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25 Years Deserves a New Logo and More

By Barbara Porter, President

How many of you are snuggling in your favorite chair, glancing outside at the snow while catching glimpses of the golf tour on TV and chomping at the bit for Michigan spring to arrive? For those fortunate members wintering in a warmer climate and continuing to play golf, the muscles don't "forget" the rhythm of the swing. For the rest of us, occasionally we resort to practicing at a local indoor dome, hitting balls into a net with a golf simulator or playing Wii golf with a seven year old and being totally humiliated as the tike continues to tromp all over your game while sipping on a juice box. I knew I should have never taken the bet!

Whatever you are doing for your game, be assured your Board is busy fine tuning the 2011 season which, by the way, is **our 25th year as an association**. Twenty-five years is quite an accomplishment for an all volunteer group, and your Board intends to promote our anniversary throughout the 2011 season with a series of celebratory actions, the first being the release of the new MWGA logo (see above). It is amazing where and how many times our logo appears, and it will take some time for the total conversion. And, of course, adjusting to change is not always

easy. Just the fact that many still refer to MWGA with the wording "publinks" makes us aware that old habits die hard.

We have, once again, leased space at the Novi Golf Show and hope some of you will volunteer your time to man the booth or, if you plan to attend the show, stop by and say hello. Although, with the economy the show is not as large as in previous years, we still feel it is a viable outreach to obtain new members as well as to formulate relationships with others in the golfing community.

Dorine has been actively completing all the details for the Rules and Skills Clinics as well as the Beginner League. New for this year, we are adding a MWGA Orientation Program following the Rules Clinic to welcome members to our organization, to explain the rules and conditions of play for our tournaments to all members new and existing, to familiarize all with our general procedures and to answer any questions. The more informed player is a better player. It should be a nice program with a chance to network with members, including several on the Board.

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The Michigan Women's Golf Association is organized . . . to foster amateur sports competitions . . . In particular to (1) educate amateur female golfers on the rules and values of the game of golf by conducting tournaments, educational clinics and other events for the benefit of its members and by actively supporting other events sponsored by organizations in which the Association is a member, such as the USGA and the GAM and (2) provide golf instruction and programming to underprivileged and disadvantaged children and youth.

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Call for Volunteers for the 2011 Michigan Golf Show

at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi *By Suzanne Madej, Publicity Chair*

This year is the 20th anniversary of the Michigan Golf Show, held annually in Novi, Michigan. The show will be held Friday-Sunday, March 4-6 this year. As usual, the Michigan Women's Golf Association has a booth at this event, and, as usual, we need volunteers to staff the booth throughout the event.

The Michigan Golf Show is one of the premier local golf shows in the nation, with over 200,000 square

feet of exhibitor booths and merchandise. In addition to great deals from golf retailers, resorts and golf courses, there are also many hands-on golf activities. Over 30,000 people are expected to attend. This becomes a great way for the MWGA to present itself to the many women golfers who will come to the show. You can help our organization to market itself, attract new membership and have fun at the same time.

As a volunteer you will meet and greet golfers, many of whom will be potential members. You can deliver the message that the MWGA is one of the leading golf organizations for women golfers, with scheduled tournaments, instruction, a Rules of Golf clinic and a Girl's Golf program. We are proud to include in our membership some of the finest women golfers in the state.

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President's Corner *By Barbara Porter*



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We will be starting our tournament season at Mystic Creek with our Annual Meeting and Spring Scramble. We are offering this luncheon and scramble for a terrific price of **\$49 per person** which includes guests, a real value based on past years! It is your Board's wishes to have an excellent turnout for this event for a couple of reasons. First,

there will be a motion to amend the By-Laws, basically to update in accordance with today's technology and our goals, which will require a member vote. After 25 years, things change. Second, an audience is always welcomed for those receiving awards in POY, GOY, Most Improved Player and Sara Wold Trophy categories. And third, it is just more fun with a large group!

For further details, please read all the articles in this *NEWSLINX* as well as visit our website

www.mwgf.org to keep up to date on the MWGA. Check out the tournament schedule so you can plan your summer, mark your calendar and get started on those excuses as to why you will not be able to attend Cousin Rita's shower, or strategically plan those sick days in accordance with golf events. Come on, we all have done this!

Hope you all are surviving winter. Michigan spring is just around the corner. Now, where is that remote for the Wii?



Call for Volunteers

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When your time as a volunteer is over, you are free to enjoy the show on your own and see what bargains you can bring home. I am going to try to arrange for free admission and parking, but I cannot make any promises

at this time.

The show hours are Friday 2-9pm, Saturday 9am-8pm and Sunday 10am-5pm. This is my first year in charge of this event, and I am going to need a lot of help since I am competing in the Michigan Women's State Bowling Tournament the same weekend. Luckily the tournament is being held in Canton so I will be able to pop in and out!! I will be setting

up a schedule so that you can pick your preferred days and times. This is a great way to have fun and give back to the organization at the same time.

To sign up, please contact me, Sue Madej, at wnblwn97@gmail.com, or call 313-886-1804 or 313-815-9706. I thank you in advance for your help!!!



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Membership Snippets *By Shirley McClain*

MWGA Members, the days are getting longer. In just 52 days from the writing of this article, spring will be here and we can start seriously thinking of golf in Michigan!!

Membership registrations are going well. Membership renewals are on track for us to have well over 250 members this year. So members, please keep those renewals coming. You can register online using PayPal or you can print the application from our website or this newsletter and send it to me, your Membership

Chair. The address is on application.

For those new or returning members who may not be aware of the change with regard to the *NEWSLINX*, there is a \$6 fee to have a hard copy sent to you via US Postal Mail. You will be able to read the *NEWSLINX* online, however, by going to our website www.mwgf.org.

Hope to see you on the links as a member with MWGA.



2011 Rules Clinic & *NEW* Guidelines Briefing Attend One or Both, But Attend - Earn POY Points for Each! Saturday, April 16, Michigan Hall of Fame, Troy

9:00a Registration
9:30a Rules Clinic
11:30a Refreshments and Guidelines Briefing
Cost: \$10

We are pleased that our Rules Clinic will again be presented by Jeanne Myers, GAM Assistant Director of Rules & Competition—Rules and past GAM President. Jeanne has

officiated at more than 50 USGA amateur and professional tournaments, was rules official for the MI PGA for 13 years and has conducted over 100 rules seminars. One of her most notable accomplishments was authoring the Equitable Stroke Control Procedure that went into effect in 1991 and is still in use today. Jeanne's rules presentation is not only informative, but enjoyable, and

as you know, knowing the Rules of Golf can help you improve your score and your understanding of the game.

Then, we are excited to announce that we are offering a new program, the Guidelines Briefing. The Membership Committee will review established guidelines to increase your level of comfort and confidence when participating in MWGA tournaments, promoting the MWGA belief that an "informed player is a happy player." There will be time for Q & A and handouts will be provided.

Have fun and meet new golfers while you learn the rules! This event

is open to all MWGA members, including sponsored males, and guests. *We encourage everyone to attend.* **Plus**, as an added bonus, if you haven't yet visited the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame, this will give you an opportunity to do so as collection is open by appointment only. The Hall of Fame is located in the Troy Officentre, Suite 160, Building B, 320 East Big Beaver, east of Livernois. The site hosts portraits, plaques and other memorabilia of the greatest golfers in the state.

All this is available to you for only \$10.00! Plus, remember, members

will receive 2 Player of the Year points for attendance at the Rules Clinic and an additional 2 POY points for the Guidelines Briefing. You may soon register and pay online at www.mwggolf.org or mail your payment to the MWGA Event Office, 1127 Palmer St, Plymouth MI 48170-2054. If you have questions, contact Dorine Allen, MWGA Director, Seminars & Clinics, at 248-891-8187 or allen@mwggolf.org. We hope to see many of you on April 16!



2011 MWGA Beginner League *By Dorine Allen*

Do you have friends that want to learn how to play golf the right way? Have you listened to friends telling you how frustrated and confused they are getting with their husbands telling them how to play?

We are setting up a league for new golfers at Fox Hills Learning Center, onsite of the Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. Instruction and play will be on the Strategic Fox course, a par 3, 18-hole challenge in Plymouth, MI. www.foxhills.com

Cost: \$269 (Includes 9 weeks of golf and instruction)

Date: Wednesday, April 27 – July 13 (12 weeks)

Time: Week 1-3 5:30 pm – 6:30pm

Week 4-6 5:30 pm – 7:00pm

Week 7-12 5:30 pm warm-up
6:00 pm – Golf League

Format: Week 1-3 60 minutes of group instruction,
8:1 instructor ratio

Week 4-6 90 minutes of "On-course"
learning and instruction

Week 7-9 30 minutes of "Pre-League"
instructor assistance at range

League Play at Strategic Fox
Week 10-12 League Play at Strategic Fox

Rain days:

There is no issue if it is raining week 1-3; Fox Hills has a covered Learning Center facility. If raining week 4-6, Fox Hills will extend the classes. If heavy rain week 7-12, Fox Hills will extend the league.

The league will also provide:

- ⇒ 15% discount in the pro shop the first three weeks of golf
- ⇒ FREE 15-minute Learning Center Tune-up coupon
- ⇒ FREE Club Fitting Analysis coupon
- ⇒ 20% discount for private lesson continuation with Jordan Young



Slots will fill up fast! You may register and pay online at www.mwggolf.org or mail your payment to the MWGA Event Office, 1127 Palmer St, Plymouth, MI 48170-2054. If you have questions, contact me Dorine Allen, MWGA Director, Seminars & Clinics, at 248-891-8187 allen@mwggolf.org.

MWGA Golf Skills Clinic, April 30

Time for Your Spring Tune-Up *By Dorine Allen*

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2011

Location: Fox Hills Strategic GC,
Plymouth 48170 — 734-453-7272

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Cost: \$100

You have heard the old golf cliché: Drive for show, putt for dough. Well this year's Golf Skills Clinic is going to help you "putt" your money where your game should be. Are you up for the challenge?

Number of Students: Maximum of 40. The student to teacher ratio will be 8:1 with an additional staff mem-

ber handling video analysis. The clinic includes:

- 4 hours of instruction in putting, pitching and chipping, and bunker play
- Video analysis
- Understanding landscape, green slope, grass types
- Strategy on the golf course around the greens
- Course management and open discussion

Instruction will include three groups that each student attends:

- Station 1 Putting Techniques

- Station 2 Chipping and Pitching
- Station 3 Bunker Play

Instructors will include Jordan Young, Fox Hills Director of Instruction; other to be determined. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 248-891-8187. You may register and pay online at www.mwggolf.org or mail your payment to the MWGA Event Office, 1127 Palmer Street, Plymouth MI 48170-2054.

Hope to see you at the clinic!

MWGA Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 7 *By Denise Buechel, VP*

Greetings fellow MWGA members! I hope everyone has been working indoors on their swing - beneath all that snow is a bunker beckoning my ball! Just as sure as there is a spring we'll gather once again for our MWGA Annual Meeting. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 7, to meet at Mystic Creek in Milford - the site of the MWGA Annual Meeting & Scramble kicking off the 2011 golf season.

Before golf, along with the traditional "kick-off" luncheon meeting held to update everyone on the state of the MWGA organization (where we were, where we are and where we're going) plus announcing POY, GOY and Most Improved Golfer awards, we will host a variety of vendors who offer their wares and services to members. In addition to our invited vendor guests, we also welcome those of you who may have new and "gently used" items, golf equipment or clothing to sell or trade to other

members. Please keep the course in mind. Your merchandise should not be in direct competition with that of the host course, e.g., new golf equipment and clothing which is retail connected.

Vendors of all segments are welcome to participate and we are actively looking for merchants. **If you know a person or business who would like to target a demographically desirable female audience and promote their merchandise or services, please put them in touch with me to participate.** Or, if you simply make crafts for a hobby and would love to show your creations and skills, why not make it profitable by reserving a vendor table at the Annual Meeting & Scramble?

This could be a good time for purchasing last minute Mother's Day gifts for that special someone as well. Remember, Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th. Each merchant

will have a separate table (or tables) to display wares for members prior to and following the meeting. Since you'll need time to set up your displays, we ask that you arrive early enough to have your tables ready for sales prior to the start of the meeting and luncheon. Registration begins at 10 AM. The meeting begins at 11:00. Prior to May 7, please let me know how many tables you'll need and whether you will need special accommodations such as electrical outlets. Let's work together to make our opening event a whopping success. I can't wait to see everyone!

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to market your wares that day, please contact me, Denise Buechel at 248-342-8227 or DLBuechel@comcast.net.



2011 Match Play League *By Pat Witek, League Coordinator*

The MWGA Match Play League is open to MWGA members in good standing. Players are assigned to flights based on their USGA Handicap Index. Each member plays five matches within her flight and could advance on to the inter-flight playoffs and Championship matches. Matches are played one-on-one and hole-by-hole, with points awarded for holes won. Matches can be played at any time and at any course, but to help facilitate completion of the matches before the start of the playoff rounds, six weekend group play dates have been scheduled.

The cost to join the league is \$50.

Returning members should make their commitment to the league by March 15. After that, the league will be open to new members. The league meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 1 at Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills. The rules, regulations and strategies of match play will be discussed. Tentative group play dates are published in this newsletter on page 7.

Important Dates:

March 15: Commitment deadline for returning 2010 members

March 16: Open enrollment for all MWGA members

May 1: League meeting, 10:00 at

Glen Oaks

July 29: All regular season matches must be completed

August 13: Qualifying matches must be completed

August 26: Quarterfinal matches must be completed

Members are strongly urged to make the \$50 league fee payment online at the MWGA website www.mwggolf.org as well as to check there for more information about the Match Play League or contact me at plwitek@yahoo.com.



Handicap News and Updates *By Cynthia Pinkard*

GAM has implemented two changes for 2011, new handicap revision periods and an email address requirement for all members.

1. GAM Handicap Revision dates are the **1st and 15th of each month**, with posting periods ending on the 14th and last day of the month. In prior years, the revision date had always been on a Tuesday. You may post your scores at www.gam.org for rounds played in Michigan from Friday, April 1

through Monday, October 31. Starting January 1, members who have renewed for 2011 began receiving an email from GAM with their current GAM/USGA Handicap Report.

2. All members MUST have an email address on their GAM profile to be able to lookup their handicap/index records and to receive GAM emails. If you are not currently receiving emails from GAM, you need to update your email ad-

dress. Login at www.gam.org, using your GAM login ID and password. On the green menu bar, select Profile. Review your personal information for accuracy and update as appropriate. If you don't know your GAM login ID or password or have questions, contact me, the MWGA Handicap Director at handicap@mwggolf.org or Shirley, the



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Membership Director at membership@mwgolf.org.

Anyone who played golf in Michigan, during our inactive season (Nov

8 – March 31), cannot post those scores. Scores made while playing under the Rules of Golf in a state or region during their **active** season

should be posted. For information on posting scores, please visit the MWGA web site, www.mwgolf.org, then select Posting Scores.

2011 MWGA Team Competition Handicap Revisions

The MWGA Board, in a continuing effort to improve our competitions, routinely reviews and evaluates how we handicap our team events. With the perfect handicap system and flight breakdowns all players within a given range would have a fair and equitable chance to win. We know this is not the case today. Low participation usually allows us no more than two flights with a fairly wide range between the lowest and highest handicap teams. When we are forced into one flight, the problem is often even greater. Over and over again, we see the same teams win gross and nearly as consistently, many of the same teams win net. Then, there are those teams that rarely, if ever win anything. If those teams that rarely win, consistently play poorly, it would explain why they don't win. But even when those teams play well, they are rarely in the winner's circle. They end up at

the middle of first or second flight and can't score well enough for a gross prize and don't have enough handicap for a net prize. Once again we are going to attempt to pull all teams a little closer together. It is not our intent to punish anyone, but just to make the competition fairer for everyone.

Starting in 2011 the following changes will be implemented for our team competitions:

In 2-Person Team Tournaments

For flight position and handicap, a two-person scramble team's handicap will be calculated by taking **35%** of the lowest course handicap and **15%** of the highest course handicap.

For flight position, a four-ball stroke play team's flight **will be determined by the handicap of the lowest handicap player on the team**. Each player receives 100% of her/his course handicap.

In 4-Woman Team Tournaments

Teams **should** have no more than **2** players with a course handicap of **14 and under**, nor more than **2** players with a **course** handicap of **30 and over**. If more than **2** players are **14 and under** or **30 and over**, additional gross score adjustments and handicap limits will apply.

Any team not in compliance will play at **85%** of their team handicap for net. For gross, any team with more than **2** players with a handicap of **14 and under** will have strokes added to their gross team score. For details, watch for the next E-News or after 2/20 go to www.mwgolf.org/tournament_guidelines_2011.htm.

Please note these changes will not affect the posting of your individual gross scores.

Protect the Integrity of MWGA Tournaments

This year I plan to key in on player's responsibilities. Rule 6-1 and Decision 33-7/9 are about protecting the integrity of the competition and ultimately the integrity of MWGA tournaments. It is essential that everyone plays under the same rules and it is fair to everyone.

Rule 6-1 clearly states the player and his caddie are responsible for knowing the Rules. Decision 33-7/9 states the responsibility for knowing the Rules lies with all players. In stroke play, the player and his marker have an explicit responsibility for the correctness of the player's score card. In order to protect the interests of every other player in the competition, it would be reasonable to expect a competitor to bring to light a player's breach of the Rules by notifying the player, his marker or the Committee. It would be appropriate for the Committee to impose a penalty of disqualification under Rule 33-7 on

a competitor if it becomes apparent that he has failed to advise the player, his marker or the Committee of a Rules breach allowing that player to return an incorrect score.

As a player, how should these situations be handled? Sometimes it is difficult because we do not like to confront a player, or a player may be defensive, or we are not sure of the rules. However, it is a responsibility not only to you, but to the whole field and you, the marker, and the player could be disqualified. If a player sees a rules violation or is not sure that another player has acted according to the Rules, I would recommend getting your rules book out of your bag and finding the appropriate rule and read and discuss it together with the other player. If you cannot find the answer or come to an agreement, the other player should play a second ball according to Rule 3-3.

The player **must** announce that he is playing a second ball and which ball he wishes to score with.

He **must** report the facts to the Committee before returning his score card. If he fails to do so, he is disqualified. Please read Rule 3-3 in the Rules Book to clearly understand the Doubt as to Procedure or Second Ball Rule.

There are 14 decisions under 3-3. Take the quiz below to help your understanding of the Rule.

1. The player's ball is on a cart path and he drops it 2 club-lengths from the point of relief and plays it. A fellow-competitor tells him he has dropped it in a wrong place. The player invokes Rule 3-3 and plays a second ball and opts to score with the second ball. What is the ruling?
2. The player's ball lies on a path and he doesn't know if it is an obstruction or an integral part of the course. He invokes Rule 3-3 properly and opts to score with the second ball. He plays a ball from the path and drops another



Rules R Us By Sara Wold

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Get Ready to Hit ‘Em Down the Middle *By Nancy Serra, Course Director*

It can't be too soon when we're able to count on seeing the sun more often, the trees budding and the flowers in bloom. Oh yeah, and golfers on the course rushing the season. The MWGA is ready. We are making plans for the golf show and our tournament schedule is all set. We'll be revisiting some of our favorite courses, and we have some new ones thrown into the mix.

Our first tournament and Annual Meeting returns us to the **Mystic Creek**. The wide fairways, elevation changes and playable greens along with a friendly and helpful staff welcome us once more. Again, our day will include a lunch which will run in conjunction with our meeting and afterwards a Shotgun 4-Woman Scramble. A bonus this year is that the event is being subsidized by **Sullivan Golf & Travel** so be sure to check the price – you can't beat it!

Also, remember that it is a **Guest Day**, which we offer to encourage golfing women to join as members, sort of a membership drive. At this price getting potential members to play should be easy. So please help us by inviting someone new to us and we'll share with them all the reasons why they should become a member of **MWGA!**

Next, and new to some, is **Whispering Willows**, near 8 Mile and Newburgh Road in Livonia. Our 2-Person Four-Ball Stroke Play (used to call it a Best Ball, same format just the proper USGA name) will be played on this interesting and well kept links. Get your buddy and sign up for this, always a fun time tournament.

June 11th brings us to our President's Stroke Play tournament being played this year at **Pheasant Run**. An afternoon 2:00 pm Shotgun

will be different than usual, and if all goes well we should be teeing off in threesomes.

The end of June, one of our weekday tournaments on Thursday, the 23rd, will be played at the challenging, pristine and legendary **Westwynd Country Club**. Pick your partner for the 2-Woman Scramble and please try to make her a non-member because this is another **Guest Day**. In addition, we must have a minimum number of players to ensure this event happens – soooo sign up early and encourage others to sign up also. *We really need your help.*

The full tournament schedule is on the next page. We're looking forward to seeing all of you this season along with some of your friends!!!



MWGA Annual Meeting and 4-Woman Member/Guest Spring Scramble Saturday, May 7, Mystic Creek GC, Milford *By Deb Horning, Tournament Director*

Sponsored by Sullivan Golf & Travel

When: Saturday, May 7
11am lunch and meeting
1pm shotgun

Where: Mystic Creek Golf Club in Camp Dearborn, One Champions Cir, Milford 48380 (248) 684-3333

Fee: **\$49 for all** – Special price for members and guests alike for the meeting, lunch, driving range and 18-hole scramble

\$12 meeting and lunch only

Tees: Meadows to Woods (YD 4816, CR 68.6, SR 124)

Entry deadline: Wed, April 27

Questions: TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org or 734-558-2543

Mail entries to MWGA Event Office, 1127 Palmer St, Plymouth, MI 48170-2054 or sign up online after March 1st at www.MWGolf.org, All Events, MWGA Event Entry Form.

Remember, if you wish to enter separate cash contests you must prepay.

All must have a USGA handicap or contact the MWGA Handicap Chairperson. MWGA Tournament Policies and Guidelines will be in force (refer to www.MWGolf.org; Newsletter, News, Policies, Bylaws; then Policies and Guidelines).

See Nancy Serra's article above for a little more detail.



2-Person Four-Ball Stroke Play

Saturday, May 28, Whispering Willows GC, Livonia *By Deb Horning*

When: Saturday, May 28
1:30pm shotgun

Where: Whispering Willows GC, 20500 Newburgh Rd, Livonia 48152 (248) 476-4493

Fee: \$59 members and male partners, \$79 non members includes range, cart and 18 holes of golf

Tees: Men: YD 5959, CR 69.1, SR

115; Women: YD 5197, CR 70.6, SR 120

Entry deadline: Wed, May 18

Questions: TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org or 734-558-2543

Mail entries to MWGA Event Office, 1127 Palmer St, Plymouth, MI 48170-2054 or sign up online after March 1st at www.MWGolf.org, All

Events, MWGA Event Entry Form. *Remember*, if you wish to enter separate cash contests you must prepay.

All golfers must have a USGA handicap or contact the MWGA Handicap Chairperson.

MWGA Tournament Policies and Guidelines will be in force (refer to www.MWGolf.org; Newsletter, News, Policies; Policies and Guidelines).

Members & Friends

Congratulations to **Faye Bessette** on her recent election as President of the Hartland Chamber of Commerce!

As so eloquently stated by **Sue Campbell**, "Heaven gained another good golfer" when **Sue Van Ess** passed away on February 8. Our condolences are extended to her family and friends.

NOTICE TO MWGA MEMBERS: The events that we have formerly called Best Balls will be titled as Four-Ball Stroke Play in accordance with Rule 31 of the USGA Rules of Golf. This is a corrective name change and does not change the format or structure of the events.
Cynthia Pinkard, Handicap Chair

Tentative 2011 MWGA Event Schedule

Unless otherwise specified, MWGA, WAPL, GAM and USGA events are open to female golfers with a USGA index of 40 or less. Any event with age, index or pre-qualification restrictions is so noted.		
MWGA Events (\$xx Member/\$xx Non-Member). Entry Deadline 10 Days Prior to All Events Unless Noted. QUESTIONS: tournamententry@mwgolf.org or 734-558-2543. ENTER TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS ONLINE at www.mwgolf.org or MAIL ENTRIES to: MWGA Event Office, 1127 Palmer St, Plymouth, MI 48170-2054.		
Date/Time	Event/Fee	Site/Location/Contact (if other than Tournament Office)
4/16, Sat 9 - 11:30a	MWGA Rules Clinic presented by Jeanne Myers of GAM \$5 members/guests	Fox Hills Classic Clubhouse, Plymouth 48170 Contact: Dorine Allen, 248-891-8187, allen@mwgolf.org
4/16, Sat 11:30a -1p	NEW MWGA Orientation Program including lunch — NO charge	Fox Hills Classic Clubhouse, Plymouth 48170 Contact: Shirley McClain 586-739-5868, mcclain@mwgolf.org
4/27 – 7/13 Wed, 5:30p	MWGA Lessons/League for Beginning Golfers \$269/12 weeks	Fox Hills, Strategic Fox, Plymouth 48170 Contact: Dorine Allen, 248-891-8187, allen@mwgolf.org
4/30, Sat, 9a -1p	Golf Skills Clinic \$100 Putting, chipping, pitching, bunker play	Fox Hills, Strategic Fox, Contact: Dorine Allen, 248-891-8187, allen@mwgolf.org
5/1, Sun, 10a	Match Play League Meeting — Golf optional	Glen Oaks, Farmington Hills 48334, 248-851-8356 Contact: Pat Witek, 248-417-1190, witek@mwgolf.org
5/7, Sat, 10a 11a 1p shotgun	Vendor Booths, Swap Meet Annual Meeting, Buffet Lunch Spring 4-Woman Member/Guest Scramble SPONSORED BY SULLIVAN GOLF & TRAVEL	Mystic Creek, Milford 48380, 248-684-3333, Meadows to Woods (YD 4816, CR 68.6, SR 124) www.mysticcreekgc.com . \$49 — All activities: Booths/swappers/meeting/ lunch/golf/cart/range \$12 — Booths/meeting/lunch ONLY
5/14, Sat	Match Play	TBD, Contact: Pat Witek, 248-417-1190, witek@mwgolf.org
5/22, Sun	Match Play	TBD, Contact: Pat Witek, 248-417-1190, witek@mwgolf.org
5/28, Sat 1:30p shotgun	2-Person Four-Ball Stroke Play Women's & Mixed Teams \$59/member/male partner, \$79/non-member	Whispering Willows, Livonia 48152, 248-476-4493, www.golflivonia.com — Fee includes golf/cart/range (Men: YD 5959, CR 69.1, SR 115; Women: YD 5197, CR 70.6, SR 120)
6/4, Sat	Match Play	TBD, Contact: Pat Witek, 248-417-1190, witek@mwgolf.org
6/11, Sat 2p shotgun	President's Stroke Play Tournament \$46/member, \$66/non-member	Pheasant Run, Canton 48188, 734-397-6460, www.golfprgc.org ; Golf/cart/range (North & South YD 5056, CR 69.0, SR 117)
6/12, Sun	Match Play	TBD, Contact: Pat Witek, 248-417-1190, witek@mwgolf.org
6/23, Thu 9a shotgun	2-Woman Member/Guest Scramble Golf/cart/range: \$61	Westwynd, Rochester Hills 48306, 248-608-7820, www.westwyndgolf.com (YD 4887, CR 69.7, SR 122)
7/2, Sat	Match Play	TBD, Contact: Pat Witek, 248-417-1190, witek@mwgolf.org
7/10, Sun 9a shotgun	Stroke Play \$61/member, \$81/non-member	Calderone Farms, Grass Lake 49240, 517-522-6661, (YD 5148, CR 69.9, SR 122) www.calderonegolfclub.com ; Golf/cart/range
7/17, Sun	Match Play	TBD, Contact: Pat Witek, 248-417-1190, witek@mwgolf.org
7/18, Mon Tentative	9-Hole Member/Junior 2-Woman Scramble www.dearbornhills.com	Dearborn Hills, Dearborn 48124, 313-563-4653, www.dearbornhills.com Contact: Francine Pegues, 313-469-7906, Pegues@mwgolf.org
7/23, 7/24, Sat-Sun, 9a shotguns	2-Day State Championship — Food/golf/cart/range: \$158 member, \$178 non-member	Hawk Hollow, Bath 48808, 517-641-4295, www.hawkhollow.com Sat. lunch buffet, Sun. dinner (Div 1: YD 5789, CR 73.8, SR 134; Div 2: YD 5078, CR 69.1, SR 121)
7/24, Sun, 9a	State Championship Junior Division \$TBD	Hawk Hollow, Bath 48808, 517-641-4295, www.hawkhollow.com
7/30, Sat	Match Play Playoff Qualifier	TBD, Contact: Pat Witek, 248-417-1190, witek@mwgolf.org
8/7, Sun 9a shotgun	2-Woman Four-Ball Stroke Play Golf/cart/range \$60 memb, \$80 non-memb	Captain's Club at Woodfield, Grand Blanc 48439, 810-695-4653, www.woodfieldcountryclub.org ; (YD 5047, CR 70.7, SR 124)
8/14, Sun	Match Play Quarterfinals	TBD, Contact: Pat Witek, 248-417-1190, witek@mwgolf.org
8/22, Mon 9a shotgun	4-Woman Cha, Cha, Cha Member/Guest \$69 SPONSORED BY SULLIVAN GOLF & TRAVEL	Lochmoor, Grosse Pte Wds 48236, 313-886-1010; Golf/cart/range/lunch (YD 5260, CR 70.4, SR 121)
8/27, Sat	Match Play Semifinals	TBD, Contact: Pat Witek, 248-417-1190, witek@mwgolf.org
9/11, Sun 11:30a tee times	Match Play Championship ALL WELCOME Golf/cart: \$TBD	Plum Brook, Sterling Heights 48312, 586-264-9411 Contact: Pat Witek, 248-417-1190, witek@mwgolf.org
9/17, 9/18, Sat-Sun, 11a shotguns	2-Day/2-Person Eraser, Women/Mixed Teams \$135/memb/male partner, \$155/non-memb	The Nightmare, West Branch 48661, 989-345-1500, www.golfnightmare.com ; Golf/cart/range/Sun. lunch (Men: YD 6011, CR 68.9, SR 128; Women: YD 5168, CR 69.9, SR 112)
10/1, Sat 8a shotgun	4-Woman Member/Guest Fall Shamble, War of Leagues — Golf/cart: \$49	Stony Creek Metropark, Shelby Twp. 48316, 586-781-9166, www.metroparks.com (YD 5015, CR 69.9, SR 112)

Junior (up to age 17) tournaments and tournaments with junior divisions are highlighted.

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Date	Event	Location	Deadline/Index Limit/Other
	USGA Tournaments	908-234-2300, www.usga.org	
May	US Women's Open Local Qualifier		May 4 - 4.4
May-31	US WAPL MI Local Sectional Qualifier	Eagle Eye, Bath, MI	May 11 - 18.4
Jun	US Women's Open Sectional Qualifier		May 4 - 4.4
Jun	US Girls' Jr. Amateur Local Qualifier		Jun 1
Jun 27-Jul 2	US WAPL Championship	Bandon Dunes, Bandon, OR	Must qualify - 18.4
Jul 7-10	US Women's Open	The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO	Must qualify - 4.4
Jul-11	US Women's Amateur Local Qualifier	Knollwood CC, W. Bloomfield, MI	Jun 29 - 5.4
Jul 18-23	US Girls' Junior Amateur	Olympia Fields CC, Olympia Fields, IL	Must qualify
Aug 8-14	US Women's Amateur	Rhode Island CC, Barrington, RI	Must qualify - 5.4
Aug-16	US Women's Sr. Amateur Local Qualifier	Edgewood CC, Commerce Twp., MI	Jul 27 - 18.4
Aug-25	US Women's Mid-Amateur Local Qualifier	Barton Hills CC, Ann Arbor, MI	Aug 10 - 9.4
Sep 10-15	US Women's Sr. Amateur	The Honors Course, Ooltewah, TN	Must qualify - 18.4
Sep 17-22	US Women's Mid-Amateur	Bayville GC, Virginia Beach, VA	Must qualify - 9.4
	GAM Tournaments	248-478-9242, www.gam.org	
May-Sep	Gam Golf Days	Various Courses	
May-15	MI Hall of Fame Golf Outing/Induction	Eagle Eye, Bath \$175/pp, \$50 w/o golf	248-719-0650
Jun 27-30	GAM MI Girls Jr. State Am	Forest Akers West, Lansing	
Jul-06	GAM Two-Person Net Team Qualifier	Gowanie CC, Mt. Clemens	Jun - 40.4 women/36.4 men
Jul-11	GAM Two-Person Net Team Qualifier	Walnut Hills, East Lansing	Jun - 40.4 women/36.4 men
Jul 13-14	GAM Women's Championship	Gull Lake CC, Richland	Jul - 15.4
Jul-18	GAM Two-Person Net Team Qualifier	Boulder Pointe, Oxford	Jun - 40.4 women/36.4 men
Jul-25	GAM Two-Person Net Team Qualifier	Tanglewood, South Lyon	Jun - 40.4 women/36.4 men
Jul 25-29	GAM MI Women's Amateur	Prestwick Village GC, Highland	Jul - 15.4
Aug-01	GAM Two-Person Net Team	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	Must qualify
Aug 01-02	GAM Sr. Women's Four-Ball	Lochmoor CC, Grosse Pte. Woods	
Aug-08	GAM MI Net Amateur Qualifier	Glacier Club, Washington	Jul - 34.4
Aug 17-18	GAM Women's Mid-Amateur	Oak Pointe CC, Brighton	May - 20.4
Aug 15	GAM MI Net Amateur Qualifier	Western G&CC, Redford	Jul - 34.4
Aug 16	GAM MI Net Amateur Qualifier	Atlas Valley, Grand Blanc	Jul - 34.4
Aug 29-30	GAM Women's Senior	Belvedere GC, Charlevoix	Aug - 25.4
Sep-07	GAM MI Net Amateur Qualifier	Hawk Hollow, Bath	Jul - 34.4
Sep 19-20	GAM MI Net Amateur	Oakhurst G&CC, Clarkston	Must qualify - 34.4
Sep-28	GAM Men's & Women's Sr. Tour. Of Champions	Warwick Hills G&CC, Grand Blanc	
Oct-03	GAM Club Championship	Detroit Golf Club, North/South, Detroit	Invitation
	Other Events		
Jun 13 tent	Kensington Women's Championship	Kensington Metropark, Milford 48380 248-685-9332	Jun 9 - \$29/golf, lunch; \$11/cart; plus park entry fee
Jun 18-19	Western MI Women's Best Ball \$135/2 da golf, dinner, lunch	McGuire's Resort, Cadillac 49601 800-632-7302 - Room \$89/nt.	Jane Cook, 231-779-1655 taxcheck@charter.net
Jun 24-29	MI PGA Women's Open and Pro-Am \$329/Am	Crystal Mtn. Resort, Thompsonville 49683 231-378-2623	MI Section PGA 517-641- 7421 www.michigan.pga.com
Jun 25-26 tent	Ann Arbor Women's Championship	Leslie Park GC, Ann Arbor 48105 734-994-1163	Jun 17 www.milesofgolf.com
Aug 6 tent	Livonia Women's O&E	Whispering Willows GC, Livonia 48152 248-476-4493	www.golflivonia.com

Area Leagues *By Shirley McClain*

Course	League Name	City	Day	Time	Course/Contact Phone
Beacon Hill	EWG	Commerce Twp	Wed	5:36 PM	(248)684-2200
Beech Woods		Southfield	Wed	5:30 PM	(248)796-4655
Beech Woods	SBC (& friends) Mixed League	Southfield	Thurs	4:40 PM	(248)796-4655
Beech Woods	EWG	Southfield	Thurs	6:00 PM	(248)796-4655
Brae Burn	Thursday Night Players	Salem	Thurs	6:00 PM	(248)349-3294
Cattails	HVWGC	South Lyon	Wed	5:30 PM	www.hvwgc.org
Chisholm Hills		Lansing	Wed	4:46 PM	(517)694-0169
Copper Creek	EWG	Farmington	Wed	5:15 PM	(248)489-1777
Copper Hills		Oxford	Thurs	PM	(248)969-9808
Corunna Hills		Corunna	Wed	4:00 PM	(989)743-4693
Downing Farms		Salem	Tues	8:30 AM	(248)437-8751
Eagle Crest	HVWGC	Ypsilanti	Thurs	5:08 PM	www.hvwgc.org

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Course	League Name	City	Day	Time	Course/Contact Phone
Shenandoah	Women's Excell	West Bloomfield	Tues	4:52 PM	(248)360-9948
Shenandoah	EWG	West Bloomfield	Tues	5:40 PM	(810)229-4386
Springdale GC		Birmingham	Mon	5:15 PM	(248)398-9884
St. Joe Valley		Sturgis	Tues	PM	(248)651-5546
St. John's		Plymouth	Tues	5:40 PM	(734)453-1047
St. John's		Plymouth	Wed	4:50 PM	(734)261-4685
Stonebridge		Ann Arbor	Wed	4:45 PM	(734)732-1910
Stonebridge	HVWGC	Ann Arbor	Wed	5:08 PM	www.hvwgc.org
Sunnybrook	Power Train	Sterling Hts	Tues	3:00 PM	(586)497-6116
Swartz Creek Municipal		Flint	Wed	3:30 PM	(810)239-5538
Sylvan Glen	EWG	Troy	Tues	4:30 PM	www.ewgamd.com
Tanglewood		South Lyon	Tues	9:00 AM	(248)486-3355
Tanglewood	Ladies of the Lion	South Lyon	Tues	8:00 AM	(248)661-8737
Tanglewood	Tuesday Tee Off	South Lyon	Tues	5:05 PM	(734)546-1023
Warren Valley	MichCon Women's	Dearborn Hts	Mon	5:30 PM	(313)561-1040
Warren Valley		Dearborn Hts	Tues	8:00 AM	(734)421-0490
Westwynd	EWG	Rochester Hills	Mon	5:30 PM	www.ewgamd.com
White Lake Country Club	Twilight Ladies	White Lake	Mon	4:30 PM	(248)669-5119
White Lake Oaks		White Lake	Mon	5:30 PM	(248)698-2700
Willow Metropark	Par Seekers	New Boston	Mon	5:45 PM	(734)692-5529
Woodlands of Van Buren		Wayne	Tues	5:30 PM	(734)658-2307
Woodlands of Van Buren		Wayne	Wed	4:50 PM	(734)729-4477
Woodlands of Van Buren		Wayne	Thurs	4:45 PM	(734)671-8686
Travel League	Women's Metropolitan Golf Assoc	Various	Wed	8:00 AM	(248)625-8705 nserra@comcast.net
Travel League	Women's Suburban Golf Assoc	Various	Fri	8:00 AM	(734)453-4007 pennyanchors@yahoo.com
Travel League	Shagette Golf League	Various	Sat	Various	(248)763-1358



The Positive Golfer *By Janina Jacobs*

Ladies, do you sometimes get discouraged when you play Forward Tees that seem incredibly long? Well, maybe they *are* too long. I've often wondered who it was that originally decided tees for women should be X number of yards, probably not a woman.

This may ease your mind: A recent study revealed that yardage set for most women's Forward Tees is way too long. This is really nothing new to those who have constantly struggled to reach the green in less than 5 or 6 shots.

In their Blog, 'Golf with Women,' Jann E. Leeming and Arthur D. Lit-

tle recently compiled a 'Fairness Test' which was posed to women golfers, and the result is that women have been playing from tees that are about 1000 yards too long. Comparatively, LPGA pros would have to play yardages set at 9,600 to equate what the average woman faces when playing tees set at 5600, which is quite a 'normal' yardage at many clubs. And the Pros? Try 11,000 - 12,000 yards. Now you know why they make it look easy!

The following questions were asked of women on www.golfwithwomen.com: "1) How fair is a 5600-yard course for the average woman? 2) What would you think if we told

you that a 5600-yard course would be equivalent to an 8400-yard course for average men? 3) How about an 11,200-yard course for Matt Kuchar?"

What was deemed 'fair' was calculated as having all players hit the same

clubs into greens. With these figures, very few courses even consider 4200-yard tees which should be the norm for most women who generally hit their drive about 140 yards.

How do you calculate what is right for your game? Little suggests playing a course that measures 30 times your average drive. If you don't know, or tend to exaggerate like most players do, then try this: Calculate how far your 9-iron goes and multiply it by 2 to get your estimated driving distance.

Example: If your average drive is 175 yards, your course yardage should not exceed 5250 yards. If you hit it 190, you can move up to 5700 yards. If your 9-iron travels 80 yards, double it, and your estimated drive is 160. 160 x 30 is a course measuring 4800 yards. I'll bet you're thinking, 'no wonder golf is so tough!!'

It is time for women to stop apologizing for playing courses of lesser lengths. Ladies, make your intentions known and ask golf courses to move up those tees for more playable conditions. Your game is what it is and you should be proud.



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2. ball 2 club-lengths from the nearest point of relief. Does the score with the second ball count?
3. The player dropped a ball from the cart path 2 club-lengths from a cart path. His fellow-competitor advised him of his error before the ball was played. The player invoked Rule 3-3 and opted for the second ball dropped properly to count. What is the ruling?
4. A player plays a second ball properly and scores a 5 with both balls and returns his card without reporting it to the Committee. What is the ruling?
5. A player's ball lies on a road and unsure if it is an obstruction or an integral part of the course, he

invokes Rule 3-3 properly. He hits his first ball onto the green and the second ball into a deep bunker. He picks up the ball in the bunker and holes out with the first ball. He reports the situation to the committee before returning his card. What is the ruling?

6. Player A missed a short putt and picked up his ball. The other players in the group knew he failed to finish the hole but didn't say anything. His marker signed the card and he returned it. Later, the Committee learned he had not holed out. What is the ruling?

Answers

1. Decision 3-3/3. Rule 20-7c states if a competitor

makes a stroke from a wrong place, he incurs a penalty of two strokes and he must play out the hole with the ball played from the wrong place. Thus, his score with the original ball plus two penalty strokes must count. However, there is no penalty for having played the second ball.

2. Decision 3-3/5. No, the second ball was improperly dropped and the score with the original ball counted.
3. Decision 3-3/4. The score with the second ball counted. The player could have lifted and dropped the first ball without penalty under Rule 20-6, the eraser rule and would not have needed to play a second ball.
4. He is disqualified for not reporting to the Committee even though he scored the same with both balls. Rule 3-3a.
5. Decision 3-3/8. If the Committee declares the road an integral part of the course, the score with the original ball counts. If the road is an obstruction, the score with the second ball holed out would have counted. Since he did not hole out with the second ball, he is disqualified.
6. Decision 1-3/6 and 6-6a/5. Player A is disqualified even if he was not aware of his error and the other players who knew, were also disqualified under Rule 1-3 for agreeing to waive the Rules.

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