



20th Annual Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing

By Jon Eadie '93 and Mike Wharton '93, golf outing co-chairmen

The 20th Annual Golf Outing will be held Saturday, July 11, 2009 at Whispering Pines Golf Course in Pinckney, Michigan.

If you register and pay before May 15th, you can save \$10 off of the registration fee.

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

Here are the details:

- When: Saturday, July 11, 2009
- Where: Whispering Pines Golf Course • www.whisperingpinesgc.com
2500 Whispering Pines Dr • Pinckney, MI 48169
- Who: Beta Alumni, Undergraduates, Parents and Guests
- Cost: \$89 If you register by MAY 15th (\$99 thereafter)
\$34 for dinner only (\$25 dinner for undergraduates)
- Includes:
- 18 Holes of two-man scramble golf w/ power cart
 - Lunch & Drink Tickets
 - Dinner
 - Gift Bag/ Entry into a raffle for door prizes
 - Free shot at winning "closest to the pin" and "longest drive" contests
- Format: Two-Man Scramble (Competitive "A" Flight and the high-handicapper "B" Flight)
- Contests:
- Skins Game
 - Closest to the Pin (Included with entry fee)
 - Longest Drive (Included with entry fee)
 - 50/50 Drawing and other door prizes

Join us after dinner for our 3rd Annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament!

Sponsorship Opportunities: Contact: Jon Eadie or Mike Wharton: golfouting@epsilongamma.org.

Registration: [REGISTER AND PAY RIGHT NOW!](#)
(http://www.epsilongamma.org/events/golf_registration.htm)



If you have any questions about the event or are interested in sponsoring a hole, contact us at golfouting@epsilongamma.org.

Robert A. Seeber/Lenny Varner International Pig Roast

By John Klapchuk '09, public relations chairman

ALUMNI, FAMILY, FRIENDS GATHER TO CELEBRATE SUCCESSFUL YEAR

At 22nd annual Seeber/Varner Pig Roast, nearly 200 alumni, family, and friends gathered to celebrate the close of another year of Beta Theta Pi on Central Michigan's campus.

Island Park, in downtown Mt. Pleasant, filled with hugs, laughter, and dusty memories Saturday as 182 of the Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Beta Theta Pi's closest friends, family, and alumni gathered for their 22nd annual Seeber/Varner Pig Roast.

The pig roast, a revered tradition within the chapter, serves as the chapter's largest alumni gathering, as well as a chance for families and friends enjoy a day of fellowship. Awards were granted and honors given to many of the traditions and rituals of the chapter.

"It really is the best time of the year for all of us," Alumni Relations Chairman Kyle Schierlinger said. "There's never a dull moment with our alumni and it's always great fun to get to gather with them – once a year just isn't enough!"

The pig roast is possible due in large part to the alumni involvement in both participation and donation to the event.

"As with everything within the chapter, we couldn't have done it without a lot of help from them," chapter president Justin Mack said. "We are truly grateful to even have the opportunity to have events like this one."

[Pictures are posted here: <http://picasaweb.google.com/epsilongamma.betathetapi/2009SeeberVarnerInternationalPigRoast?feat=directlink>]

Chapter Update

By John Klapchuk '09, chapter public relations chairman

Classes ended for the Spring semester this week, also ending a very busy month for Epsilon Gamma. At the annual Greek Gala awards, Beta Theta Pi again won the top award for a fraternity, the "Chapter of Excellence Award", which acknowledges outstanding dedication to brotherhood, service, scholarship, leadership and personal growth. This is the third year in a row that Beta has won top honors. Beta also came home with 2nd place honors in outdoor soccer.

Epsilon Gamma also competed in Floor Hockey and Volleyball, making it to the playoffs for both sports. Beta made it all the way to the semi-finals in volleyball and faced Phi Sigma Phi.

April also saw the 2nd annual King of the Wing wing eating competition, which turned out to be a huge success. More than \$400 was raised and donated to Sexual Aggression Peer Advocates, a group on campus dedicated to helping victims of sexual assault. The Delta Chi "Wing Dingers" took home the 1st place trophy for the second year in a row.

Betas young and old gathered at Island Park for the 22nd Annual Robert A. Seeber/Lenny Varner International Pig Roast on April 18th. With nearly 200 people in attendance, it was a great opportunity for current undergraduates to meet their Beta predecessors and for graduates to strengthen old connections. Recipients of the Founder's Awards are as follows:

Randall Scott Helman Award (Outstanding Beta of the Year):

Justin Mack, Central Michigan '11

Matthew Francis Baad (Outstanding Pledge):

Fall 2008 - **Zachary Reinbold, Central Michigan '12**

Spring 2009 - **Mark Generous, Central Michigan '10**

Thomas Joseph Bussineau (Most Philanthropic):
Justin Mack, Central Michigan '11

Steven A. Swindell Award (Beta Spirit Award):
Drew Mason, Central Michigan '10

Gregory Michael Compton Award (Most Gentlemanly):
John Morelli, Central Michigan '09

Steven W. Martineau (Outstanding Alumnus):
Norm Anderson, Alumni

Michael D. Bennis Memorial Sports MVPs:
Football: **Chris Saylor '10**
Soccer: **Phil Klassen '09**
Basketball: **Thomas Ahearn '11**
Softball: **Matt Petrusha '11**
Hockey: **Chris Mueller '10**

Five seniors will be graduating this year: John A. Morelli, EG 337; Mark D. Andersen, EG 338; Philip M. Klassen, EG 339; Todd B. Wood, EG 340; Brett A. Marquardt, EG 365. Without these five gentlemen, Epsilon Gamma would not be what it is today. Their mark on Beta will be seen for many years to come.

2nd Annual "King of the Wing" Competition Raises Money for Local Non-Profit

By John Klapchuk '09, public relations chairman

At the forefront of Central Michigan University's campus on a sunny Friday afternoon stood dozens of CMU students cheering for their favorite team during Beta Theta Pi's annual "King of the Wing" chicken wing eating contest, sponsored by Buffalo Wild Wings.

The competition took place at 3 o'clock on Friday, April 17th, and lasted nearly an hour and a half. During the competition, teams ate their way through plates of Buffalo Wild Wing's mildly sauced wings in a relay style race. Of the fifteen teams that entered, one arose victorious – the Delta Chi "Wing Dingers" for the second consecutive year.

"The best thing to come to this campus is the Beta Theta Pi wing eating contest," Senior Adam Militello said in a video interview with Central Michigan Life later that day.

However, in the background, there were more students cheering for something a bit more significant – funding for a local sexual aggression advocating group.

SAPA, or the Sexual Aggression Peer Advocates, lost funding years ago from the University and is now being funded by charitable organizations including Beta Theta Pi. With the success of King of the Wing, Beta Theta Pi will now be able to donate \$525 to the organization for general program funding at their next regular meeting.

"This is what it's all about, really," Philanthropy Chairman Robert Lane said. "We always strive to give back as best we can, and here is a group that needs it."

Watch the video from the event [here](#).

In case you missed it...

Beta Theta Pi Wins Chapter Excellence Award from CMU

The past few years have been very good to the Betas of Central Michigan's campus, and the accolades seem to continue to rush in. At the Bi-Annual Greek Gala awards, the Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Beta Theta Pi was awarded the "Chapter of Excellence Award" for gaining outstanding marks in brotherhood, service, scholarship, leadership, and personal growth.

The chapter has also, in the past two years, received the "President's Cup," as the campus's outstanding

fraternity chapter. However, due to some restructuring this fall, the President's Cup has been replaced with the Chapter of Excellence Award.

Beta Theta Pi shares the honors with the gentlemen of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the only other group to reach Chapter of Excellence Standards.

"It feels great to be here again," said fraternity president Justin Mack. "It's an honor that never gets old. Although it wasn't our goal to win another [Chapter of Excellence Award] it is certainly nice to be recognized for the hard work we put in this year."

The Epsilon Gamma Chapter will now look forward to this summer's 170th General Convention in Phoenix where they will vie for the General Fraternity's most prestigious award, the Knox Award.

The chapter would also like to disclose sincere thanks to the chapter's advisory team, alumni base, and the University.

"We could never have done it without them," Mack says.

Upcoming Events

May Exam Week May 3-8, 2009	June -no events planned-
July 20th Annual Golf Outing July 11, 2009 Whispering Pines Golf Course Pinckney, MI 48169	August EGHC Annual Meeting July 15, 2009 (tentative) 814 S. Main Mt. Pleasant Michigan House Move-in August 17, 2009 Fall Semester Begins August 24, 2009

EG's full event calendar is [here](#).

The Beta Network

- **Scott Batchelor `89** writes: My wife (Suzanne) and I moved to Minnesota in 2005. I am in the medical device industry covering Minnesota, North Dakota, & South Dakota. We have 3 great boys, Cam (15), Nick (12), and Jack (7) and they keep us busy with school and sports (Hockey, Lacrosse, Baseball, Soccer). We also have a Soft Coated Wheaton Terrier (Murphy). Suzanne stays at home and keeps the family going with my travelling. She is active with volunteerism and works part-time as a taxi service in the evening supporting the boys various activities.
- **Robert Lane `12** was elected Residence Hall Assembly President for the 2009-10 school year.

BETAS IN THE MILITARY

- -nothing to report this month-

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