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Growing the game of golf, one child at a time.

NEWSLETTER

Letter from the Barry County Jr. Golf Association Board of Directors

Our mission is to impact lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character-development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf. Using the game of golf as a tool, our goal is to teach youth the values of confidence, integrity, perseverance, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

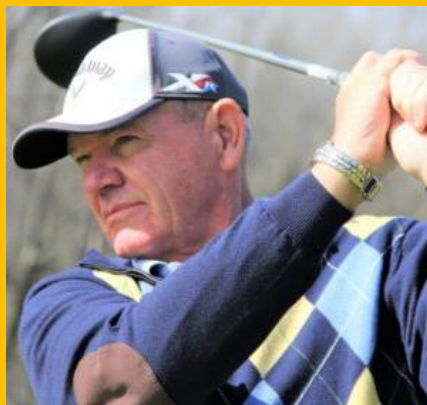
Established in 2020, our Association has raised funds through donations from the community and the hard work of volunteers. To build on that success and to create perpetual support we created an endowment fund with the Barry Community Foundation. Donations provided to the Barry County Jr. Golf Association will primarily support the PGA Jr. League at The Legacy at Hastings and other youth golf associated programs in Barry County. We very much appreciate your support in growing this entity.

We could not accomplish our goals without the help of The Legacy at Hastings. The Legacy provides the children a place to play golf at an extremely reduced rate. In the last two years the golf course has donated more than \$35,000.00 in greens fees, equipment, services and driving range time to children who participate in our programs. In return, we hope you support The Legacy when you are choosing a place to golf or host a function. If you have questions or concerns about The Legacy, golf, memberships or having a function at The Legacy, we encourage you to contact their General Manager, Josh Alderson at (269) 953-6038 or gm@legacyathastings.com.

Meet the Board

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Lynn Janson



Jock Hopkins



Meet the Coaches

2022 PGA Jr. League

For the 2022 PGA Jr. season we were extremely fortunate to again have program founder and Michigan Golf Hall of Famer, Lynn Janson, back to head the PGA Jr. League at The Legacy at Hastings. In 2022 we were also grateful to gain the support, experience and knowledge of PGA Professional Jock Hopkins. Coaches Janson and Hopkins provided exceptional instruction to the children and taught them valuable lessons for life and the game of golf.

Due to the immense support from our donors we were able to offer private lessons and a Youth on Course Membership (www.youthoncourse.org) to each of the children who participated in the program. The Barry County Jr. Golf Association reached an agreement with Coach Hopkins and Coach Janson to provide individual lessons to all our PGA Jr. Members who wanted them at a reduced rate, paid for entirely by our Foundation. We were able to provide nearly 100 lessons to the children. The value of those lessons were immense and we saw the results on the golf course and in the children's confidence levels.

Coach Janson and Coach Hopkins not only reduced their typical rate to make the lessons possible but they also donated considerable time to the PGA Jr. Program as a whole. They were there for each practice and match throughout the season. Thankfully, they have both agreed to return for the Summer of 2023 to continue watching the children and program grow.

In addition to our coaches, our 2022 season would not have been possible without the support of our team sponsors, Cedar Creek Machinists Training, Kloosterman's Sports Tap, Tripp, Tagg & Storrs, Attorneys at Law and David and Susie Baum who sponsored the Hotsticks Team. We are very thankful for their financial support and investment in the youth of Barry County and our PGA Jr. League.



2022 YMCA Golf

The 2022 YMCA Golf at The Legacy at Hastings was a great success. This year approximately 50 children participated in the program and with the help of Coach Janson and his staff, many of those children were introduced to the game of golf. The YMCA Golf League is not meant to be as competitive as PGA Jr. League but rather, to teach the children the basics of golf and proper etiquette. The children learned that and more. The amount of fun had at the golf course could be heard by not only the coaches but also anyone living within earshot of the golf course. We are looking forward to an exciting 2023 season of partnering with the YMCA.

2022 TEAM ROSTERS

<i>Tripp, Tagg & Storrs</i>	<i>Hastings Hotsticks</i>
Liam Edger, Lilli Edger, Ainslee Mattice, Charlie Mattice, Greyson Rambin, Jackson Storrs, Will Storrs, Dawson Tagg, Hudson Tagg, Tyson Tagg, Addington Workman, Pierson Workman	Leo Barber, Graham Darragh, Owen Elliot, Dominic Hughs, James Janson, Wesley Janson, Grant Martin, Grady Matteson, Graham Matteson, Penn Phillips, Elyana Pohja, Sophie Pohja
<i>Cedar Creek Machinist Training</i>	<i>Kloosterman's Sports Tap</i>
Landon Bowman, Dakota Cole, Ryann-Lynn Cole, Greyson Devries, Deklan Hendrick, Graedan Hendrick, Keigyn Johnson, Jada Madden, Aiden Riffel, Mason Slaughter, Davis Wattles, Colten Wiest	Olive Day, Opal Day, Reuben Day, Kellen Jansens, Madilyn Klemkosky, Kenzie McKeough, Kylie McKeough, Tony Sue, Daylen Sybesma, Evelyn Webb, Luke Webb, Willis Welch

The feedback received from participants, parents and volunteers was very clear, the 2022 PGA Jr. season was a success. This summer we implemented a number of changes to make the league more enjoyable for participants, and coaches and allow the golf course to be more efficient. Those changes were well received and included consistent practices every Tuesday and matches on Fridays and Sundays with the field divided in half to make the golf carts more available and tee times less confusing. The final regular league standings were as follows:

*Tripp, Tagg & Storrs.....30 points
 Hastings Hotsticks.....29.5 points
 Cedar Creek Machinist Training.....19.5 points
 Kloosterman's Sports Tap.....17 points*

In the first round of playoffs Tripp, Tagg & Storrs defeated Kloosterman's Sports Tap and the Hastings Hotsticks defeated CCMT. That led to the third place match being played between Kloosterman's Sports Tap and CCMT. CCMT was victorious and proudly finished third place in the league. The championship match between Tripp, Tagg & Storrs and Hastings Hotsticks was a closely contested match with Tripp, Tagg & Storrs coming out on top, 7.5 to 5.5. Below is a picture of the winning team with their medals!



The Foundation, with the assistance of The Legacy, added to the fun by providing popcorn and snow cones at the end of each match and practice! While we are confident the kids enjoyed golfing, but we suspect many of the children enjoyed the snow cones, popcorn and playing with their friends after matches just as much, if not more!

The Foundation was also able to use donated funds to host league parties at the beginning and end of the year. The parties were held at The Legacy's tent area which included a massive blow up slide purchased specifically for the PGA Jr. program and numerous other golf related, child focused, games. While not specifically golf related, things like the slide, popcorn, and snow cones certainly made the children excited to come to the golf course.





The Dennis Walters Show

The Barry County Jr. Golf Association, with the assistance of Mr. Janson, Mr. Alderson and our donors, was able to bring Mr. Dennis Walters and his trick shot routine to The Legacy at Hastings in June of 2022. It was a hot afternoon but it was a very well attended event. The children and adults were able to hear Mr. Walters' story, what he overcame and watch his show with amazement. For those of you who were not able to attend, Mr. Walters has traveled over 3.5 million miles and has amazed audiences at over 3,000 performances. He has appeared in all 50 states, Mexico, across Canada, and the United Kingdom. At each and every show he has been accompanied by one of his canine rescue pals usually, doing about 90-100 shows per year. The show is a program not only of golf lessons, but also life lessons. Dennis tells his story and encourages others to reach for their dreams, strive for excellence and do something they did not think they could. He uses his own personal experience as an example to challenge each person in the audience to do something in their life they thought was impossible, for with hard work, dedication, perseverance, you can achieve success at anything.

In addition, Mr. Walters was able to play in the very first United States Adaptive Open shortly after his show at The Legacy at Hastings. We are very thankful for the support provided to the foundation to make this event happen.



			
Grady Matteson & Daylen Sybesma	Lillie Edger & Jackson Storrs	Aiden Riffel and Willis Welch	Penn Phillips & Keigyn Johnson
			
Decklan Hendrick & Ryann-Lynn Cole	Luke Webb & Owen Elliott	Sophie Pohja & Colton Wiest	Hudson Tagg & Wesley Janson

Thanks to the hard work of our players and coaches, our PGA Jr. League qualified two All-Star teams to the PGA Jr. League National Championship Tournament. This year the regional tournament was held at Binder Park Golf Course in Battle Creek. As many of you may remember, our 2021 All Star team won the regional championship and ended up finishing as the fourth best PGA Jr. League team in the State of Michigan. Grady Matteson & Daylen Sybesma paced our 2022 All-Stars by shooting a two under round of 34. Unfortunately, it was not enough and, we were not able to repeat last year's success on the course. However, the kids had just as much fun participating and gained valuable experience for future events.

The PGA Jr. League is for players thirteen and under. Because of the age limit, five players, Lilli Edger, Grady Matteson, Aiden Riffel, Ryann-Lynn Cole, and Colton Wiest played their last event at the All-Star Match. We believe their futures are bright and hope that when you see them, you join with us in encouraging them to continue playing golf. Players must be at least ten years old to play in All-Star Matches and our PGA Jr. League has several nine-year old players who are working hard to fill those five spots and make next year's event.

Fundraising

The 2022 Lynn Janson Pro Am is our largest fundraiser of the year and this year's event was a smashing success. We were very fortunate, due largely to Mr. Janson's efforts and reputation, to draw 25 professionals to The Legacy at Hastings to participate in the fundraiser. We could not be more thankful that Mr. Janson chose to benefit our Foundation with this event. We would also like to acknowledge Mr. Joshua Alderson, General Manager at The Legacy at Hastings, for all the effort he put into the Pro Am.

Nearly 100 golfers played in the 2022 Lynn Janson Pro Am on September 2, 2022, at The Legacy at Hastings. Several of the professionals said the talent level of the professional golfers at our event was one of the strongest out of all of the professional events in West Michigan for 2022. The 2022 Champion was Mr. Ben Cook who shot an exceptional round of 66 to leave with the prize money. The professionals who attended the event indicated universal enjoyment of their time at The Legacy and their support of the Barry County Junior Golf Association. Many have already committed to playing again in 2023. If you would like to sign up for the event, you should do so early as the event typically fills up quickly.

We would also like to thank the sponsors of the 2022 Pro Am:

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Finally, this newsletter would not be complete unless we gave a special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Larry and Earlene Baum for their continued support of our foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Baum have gone above and beyond to support our efforts and we would not have been able to accomplish much of what we have, without their generosity.

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50/50 Raffle

In addition to the Lynn Janson Pro Am, fundraisers were held throughout the summer to support the Barry County Jr. Golf Association. We would like to thank The Legacy at Hastings and Janie Bergeron for conducting a 50/50 raffle during The Legacy's Member Guest event at the end of July.

Thank you!

The Foundation would also like to thank Jeff and Danielle Storrs and Andy and Kim Baber for taking donations during The Legacy's Member Guest event which also raised significant proceeds for the foundation. The Legacy at Hastings also raised money throughout the year at various events, including hole-in-one opportunities and donations from leagues hosted by The Legacy.

Memorial

Finally, Mr. Wayne Duits who passed away in 2022 directed his family to provide donations in his memory to the Barry County Jr. Golf Foundation. We are very thankful for all donations and support of our program. We hope you continue to provide that support to us in 2023 and beyond.

Alumni Spotlight

Tyler Hausserman

We are very proud of all of The Legacy's PGA Jr. League alumni and what they accomplish on and off the golf course. But we are especially proud of Tyler Hausserman, class of 2014. Tyler met our Coach, Lynn Janson, when he was 12 years old, started with private lessons, immediately formed a bond with Lynn and fell in love with the game of golf. He played in the PGA Jr. League when our team consisted of only 12 players and traveled to other courses for their events. Thanks to our donors, we now have 48 players, and The Legacy has its own league!

Since graduating from The Legacy's PGA Jr. League team, Tyler has gone on to excel at golf. He was the top player for Grand Rapids Community College for two years and competed in the National Junior College Golf Championship Tournament in 2022. He shot in the 70s in all four rounds of that tournament, leading his team to an eleventh-place finish. Tyler has also competed in two Michigan Opens, a United States Amateur Qualifying Tournament and plans to attempt to qualify for the Michigan Amateur this summer. Tyler is now 21 years old and still in love with the game of golf. He lives in Ionia and works in the golf shop at Egypt Valley Country Club, playing as much golf as possible. When asked about his time in the PGA Jr. League Tyler stated:

"I wish I had more time to play PGA Jr. League. It was great for me, my golf game and taught me a lot of life lessons. It was the first time I was exposed to competitive golf, and I immediately fell in love with it. Some of my teammates from PGA Jr. League are still some of my best friends. People I compete against now are some of the same people I competed against in PGA Jr. It was a great experience overall and taught me maturity, independence, respect, and dedication. I learned all of that while having a great time learning about golf, and that is the way it should be, kids having fun."

Tyler remains close with Coach Janson and plays in Lynn's Pro-Am each year.



Remembering our 2021
PGA Jr. League Champions
Deklan Hendrick, Samuel
Hawkes, Ariana Leos, Ailana
Leos, Isabel Honsowitz,
Dakota Cole, Blaine Wiltshire,
Daniel Jensen, Daylen
Sybesma, Jordan Shirey and
Anthony Sue.



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We would like to, again, extend our sincere appreciation to The Legacy at Hastings for all they do for our programs. Since 1921, golfers have been challenging themselves on The Legacy at Hastings, a classic West Michigan premier golf course. The Legacy features long fairways with smooth and fast greens, surrounded by towering stands of hardwoods, and beautiful panoramic views. Where golf is fun and everyone is welcome, the course is a mildly challenging par 72, at 5,219 yards from the forward tees to as long as 6,477 yards from the championship tees.



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