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Michigan Section

**2021 MIPGA Fall Meeting
WMPGA Report
Submitted By- Matt Koets, Western Chapter PGA President**

- Thank you to the 2021 WMPGA Chapter Board for their service to members of the WMPGA. As the board transitions to new leadership, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to each of the following members for working together as a cohesive unit to lead the WMPGA through uncharted territory over the last two years. The members of the WMPGA should feel confident in the strong leadership ahead.
 - Kyle Horton, Vice President/Secretary
 - John Seltzer, Tournament Chairperson
 - Matt Swan, Sponsor Chairperson
 - Adrian Joliffe, Past President
 - Matt Flaherty, At Large Member
 - Pat Hagerty, At Large Member
- The 2021 WMPGA Chapter Schedule had ten events including five pro-ams. Thank you to the host professionals and host facilities for your hospitality! We were pleased to see an increase in pro-am participation this season with an average of 29 teams per pro-am. Unfortunately, one pro-am was cancelled due to weather. Participation in our other events was mixed with some showing strong increases and other showing decline.
- The WMPGA Sponsorship Program was re-established for the 2021 season after taking a one year break last year due to COVID-19. Thank you to our 2021 sponsors who stepped forward to support our chapter and our tournament program.
 - FireKeepers Casino and Hotel
 - James Uttecht, Ping Golf
 - Cory Graff, Cobra Puma Golf
 - Mike Dykema, Callaway Golf
- The transition to the new pro-am registration system was smooth as our chapter members appreciated the on-line registration and tee time process. The host facilities also echoed those same sentiments.
- The 2021 Chapter Championship and Fall Meeting took place September 13 and 14 at the Kalamazoo Country Club. We would like to congratulate Ben Cook for winning the event with a 54-hole score of -7. Way to go, Ben! Finishing in second place was the 2020 Champion, Chad Kurmel -2, and rounding out the top three was John Seltzer at even par. Thank you to Kyle Horton, his team, and the entire staff at Kalamazoo Country Club for hosting a great tournament!
- Ben Cook took home the 2021 WMPGA Match Play event and he would also go on to win the 2021 MIPGA Match Play Championship. Ben is the recipient of the "Robert Dykema Match Play Trophy" in honor of the late Bob Dykema who passed away earlier this year. We are honored to present this trophy to Ben and honor the legacy of Bob and his long-time support of the WMPGA. Congratulations, Ben!
- The WMPGA is in good financial standing with an account balance of \$3,500.00 as of September 15.
- Nominations for the Office of President and Vice President/Secretary were taken from the floor at the Fall Meeting on September 14. None were submitted. I am pleased to announce that Kyle Horton will become the next WMPGA Chapter President. John Seltzer will become the Vice President/Secretary and Matt Swan will become the Tournament Chairperson. A new Sponsor Chairperson will be appointed soon.