

## Awaiting a banner season

### Improving economy could help area courses

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King's Challenge, an Arnold Palmer designed course, will once again be bringing their popular Steak and Play package, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart and a steak dinner afterwards, according to golf pro Chuck Olsen. The price, Sunday through Thursday, through the month of June is just \$49 per person.

This popular pairing was recently written up in *Golf Magazine*. For tee times, call (231) 228-7400.

Crystal Mountain, for the first time, is offering a limited golf membership for the resort's Betsie Valley course. It entitles the holder to free green fees for the season Sunday through Thursday, and Friday, Saturday and Sunday based on availability. A cart is extra, but just \$13 per person for 18 holes. The cost for the membership is \$149. For more details, call (800) 968-7686.

Crystal is also offering a Fill-a-Fours package Monday through Thursday all season long for both the Betsie Valley and Mountain Ridge courses. Advance tee times are required. The price for four people with carts to play Betsie Valley is \$99 and \$139 for Mountain Ridge. Divided four ways, that's a price that will be hard to beat mid-summer.

The Homestead is expanding its facilities to showcase the new Dave Pelz Scoring Game School, which they started last year.

Recognized for its world-renowned golf schools, Pelz provides golfers a variety of ways to lower their scores through improved putting and short game skills.

A new lodge will be built to house some of the activities and the teaching area will be improved to include a two-tired, 16-station



Haig Hickory Tournament at Elmbrook.

range with targets ranging between 40 and 100 yards. It will also include a huge bunker to practice sand shots and large undulating greens dedicated to either just chipping or putting. For more information on the new school, call (800) 833-7370. The school is expensive—over \$2000 for just the commuter rate. The multiple-day school is for the serious golfer only, and the instruction is top notch. Pelz is recognized as the world's foremost expert on all aspects of golf's short game.

Boyne is introducing Family Fun Days this golfing season as a way to get the whole family out for a

round of golf, according to

spokesperson Julie Ard. "Bring the whole family along for a round of golf on a Sunday afternoon at any of our participating resorts," she explained. "Mom plays for free when accompanied by kids 17 and under paying a cart fee. We hope to get more families involved in the sport, and now a memorable outing is more affordable."

Family Fun Days take place on Sunday afternoon starting from 4 p.m. on The Moor, Crooked Tree, Alpine, Monument, and after 5 p.m. on the Bay Harbor Golf Club. For details or tee times, call (800) GOBOYNE.