

SPORTS

Klinger rallies for second strength men's KCC title

By Mike Monahan
 ARCOLA – For the second straight year the Men's Kaskaskia Country Club tournament came down to Mark Klinger, a 2008 Arcola graduate and defending champion, and Bruce McNary, a 1993 AHS grad.
 Entering the final 36 holes Klinger had a three stroke lead over McNary. However, after the first 18 last Saturday McNary took a two-stroke lead by shooting a 72, while Klinger fired a 77. On the final day (last Sunday) Klinger played the first four holes of the back nine in 3-under-par and birdied the final hole, a 474 yard par five, to win by one stroke as McNary shot a 73. Klinger finished with a

285, while McNary had a 286. Finishing in a tie for third in the championship flight were Lyle Petersheim and Alex Kuhns with 299.
 Last year Klinger won with a 288 and McNary shot a 289. In 2015 the two battled for another title and Klinger won by two strokes.
 Clayton Miller and McNary had the top scores of the first round with 71s, while Klinger and McNary had the best round on day two with 70s. Last Saturday earning top honors was from the Senior Flight as Steve Hall fired a 70. The final day of the 72-hole, four day tournament saw Klinger shoot a 70.
 Winning Flight A was Braden Kauffman with a 311,

three shots better than second place Phil Gingerich. Jerome Schrock won Flight B with a 340, four shots better than Todd Dukeman. Flight C was won by Kyle Schrock with a 356 which was six shots better than second place David Graber.
 In the Senior Division Steve Hall dominated with a 286, which was nine strokes better than Randy Murray, who

placed second.
 Klinger, who is married to 2007 Arcola graduate Jennifer Fortney, lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
 The Ladies Kaskaskia Country Club championship was last Tuesday and Wednesday.
 A total of 45 golfers participated in the Men's Kaskaskia Country Club Tournament and the average score was a 330.

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| Rick Shonkwiler | 76 | 79 | 73 | 80 | 308 |
| Wes Dukeman | 76 | 77 | 80 | 76 | 309 |
| Clayton Strader | 78 | 77 | 80 | 78 | 313 |

Senior Flight

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|------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Steve Hall | 72 | 71 | 71 | 72 | 286 |
| Randy Murray | 73 | 74 | 76 | 72 | 295 |
| Mike Jacobs | 74 | 75 | 73 | 75 | 297 |
| Steve Murray | 76 | 73 | 78 | 79 | 306 |
| Bill Murray | 78 | 75 | 78 | 77 | 308 |
| Steve Edwards | 79 | 81 | 74 | 76 | 310 |
| Dale Suding | 80 | 75 | 81 | 80 | 316 |
| Johnnie Cornwell | 81 | 82 | 82 | 81 | 326 |
| Dave Gilbert | 82 | 83 | 82 | 87 | 334 |

A Flight

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|-----------------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Braden Kauffman | 80 | 79 | 73 | 79 | 311 |
| Phil Gingerich | 83 | 76 | 73 | 82 | 314 |
| Logan Brough | 77 | 82 | 83 | 78 | 320 |
| Beau Edwards | 79 | 86 | 77 | 79 | 321 |
| Delmar Schrock | 81 | 82 | 82 | 81 | 326 |
| Noah Kauffman | 85 | 80 | 77 | 85 | 327 |
| AJ Howell | 83 | 81 | 91 | 76 | 331 |
| Tyer Drake | 85 | 83 | 81 | 87 | 336 |
| Rick Kauffman | 85 | 82 | 83 | 88 | 338 |
| Jordan Miller | 82 | 84 | 86 | 90 | 342 |

B Flight

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|----------------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Jerome Schrock | 85 | 88 | 83 | 84 | 340 |
| Todd Dukeman | 82 | 90 | 82 | 90 | 344 |
| Matt McCarthy | 83 | 88 | 91 | 86 | 348 |
| Ivan Franco | 86 | 86 | 89 | 89 | 350 |
| Darren Poorman | 85 | 87 | 86 | 93 | 351 |
| Josh Ryan | 92 | 83 | 85 | 87 | 357 |
| Jay Gingeirch | 86 | 90 | 89 | 93 | 358 |
| Steve Romine | 86 | 88 | 94 | 93 | 361 |

C Flight

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|-------------------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|
| Kyle Schrock | 87 | 95 | 86 | 88 | 356 |
| David Graber | 91 | 94 | 88 | 89 | 362 |
| Kenny Schrock | 94 | 92 | 84 | 94 | 364 |
| Justin Plank | 83 | 98 | 94 | 96 | 371 |
| Russ Brough | 106 | 84 | 96 | 88 | 374 |
| Freeman Hostetler | 99 | 96 | 90 | 98 | 383 |
| Mark Truex | 97 | 99 | 98 | 92 | 386 |
| Logan Schrock | 100 | 96 | 106 | 99 | 401 |

Coach

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(dead period from July 23-August 6) Arcola will have their team camp.

"Our team camp will basically be learning how our practices will be structured," said Snider. "That way when we hit that first practice in August we know the exact routine. We know what is expected of us and when it is expected of us. It will make things run so much smoother because you get three weeks of learning and understanding the broad concept of football before you really narrow it down for that first opponent (Nokomis on Aug. 25 at Arcola)."

Snider anticipates about 40 players and they are averaging just over 30 in the weight room, which Snider said is great.

"That is with me wanting and understanding that I want those kids to be kids," said Snider. "When you go on vacation it should not be, 'well coach is going to get mad at me if I am not there.' That is not what I want to do. I want them to understand to go be a kid. Obviously we want them to be here whenever they can

be here, but making them understand that it is okay to be a kid sometimes.

A guy that really sticks out on making sure that kids can be kids is a great friend of mine Ric Arand (Lena-Winslow head coach). I grew up in Orangeville so I played against Ric when He was coaching at Lena and when I started coaching he was a guy that really reached out and is a great friend. He is a mentor to me whether he knows it or not."

The RV

"It (living in an RV) was a very unique situation that I think is awesome because it is part of the story and the kids have fun with it too," said Snider. "When I was hired that first week in March obviously, we had to sell our house in Rock Falls. Kim and I wanted to be in Arcola. We understood that maybe we would have to settle for somewhere close, but we really wanted to be in Arcola. Obviously we used Nick (Lindsey) as a huge resource. It ended up with a couple, here in town, ended up with a private sale of their house set up through Nick.
 "It was great. I knew I need-


ed to get with the kids. It was really, really, really kind of funny because Kim's mom was staying with us for a weekend and we were talking about, 'Hey, how is this going to work?' Kim's like, 'well, we are going to stay at my parents house in Maroa,' which is about an hour to a little over an hour away from here.
 "I am like, 'that is a hefty drive for every single day when we are talking as much as I wanted to be here because I spent a lot of time in the building whether the kids were there or not. I spent a lot of time trying to get to know all of the staff members, pulling together strength and conditioning plans, practice plans and I wanted to be here as much as I possibly could.
 "Kim's mom (Charlotte Lamar) had the idea, 'Hey, I have that RV; what if we found a place for Steve to stay down in Arcola?'
 "Nick called the campground and got it all set up and I pulled the RV on Memorial Day weekend. So, I have been partially living there and partially living with my wife' parents (Dan and Charlotte Lamar) when we are not doing football stuff, and on weekends I spend as much

time with them (son Carter) as possible. It is just one of those things that is so quirky that it is funny. The kids found out right away and thought it was hilarious.
 "I think it also shows them that I want to be here for them. I never want, especially with my assistant coaches, just getting to know them and everything, trying to pawn off things on them. I need to be here because I am the head of the program. It is our program, but I am responsible for the well-being of that program now. There are a lot of things that go into a football program and putting that time into that is important to me."

The football team helped the Sniders move into their new home Monday. Carter turned one July 10 and Snider said, "It was probably the way every toddler's first birthday should go as Kim and Carter came over that afternoon and we partied in the RV that afternoon. We had a cupcake with blue frosting and he had blue frosting all over himself and the RV. As much as I am excited to get into the house, I know especially with the seniors, the RV will live on in their memory all season long."

Arcola Eastern Illinois League baseball team to play host to Paxton Sunday

By Mike Monahan
 ARCOLA – Scores from last Sunday's Arcola Eastern Illinois Baseball League against the Decatur Commodores were unavailable at press time.
 Arcola, 0-9 overall, is to play host to the Paxton Swedes Sunday at Moore Memorial Park with the first game to start at 1 p.m. and the second contest at 4 p.m. Paxton is 7-7 and has lost three consecutive games.
 The two teams played at Paxton on June 18 at Memorial Field in Paxton and the Riders lost 7-0 and 15-3.



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