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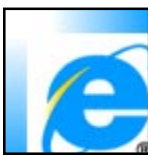
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## VECHEY EDGES KATSINAS IN PLAYOFF

### CAPTURES IAA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP'S CROWN

Other Flight Winners include Acevez, Thomas, Sahulcik, Heintzman, Kross, Misch, Potesta-Sajdyk, Wolf, and Sapya

The Course at Aberdeen hosted the 2002 IAA Golf Championships September 21 on a perfect autumn day. The course, one of northwest Indiana's finest, proved to be a true test as not one of the 82 players managed to break 80 on the par 72 6,800 yard track softened by back-to-back days of immense rain.

Dale Vechey added another championship to his trophy case as he was able to defeat the defending champion Frank Katsinas on a scorecard playoff after both fired 80's. Due to the length of the round, darkness forced the championship to be decided by going back on the scorecard to the #1 handicap hole, which Vechey birdied to Katsinas' par. Mike Kraushaar, Chet Patterson, Melvin White, and Bob DiCianni shared third with disappointing 83's.

The "A" flight was dominated by Pete Acevez who fired an 80. According to Acevez' playing partner Greg Kolisz, "Pete should have been 73 or 74, he played great until the final couple holes when it started to get dark and the effects of his playing partners began to materialize." Tom Wolf's 83 garnered second while Jerry Pinkowski closed strong to finish third with an 85.

The "B" flight was a dogfight between Ellis Thomas, Leon Williams, Walter Brooks, and Bob Hinch. Thomas and Williams, playing together, battled throughout the day, with both finally shooting 89's. Momentum seemed to be on Williams side as he eliminated a 3-shot deficit on the final four holes to force a playoff. However, darkness and Thomas prevailed. Thomas' title was secured on the #2 handicap 16th, the second playoff hole, with a par. Hinch and Brooks both fired 91's to share third, edging last year's champion Jimmie Harris (92), whose repeat title hopes vanished quickly with a 50 on the opening nine.

The ladies competition was all Lisa Misch. Her solid 89 easily outdistanced tournament favorite Rose Ceparich (102) and 2001 Champion Jan Orlich (109) to claim her first title. The Ladies "B" flight was won by Nori Potesta-Sajdyk with a 116 for the second her consecutive title. Nori topped last year's "C" flight champion Dory Brown and Nancy Turnball.

Other Men's flight winners were Bob Sahulcik ("C" Flight) with an 89, Greg Heintzman ("D" Flight) with an 88, and Chuck Kross ("E" Flight) with a 104. Tom Wolf was crowned Senior "A" champion with his 83, edging Melvin White and Chet Patterson, while Jim Sapya was named Senior "B" champion with his 95, defeating Bruce Bell in the tie-breaker.

Shots of the tournament were recorded by Melvin White and Bruce Bell. White holed out from 125 yards for an eagle 2 on the par 4 second, while, Bell's 6-iron on the 170 yard par 3 11th, came to rest on the lip of the cup for a near ace. Playing partners Ellis Thomas, Leon Williams, and Mark Woodke were stunned that it failed to fall in the cup. Frank Katsinas won the set of irons and golf bag.

See page 3 for the final scores at Aberdeen.



*Bruce Bell's near miss on the 170 yard par-3 11th*

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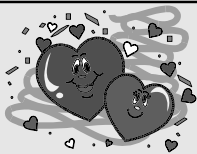
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**VALENTINES MOONLIGHT  
DOUBLES BOWLING EVENT**



**February 15, 2003  
10:00 p.m.**

Tickets \$25 Per Couple - Limited to the first 50 couples who respond. Mixed doubles event accompanied with music and Thunder Alley Lighting. This event is 'non-competitive' with prizes being awarded at random. Pizza and pop will be provided. For more information contact Jerry Michalak, 923-3800.

Remove bottom portion and send reservations to:  
Jerry Michalak, 1217 Meadowbrook Drive, Crown Point, IN 46307

*Doubles Bowling - February 15, 2003  
Entry Deadline Feb. 8, 2003*

IAA Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Tickets @ \$25.00: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*All checks must be made payable to IAA, Inc.*

**MICHIGAN GOLF GETAWAY RECAP**

A fabulous time with great weather conditions was had by all participants at the getaway in September. The golfers were challenged by the beautiful resort courses of The Summit and The Schuss Mountain. Their skills were further challenged by the awesome Championship courses of the Arnold Palmer "Legend" and the Tom Weiskopf's "Cedar River". All courses were in pristine shape and offered picturesque views. While the golfers were chasing the little round ball around the course and making a variety of ball donations, the non-golfers were honing their shopping and self pampering skills with a variety of options. Some individuals arrived early to play extra discounted rounds of golf while others checked out some of the local cuisine. Saturday's 36 holes was followed by a fabulous buffet dinner, awards, and live entertainment for some while others decided on a quiet evening. Longest drive awards went out to Tom "The Club" Diehl first place at 340 yds, Ray "Tiger" Gonzalez second at 339 yds, Jimmy "Elvis" Szyszka third at 338 yds, Ed "The Hookman" Rudd fourth at 337 yds, and Joe "Provisional" Ski fifth at 336 yds. Actually, we just had a raffle in which Tom won a real nice Titleist golf bag and others won some golf balls and towels. Sunday was a relaxed buffet breakfast, driving range, and off to our morning tee times. Some participants stayed for a second round while others called it quits and departed back home. Next year, there is talk of possibly raffling off a partial or full package for this event as incentive to build on its participation. Keep your eyes peeled for more info at the IAA's golf leagues and outings during the upcoming season.



*Jim Szyszka,  
Tom Diehl,  
Joe Sarwacinski,  
Ed Rudd, &  
Rafael Gonzalez  
(pictured  
left to right)*



*Tom Diehl -  
Winner of the  
Grand Prize  
(a Titleist Golf  
Bag)*

**MENS "CHAMPIONSHIP" FLIGHT**

	Front	Back	Total
<b>Vechev, Dale</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>80</b>
Katsinas, Frank	40	40	80
Kraushaar, Mike	43	40	83
Patterson, Chet	42	41	83
DeCianni, Bob	41	42	83
White, Melvin	40	43	83
Kurth, Bill	37	46	83
Carson, Jim	44	42	86
Mohoi, Jim	46	44	90
Skertich, Terry	45	45	90
Sarris, Art	51	52	103
Staten, Nate			N/S

Note: Dale Vechev defeated Frank Katsinas in scorecard playoff. Vechev had a birdie 4 on the #1 Handicap hole (#5) while Katsinas carded a 6.

**MENS "A" FLIGHT**

	Front	Back	Total
<b>Acevez, Pete</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>80</b>
Wolf, Tom	44	39	83
Pinkowski, Jerry	44	41	85
Alvarado, Dave	46	40	86
Hobbs, Charlie	41	48	89
Crawford, Frank	44	46	90
Kolisz, Greg	40	50	90
Steapleton, Greg	46	44	90
Weller, John	48	44	92
Hoots, Mike	48	45	93
Cleve, John	49	48	97
Miller, Bill	49	48	97
MacCarthy, Dennis	52	46	98
Steapleton, Bill	51	52	103

**MENS "B" FLIGHT**

	Front	Back	Total
<b>Thomas, Ellis</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>89</b>
Williams, Leon	45	44	89
Brooks, Walter	45	46	91
Hinch, Bob	45	46	91
Cooley, Donald	44	48	92
Harris, Jimmie	50	42	92
Parsanko, Ron	43	50	93
Schneck, Jim	46	52	98
Donnelly, Dick	52	49	101
Karpik, Mike	53	50	103
Woodke, Mark	48	55	103
Langbehn II, Mark	53	55	108

Note: Ellis Thomas defeated Leon Williams in scorecard playoff. Both had 6's on #1 Handicap hole (#5). Thomas had 4 on #2 handicap hole (#16) while Williams had an 8.

**MENS "C" FLIGHT**

	Front	Back	Total
<b>Sahulick, Bob</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>89</b>
Michelin, Mark	44	47	91
Hernandez, John	44	51	95
Sapyta, Jim	50	45	95
Bell, Bruce	51	44	95
Briggs, Roger	50	49	99
Serrato, Danny	52	48	100
Costinio, Jamey	49	53	102
McLeroy, Joe	56	49	105
Rios, Danny	51	54	105
Melton, John	55	51	106
Bolten, Tom	54	53	107
Melcic, Bill			N/S

**MENS "D" FLIGHT**

	Front	Back	Total
<b>Heintzman, Greg</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>88</b>
Ganz, Rob	44	58	102
Sajdyk, Jim	53	52	105
Guerra, John	62	45	107
Babbitt, Mike	54	54	108
Jones, Charlie	58	51	109
Brownwell, Gene	56	55	111
Sarwacinski, Joe	55	57	112
Torres, Henry	50	62	112
Sapyta, Tony	58	58	116
Leyba, Dave			DNF

**MENS "E" FLIGHT**

	Front	Back	Total
<b>Kross, Chuck</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>104</b>
Gonzalez, Ray	59	52	111
Flores, Xavier	50	62	112
Sarwacinski, Ed	57	57	114
Hill, John	58	59	117
Murphy, Chuck	58	59	117
Pinkowski, Tom	58	62	120
Grskovich, Joe	56	67	123
Wise, Lew	71	87	158
Dziewicki, Dan			N/S
Soto, Roland			N/S

**LADIES "CHAMPIONSHIP" FLIGHT**

	Front	Back	Total
<b>Misch, Lisa</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>89</b>
Ceperich, Rose	50	52	102
Orlich, Jan	50	59	109
DeWitt, Sylvia	56	56	112

**LADIES "A" FLIGHT**

	Front	Back	Total
<b>Potesta-Sajdyk, Nori</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>116</b>
Turnbull, Nancy	58	63	121
Brown, Dory	67	56	123
Kross, Cheryl	65	65	130

**SENIOR "A" FLIGHT**

	Front	Back	Total
<b>Wolf, Tom</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>83</b>
Patterson, Chet	42	41	83
White, Melvin	40	43	83
Carson, Jim	44	42	86
Hobbs, Charlie	41	48	89
Thomas, Ellis	49	40	89
Crawford, Frank	44	46	90
Skertich, Terry	45	45	90
Weller, John	48	44	92
Hoots, Mike	48	45	93
Schneck, Jim	46	52	98
Donnelly, Dick	52	49	101
Steapleton, Bill	51	52	103
Sarris, Art	51	52	103
Staten, Nate			

**SENIOR "B" FLIGHT**

	Front	Back	Total
<b>Sapyta, Jim</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>95</b>
Bell, Bruce	51	44	95
Serrato, Danny	52	48	100
Kross, Chuck	52	52	104
Melton, John	55	51	106
Bolten, Tom	54	53	107
Jones, Charlie	58	51	109
Brownwell, Gene	56	55	111
Gonzalez, Ray	59	52	111
Flores, Xavier	50	62	112
Hill, John	58	59	117
Murphy, Chuck	58	59	117
Melcic, Bill			



**March 8, 2003 - 7:00 p.m.**

Tickets \$15

Includes ticket, transportation, food, beverages, and door prizes on the bus. Bus will depart from Griffith Plaza (Ridge Road and Cline Ave.) at 5:00 p.m.

Remove bottom portion and send reservations to:  
Mike Kraushaar, 1277 Brandywine Road,  
Crown Point, IN 46307 (Phone 988-3493)

**Chicago Wolves - March 8, 2003**  
**Entry Deadline Feb. 21, 2003**

IAA Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Tickets @ \$15.00: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**INLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S  
DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS  
FEBRUARY 2, 2003 @ 10:00 AM  
HOSTED BY PLAZA LANES  
ENTRY FEE IS \$40 PER TEAM**



*The IAA Doubles Championship will follow the BAKER FORMAT of bowling (bowlers alternate frames within the game). Teams will be made up of two IAA members. Teams will bowl a six-game qualifier. The top six teams will qualify for the match-play finals. Team Average is restricted to 440, with 90% Handicap from 440. Teams can be male / male, female / female, or mixed.*



*2002 Champions: Jimmie George & Sid Givens  
2002 Runnersup: Kevin Mikalowski & Becky Betts*



**PROJECTED PAYOUT BASED ON 50 ENTRIES**

**1st = \$400, 2nd = \$300,  
3rd = \$225, 4th = \$175,  
5th = \$160, 6th = \$125,  
7th = \$100, 8th = \$75**

**FEATURES the "GRAND BRACKET" sidepot  
with it's \$400 First Place Prize**

**TO SIGN UP**

**Contact Mike Krausbaar (219-988-3493)  
for additional information  
Entry Deadline is January 24, 2003**

**BOWLING SEASON IN FULL GEAR,  
BAKER DOUBLES SET FOR FEB 2**

The IAA bowling season is approaching its midway point, and the record scoring of the past season is not being challenged. Thus far, only three perfect games and three 800 series' have been recorded by IAA bowlers. Erik Howard, Wednesday Men's, fired games of 290, 279, and 258 for a season high 827, which included 20 consecutive strikes. Evon Fortenbery and Bill Springer rolled 300 games in the Wednesday Men's, while Brian Miloshoff recorded a fine 801 set in his first IAA competition. Reigning IAA Bowler of the Year Bob Kammer Jr added to his portfolio with a 300 - 804 performance in the Wednesday Men's.

The tournament trail continues with the sold out World Team Challenge December 15 at Hebron Lanes with a second qualifier tentatively scheduled for January 5, 2003, to accommodate the growing interest and popularity the event has witnessed. The Doubles Championships, using the unique baker-scoring format, will take place February 2, 2003, at Plaza Lanes. The entry form can be found to the left of this article, and it is recommended that entries be submitted early as space will be limited to 75 teams. Any questions concerning the IAA bowling events can be directed to Mike Krausbaar at 988-3493.



*Erik  
Howard*



*Brian  
Miloshoff*

**Trips**

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I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. Remember, everything you ate has to be worked off or a new wardrobe is in order. Some of our members will be going on Thanksgiving trips. . . I hope they share their experiences with us at the Christmas party on December 6 at Kelsey's.

The **December trip:** By the time you are reading this, we will only have a few short days left before we leave for Park City. This will be my first trip of the season and I am looking forward to hitting the slopes. I will have a full report for the January Spiel.

The next trip is our Family Ski Day at **Swiss Valley** in January. It will be the 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun one-day, drive-up trip that friends, family, kids, and grandkids will all enjoy. Trip Leader; John Miskulin H (219) 477-5776 W (219) 399-5037.

The CMSC is offering a European trip to **Grindelwald, Switzerland** January 17-25, 2003. You are really pushing it if you haven't signed up yet. But you never know, they might have a cancellation. If interested, contact Mike Pogar (847) 381-4452

We are again offering the **Schuss / Shanty Creek Instructional Weekend**. Joe did a great job last year, and he is doing it again. The dates are February 7-9. The trip is a drive-up; it includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner banquet, Friday night welcome party, lift tickets, and up to 8 hours of ski instruction. See Joe's flier. Contact Joe Sarwacinski H (219) 844-5854 W (219) 399-2236

CMSC is again hosting **Winter Carnival** at **Schuss / Shanty Creek** the weekend of March 7-9. The trip includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, and all Winter Carnival (13+) activities. Contact John Kuhn H (219) 663-9067 W (219) 399-5112.

Big Sky is full — I added another 6 spots and they promptly filled up. If you want to be put on a waiting list or see if we can get you a spot with another club, contact me and we will see what we can do. The dates are March 22-29, 2003. For those of you on the trip, the final payment is due December 6 — we need to get caught up so I can make our final payment to the CMSC. Check out [www.Ski-Big-Sky-Montana.com](http://www.Ski-Big-Sky-Montana.com). I looked at the web cam, and the runs already are covered with new snow. Contact Tim Biesen (219) 838-7384

The Inland Ski Club will have a Christmas Party December 6 at Kelsey's Steak House in Schererville. Our club meetings for January, February, and March 2003 are held on the first Monday of the month, 7:30 PM, at Rodney's Sports Bar and Grill, 2833 Highway Ave., Highland, IN.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 8-15	IAA Ski Club - Park City, Utah
December 15	Bowling World Team Challenge
January 17-25	European Trip-Grindelwald, Switzerland
January 18	Family Ski Day - Swiss Valley
February 2	IAA Baker Doubles Championships
February 7-9	Schuss/Shanty Creek Instructional Weekend
February 15	Valentines Moonlight Doubles
March 2	Bowling Singles Championships
March 7-9	Winter Carnival @ Schuss/Shanty Creek
March 8	Chicago Wolves Trip
March 22-29	Western Trip-Big Sky Montana

### TRAP SHOOTERS WANTED

The 2003 IAA Trap League will start on 3/27/ 03 at the Griffith Izaak Walton, Griffith, Indiana. Signups will be open on 3/13/03, 03/20/03, and 03/27/03. The league will last for 10 weeks, ending on 5/29/03. All shooters are welcome. Bring a friend. Let's see if we can make this year's trap league a little bigger with some new shooters. For more information, please call Larry Swentzel at home 972-1130, at work at extension 4860, or any Thursday night at the Griffith Izaak Walton 924-0650.



*John Miskulin  
presenting  
Mike Kraushaar  
with Outstanding  
Leadership  
Award for his two  
terms of  
presidency*

### KUBACKI DOMINATES MASTER'S FIELD

Mike Kubacki collected his first IAA Singles title with a consistent game and controlled mental approach under demanding yet playable conditions. Kubacki trailed only Jerry "PBA" Michalak at the completion of the five game qualifying portion as both players dominated the talented field by averaging over 220. However, Kubacki, the 2002 Indiana State Master's champion, proved why he's one of Indiana's top amateur players during the 3-game match-play segment, rolling games of 224, 239, and 194 to easily lock up the #1 seed for the stepladder finals. Rick Woloszyn, Bill Pitchford, Jerry Michalak, and 2001 champion Bill Springer were battling for the final two championship round positions with Springer and Woloszyn emerging from the third and final game of match play with narrow victories, which, when coupled with the 30 bonus pins awarded for winning a match, vaulted them by then #2 Pitchford and #3 Michalak into the championship round.



Woloszyn, the IAA's most dominant player of the 90's, defeated Springer 236 - 220 in the semi-finals, setting up the title match with Kubacki and an opportunity to capture his first IAA singles title. Not phased by Kubacki's tournament track record or his domination of the field during qualifying, Woloszyn's tactical approach to the 2-game championship match made for an interesting and enthusiastic final, featuring more gamesmanship than electrifying shotmaking. Kubacki surged to an early 28-pin lead after the first game, but was unable to bury his feisty opponent as both struggled during the second game. As the match moved to its final stages with the outcome still undecided, both players closed with a flurry, stringing the final five strikes each, which, for Kubacki, was enough to claim a hard fought 437 - 420 victory. Kubacki collected \$140 for his efforts, while Woloszyn, who qualified in the eighth and final position, edging both 2001 Master's Runner-up Ed Olszewski and Scott Hansen, 2002 Indiana State Doubles Champion, by a single pin, took home \$100.

Other finalists included Mitch Ward, John Riffle, and reigning IAA Bowler of the Year Bob Kammer Jr.