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# **6-way playoff settles Open qualifier**

## By Dennis O'Connor staff writer

Don Stevens probably didn't sleep well Tuesday night. Visions of bogeys danced through his head - bogeys which may have cost him a trip to Oakland Hills for next week's U.S. Senior Open, July 9-12.

It was close but no cigar for Don Stevens of West Bloomfield. The Plum Hollow member deadlocked with five other players at 76 and entered a sudden-deeth playoff. Edged by Brien Charter of Bellaire, Stevens became the No. 1 for the U.S. Senior Open.

Stevens, a popular amateur golfer who plays at Plum Hollow in South-field, lost a six-way playoff for the 11th and final spot at the sectional qualifier at Prankin Hills. Stevens, who will be a No. 1 alter-nate for the seniors event, lost when Brien Charter of Bellaire sank a 30-foot birdie patt on the third playoff hole.

But Stevens, who finished tied with five obsers at 76 after regulation the separated be last three boles. He three-footer the last three boles. He three-footer for part. A score of 75 would have qualified for the event. "T wish I had played the last three holes better," said the West Bloom-field resident. "I just took the gas... asuper gasser. "I expected to make it. Well, it's (first alternate) the next best thing, I quess. I had things going today, but then iscrewed it up."

guess. 1 had things going today, but then 1 screwel it up." THREE GOLFERS — George Bayer of Detroit, Tom Simon of Ann Arbor and Glein Johnson on Detroit — each shot one-under-par 71 to pace the 79-member field. Al Mengert, the host professional at Oakland Hills, was the foorth golfer to quality, carding a 72 Roy Baetite Darbon Heights both shot 73, only the Samia, Ohio and Stan Javor in Deab and Heights both shot 73, only the Samia, Ohio and Stan Javor in Deab and Heights both shot 73, only the Samia of Orchard Lake and Tom Rev of Frankin Village each shot 75 to qualify. In the playoff, Cl vrier and Stevens were the only golf, s to advancer. Max Evans of Suthfield, a part-ime teaching pro at Harolfs Driving Range in Southfield, bogeyed the sec-ond hole to finish as the No. 2 alter-nate. Samuel Estep of An Arbor, E. Clem Jenyoff hole to drop from conten-tion. On the third playoff hole, Stevens in a ta sizi-roin into a bunker in front of the green, while Charter's te-shot

of the green, while Charter's tee-shot landed 30 feet to the left of the pin on

landed 30 feet to the left of the pin on the green. Stevens hit a beautiful shot out of the trap, landing four feet from the hole. But Charter's birdle put hit the back of the cup and bounced in to end the playoff.

troit Golf Club shot 34-37 - 71, in-cluding a hole-in-one on the par-3, 142-yard ninth hole. He used an eightiron to register the 12th ace of his ca

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for a noise-in-noise at 100.3. He used a three-iron to register the fifth ace of his career. "Yee been training hard for this thing (the U.S. Senior Open), playing in the morning and hitting at night— no caffeine to keep the nerves strong," Johnson said. " 1 diol know how anyone was doing out there. It was me against Mr. Par. I told some-one on the putting green that 75 would get in." Simon's round, 36-35 — 71, was highlighted by an eagle-3 on the 441-yard, par-5 15th hole. Using a sand-iron, Simon, 52. bounced his hird shot into the cup from 70 yards out. SIMON, WEARING A a scarlet

SIMON, WEARING A a scalet shirt, has been a pro at the University of Michigan Golf Club in Ann Arbor for nine years. He is the Wolverines' men's and women's golf coach, as weal

men's and women's goit coach, as well. "I'm excited about qualifying ex-cept when (U'M Athletic Director Don) Canham here's about this, he's going to be wondering what I've been doing. Simon said. "I've probably put more time into playing golf than in the last 20 years combined and only because of the semistric tournaments coming up." Simon said he "really diafut play all that well to shoot a 71," but credited his caddie, Jim Yaffe, with helping him read the greens. Yaffe, a mem-ber at Franktin Hills, is a senior on U-M's golf team.



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BAYER, 50, a former Southfield resident and current pro at the De-

# Golfers drive, putt for pot of gold

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The price to chase a pot of gold at the end of a golfing rainbow Tues-day was an eight handicap or better and a \$55 entry fee. And, 48 amateurs and 31 professionals took up the challenge in an effort to earn a spot in the 150-man

field next week in the 11.5. Senior Open at Bloomfield Township's Oak-land Hills. Eleven advanced to the main event from the sectional qualifying site at Franklin Hills Country Glub, a gently rolling course of 6,477 yards which plays to a par of 72. Some, especially the pros, had a good chance going in. Others,

though, knew it was a long shot at best but still gave it a go. **TAKE DON BEAL**, for instance, an amateur who lives in Bloomfield Hills and plays out of Oakland Hills. He carded an 87, far out of the run-

He carded an 87, far out of the run-ning. "The main reasons I'm here is that I just turned 50 (June 15), got down to a seven (handicap) last Aug-

us, the qualifier is 10 minutes from my home and the tournament is at my club," he said. Once started, Boal continued in a jocular manner. "For \$55, you get two rounds at Franklin Hillis (a practice 18 and the qualifier), and i'm playing again this afternoon at my club and need a tune up.

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Area athletes compete at Maccabia Games

## By Shirlee Iden staff writer

Three Oxland County athletes will represent the United States at the 11th Maccabia Games in Israel July 6-16. The area athletes will compete in squash, Symnastics and swimming. Anita Rival, 17. of Bioomfield Hills, is one of 10 American swimmers chosen for the competition; Nanci Goldsmith, 14, of Bioomfield Hills has been training in Oregon and is a member of the United States gymnastics tearx; and David Linden, 32, at-torney and businessman of Huntington Woods, a



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omfield Hills' Anita Rival will represent the United States in Israel's 11th Maccabla Games In July In Israel. The 1981 Andover graduate is one of only 10 American swimmers chosen to compete.

member of the squash team, won a silver medal with the U.S. team at the 1977 games. A fourth Michigan athlete who will be part of the 400-person U.S. contingent is Mark Jaffe of Bay

A courth Michigan athlete who will be part of the 600-person U.S. contingent is Mark Jaffe of Bay (City, whose sport is tennis. A six-line winner of the Michigan State Open Mens Singles tennis cham-besin 1955-1957. The games take place every four years in the year following the Olympics, according to Maxine Kronick of Finit, the only female member of the national board of the sponsoring United States Sports For Isratel Committee. Whe absolute rule is you must be Jewish to par-ticipate, "isea d." It's the fourth largest interna-tional sporting event in the world and is run under vice sidentical to those of the International Olym-pic Committee."

KRONICK SAID the games evolved because Jewish athletes in Europe were never allowed to belong to sporting clubs. They began in the 1303s. "This is the 11th Maccabia," she said. "There were no games during the Holocaust when many fine European athletes were lost." An organization to support the games was begun in this country by former basketball great Nat Hol-man.

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ANITA RIVAL, a member of the 1980 Observer & Eccentric All-Area girls' swim team, has been swimmming since age 8. In the Maccabia Games, & E



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Oakland Hills pro AI Mengert qualified for the U.S. Senior Open with a 72 — even par. He said he prepared for the qualifier by playing more golf the previous five days than any other week during his eight-year tenure at Oakland Hills.

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