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Golfing legend honored at fund-raiser

■ Twenty years ago the first Babe Zaharias golf outing was held to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The public is invited to attend the golf outing, dinner, auction and other events at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester.

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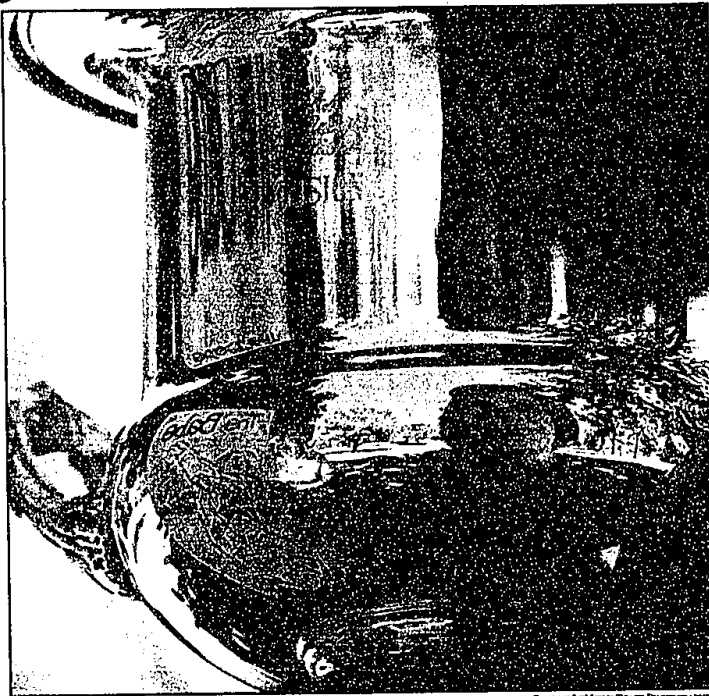
Women across the state have a lot of drive when it comes to taking part in a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society.

Thousands of female golfers will play in the 20th Annual Babe Zaharias American Cancer Society Golf Championship & Auction this year. Locally the competition will be held at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester Monday, Aug. 14.

"It's a nice way to raise money for an organization that I believe in — I enjoy golf and I enjoy the competition," said Joyce Kosutic, a Farmington Hills resident and a member of Edgewood Country Club in Commerce Township. She serves on the Oakland County tournament board.

Organizers expect the golf outing, sponsored by American Airlines and Masco, to raise \$80,000. About \$1.3 million has been raised since the first golf outing to honor Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias.

Zaharias became a well-known name among golfers after she won the Women's Open Championships in 1948, 1950 and 1954 among many other titles. Off the course, Zaharias helped found the LPGA, which was chartered in 1950. She died from cancer at 42 after winning 31 tour



Fine reflections: A championship cup is passed annually to the winner of the Babe Zaharias American Cancer Society Golf Championship. Joyce Kosutic, in the foreground, and Candy Nelson, posing with a sign of "The Babe," are working to make this year's event a success.



JAMES A. SCOTT

War veteran recalls fighting

■ was a grinder at Murchey Machine & Tool Co. and after three deferments I was inducted into the Army Sept. 10, 1943.

After 16 weeks of basic training I had a 15-day leave to go home. We boarded a train for Fort Ord, Calif. We stayed there a couple of weeks for advanced training. Then we were taken to our ship — the Italian liner, Rex — that had been converted to a troop carrier.

I think we must have had about 5,000 or 6,000 men on board. We left a week later and were on the ocean for the next 30 days. We were a fast ship and needed no escort, but on Sunday we circled all day because of a submarine scare. The first land we saw was New Caledonia.

We picked up some engineers and continued on to Goodenough Island just off the coast of New Guinea. We stayed there about three weeks, and how it would rain. We helped unload ships that came into the harbor and other duties.

Then we were put on ship and taken to New Guinea. It was quite a job climbing down the rope ladder with the rise and drop caused by the waves.

From there we went up the beach to a camp. We were now members of the 32nd Division CO 127 B Co. We had our issue of necessary things. Some of my friends were sent up to the action right away. And in a couple of days some were killed or wounded or shell shocked, some I never

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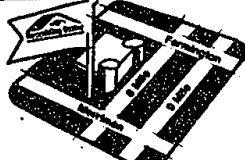
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