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No gripes!

Failure to make cut doesn't bother golfer

By Richard Lech
staff writer

John Traub is not complaining. Even though he's made the cut only once in 17 events on the PGA Tour, the Rochester golfer pro figures he's doing just fine — for a newcomer.

"I think I've been fairly successful considering I'm going up against the top golfers," said Traub, who was in town for Tuesday's rain-canceled J.P. McCarthy Police Athletic League Invitational at Bloomfield Hills' Forest Lake Country Club. "I think to qualify for that number of events is progress."

Traub has been on the tour since January, after qualifying for a year on the tour by winning last October's PGA Club Professional Championship at Florida's Palm Beach Gardens.

The head professional at Rochester's Great Oak's Country Club said his biggest tour goal now is to start making some more cuts — thereby winning enough money to qualify for next year's PGA Tour.



John Traub doing just fine

"My goal is to make enough by the end of the year to be able to keep my tour card," Traub said. "That's somewhere in the \$8,000-\$9,000 category."

He has only made \$1,400 so far — the money he made for surviving the cut at the Doral-Eastern Open in March. But with the heart of the tour coming up — the PGA Championship, the Buick Open, the World Series of Golf and the British Columbia Open — Traub is confident he'll make that needed money.

"I'll be playing in all of those," Traub said. "I'm going to be playing a pretty heavy schedule next month with, of course, the World Series the biggest and probably the most exciting of the year."

"I hope to make the cut in the World Series. You're guaranteed \$4,000-\$5,000 right there. If I can just make the cut a couple of other times, that should do it."

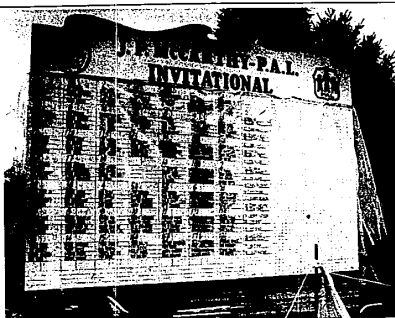
TRAUB SAID his confidence has been steadily growing as he adjusts more and more to the tour.

Adapting to the tour's travel and pressure is extremely difficult. In fact, it usually takes a minimum of three years to "get everything set so you can play consistently," Traub said.

"People don't understand that once you're on tour you have to adjust your whole lifestyle," Traub said. "Every town is new, you have to locate the airports, restaurants and golf course. You waste so much time doing all of this there's no time to concentrate on the game of golf. When you get accustomed to this you minimize the waste of time and start getting into better practice habits."

Then, too, a new member of the tour can be intimidated when playing against golf's biggest names, Traub said. It's hard for the tour newcomer to realize that the stars put their

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Even the leader board was covered against the downpour.

Rain no friend to PAL golfers

Mother Nature had always been kind to the annual J.P. McCarthy Police Athletic League Invitational golf tournament — until this year.

Torrential rains on Tuesday forced cancellation of the tourney, which would have been the ninth. It had been scheduled to take place at Bloomfield Hills' Forest Lake Country Club.

"We never had a drop of rain before," McCarthy said. "There's standing water on the green, standing water all over."

"It started raining about 2 a.m., and it rained for five hours. The last deluge came about 11 a.m., and that just wiped us out. There was no way we could play."

But while the tournament itself was a washout, its cause did not go down the drain. The golfers and sponsors who committed money to the tournament still kept their money commitment for the benefit of Detroit PAL programs.

"We figure to present a very handsome check to PAL because nobody gets their money back," McCarthy said with a laugh.



Two caddies, Tim Underwood (left) and Dean Schroeder, wait out the weather at the J.P. McCarthy-PAL Invitational golf tournament at Forest Lake Country Club.

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Race draws 579 runners

Pair share Fox Trot triumph



Kathy Irwin trots the five-kilometer course at the Farmington Founders Festival Fox Trot.

By Tom Bear
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Two well-known local runners, Jim Brown and Ed Grabowski, crossed the finish line together and shared first-place honors at the Farmington Founders Festival Fox Trot Saturday.

Brown, a Farmington resident who won a Festival race last year, negotiated the five-kilometer subdivision course in 15:23 as did Grabowski, a West Bloomfield native who runs in many Detroit-area races.

They were two of the 597 runners who took part in the Fox Trot's two races. There also was a 10-kilometer race which utilized the same course in Farmington Hills' Kendallwood subdivision in back of the sponsoring Farmington-area YMCA.

"I'm really pleased with the big turnout," said Kevin Bush, the assistant executive director of the YMCA and the race director. "It means we doubled out crowd from last year."

"IT WAS a beautiful run. We had a nice day, and the runners seemed to enjoy the course. Next year, I'd like to get the crowd up to 1,000."

Tom Yates of Farmington Hills followed Brown and Grabowski across the finish line with a time 19:01 for third place in the five-kilometer race.

Kathy Irwin of Lansing was the first woman across the line. Her time was 19:01, good for 41st place overall. Cathy McDonough, a 17-year-old Farmington resident, was the second-best woman in the five-kilometer with a 20:24 clocking.

In the 10-kilometer race, Ypsilanti's Dave Hinz, running in the 19-29 age group, finished first with a time of 30:38.

Mike McGuire, a former track and cross country standout at Farmington High School and the University of Michigan, was leading the long race with a three-mile split time of 14:30. But he took a wrong turn and ended up second in 31:19.

ANNETTE ISOM of Northville was the first woman to finish the long race. She was 44th overall with a 44:31 effort.

Harry Brenner, 69, of Birmingham, received an award for being the oldest runner. He placed 221st overall with a time of 31:18 in the five-kilometer race.

The youngest participant turned out to be Chris Dieck, 8-year-old Waterford youth who placed 208th in the short race with a time of 30:23.

The race's new name — the Fox Trot — came about when Fox and Company, a certified public account firm located in Southfield, helped with the sponsorship.

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