Being volunteer golf official has rewards for Hills woman

A career in the game of golf, in the usual sense, means being a teaching pro, a club pro, a club ro, a club ro

mental state for a new course rat-ing system." She took the classes in rating offered by the Golf Asso-ciation of Michigan and has been

ciation of Michigan and has been doing it ever since.

"There are about 800 golf courses in Michigan and about 500 are rated. There are about 400 men and 20 women in the state actively rating courses."

And while it's all volunteer, she says getting to play the new courses is a bonus, "rating are what players' handicaps are based on."

Myers, often accompanied by a

M '(The new handicap system) has created a horrible situation. The handicap research team says it works, but I've been getting a lot of flack. The old system was too strict, keeping handicaps too low. Under the new system, handicaps will go up a little, but I hadn't any idea this was going to turn into such a brouhaha.'

Jeanne Myers USGA golf official

rookle rater, will play the course in the morning, have lunch, and go back out and rate each hole for a degree of difficulty on a scale of 0-10, considering such things as trees, bunkers, water hazards, fairway width and general terrain. The rating system is called Slope. The two Michigan courses with the highest rating — 149 — are the new course at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion and The Bear at the Grand Traverse Resort.

In this area, her home course is Oakland Hills. Up north, it's hard for her to find a course she doesn't like, but she rates the Little Traverse Bay course in Harbor Springs, with at least a dozen wonderful views of the Bay, as the "preticat" and the new Fazio-designed course at Trectops as "very playable, very enjoyable. Myers isn't cancily sure why, but she has always been interested in the rules of the game. She attended a USGA rules workshop and studies for several more months before she took and passed a tough 3½-hour rules exam in 1986. She attends a refresher workshop every other year to brush up on the new decisions. "The mission of the rules, set by the USGA and The Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews,

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Scotland, is to maintain the sanctity of the game, to keep the game, to keep the game, to keep the game, to keep the game, the says in one of her more serious moments.

At tournaments, she is usually one of 224 rules officials, one for each hole and six rovers. She does as many men's tournaments as somen's and worked the Michigan Open at The Bear this year (a paying job). Admitting she may have been an oddity when she started, she says, "I've been doing this since 1895 and now I'm very well accepted and know many of the players."

She likes to quote a statement cyrcheard at a tournament, "Rules officialing is 99 percent boredom and one percent sheet terror." She game to the statement overheard at a tournament, related to the statement of the same of th

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSN. ANNUAL GIRLS SWIMMING RELAYS (Thursday at Phymouth Salem)

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Spartans win relays title

By Dan O'Meara Stapp Writer

Grary Weller
Coach Greg Phill and his Livenia Stevenson swimmers were
pleased to win the girls precessor
Western Lakes Activities Association relays for the bird straight
year Thursday.
But, frankly, the Spartans, with

a powerhouse team, already have their sights set on bigger objec-

"This and the league meet are stepping stones to our ultimate goal." Phill said. "They give four trophies now and our goal is to bring one home from the state meet this year."

meet this year.

Stevenson, the favorite also to win a third straight WLAA championship in November, won five of 10 events at Plymouth Salem and the relays title by 40 points over three-time runnerup Plymouth Canton, 269-229.

Canton, 299-229.
The order of finish was North
Farmington, Northville, Salem,
Livonia Churchill, Farmington, Hills Harrison, Westland John Glenn and Livonia
Franklin. Walled Lake did not
participate.
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The Spartans were first in the 400-meter medley, 200 breaststroke, 200 backstroke, 200 butterfly and 500 crescends re-

Kelly Carliale, Helene Dallas, Mandi Falk, Jennifer Nemer, Gina Palmeri and Anne Arlsteo were on two winning relays each. Contributing to one victory apiece were Heather Dallas, Beth DeWolf, Jill Knapp, Julie Galgher, Jamie Hilliard, Karin Carliale, Lynn Knapp and Tina Caranicolas. "Everybody had a successful meet," Phill said, adding he didn't toad any one relay. "I can't think of one swim that wasn't a very, very nice swim." "All our nelays were good, but I didn't have my top four girls in one ovent. We just swam real word."

one event. We just swam real well today."
With a chance to do well in state competition, Phill has started early to prepare his team for that challenge.
"We've taken the attitude our league is not our goal this year," whe said. "We have to feel we've reached supremacy in our league, and it's time to move on to do something at state.
"That's all we're gearing for, even with the younger kids. We want to get them to stive for a higher level instead of bringing the older kids down to a lower level."

North Farmington's Mandy
Terrell and Elyse Turner won the
diving competition.





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