

# Caddies enjoy course adventures

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they're any smaller they get so worried about carrying the bag that they can't do their other duties."

Chris make up a small percentage of caddies at area country clubs.

Chris Siler, a 19-year-old resident of Redford, is among the minority, caddying at Western for six years. It took Siler a while to convince Walters that she could handle the responsibilities.

**FIVE YEARS LATER** she earned an Evans Scholarship to the University of Michigan for excellence in caddying.

"They didn't think I could handle it," said Siler. "I was a scrawny little girl, about half the size of the golf bag. I kid Barry about it now. I wanted to prove to him I could carry the bag."

"Some members won't take a girl in their group because they think girls also can't put up with the language."

The Evans Scholarship is one of the incentives offered to caddies. The Evans Scholarship is a four-year grant, paying for tuition and board.

To receive the Evans Scholarship, a caddy must graduate in the top quarter of his or her class, caddy for two years and also qualify for financial assistance to attend college. Currently, the scholarship in Michigan is offered only at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

Two caddies per club each year are eligible to win the Evans Scholarship.

Unfortunatly, not all caddies are motivated enough to earn the Evans grant until it is too late.

"YOU TELL KIDS who are in junior high about this great scholarship, and they aren't even thinking of college yet," said Mark Thomas, a 21-year-old caddy at Birmingham Country Club, who is on an Evans Scholarship at Michigan. "It's up to the parents to push them."

A caddy caters to members of the country club he is employed by. For each round he works, a caddy is responsible for carrying the member's bag, keeping the clubs in order, raking sand traps and, in some cases, providing the golfer advice on a shot.

There are four classes of caddies, starting with the beginner level. The advanced level is next, followed by the captain caddy and a level for honors caddies. Some caddies, if dedicated enough, can work their way up to honors before the end of the first summer on the job.

Most clubs pay similar flat rates to caddies. For 18 holes, a beginner caddy will make about \$8, plus a tip. A caddy makes approximately \$1 more per round for each higher level.

**CADDYING** is a summer alternative for boys and girls who would rather not deliver newspapers, said John Monitz, the caddy superintendent at Oakland Hills for 10 years. Monitz began caddying himself in the 1940s. The principles of caddying have remained the same, but the rewards are greater, he said.

"I caddied like hell, and the rates then were \$1.35 and a 10 cent tip," recalled Monitz. "Back then, if they gave you \$2, that was a great bag. A kid can make good dough today. The money's there if he wants to work."

"Caddying teaches them how to grow up. In this business, you have to relate to young people, older people, women. You have to wear a lot of blimps on your hat. We try to mold them for the outside world. It's very healthy, they get to work outside, and get to know important people."

The 1980 movie "Caddy Shack," starring Chevy Chase, gave a somewhat false impression of what really goes on inside the shacks, Monitz said. But he could relate to some scenes.

"LIKE WHEN the caddy superintendent increased the price of a pop inside the caddy shack because he

lost at the track the night before," said Monitz. "I've seen that happen at some of the clubs I've worked at."

"Caddy Shack," the movie, did not help or hinder the caddy business, Monitz believes. The number of caddies has decreased some at area clubs, but Monitz attributes that to a decline in population and because club members are getting older and prefer to drive cars instead of using caddies. Most area clubs have at least 50 caddies who work about five days a week, Monitz said.

Thomas said golfers perform better when with a caddy. Most clubs require members to present a medical letter from a doctor to use a cart, but not all abide by that rule.

# Diver moves closer

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**WITH HIS AIM** refocused on the 10-meter platform, Wantuck's workouts and performances have regained consistency, a trait he takes particular pride in. "Consistency has always been a strong point of mine, and I had lost it last year," he said.

"To make the Olympics, you have to do tough dives and you have to do tough dives consistently."

Few American divers — including Louganis — have been more consistent this year than Wantuck. In five meets leading up to the American Cup III and U.S. Nationals, he placed second in all but one. He placed

second in a meet last January in the Canary Islands in which top divers from Europe and China also competed.

At the U.S. Indoor Nationals in April at Milwaukee, Wantuck placed third behind Bruce Kimball and Louganis, then again placed behind Kimball in a U.S./China dual meet in Largo, Fla., in late May.

**KIMBALL**, a University of Michigan grad, and Louganis, together with Matt Scoggins (University of Texas), Scott Donle (Florida) and Pat Jeffery (OSU), are other top contenders for the two Olympic team berths for the 10-meter.

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