greens in

Mulligan Tour Real Time Scoring System

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To login—

Username = first initial and last name
(in most cases)

Password = "mulligan"

You can change your profile as you want

regulation and may ultimately track all of the Tour's stats.

So far, the Tour is not making pairings based on placing a member with a capable mobile device in each group, but members are encouraged to use and familiarize themselves with the system for the future.

Tour to remain open to all

Men and women, young and old, competing together makes the Tour unique among golf leagues

The Mulligan Tour LLC, Belleville, MI -

There are a few things that make the Mulligan Tour unique among touring golf leagues. Key among them is the fact that the Tour is mixed - with men and women, juniors and seniors competing on the same field.

"Golf is great that way", claims Erik Meland, the Tour's founder. "A handicapping system allows anyone to play on the same field and compete against others - no matter the skill level."

Men and women typically have

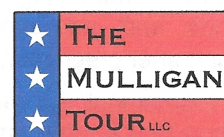
different "flights" or "divisions" in other sports and in most other golf leagues as well. But the Mulligan Tour was founded on the "Let's all play together" mantra.

Suggestions have been whispered into the Tour's ears to have a ladies flight and a senior flight playing from forward tees. But Meland has resisted so far and sees no plans to change in the near future. "I make no apologies", says Meland. "I like to play with girls!"

Women have won 28 times on Tour accounting for slightly more than

10% of the tournaments played. The female membership meanwhile has averaged around 12% of the total membership since 1999.

The ladies and seniors were given their own tournaments recently - the Ladies Open started in 2007 and the MT Senior Open debuted in 2010.



Eagle Crest hosts 4th HPO

A trimmed EMU course gets another leap year Open

The Mulligan Tour LLC, Belleville, MI -

The Commercial Underwriters Harbour Pointe Open returns to Eagle Crest Golf Club in late June. The venerable Eagle Crest has previously hosted 5 Mulligan Tour major championships including 2 PLAYERS Championships and 3 Harbour Pointe Opens.

By hosting the HPO for a 4th time, Eagle Crest will surpass 2 other classic Open venues - Pheasant Run and the Lakes of Taylor. These 3 courses have made up the majority of the rotation for HPO sites, hosting 10 of the last 13 championships.

Eagle Crest will set up at 6,470 yards for the men and 5,185 yards for the ladies - same lengths as in 2000, 2004 and 2008. And while the course has a fresh look on some holes - Eagle Crest thinned the trees around many of the holes bordering Ford Lake - the real difference in 2012 will be the 36-hole format. Introduced in the 2010 tournament, it now takes 2 days of sustained good play to win the Tour's flagship event.

Commercial Underwriters, an insurance provider based in Dearborn and led by Tour player Dan Schwartz, is one of the Tour's longest running sponsors. They have sponsored 10 of the last 11 HPO's and led the way in bringing charity tie-ins to the Tour.

The HPO started naming a benefitting charity in 2003 and has since raised more than \$4,800 for various charities over the years.

The 2012 HPO will benefit the Lennon Pregnancy Center. This 501 (c)3 organization provides non-judgmental counseling, material assistance and education before, during and after pregnancy.


The tournament will raise money for Lennon thru a raffle and the sale

2012
Commercial Underwriters
Harbour Pointe Open

Saturday, June 23
"Open" round - 8:00 shotgun start
Entry fee: \$80 Reg. deadline: June 14
Includes cart, food & challenge prizes
Raffle tickets and "combo" mulligans sold to raise money for the Lennon Pregnancy Center
www.lennoncenter.org

Sunday, June 24
"Championship" round - 12:00 tee times
Low 16 net scores (and ties) from Open round
Entry fee: \$60 due on June 23

Purse: \$235 1st place = \$50



of \$5 "combo" mulligans. The combo mulligan includes one tee mulligan and 1 fairway mulligan for use during the open round of the tournament. The raffle will have assorted prizes available with 1 chance going for \$5 and 3 chances sold for \$10.

As always, a very nice lunch is included after the open round on Saturday.

Harbour Pointe Hosts	
Eagle Crest GC	4*
Pheasant Run GC	3
Lakes of Taylor GC	3
Majestic at Lake Walden	2
Gateway GC	1
The Woodlands GC	1
* including 2012	

PAST CHAMPIONS at Eagle Crest GC	
2010 PLAYERS Championship	
Tom Sachs	77 (+5)
2008 Harbour Pointe Open	
Thom Bales	72 (E)
2005 PLAYERS Championship	
Cindy Loescher	73 (+1)
2004 Harbour Pointe Open	
Rick Persichetti	73 (+1) *
2000 Harbour Pointe Open	
Dan Schwartz	61 (-11)
* won playoff	

2012 MULLIGAN TOUR SCHEDULE

DATE	WEST	CENTRAL	EAST
April 28		Train with Tami Tin Cup Phil Johnson 72 (E)	
April 29 Sunday	Pine View Classic Mike Harmon 69 (-3)		
May 5			Sweet Sixteen Rich Dunmore 8-under
May 6 Sunday		UPS Store Golf Classic Samantha Kellstrom 68 (-4)	
May 12	Chelsea Classic Jeff Kellstrom 66 (-6)		Spartan Classic Jeff Klipa 68 (-4)
May 19	The Memorial Tournament Jeff and Samantha Kellstrom 67 (-5)		
June 2	Abacus Animal House Classic Tom Moran 64 (-8)		Cherry Creek Classic Barb Hoelzle 67 (-5)
June 3 Sunday		Dudlee's Plymouth Open Klaus Juska 68 (-2)	
June 8 Friday	The Fox Hunt Jason Rectenwald 51 points		
June 9		Real McCoy Classic Dan Schwartz 67 (-4)	
June 10 Sunday			East Side Charity Classic Rich Blanton 68 (-3)
June 16	The Holy Grail St. Johns GC		
June 22 Friday		Par-54 Classic Strategic Fox	
June 23-24	Commercial Underwriters Harbour Pointe Open Eagle Crest GC		
June 30			Casino Classic Twin Lakes GC
July 7	Strokes on a Rope Links at Whitmore Lake		
July 8 Sunday	Indigo Salon & Spa Ladies Open Pheasant Run GC		
July 14		Doc's Sports Retreat Quad-Tour Challenge Whispering Willows GC	
July 15 Sunday	MT Senior Open Indian Springs Metropark		

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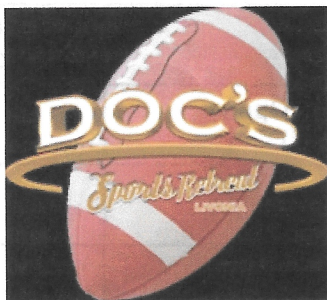
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DATE	WEST	CENTRAL	EAST
July 21		Crazy Brit Fox Creek GC	
July 22 Sunday			Big Dog Pro-Am Riverview Highlands
July 28	Two-Stick Classic The Woodlands		
July 27-29	Match Play Championship The Woodlands of Van Buren		
August 4			Fifty Cent Classic Stony Creek Metropark
August 5 Sunday	Ugly Pants Open Downing Farms GC		
August 11		Carrington Classic Carrington GC	
August 12 Sunday			Caddyshack Classic Links at Lake Erie
August 18	Go Blue Classic Lake Forest GC		
August 19 Sunday		Little Diablo Salsa Western Swing Hunter's Ridge GC	
August 25	WESTERN Championship Moose Ridge GC		EASTERN Championship Boulder Pointe GC
August 26		The PLAYERS Championship Northville Hills GC	
Sep 1			
Sep 8			
Sep 15	The TOUR Championship Polo Fields - Washtenaw - Golf & Country Club		
Sep 23 Sunday	The Skins Game (West) Mystic Creek GC	The Skins Game (Central) Mystic Creek GC	The Skins Game (East) Mystic Creek GC
Oct 6-7	Commissioner's Cup Forest Dunes GC		
Oct 14 Sunday	The President's Cup St. Johns G&CC		
Oct 21 Sunday	MT Skills Challenge Riverview Highlands GC		
Oct 28 Sunday	The Division Bell Farmington Hills GC		

Backspin

From the Mulligan Tour archives

Dan Schwartz captures 2000 HPO at Eagle Crest, then joins the ranks of title sponsors

July 20, 2000

The Mulligan Tour was 6 tournaments into it's 2nd campaign in 2000 when the first major championship of the year, the Harbour Pointe Open, arrived at Eagle Crest Golf Club in Ypsilanti.

The Harbour Pointe Open was named after the 10-year old subdivision in Belleville that was home to nearly half of the Tour's first members - including Dan Schwartz. One of the original 16 members in 1999, Schwartz was still looking for his first Tour win when he came to Eagle Crest in July.

The Tour's handicapping system was adjusted after the inaugural 1999 season (and would be tweaked again after the 2000 season) as net scores were viewed as too low. But Dan Schwartz took advantage of the strokes offered and posted an 11-under par 61 thanks in part to 2 natural birdies - one coming at Eagle Crest's signature hole - the par-5 16th.

Schwartz won the tournament by 4-strokes and would get his 2nd win the next weekend at the Quad-Tour Challenge.

But more importantly, Schwartz would become the first title sponsor for a Mulligan Tour event. His company, Commercial Underwriters Risk Management, Inc., based in Dearborn, would take the title sponsorship of the



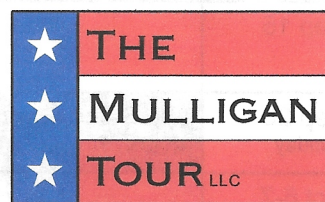
2000 Harbour Pointe Open

Eagle Crest GC
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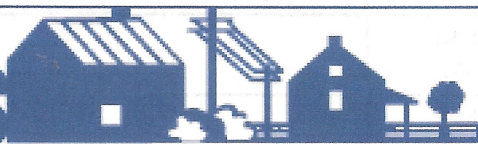
	NET	Name
1	61 (-11)	Dan Schwartz
2	65 (-7)	Bob White
	65 (-7)	Erik Meland
4	68 (-4)	Todd Stuart
	68 (-4)	Jim Cwikla
	68 (-4)	Chris Drake
7	69 (-3)	Mary Petree
8	70 (-2)	John Gmitter
	70 (-2)	Ron Folks
10	74 (+2)	Sue Cwikla
11	75 (+3)	Tom Hamilton
12	82 (+10)	Sue Meland

Harbour Pointe Open in 2001.

Now known simply as Commercial Underwriters, the insurance company has sponsored every HPO except one since that 2001 venture, lending prestige and class to the fledgling golf tour.



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