



Arnold Palmer **– 50 Years of** **Michigan Memories**

By L'anse Bannon

Michigan golf history came full circle for Arnold Palmer last year, as he celebrated 50 years of outstanding golf with the Arnold Palmer Turning Point Invitational.

The Invitational was a wonderful moment in time— when past U.S. Amateur champions assembled at the storied Country Club of Detroit. This was the course where Arnold Palmer won the U.S. Amateur. The which gave him the confidence to take on the game full time. The Arnold Palmer Turning Point Invitational, coupled with his 1954 U.S. Amateur win, provide impressive bookends for his great career.

We invite you to share this wonderful moment at <http://michigangolfer.tv/2005shows/palmer/>.

“The King” was to have another great moment in Michigan golf lore when he won the U.S.Senior Open in 1981.

Arnold Palmer also had a tremendous impact in Michigan through the work of his Palmer Design Company.

The company, which features the Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay team, has designed 214 courses in 38 states and 14 countries. Of that number, five have been built in Michigan. His first— and probably most memorable

Photo page 4:
Arnold Palmer's The Legends course at Shanty Creek, Hole No. 1.
Photo by Art McCafferty

Palmer Designs in Michigan

The Legend at Shanty Creek

Bellaire

Website: <http://www.shantycreek.com/golf/>

King's Challenge at Lakeview Country Club

Cedar

Website: <http://www.kingschallenge.com>

The Preserve Golf Club

Fenton

Website: <http://www.thepreserve.org>

Northville Hills Country Club

Northville

Website: <http://www.northvillehills.com>

Ravines Golf Club

Saugatuck

Website: <http://www.ravinesgolfclub.com>



The Preserve, Hole No. 17. Photo by Art McCafferty



Arnold Palmer tees it up at Threetops Par-3 Shootout.

foray in Michigan golf architecture— was his work on The Legend at Shanty Creek Resort.

Finally, Arnold Palmer partook in one of Michigan’s great moments when he flew in to be part of the Walter Hagen Testimonial dinner in Traverse City on August 20, 1967.

Arnold Palmer said, "The biggest thrill I got when I set a British Open record of 276 strokes at Troon, was to have Walter

Hagen phone me from Traverse City to congratulate me.

"I didn't even know The Haig knew I was alive until then."

At the testimonial dinner at the Traverse City Golf and Country Club, Palmer told Hagen that the testimonial dinner "could be held in the pro shop if it weren't for all you did to help build the game."

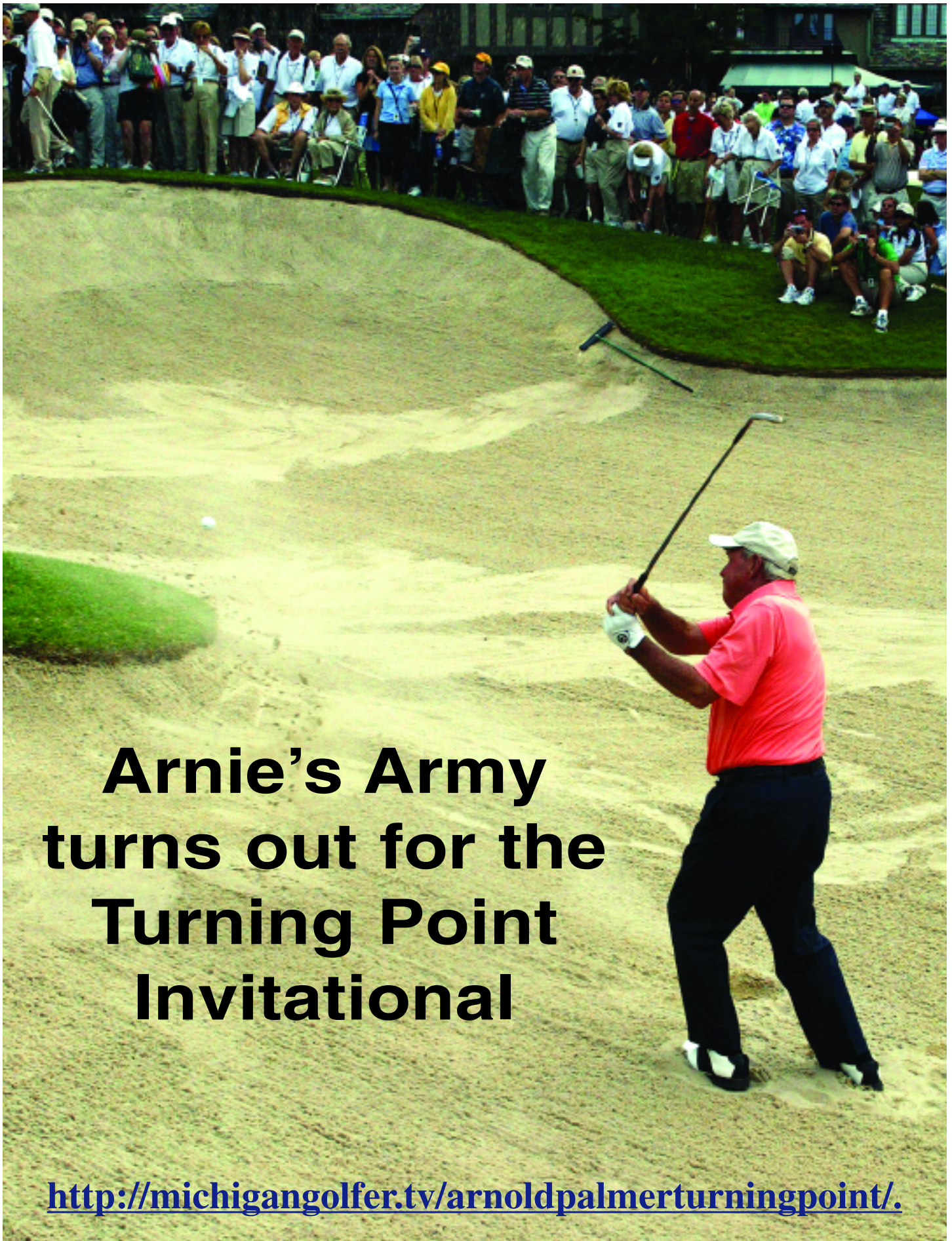
The Michigan Golfer wants to share some of these great moments with you, including Arnold’s com-

ments on Hagen at the Par 3 Shootout:

<http://michigangolfer.tv/2002shows/show21/index.html>

We conclude our story with “The Haig’s” comments on Arnold Palmer coming to Traverse City: <http://michigangolfer.tv/2003shows/hagen/>. **MG**

Photo page 7: Arnold Palmer at the Turning Point Invitational.
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Arnie's Army turns out for the Turning Point Invitational

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