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A Call for Volunteers for the 2009 Michigan Golf Show at the Rock Financial Showplace

By Inez M. Bridges

This is the call for volunteers to staff the MWGA booth at the **2009 Michigan Golf Show March 6-8 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi**. As you know, The Michigan Golf Show, in existence for 17 years, is one of the premier local golf shows in the country, with more than 200,000 sq. ft. of exhibitor space and merchandise. You'll find hands-on activities and the best golf deals in the Midwest from retailers, golf resorts and over 100 golf courses. In spite of the economy, the show's promoter is anticipating over 32,000 people in attendance for this year's show. This site provides a great venue for the MWGA to create awareness, interest and direct response to our marketing efforts. One of our goals in 2009 is to grow our membership base by the addition of new members, a continual challenge for many organizations today. Exposure at the Michigan Golf Show is one of our strategies to meet this challenge of targeting new members. **This is where you can assist us with our efforts to help educate potential members about the MWGA experience and have fun at the same time.**

You'll meet and greet golfers and help drive the MWGA's message to this captured golfing audience *and*, most importantly, to potential members. Our message is that the MWGA is the leading golfing organization for women golfers with sched-

uled tournaments, instruction and Rules of Golf clinics, an LPGA/USGA Girls Golf program and the home of some of Michigan's best women golfers. In addition, we will have drawings for prizes and sell selected merchandise to show goers. Once you've completed your volunteer time at the booth, you will be free to enjoy the show on your own. We will try to arrange for **FREE ADMISSION** and **FREE PARKING**, but at this point, it is still in the negotiating process.

Show hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, 9-8 p.m. Saturday and 10-5 p.m. Sunday. We're looking at 25 hours in which we need to staff the booth for this year's show. You may select your preferred hours (minimum of two) and days. So please check your schedule and call me today to reserve the time slots of your choice. This is a way for you to give back to the organization and have some fun at the same time. Plan to join us and have fun at the 2009 Michigan Golf Show in March. **Since the MWGA Winter Trip is scheduled for the same time, we are in more need of volunteers to assist staffing the booth as some the regular volunteers for the show will be going on the trip.** For more information and to sign up, contact me, **Inez Bridges, at 248-890-4461, 248-552-9328 or inezbridges@aol.com.**

Plan on Attending the 2009 Rules Clinic

By Linda Neff

Date: April 4, 2009
Time: 9:00 AM -10:30 AM
Location: Fox Classic Clubhouse, Plymouth 48170, 734-453-7272
Cost: \$25 MWGA member, \$30 non-member, \$20 junior

Are you sometimes intimidated by or uncomfortable with your knowledge of the Rules of Golf? If you want to learn a little more and know how to respond when someone challenges you on a possible infraction, you need to be at our Rules Clinic on April 4.

This year we are honored to have Jeanne Myers teaching the Rules Clinic,

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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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President's Corner *By Barbara Porter*

An Ongoing Commitment for Your Organization



As I sit here, in my snuggie, contemplating my first article as your 2009 MWGA president, all I see is a landscape of white. Just as, at times, I can't imagine I am

your president, it is hard for me to imagine the luscious green of a Michigan golf course while our world is frozen. However, with Mother Nature on our side, we know change is only a couple of months away. You see, Mother Nature has a sixteen handicap and she can't wait to hit the links!

Change seems to be the "in" word this year and, when it is associated with our government, change is a moving word as it gives us hope and lifts our spirits – something many of us need when facing difficult economic conditions in our state. However, there is something to be said about familiarity, when applied to your MWGA. Your Board still desires to have our members comfortable with their membership and organization. Consequently, change is not as obvious.

That does not mean the MWGA is

stagnant; far from it! I, and fellow members, am fortunate to have a Board of dynamic women who are constantly challenging themselves to evolve the MWGA. Our website is evolving with a new look and more user-friendly features. The Tournament Committee is busy renegotiating all our 2009 contract terms in hopes of lowering the costs of our events. The Publicity Committee is in the process of developing a new, distinct MWGA logo. Plans are getting underway for our 25th Anniversary Celebration. Going on twenty-five years, can you believe it? And, 2009 has only begun.

Francine Pegues will be the 2009 chair for our LPGA/USGA Girls Golf Program at Belle Isle. With times being what they are, we lost a major sponsor for this program. However, MWGA is still committed to host and improve this wonderful curriculum for 2009, not only to benefit the Rhonda Walker Foundation, but all girls ages fourteen through seventeen. I know with Francine's leadership and the added support of our membership, this program will have continuing success. As the MWGA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization,

contributions to assist this program are tax deductible. Let's all pitch in and help either with a contribution or volunteer of time or both. And, don't forget to mention the program to friends and co-workers as they are a great resource for support.

Talk about support, what about our great MWGA sponsors! Now, more than ever, when fitting, our members need to acknowledge our sponsors. In these challenging times, the MWGA needs anything a sponsor can provide, and we greatly appreciate their generosity.

So, with the changing of the guard come not a lot of changes. Well, no big parades, balls and fanfare, that is ... just the same ongoing commitment to making the MWGA the premier women's golf organization in Michigan – an organization we can all be proud to be a member of. Thanks for listening. Now where is my snuggie?

P.S. – You didn't think I would overlook thanking Nancy Serra for her many years of service as president, did you? These will, indeed, be hard shoes to fill. Although, I think my feet are smaller.....



Match Play League *By Pat Witek*

The MWGA Match Play League is open to MWGA members in good standing. The league consists of 28 players divided into 4 flights. Players are flighted according to their USGA Handicap Index. Each member plays six 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 to the winner of the match. 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 group play dates will be 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. There will be a league meeting in late April to discuss the rules, regulations and strategies of match play. Tentative group play dates have been scheduled and are published in this newsletter on page 10.

Important Dates:

March 15: Commitment deadline for returning 2008 members

March 16: Open enrollment for all MWGA members

Late April: League meeting

Remit your \$50 league entry fee by check (made out to the MWGA) to Pat Witek, 9727 Bassett, Livonia MI 48150.

Visit the MWGA website www.mwggolf.org to view the Match Play League standings and outing dates. For more information or to

get your name on the waiting list for 2009, contact me, the League Coordinator, at pgolfw@aol.com or 248/417-1190.

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MWGA League for Beginning Golfers, April 29 – July 22

By Linda Neff



Do you have friends who 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 on the Strategic Fox (par 3 course).

Cost: \$280 (Includes fee for nine weeks of golf)

Dates: Wednesdays, April 29 – July 22, 2009 (12 weeks). Assumes no golf week of May 25th

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Format:

- Week 1-3 one-hour group instruction with an 8:1 instructor ratio
- Week 4-6 on course play with on course instruction
- Week 7-12 on course play in a league format

Rain days:

- There is no issue if it is raining week 1-3 since Fox Hills has a learning center
- If raining week 4-6, Fox Hills will extend the league
- If heavy rain week 7-12, Fox Hills will extend the classes

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% lesson continuation discount with Jordan Young on private lessons

The league will be limited to 12 so we are sure everyone is able to finish the round of golf before it gets dark! Slots will fill up fast! If interested, call me at 248-489-6523 Monday – Friday or 248-661-0082 during the evenings or weekends.

2009 Golf Skills Clinic, Saturday, May 2

What Can I Do To Improve My Game?

By Linda Neff

Date: Saturday, May 2

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

Cost: \$105 per person

Entry Deadline: Wed., April 22

Number of Students: Maximum of 40. The student to teacher ratio will be 8:1, with an additional staff member handling video analysis. The clinic includes:

- 1) 4 hours of instruction
- 2) Video analysis with online access to the video of your swing with instructions
- 3) One round of golf, including cart, on Fox Hill's Strategic Fox course,

one of the nation's premier par three courses

- 4) Golden Fox round of golf with cart for an up-charge of \$25 per person to be used any day/time based on available tee times
- 5) Gift package with tees, ball marker, ball mark fixer and two-ball pack along with MWGA clothing and shoe discount the day of the clinic
- 6) Jordan is pursuing one round of golf, including cart, on Crystal Mountain's Mountain Ridge course. This may or may not be included. (This course was on the *Golf For Women* magazine's

list of the Top 50 Golf Courses in the U.S. — currently ranked 26th.) Instruction will include four stations that each student attends:

- Station 1 Putting techniques
- Station 2 Chipping and pitching
- Station 3 Bunker play
- Station 4 On-course situations with video analysis

Our instructors will be Jordan Young, Fox Hills Director of Instruction, Steve Kisner, Ann Gajda and Will Ellender, all PGA members and golf instructors. The certificates for golf are valid for the 2009 golf season during any day.

New 2009 MWGA Member Benefits

- Online membership renewal — coming soon
- Ability to update personal information online
- Redesigned, even more user-friendly website
- Who Are They? Online Photo Contest with monthly prizes — [see how many people you can name](#) — January winner of \$10 gift certificate: Deb Pringle — congratulations! Visit mwgolf.org to see who was in the January photos.
- As MWGA members, a USGA & GAM Alliance Membership will be included in your GAM Gold Card membership. In addition to GAM benefits, such as the GAM/USGA handicap service and Swing & Save course discounts, you will receive a deluxe, personalized USGA & GAM Alliance Membership bag tag, special USGA member discounts and offers and the monthly USGA & GAM Alliance Insider E-Newsletter.

Let the club point the way.

Here is a little drill to see if your swing plane is correct. Swing back to the halfway point of your backswing and drop your left hand. Your right elbow should be tucked near your side and the butt of the club should be pointing directly at the ball. If you are off, practice until you find this position every time.

Bill Kroen's Golf Tip-A-Day

2009 Annual Meeting at the Golden Fox

By Denise Buechel

I sincerely hope this winter finds all our members in good spirits and health and itching to hit the links once this weather permits. This brings me to our Annual Meeting.

I wish to encourage all our members and potential members to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting to be held at Fox Hills, the Golden Fox facility in Plymouth at 11:30 AM on Saturday, May 9, even if you are not planning on playing golf. The cost for the meeting and luncheon (always very tasty) is \$25 and well worth the fare. The meeting will present much information concerning the state of the MWGA. And, isn't it good to know what's going on with your organization?

Besides hearing a brief rundown from all the Board members on their activities and plans for 2009, it is important that our members attend to support the Player of the Year (POY) award winners given to the top players in each of the A, B, C and D handicap divisions. A lot of effort goes into keeping these statistics as well as the effort put forth by our winners. And, the Sara Wold Trophy recipient will be announced and presented to our Golfer of the Year (GOY) who represents the lowest gross scorer in our tournaments (best five scores from stroke play and best ball events). Plus, we'll also announce our

2008 Most Improved Golfer. Now, aren't these honors worth applauding? We need you in attendance to clap and whistle big time!

Besides the camaraderie afforded at the Annual Meeting, this is your chance to participate when the floor opens for questions. If you have something on your mind regarding the MWGA, this is your opportunity for your voice to be heard. We may not be able to answer on the spot, but you will receive an answer.

Your Board wishes to keep you all informed. Besides reading our wonderful *NEWSLINX* and logging on to our fantastic website, why not attend the Annual Meeting to receive the latest developments first hand? There is always something for everyone at the MWGA Annual Meeting. Mark the date, check our website for updates and reserve your place.

2009 4-Woman Spring Scramble Saturday May 9, Golden Fox, Plymouth

By Sonia Pysh-Denison

- When:** Saturday, May 9, 1:30 pm shotgun
Where: Golden Fox @ Fox Hills
 8768 North Territorial, Plymouth 48170
 734-453-7272, www.foxhills.com
Fee: \$91 Members and non-members
Includes: Annual meeting, lunch, golf, cart, range balls, prizes
Tees: Women's forward: 5040 yards, rating: 70.4, slope: 123
Entry deadline: Wednesday, April 29

Just a couple more months and we'll be swingin' away on the links. I'm getting excited just thinking about it. If you've been taking advantage of the free lessons and 9 holes of simulated golf at Next Shot Golf at reduced rates, then you should be ready to roll at our first event. The 2009 Annual Meeting and Spring Scramble will be held on May 9 at the Golden Fox in Plymouth. Bring your friends, recruit the non-members, and let them hear about our amazing organization at the Annual Meeting, not to mention golf at a great course.

Directly after the meeting we will play a 4-Woman Scramble. This is a great time to bring some friends to play with you and experience what an MWGA tournament is all about. Guests may enter at member rates: The Annual Meeting and Spring Scramble will be \$91 for members and non-members alike. This will include the meeting, lunch, golf, cart, range balls and prizes.

A registration form is available on the MWGA website at www.mwgolf.org, in the membership packages and in this newsletter. All registration forms should be sent to the Tournament Office at 4158 Charing Cross, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104.



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Check in on May 9 will begin at 10:00am along with the Vendor/Swap meet (see next article). The meeting and lunch will start at 11:30am and golf at 1:30pm with

a shotgun start. If you have any questions, please contact me at Pysh-Denison@MWGolf.org or at 586-212-6639. I look forward to seeing you all at the Golden Fox on May 9.

Annual Meeting Extras: Vendors & Swappers! Saturday May 9 • Golden Fox GC in Plymouth *By Inez M. Bridges*

After suffering through this horrendous winter weather (although it could be worse), gaining 4-½ pounds and losing my favorite Taylor Made Burner 3-Wood, I am already looking forward to the start of this year's golfing season in Michigan. For those of us smart enough to belong to the ever-wonderful MWGA, it all starts with the MWGA Annual Meeting & Scramble this coming May. This event will kick off what we hope to be one of our best golf seasons ever.

In addition to the usual directives of the meeting and the long awaited golf scramble, we are looking forward to the sidebar activities of kicking it with fellow members and engaging in a little merchandising from our vendors. For the past two years, we have included "swappers" selling new or gently used merchandise, from teacups to Burner 3-Woods. If you don't need it, don't use it and wish to unclutter your life, bring it to the Annual Meeting and sell it to someone else or swap it for something needed. The old adage is true: "One woman's junk is another woman's treasure," and remember the 80/20 rule: "Eighty percent of the value comes from 20 percent of any group." Think about your closet. You wear 20 percent of your clothes 80 percent of the time.

To that end, there will be two categories of vendors. Firstly, as always, we welcome vendors of new merchandise and services, and we've had a diverse group in the past. If you have been with us at prior events, we want to see you again this year. **If you are one of those creative and gifted people with a craft, have never participated with us and wish to peddle your craft to a captive audience, there will be space for you also.** All vendors are welcome. Spread the word to friends and associates who might be interested in participating.

Secondly, if you have merchandise to swap or trade, we look forward to having you participate. You may have anywhere from two or three to many items of interest to sell or swap. The number is not important. It's the ability

to unload the clutter in your life. The merchandise doesn't have to be golf-related either. All merchandise is welcome, whether new or gently used. We can make it our own private MWGA "estate sale." Estate sales can be big fun. It's all about the bargain!

We'll set up tables for both vendors and swappers where wares can be displayed for purchasing. Arrange your merchandise, make your own price signs or cards and handle your own sales. **Arrive early (an hour or so) to set up your items for sale prior to the meeting, during lunch and after golf. Registration begins at 10:00, with the meeting starting at 11:30.**

Let's forget about the economy for a change, and plan on the fun we'll have on Saturday May 9th at the MWGA Annual Meeting & Scramble. Along with tuning up your swing for the season, start collecting your wares to swap or trade that day. You never know what you'll find. With everyone's help, it will be fun, profitable for you and for our fundraising to support our 2009 LPGA/USGA Girls Golf instruction program.

Again this year MWGA will conduct an LPGA/USGA Girls Golf instruction program at the First Tee of Michigan facilities on Belle Isle. We are asking sellers to donate 10% of their sales to MWGA to support this program. As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, these donations can be a tax advantage. Even if you don't plan on selling, this is a great time to make a contribution you will be able to deduct from your 2009 taxes.

Thanks in advance, and we'll see you on Saturday May 9th. **For planning purposes, please let me know if you would like a table to participate, or if you have questions or suggestions. You can contact me, Inez Bridges at 248-552-9328, 248-890-4461 or email me at imbridges@aol.com.**

2-Person Best Ball at Dunham Hills Golf Course Saturday, May 23 • Co-Chairpersons: Pat Shelton and Monica Oliver

When: Saturday, May 23, 9:00 a.m. Shotgun
Where: Dunham Hills Golf Course
13561 Dunham Road, Hartland, MI 48353
248-887-9170, <http://www.dunhamhills.com/>
Fee: \$51 Members & Male Partners/\$71 Non-Mbrs
Includes 18 holes of golf with cart that has ball and club washers. Grass and mat range, practice sand bunker and two putting greens are also included in the fee.

Tees to Play:
Women's: Forward 5250 yds, 70.8/118
Men's: Middle 6291 yds, 70.0/126
Entry Deadline: May 13, 2009
Mail Entry to: MWGA Tournament Office
4158 Charing Cross Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104

Find a partner and sign up for this 2-person best ball. If you need a partner, enter anyway and we will

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2-Person Best Ball at Dunham Hills

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do our best to pair you up. This will be a good opportunity to meet another golfer.

Dunham Hills in Hartland, Michigan is a 3-1/2 star golf course (*Golf Digest* Places to Play) featuring 18 holes of challenging play set amidst rolling topography with mature conditioning. Undulating tree-lined fairways demand accuracy off the tee and on approaches to well-groomed greens. A round here will benefit from knowl-

edge of how to play the ball above and below your feet, and from side hill lies. The course itself is well appointed with markers at 100/150/200 on all the par fours and fives, and small indicators on the flag sticks for front, middle and back pin placement. Dunham Hills can be a tough but pleasant challenge for golfers of all levels of abilities. Accurate tee shots will be rewarded with level lies, but those slightly off line may be "playing on an angle" for much of the day. The key here is to keep it in the fairway, avoiding unpleasant lies under mature hardwoods and pines.

POY/GOY *By Barbara Porter*

As most of our members know, the MWGA calculates certain statistics on our players whenever they enter our events such as:

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Purpose: To recognize and award members of all skill levels who participate and successfully compete in our tournaments.

Eligibility: To be eligible for points, players must participate in the event and be on the membership roster as of the date of the event.

Points: Points will be awarded based on a player's finish in MWGA tournaments.

GOLFER OF THE YEAR – CLUB CHAMPION

Purpose: Recognize accomplished golfers that post the lowest overall gross scores in our tournaments.

Eligibility: To be eligible for points, players must participate in the event and be on the membership roster as of the date of the event.

Points: Points are awarded to players with the lowest 15 gross scores posted in selected events.

Ties: Ties will be scored by combining points for places tied and dividing by number of players.

Events: Stoke Play Events (State Tournament, President's Tournament, all other Stroke Play Tournaments); 2-Woman/Person Best Ball Events and Best 2 of 4 Events (Each player plays their own ball and must record a score for each hole in the competition.)

<i>Division A</i>	<i>0-9.9</i>	<i>Division C</i>	<i>20.0-29.9</i>
Horning, Deb	91	Oliver, Monica	74
Hill, Cindy	82	Stockton, Lu	62
Stocker, Darci	68	Porter, Barbara	60
Vandeputte, Betty	55	Shelton, Pat	51
Macinkowicz, Sue	46	Pegues, Francine	49
<i>Division B</i>	<i>10.0-19.9</i>	<i>Division D</i>	<i>30 +</i>
Pysh-Denison, Sonia	89	Stecher, Karen	53
Gagnon, Yvette	82	Sanchez, Carol	45
Sroka, Michelle	73	Allen, Dorine	27
Pinkard, Cynthia	64	Popchock, Karen	22
Wilson, Ruth	64	O'Neil, Ernestine	19

Vandeputte, Betty	1012.50
Stocker, Darci	862.50
Ponikiewski, Lauri	850.00
Horning, Deb	712.50
Hill, Cindy	687.50
Delcamp, Terri	675.00
Pysh-Denison, Sonia	625.00

Of course, these are not the final figures as we keep the winners secret until we acknowledge such winners at the Annual Meeting at the Golden Fox on May 9. And, as I added selective events to obtain these figures, it will be extremely difficult to figure the winners. You'll just have to attend the Annual Meeting. See you there!

Golf Association of Michigan 2009 Handicap Revision Schedule

Scores should be posted on the Internet before midnight of the Monday prior to the effective revision date for rounds play during that period.

Revision Number	Acceptable Score Posting Dates	Effective Revision Date	Revision Number	Acceptable Score Posting Dates	Effective Revision Date
1	Sun., Mar 29 – Sun., Apr 12	Tue., Apr 14	9	Mon., Jul 20 – Sun., Aug 2	Tue., Aug 4
2	Mon., Apr 13 – Sun., Apr 26	Tue., Apr 28	10	Mon., Aug 3 – Sun., Aug 16	Tue., Aug 18
3	Mon., Apr 27 – Sun., May 10	Tue., May 12	11	Mon., Aug 17 – Sun., Aug 30	Tue., Sep 1
4	Mon., May 11 – Sun., May 24	Tue., May 26	12	Mon., Aug 31 – Sun., Sep 13	Tue., Sep 15
5	Mon., May 25 – Sun., Jun 7	Tue., Jun 9	13	Mon., Sep 14 – Sun., Sep 27	Tue., Sep 29
6	Mon., Jun 8 – Sun., Jun 21	Tue., Jun 23	14	Mon., Sep 28 – Sun., Oct 11	Tue., Oct 13
7	Mon., Jun 22 – Sun., Jul 5	Tue., Jul 7	15	Mon., Oct 12 – Sun., Oct 25	Tue., Oct 27
8	Mon., Jul 6 – Sun., Jul 19	Tue., Jul 21	16	Mon., Oct 26 – Sun., Nov 8	Tue., Nov 10

Reminder: All scores made in an area where the authorized golf association has declared an "active" season must be posted

The Positive Golfer *By Janina Parrott Jacobs*

Thank goodness this winter is nearing its bitter end. It has been a rough one and the thought of emerald green grass, cerulean blue skies, and yes, even fawn hued bunkers is quite appealing. It is winters like these that truly make us appreciate the beautiful golfing summers of Michigan.

Time once more to visit one of my favorite places: the quote calendar. You know those little calendars you get from insurance companies and financial planners. Most people throw them away, but I keep them for inspiration. Here are some thoughts for getting back into the game:

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one." - Malcolm Forbes

How often do we dismiss an idea simply because we close our mind to it? As children we are like sponges, absorbing everything, and thus everything is possible. As adults, we close up like clams, refusing to budge. This is where we miss out on some of the most valuable information. If your golf game is stagnant, take a new tack. Find a different teaching professional or simply study the moves of a pro whose style you admire, then start anew.

"If you want to test your memory, try to remember what you were worrying about one year ago today." - E. Joseph Cossman

You've probably heard that 99%

GAM and USGA Entry Forms Available Online

The GAM entry forms will be available online on the GAM website on Mon., Feb. 16th. For those over 50 with a handicap of 25.4 or less, it is important again this year to play in the Michigan Women's Senior Amateur Championship at Hawk Hollow near Lansing June 28-30 to assure its future. Check the GAM schedule to mark your calendar for the events you wish to enter.

The USGA entry forms will be available online on the USGA website in mid-March. There will be two Sectional Qualifying Rounds in Michigan

of things we worry about never happen. So why do we do it? The point is that worry dissipates when action is taken. Remember fretting about exams in school? As soon as you began to diligently study, the worry went away - you had an action plan. If you are concerned because your golf game isn't what it used to be, DO something. Anything. Practice putting on your carpet. Work out to strengthen your core muscles. Read golf magazines. This will get your mind focused off of worrying and onto solutions.

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on." - Robert Frost

We are all the center of our own universe. What is immensely important to us is but a mere blip on the worldly radar, which may sound defeatist but isn't. I find this information helpful when I am facing a difficult golf match, tournament, or even a single shot. I ask myself, 'In the scheme of things, how important is this? Who will remember this 100 years from now?' Obviously, unless I ace the final hole of the 2020 U.S. Women's Open to win at age 64, it won't make the record books. This DOES take the pressure off and helps to control the nerves. Life, indeed, goes on.

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must have a handicap index of 18.4 or less. If you qualify, please consider entering because the more entries we have, the more spots Michigan gets for the Championship. Entries close on May 13th. Contact Sara Wold at sara_wold@msn.com for more information.

Winter Golf Fun at The Next Shot Golf Center *By Inez M. Bridges*

The MWGA Winter Social was held at the Next Shot Golf Center on Saturday January 17th, and, if I can speak for everyone who attended, we had a winter blast! We “played” golf on the Full Swing Simulators (lots of fun, folks), worked out on the practice tees (watch out for Shelly Weiss ‘cause she’s smacking ‘em hard) and the putting green, munched on lunch and just enjoyed each other’s company.

For those of you who were not able to be a part of the fun and camaraderie, you can look forward to the next Winter Social at a similar time next year. Also, to stay on top of their games during the off-season, several members were interested in holding weekly play at the Next Shot Golf Center in the format of 9-hole league play. NSGC has offered to augment this with a golf clinic prior to the league play, all at special pricing for MWGA members.

If you are unfamiliar with simulated golf, it’s similar to Wii golf play, except you actually hit a real golf

ball, using your own clubs, into a large high resolution screen that shows realistic views of the golf holes of over 30 championship courses. The simulators actually capture club head and ball speed, detailed ball flight data and the scores of each player, even adding strokes for OB and hazard shots.

Sound like fun to you? If so, and you are interested in joining a group for weekly clinics and 9-hole play on the Full Swing Simulators, you can contact Oscar Lundy at NSGC at 313-368-1500 to sign up. It would be great to have a group of 12-16 people for league play.

Thanks to all of you who participated at this year’s event, and we look forward to the 2010 MWGA Winter Social. Suggestions and ideas for the next event are welcome. We always want and welcome your input and feedback on events that we sponsor. Please contact me at 248-552-9328 or imbridges@aol.com or Barb Coury at 734-558-2543 or bcoury@comcast.net.



Membership Snippets *By Jane Kersjes*

Well, I just got through looking at the initial online Membership Application that our Computer Assistant, Matthew, has worked on. We are in the final stages of ensuring the PayPal fields match those in our database and functionality is not lost in the process. This year we’ll work out the ‘kinks’ to ensure a fast, accurate process. As with any computer upgrade, we’ll work with our clients (you) to make this as enjoyable and pain-free as possible. As always, your patience is required. I especially want to thank Cynthia and Matthew for all their hard work.

Let’s welcome these new members since the last *NEWSLIX*:
 Vimal Puri Bloomfield Hills
 Lucy McHugh Rochester

Hopefully, the coming year will prove a success for our golf game and our organization. We are on track with membership compared to last year:

Regular	6 (1 new)
Senior	47 (5 new)
Board	16
Courses	1
TOTAL	70

Last year’s membership was 206 which we hope to achieve this year. Our presence at the Novi Golf Show has boosted recognition in the past, and we hope it will do so again this year. It is being held on the first weekend in March. I hope to see you there!

Pictured, top: Inez Bridges, Nancy Serra; second: Pat DeMaire, Nancy Serra, Deb Horning, Carol Hanchett-Card, Cynthia Pinkard, Faye Bessette; third: Yvette Gagnon, Sonia Pysh-Denison, Shelly Weiss, Jane Kersjes, Lu Stockton, last: Pat Shelton, Ed MacPherson, Terry MacPherson. In attendance, but not pictured: Yvette Johnson, Monica Oliver, Michelle Sroka.



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You may also register online with a credit card. Visit mwgolf.org for online registration and additional forms.

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A Driving Force in Women's Golf

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2009 MWGA Tournament Entry Form

One form per player – if paying for more than one player, submit a separate form for each player.

See the *NEWSLINX* or our website for event details, Tournament Guidelines and MWGA Rules and Conditions of Play.

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Tournament Name	Course Name	2009 Date	Event Entry Fee <small>** non-mbr women add \$20</small>	Event Entry Fee & Games* CTF/CI & Skins			Non Mbr Fee \$20	Total ¹	Name of Partners or those you would like to be paired with (optional)
				Event Entry	CTF / CI (\$5)/day	Skins (\$5)/day			
Annual Meeting ONLY not playing in scramble	Fox Hills	May 9 Sat	\$25				none		Not applicable
Annual Meeting Spring Scramble	Fox Hills Golden Fox	May 9 Sat	\$91				none		
2-Person Best Ball	Dunham Hills	May 23 Sat	\$51**						
President's Stoke Play	Moose Ridge	Jun 6 Sat	\$69**						Pairings by handicap
2-Woman Scramble	Shepherd's Hollow	Jun 16 Tu	\$76**						
2-Woman Best Ball	Woodlands of Van Buren	Jun 27 Sat	\$69**						
3-Woman Best Ball Cha, Cha, Cha	Timber Trace	Jul 11 Sat	\$65**						
2-Day State Championship	College Fields	Jul 25-26 Sat-Sun	\$135**						Pairings by handicap
State Championship Jr. Division	College Fields	Jul 26 Sun	\$25 walking		NA	NA	none		Pairings by handicap
Stroke Play	Northville Hills	Aug 18 Tu	\$53**						
2-Woman Best Ball	Pontiac CC	Sep 5 Sat	\$66**						
2-Day/2-Person Eraser	Mystic Creek	Sep 19-20 Sat-Sun	\$136**						
Fall Scramble War of the Leagues	Bay Pointe	Oct 3 Sat	\$79				none		
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (check, money order, cash, MWGA gift certificates)									

¹ Cost of event in addition to games. (Games must be paid at time of entry. If you have not prepaid, you will not be able to enter games on the day of the event.)

* Games Closest to Flagstick (CTF), Chip-Ins (CI), Skins (gross by flight)

Notes/Requests: _____

Confirmation and directions will be sent to your email address. Check our website, www.mwgolf.org, 3 days before the event for confirmation and late changes.

If you do not post scores through MWGA, you must provide: 1) the name of the organization you post with, 2) the website where your current index can be found and 3) your member number:

If we do not have your current mailing address, please enter it here: _____

Send Entry To: Pay by check or MWGA Gift Certificates — make check payable to: **MWGA**

MWGA Tournament Entry

4158 Charing Cross Rd.

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104

TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org - 248-557-8180

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MWGA Events (\$xx Member/\$xx Non-Member)
Entry Deadline 10 Days Prior to All Events Unless Noted
QUESTIONS: tournamententry@mwgolf.org or 248-557-8180

ENTER TOURNAMENTS ONLINE at www.mwgolf.org or MAIL TOURNAMENT ENTRIES to: MWGA Tournament Office, 4158 Charing Cross Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104

Date/Time	Event/Fee	Site/Location	Event Chairperson/Course Stats (women's forward tees unless noted otherwise)
3/5-9, Th-Mon	MWGA Winter Golf Trip Contact Denise to learn if any openings	San Antonio, TX	Denise Buechel, Buechel@mwgolf.org See MWGA website for details
4/4, Sat 9-10:30am	Rules Clinic with Jeanne Myers of GAM \$25/member, \$30/non-mbr, \$20/junior	Fox Hills, Classic Club-house, 734-453-7272	Linda Neff 29694 Mayfair Rd. Farmington Hills 48331 248-661-0082 H 248-478-6523 W neff@mwgolf.org
4/29-7/22, Wed 5:30-7:00pm	MWGA League for Beginning Golfers \$280 (12 wks. golf, 9 of instruction) Max. 12 participants	Fox Hills, Strategic Fox Plymouth 48170 734-453-7272	
5/2, Sat 9am-1pm	Golf Skills Clinic \$105, Max. 40; student-teacher ratio 8:1		
4/24, Fri	Match Play League Meeting \$50 league entry fee	TBD	Pat Witek, 9727 Bassett, Livonia 48150, 734-591-6939, witek@mwgolf.org
5/9, Sat, 10am 11:30am	Swap Meet Annual Meeting and Lunch Only \$25	Fox Hills, Golden Fox Plymouth 48170 734-453-7272	Denise Buechel, Buechel@mwgolf.org
5/9, Sat 1:30pm shotgun	Member/Guest 4-Woman Spring Scramble and Lunch—ALL INCLUSIVE—lunch/golf/cart/range \$91/members & guests		Sonia Pysh-Denison, Pysh-denison@mwgolf.org Women's forward 70.4/123, 5040 yds.
5/16, Sat	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
5/23, Sat 9am shotgun	2-Person Best Ball – Mixed Event Golf/cart/range—\$51/members/male partners, \$71/ non-members	Dunham Hills www.dunhamhills.com Hartland 48353 248-887-9170	Monica Oliver, Oliver@mwgolf.org Pat Shelton, Shelton@mwgolf.org Men's middle 70.0/126, 6291 yds. Women's forward 70.8/118, 5250 yds.
6/6, Sat 2pm shotgun	President's Stroke Play Tournament Golf/cart/range \$69/members, \$89/non-members	Moose Ridge S. Lyon 48178 248-446-9030	Barbara Porter, Porter@mwgolf.org Women's forward 72.3/130, 5475 yds. Women's front 68.0/112, 4789 yds.
6/14, Sun	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
6/16, Tues 8am mod. shotgun	2-Woman Scramble Golf/cart/deli sandwich buffet \$76/members, \$96/non-members	Shepherd's Hollow Clarkston 48348 248-922-0300	Francine Pegues, Pegues@mwgolf.org Nancy Serra, Serra@mwgolf.org 70.4/120/4982 yds.
6/27, Sat 9am mod. shotgun	2-Woman Best Ball Golf/cart/range \$69/members, \$89/non-members	Woodlands of Van Buren Wayne 48184 734-729-4477	Jane Kersjes, Kersjes@mwgolf.org Women's forward 68.4/117, 4771 yds.
7/11, Sat 9am shotgun	3-Woman Best Ball (Cha, Cha, Cha) Golf/cart/range, \$65/members, \$85/non-mbr	Timber Trace, Pinckney 48169, 734-878-1800	Pam Kurtz, Kurtz@mwgolf.org Women's front 68.9/120, 5103 yds.
7/12, Sun	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
7/25, 7/26 Sat–Sun 9am shotgun	2-Day State Championship Golf/cart/lunch Sun., \$135/member, \$155/ non-mbr, \$25 juniors walking on Sun.	College Fields Okemos 48864 517-332-8103	Sara Wold, Wold@mwgolf.org MWGA 1st: 71.8/128, 5577 yds. Women's forward 69.0/121, 4983 yds.
8/1, Sat	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
8/16, Sun	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
8/18, Tues 9am shotgun	Stroke Play Golf/cart/range \$53/member, \$73/non-member	Northville Hills Northville 48168 734-667-4653	Barbara Porter, Porter@mwgolf.org Women's forward 69.5/122, 5019 yds. www.northvillehillsgolfclub.com
8/29, Sat	Match Play Semifinals	TBD	Pat Witek
9/5, Sat 9:15am tee times	2-Woman Best Ball Golf/cart/range, \$66/member, \$86/non-mbr	Pontiac CC, Waterford 48328, 734-682-6333	Denise Buechel, Buechel@mwgolf.org Women's front 71.8/123, 5514 yds.
9/13, Sun	Match Play Championship and year-end party	TBD	Pat Witek
9/19, 9/20 Sat 12p shotgun Sun, 9a shotgun	2-Day/2-Person Eraser – Mixed Event Golf/cart/Sun. buffet \$136/member/male partner, \$156/non-member	Mystic Creek Milford 48380 248-684-3333 www.mysticcreekgc.com	Nancy Serra, Serra@mwgolf.org , Inez Bridges, Bridges@mwgolf.org , Lake/Woods courses: Men's middle 69.5/134, 5998 yds. Women's front 68.2/120, 4709 yds.
10/3, Sat, 10am mod. shotgun	Member/Guest 4-Woman Fall Scramble/ War of the Leagues Golf/cart/range/soup & salad – \$79	Bay Pointe W. Bloomfield 48323 248-360-0600	Lu Stockton, Stockton@mwgolf.org Barb Coury, Coury@mwgolf.org Women's forward 68.6/115, 4906 yds.

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

Enter MWGA tournaments online at www.mwgolf.org and check website for most current schedule

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Date	Event/ HDCP Limits/Deadlines	Location	Contact
May 17, Sun 1p shotgun	MI Hall of Fame Golf Outing, Reception, Induction Ceremony	Indianwood G&CC, Old Course 248-693-9100	Loretta Larkin, 248-719-0650, llarkin@michigan-golf-foundation.com
May 18 Mon	US Women's Open Local Qualifier Entries close 5/13, Hdcp. limit 4.4	Walnut Hills CC Lansing	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
May 26 Tu	US WAPL Sectional, SE MI Hdcp. limit 18.4, Entries close 5/13	College Fields, Okemos wold@mwgolf.org	USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org Local contact: Sara Wold, 734-668-8571
May 27 Wed	US WAPL Sectional, West MI Hdcp. limit 18.4, Entries close 5/13	Stonehedge North) Augusta 49012 800-432-7971 x2300	USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org Local contact: Sara Wold, 734-668-8571, wold@mwgolf.org
Jun 9-10 Tu-W	11th GAM Women's Mid-Am Entries close 5/20	Western G&CC, Redford Hdcp. limit 20.0, Age 25+	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
TBA Mon	Kensington Women's Championship Entries close TBA	Kensington GC, Milford 48380 248-685-9332	Harold Beardsley, 1-800-477-2757
TBA Sat-Sun	Western MI Women's Best Ball	Cadillac CC, Cadillac 49601 231-775-9442	Jane Cook, 115 Kimel, Cadillac 49601 231-779-1655, taxcheck@charter.net
Jun 19-21 Fri-Sun	14th Annual Bag Ladies Outing, Stroke Play — GREAT PACKAGE PRICE!	Yarrow G&C, Augusta 49012 800-563-4397	Arezell Brown, 313-862-5738 arezell@sbcglobal.net, Deposit due 3/6
Jun 22-27 Mon-Sat	US WAPL Championship Qualifiers only, Hdcp. limit 18.4	Red Tail GC, Devens, MA Entries close 5/13	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
Jun 26 Fri	US Girls' Jr. Amateur Qualifier Entries close 6/3	Western G&CC, Redford	Linda Lester, 313-886-6416 USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
TBA Sat-Sun	Ann Arbor Women's Championship Entries close TBA	Leslie Park GC, Ann Arbor 48105 734-994-1163	Www.milesogolf.com
Jun 28-30 Su-Tu	8th GAM MI Women's Sr. Am Entries close 6/3, Hdcp. limit 25.4	Hawk Hollow, E. Lansing	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org 989-939-8911
Jul 6-8 Mon-Wed	31st GAM MI Girls Jr. State Am Entries close 6/17	CC of Jackson	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
Jul 9-12 Th-Sun	US Women's Open Qualifiers only. Entries close 5/6	Saucon Valley CC Bethlehem, PA	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
Jul 14-18 Tu-Sa	93rd GAM MI Women's Am Entries close 6/24, Hdcp. limit 15.4	Great Oaks CC, Rochester	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org MI residents only
TBA	US Women's Amateur Qualifier Entries close 7/1, Hdcp. Limit 5.4	TBA	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
Jul 20-25 Mon-Sat	US Girl's Jr. Amateur Qualifiers only. Hdcp. limit 18.4, Entries close 6/4	Trump National GC Bedminster, NJ	Linda Lester, 313-886-6416 USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
Jul 30 Th	GAM Two-Person Net Team Qualifier Entries close 6/22, Hdcp. Limit 36.4	Forest Akers West E. Lansing	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
Aug 1 Sat	Michigan PGA Women's Open	Crystal Mountain Resort Thompsonville 49683 231-378-2623	Michigan Section PGA, 517-641-7421, www.michigan.pga.com
Aug 3 - 5 Mon-Wed	Michigan PGA Women's Open Pro-Am		Lorraine Nordbeck, 800-968-7686, ext. 3354, lorrainenordbeck@crystalmountain.com
Aug 3 Mon	GAM Junior Team, Entries close 7/22	Atlas Valley CC	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
Aug 3-9 Mon-Sun	US Women's Amateur Qualifiers only. Hdcp. limit 5.4	Old Warson CC, St. Louis, MO Entries close 7/1	USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
Aug 9-10 Sun-Mon	GAM Women's Atlas Cup Matches	Lyon Oaks GC, Wixom pinkard@mwgolf.org	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org Cynthia Pinkard, Capt., Public Team
Aug 11 Tu	US Sr. Women's Qualifier Entries close 7/22, Hdcp. limit 18.4	Detroit GC Detroit	USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
Aug 17-18 M-Tu	18th GAM Women's Champ. Entries close 7/29, Hdcp. limit 15.4	Battle Creek CC	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
Aug 27 Th	US Women's Mid-Amateur Qualifier Entries close 8/5, Hdcp. limit 9.4	Barton Hills CC, Ann Arbor 48105, 734-662-4955	USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
Aug 31-Sep 1 Mon-Tu	13th GAM Women's Senior Entries close 8/12, Hdcp. limit 25.4	Little Traverse Bay GC	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org 231-534-6470

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Sep 8 Tu	19th GAM Net Team Entries close 6/22, Hdcp. limit 36.4	Edgewood CC, Commerce Must qualify	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org 989-652-0460
Sep 12-17 Sat-Th	US Senior Women's Amateur Qualifiers only. Hdcp. limit 18.4	The Homestead-Cascades Course Hot Springs, VA	USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org Entries close 7/22
Sep 13-14 Sun-Mon	8th GAM MI Net Amateur Entries close 7/22	Oak Pointe CC, Brighton Women bypass qualifying	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org 231-534-6470
Sep	GAM Chrysler Club Championship GAM Club Champions only	TBA	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org 231-534-6470
Oct 3-8 Sat-Th	US Women's Mid-Amateur Qualifiers only. Hdcp. Limit 9.4	Golden Hills G&TC Ocala, FL	USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org Entries close 8/5

Tune Up Your Game for Spring at Carl's Golfland

By Inez M. Bridges



No matter the sport, an off-season is essential for conditioning of the body and skill development for a better game as well as more enjoyable play during the next season. One of the Detroit area's most tried and true venues for golf – from equipment to clothing to lessons – is Carl's Golfland. It may be that it is *the* leading golf retail destination store in Michigan due to their large inventory of the latest in golf equipment, accessories and clothing. And no one does ladies golf apparel like Carl's. Although golf merchandising may be the primary focus of this golf retail giant, their professional golf instructional program and their two teaching facilities offer local golfers a way and the means for tuning up their skills during Michigan's off-season and get a jump on spring play.

The PGA teaching professionals at Carl's Golfland are dedicated to their skill and offer individualized instruction to fit your ability and skill level. Whether you are new to the sport or a seasoned player, the PGA teaching professionals at Carl's Golfland are

ready to walk you through the basics of the setup and the swing or to teach you to be more consistent and accurate with the skills you bring to the table. In either scenario, you'll improve your swing and lower your score, top-of-mind results of any player.

"But Its Wintertime!" You Say

Not to worry! Carl's Golfland offers both group and private lessons year-round in their indoor learning facilities at both the Bloomfield Hills and the Plymouth locations. Using state-of-the-art computer video technology, the teaching professional captures your swing and displays it on-screen, side-by-side with model swings (such as that of Tiger Woods) to give you a better picture of where you are with your swing and how you can improve it. With video lessons, you can also take the lesson home with you on a DVD and practice your swing in the privacy of your home.

And on milder winter days, the practice tees at both Carl's Golfland locations are sheltered from the wind and heated comfortably for a lesson, practice session or testing new clubs. Dressed appropriately, a golfer can soon forget they are hitting balls outdoors in the middle of winter in Michigan. During the golf season, the outdoor, full-service practice facility at both locations are two of the premiere golf practice centers in Michigan. Combine that with their excellent professional teaching staff, and you'd never have to leave Michigan again to stay on top of your game. Here's what you'll find at each

location's practice facility:

Bloomfield Hills (1976 S. Telegraph, S. of Sq. Lake Rd., 248-335-8095)

- 68 Practice Stations w/Target Greens (40 Covered & Heated for Year-Round Use)
- Putting Green (7,000 sq. ft.)
- Chipping Green (3,000 sq. ft.)
- Sand Bunker
- Natural Grass Tees
- Laser Measured Yardage (From Each Tee Station)

Plymouth (44135 Five Mile Rd., Across from St. John's GC, 734-354-9274)

- 32 Practice Stations w/Target Greens (Covered & Heated for Year-Round Use)
- Putting Green (3,500 sq. ft.)
- Chipping Green (1,000 sq. ft.)
- Sand Bunker
- Natural Grass Tees
- Laser Measured Yardage (From Each Tee Station)

So, before you head out to warmer country for a few rounds of snowbird golf, give a call to Carl's PGA teaching staffers to jumpstart your game. They are personable, professional and dedicated to helping you achieve your goals. And regardless of your skill level, they will make you feel at home. I highly recommend them. Call or stop by the Bloomfield Hills or Plymouth location soon. **Isn't it time for your pre-season tune-up? Also, show your GAM Gold Card and receive \$2 off a large bucket of practice balls.**

League Information *By Jane Kersjes*

We hope to make this listing as comprehensive as possible, with your help. Please let us know of any updates you can provide. If any of you have pursued calling these courses to discuss their leagues, please let me know — drop me an email or send me a note — I'm listed in the Board Directory on the last page.

Course	League Name	City	Day	Time	Course/Contact Phone
Alpine Golf Club		Grand Rapids			(616)784-1064
Beacon Hill	EWG	Commerce Twp	Wed	5:36 PM	(248)684-2200
Beech Woods		Southfield	Wed	5:30 PM	(248)796-4655
Beech Woods	EWG	Southfield	Thurs	6:00 PM	(248)796-4655
Beech Woods	SBC (& friends) Mixed League	Southfield	Thurs	5:30 PM	(248)796-4655
Brae Burn	Thursday Night Players	Salem	Thurs	6:00 PM	(248)349-3294
Cadillac Country Club		Cadillac			(231)775-9442
Chisholm Hills		Lansing	Wed	4:46 PM	(517)694-0169
Copper Creek	EWG	Farmington Hills	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
Dearborn Hills		Dearborn			(313)563-4653
Downing Farms		Salem	Tues	8:30 AM	(248)437-8751
Eagle Crest	HVWGC	Ypsilanti	Thurs	5:08 PM	www.hvwgc.org
Farmington Hills	Fairway Ladies	Farmington Hills	Thurs	7:45 AM	(248)661-8737
Farmington Hills	Swingers	Farmington Hills	Thurs	9:30 AM	(248)476-5910
Fieldstone		Auburn Hills	Tues	6:00 PM	(248)370-9354
Fieldstone	EWG	Auburn Hills	Wed & Thurs	5:30 PM	(248)370-9354
Fox Hills Strategic	EWG	Plymouth	Mon	5:30 PM	(734)453-7272
Fox Hills Strategic	HVWGC-Beg	Plymouth	Mon	5:15 PM	www.hvwgc.org
Fox Hills	Fox Tails	Plymouth	Tues	8:30 AM	(248)471-7176
Fox Hills Classic	EWG	Plymouth	Wed	6:00 PM	(734)453-7272
Glen Oaks	Oakland Ladies	Farmington Hills	Mon	8:00 AM	(248)539-3895
Golden Hawk		Casco Twp.	Tues		(586)727-4681
Gowanie	Gowanie	Mt. Clemens			(586)468-1374
Hawk Meadows at Dama Farms		Howell	Tues	5:30 PM	(517)546-4635
Hickory Creek		Superior Twp	Tues	8:30 AM	(734)454-1850
Hickory Creek	Ford Tough Truck	Canton	Thurs		(248)974-8189
Hickory Hollow		Macomb	Tues	8:30 AM	(586)949-9033
Hilltop	Fairway Foxes	Plymouth	Mon	4:30 PM	(734)455-4120
Hudson Mills		Dexter	Tues	5:37 AM	(734)426-0466
Hudson Mills	HVWGC	Dexter	Tues	5:08 PM	www.hvwgc.org
Huron Hills GC		Ann Arbor			(734)971-6840
Idylwyld	Par Tees	Livonia	Mon	5:50 PM	(734)612-9699
Idylwyld	Diamonds in the Rough	Livonia	Wed	5:00 PM	(734)453-0877
Island Hills		Centreville	Thurs	PM	(269)651-5546
Lake Forest	EWG	Ann Arbor	Wed	5:54 PM	(734)994-8580, www.ewgamd.com/league_list.htm

League Information *Continued*

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Lake Forest	In-house	Ann Arbor	Wed	6:00 PM	(734)994-8580
Ledge Meadows		Grand Ledge	Mon	4:45 PM	(517)627-7492
Leslie Park		Ann Arbor	Tues	5:12 PM	(734)994-1163
Leslie Park	HWWGC	Ann Arbor	Mon	5:45 PM	www.hvwgc.org
Liberty Golf	B66A	Clarkston	Tues	5:00 PM	(248)625-3731
Links of Novi		Novi	Tues	AM	(248)380-9595
Links at Whitmore Lake	HWWGC	Whitmore Lake	Tues	5:08 PM	www.hvwgc.org
Links at Whitmore Lake	HWWGC-18 holes	Whitmore Lake	Wed	9:30 AM	www.hvwgc.org
Lochmoor Club		Grosse Pte Woods	Thurs	8:30 AM	(586)792-7417
Maple Lane	Triple Tee	Sterling Hts	Tues	5:30 PM	(587)979-4111
Maple Lane		Sterling Hts	Wed	9:00 AM	(586)795-4000
Mulberry Hills	Mixed	Oxford	Fri	4:30 PM	(248)628-2808
Northville Hills	AAA Life Ins	Northville	Mon	6:00 PM	(248)477-1139
Pine Knob	EWG	Clarkston	Mon	5:50 PM	(248)625-4430, web address above
Pine View Golf Course	Pineview Caldwell	Ypsilanti	Mon	5:00 PM	(734)481-0500
Pine View Golf Course	St. Luke	Ypsilanti	Tues	6:00 PM	(734)481-0500
Pine View Golf Course	HWWGC-Int	Ypsilanti	Mon	5:08 PM	www.hvwgc.org
Pine View Golf Course	HWWGC-Beg	Ypsilanti	Tues	5:08 PM	www.hvwgc.org
Pine View Golf Course	HWWGC	Ypsilanti	Thurs	5:08 PM	www.hvwgc.org
Pine View Golf Course		Ypsilanti	Thurs	5:00 PM	(734)481-0500
Plum Brook		Sterling Hts	Fri	8:15 AM	(586)264-9411
Pontiac CC		Waterford	Fri	AM	(248)682-6333
Pontiac Municipal Golf Course	EDS League	Pontiac	Mon	5:30 PM	(248)758-3967
Pontiac Municipal Golf Course	EWG	Pontiac	Mon	6:15 PM	(248)758-3967, web address above
Rackham	Diamonds in the Rough	Huntington Woods	Wed	5:15 PM	(313)274-4287
Rackham	EWG	Huntington Woods	Wed		(248)543-4040, web address above
Rackham		Huntington Woods	Thurs	6:08 PM	(248)543-4040
Rackham	Oxford Ladies	Huntington Woods	Fri	5:30 PM	(248)543-4040
Radrick Farms		Ann Arbor			(734)998-7040
Raisin Valley GC	Late Bloomers	Tecumseh	Mon	5:30 PM	(517)423-2982
Rammler	EWG	Sterling Hts	Tues	5:30 PM	(586)264-4101
River Rouge			Thurs	5:15 PM	(734)529-9375
Rouge Park	Bag Ladies	Detroit	Tues	5:34 PM	(313)862-5738
Rouge Park	EWG	Detroit	Tues	5:45 PM	(313)837-5900, web address above
Salem Hills	SWIFT	Northville	Thurs	4:45 PM	pgolfw@aol.com
Sanctuary Lake	EWG	Troy	Mon	4:40 PM	(248)619-7671, web address above
Selfridge GC		Selfridge ANGB	Thurs	8:15 AM	(586)307-4653
Shenandoah	EWG	West Bloomfield	Tues	5:40 PM	(248)682-4300, web address above
Shenandoah	Williams Intl Women's	West Bloomfield			(248)360-9948
Springdale GC		Birmingham	Mon	5:15 PM	(248)398-9884
St. Joe Valley		Sturgis	Tues	PM	(248)651-5546

League Information *Continued*

Course	League Name	City	Day	Time	Course/Contact Phone
St. John's		Plymouth	Tues	5:40 PM	(734)453-1047
St. John's		Plymouth	Wed	4:50 PM	(734)261-4685
Sunnybrook	Power Train	Sterling Hts	Tues	3:00 PM	(586)497-6116
Swartz Creek Municipal		Flint	Wed	3:30 PM	(810)239-5538
Sycamore Hills		Macomb			(586)598-9500
Sylvan Glen	EWG	Troy	Tues	4:30 PM	(248)619-7674, web address above
Tanglewood		South Lyon	Tues	9:00 AM	(248)486-3355
Tanglewood	Ladies of the Lion	South Lyon	Tues	8:00 AM	(248)661-8737
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	5:30PM	(248)619-7671, web address above
Whispering Willows		Livonia			(248)476-4493
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 Metro Park	Par Seekers		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	Shooters Tour				http://womens.shootersgolf.com
Travel league	Women's Met Golf Assoc		Wed	8:00 AM	Judy Hamilton; jzylham@one-main.com ; (810)640-1133
Travel league	Women's Suburban Golf Assoc		Fri	8:00 AM	Penny Irwin; (734)453-4007 pennychors@yahoo.com

Boosting Sponsorships Amidst a Tough Economy

By Inez M. Bridges, Sponsorship Chair

In today's tough economy with downsizing, cutbacks and cutouts, retailers as well as consumers and must be smart and savvy in how they spend their hard-earned dollars. This can be a negative for nonprofits and other organizations seeking corporate and business dollars as a means of supplementing goals and programs for future growth. When dollars are curtailed or eliminated altogether, the mere existence of the dependant organization itself can be at stake. In these belt-tightening times, no one company or person is impervious to and all of us are affected by this "transitioning" economy. Times are definitely tough, and businesses will be bombarded with requests for dollars and services, and your MWGA will be one of those requesting sponsorship funds to support our 2009 initiatives.

Why should the MWGA be interested in sponsorship programs? It's simple. Retail and for-profit businesses rely on revenues from sales and services to maintain and grow their companies in the marketplace. Charities and nonprofit organizations depend primarily on the philanthropic and partnership support of these retail and for-profit businesses in the form of financial dona-

tions for events, merchandise for raffles and prizes and the use of facilities and equipment for such events.

Sponsorships provide valuable marketing benefits for both the sponsor and the organization it supports and builds meaningful relationships within the communities served. They are an investment to support overall organizational goals and objectives. The sponsoring company benefits by attaching their name or product to the MWGA, and the MWGA benefits from the financial or merchandise support provided by the company. Both parties benefit through the association, thus fulfilling their individual goals of exposure and market growth.

Again in 2009, your MWGA will aggressively pursue sponsorship opportunities with local and national businesses in order to accomplish our goals of promoting and growing the game of golf to women and junior girls across Michigan. We are committed to supporting these goals when we consider the heights we can attain in achieving them. **This is an effort in which all MWGA members can participate. It benefits the organization**

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as a whole, it's easy and you'll feel good about yourself for doing it.

Everyone one of us knows someone in retail or business that would be an ideal prospect for our sponsorship program. **This could be your own business, your employer, your dentist, your accountant (the tax season is near), your favorite golf course, your gym, the butcher, the baker or the candlestick maker. Any retailer who would like to reach a predominately upscale female, golf-oriented audience would be the ideal target for a sponsorship, whether monetary or in-kind, or advertising in the NEWSLINX or on our website at www.mwgf.org.** We are a powerful purchasing group of women who make buying decisions for our households, purchasing the products and services potential sponsors provide. Their ad on the MWGA website or in **NEWSLINX** will give them top-of-mind aware-

ness or call-to-action responses from our members and visitors to our website. **And, we will work with them "outside the box" to customize a program to fit their particular needs.**

As the MWGA sponsorship chair, I will coordinate these efforts and am available if you have leads or questions. I can make the contact for you or provide you with the information you need to make the contact yourself. There are media kits available for emailing or "snail" mailing to potential sponsors and advertisers. Just one or two contacts by each of us, and we could really boost our coffers in 2009 for our programs.

Remember: **The MWGA is your organization. You are who we are and why we are.** Let's all work towards "our" success in 2009 and forward. Together, we can make it happen. Contact me at 248-552-9328 (H), 248-890-4461 (C) or imbridges@aol.com with your questions, ideas or prospects. I'll be happy to work with you.

USGA News *By Linda Lester*

US Women's Open

Saucon Valley Country Club, Bethlehem, PA
July 9-12

US Women's Open Local Qualifier, May 18 at Walnut Hills Country Club

Conducted by Linda Lester
Entry deadline is Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Walnut Hills Country Club in East Lansing, the site of the 2008 Women's Michigan State Amateur Championship, is hosting the Women's Open Local Qualifier on Monday, May 18, 2009. Many of the top Michigan players are familiar with Walnut Hills because of the number of tournaments they have hosted in the past for women. The club was also an official tour site for the LPGA for a number of years. This is a wonderful opportunity for women to play one of our top courses in Michigan.

USGA Championship applications and information are available on the USGA website: usga.org.

2009 USGA amateur championships and the qualifying sites:

US Women's Amateur Public Links

Red Tail Golf Club, Devens, MA, June 22-27

US Women's Amateur Public Links Local Qualifier is May 26 at College Fields

Conducted by Sara Wold
Entry deadline is Wednesday, May 13, 2009

US Girls' Junior Championship

Trump National Golf Club, Bedminster, NJ
July 20-25

US Girls' Junior Sectional Qualifier is June 26 at Western Golf and Country Club

Conducted by Maria Malone
Entry deadline is Wednesday, June 3, 2009

US Senior Women's Amateur Championship

The Homestead, Hot Springs, VA, September, 12-17

US Women's Senior Amateur Local Qualifier is August 11 at Detroit Golf Club

Conducted by Barbara Nowikowski
Entry deadline is Wednesday, July 22, 2009

US Women's Mid-Amateur

Golden Hills Golf and Turf Club, Ocala, FL
October 3-5

US Women's Mid-Amateur Local Qualifier is August 27 at Barton Hills Country Club

Conducted by Mary Keen
Entry deadline is Wednesday, August 5, 2009

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Harold Segall



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By Inez M. Bridges

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The Next Shot Golf Center™ is a full-featured indoor golf entertainment facility that offers the ultimate in golf practice via their Full Swing Golf Simulators with their high resolution and high luminosity projectors that capture ball flight data, including distance, trajectory, swing speed, ball spin, total yardage on shots and scoring for each player. Play as a foursome, a twosome or come alone to work on your game. The Next Shot Golf Center™ is ideal for beginners who wish to learn the game or the experienced golfer to work on techniques to improve their skills.

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Once the initial start-up phase is off the ground, owner/partners Don Charles, Mike Guthrie and Oscar Lundy's future plans include additional indoor driving range bays and simulator stations, an outdoor driving range, a putt-putt miniature Adventure Golf course, a clubhouse and a café.

In business for 11 months, The Next Shot Golf Center™ is a year-round facility open to individuals, companies and leagues for lessons, clinics and camps. Thinking about a winter golf league? You provide the people, and the Next Shot Golf Center™ will provide the time and space. Simulator time is available at flat hourly rates for a number of players. Range fees are by the bucket, and **MWGA members and seniors receive a \$2 discount per bucket.** Now you can get started on your winter practice with a visit to the Next Shot Golf Center™.

Rules Clinic *continued from page 1*

explaining the latest rule changes and those most often misinterpreted. Jeanne is GAM Past President and current GAM Assistant Director of Rules & Competition – Rules. Among her many illustrious accomplishments, Jeanne has officiated at approximately 50 USGA amateur and professional tournaments, was a rules official for the MI PGA for 13 years and has conducted over 100 rules seminars.

She will help you to understand the rules and what to do in those sticky situations when you are not sure of your options. When this seminar is over, you'll be able to play in any tournament with confidence that you have a basic understanding of the Rules of Golf.

Please complete the registration form on our website, www.mwgf.org, and mail it along with your check payable to MWGA to me:

Linda Neff
29694 Mayfair Rd
Farmington Hills, MI 48331-2150

If you can't access the website, feel free to send me your name, address, phone number and email address (if available) along with your check. If you have questions, don't hesitate to give me a call at 248-489-6523.

This will be a very informative clinic. We look forward to seeing you on April 4.

THE GOLF BALL

In My Hand I Hold A Ball,
White And Dimpled, Rather Small.
Oh, How Bland It Does Appear,
This Harmless Looking Little Sphere.
By It's Size I Could Not Guess,
The Awesome Strength It Does Possess.
But Since I Fell Beneath Its Spell,
I've Wandered Through The Fires Of Hell.

My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same,
Since I Chose To Play This Stupid Game.
It Rules My Mind For Hours On End,
A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.
It Has Made Me Yell, Curse And Cry,
I Hate Myself And Want To Die.
It Promises A Thing Called Par,
If I Can Hit It Straight And Far.
To Master Such A Tiny Ball,
Should Not Be Very Hard At All.
But My Desires The Ball Refuses,
And Does Exactly As It Chooses.
It Hooks And Slices, Dribbles And Dies,
And Even Disappears Before My Eyes.
Often It Will Have A Whim,
To Hit A Tree Or Take A Swim.
With Miles Of Grass On Which To Land,
It Finds A Tiny Patch Of Sand.
Then Has Me Offering Up My Soul,
If Only It Would Find The Hole.
It's Made Me Whimper Like A Pup,
And Swear That I Will
Give It Up.
And Take To Drink To
Ease My Sorrow,
But The Ball Knows, I'll
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Rules R Us By Sara Wold

Welcome to a new year. It is never too early to prepare for the upcoming golf season, and every smart golfer recognizes that includes knowing the Rules of Golf. Every year we start off with Rule 1, and we never get through them all in a season. This year I am going backwards and start with the Appendices of the Rules Book, and Rules 34 and 33.

Appendix I has three parts. *Part A* is about local rules for abnormal conditions affecting play, such as environmentally sensitive areas, dropping areas, the embedded ball rule, power lines, and declaring stones in bunkers movable obstruc-

tions. *Part B* contains Specimen Local Rules that Committees can adopt for their competitions and will be in a notice to the competitors. *Part C* addresses the Conditions of the Competition such as The One Ball Rule, whether caddies are allowed, the Pace of Play, Suspension of Play, and how to decide ties.

Appendix II includes technical requirements of golf clubs – the design, the shaft, the grip, the club-head, and the grooves. **Appendix III** is technical information about the ball – weight, size, shape, and it specifies limits to its velocity and distance.

If you read the Appendices, you will have a better understanding of why there are local rules and special

Conditions of Competition and how to deal with them on the course. If you read the technical requirements of golf clubs and balls, you will have a greater appreciation for their manufacture and design.

Rule 34. Disputes and Decisions.

Rule 34 is a guide for the Committee in regards to settling claims and disputes. What should a Committee do when they find that a player or the Committee has made an error after the competition is closed? What if the rules official gives a wrong ruling? These situations don't occur often, but it is wise to know where to go to find the answer when they do happen. Frequently the answer depends on when the Committee learns of the error.

Rule 33. The Committee. Rule 33 is basically a guide for the Committee. It specifies their responsibilities such as setting up and marking the course, providing pairings and starting times, applying handicaps, and establishing the Conditions of the Competition. It also guides the Committee in determining what to do if the course becomes unplayable.

There is one rule and two decisions in Rule 33 that players should know. **Rule 33-5** states that the Committee is responsible for the addition of scores and the application of the handicap recorded on the scorecard. However, **Decision 6-2b/3.5** reminds us that if the Committee records an incorrect higher handicap, the player is responsible for correcting it before returning his scorecard. Otherwise, the player is disqualified. **Decision 33-1/6** states that players cannot play match play and stroke play at the same time. If they do so, the match is null and void and in the stroke-play competition, they are disqualified. **Decision 33-7/9** states that in stroke play, the player and his marker have an explicit responsibility for the correctness of the player's scorecard. In fact, it is the responsibility of every player in the field to protect the field and report to the player, his marker, and the Committee any player's breach of the rules. In fact, the Committee should **disqualify any player** who has failed to advise the player, his marker, or the Committee of a rules breach with the clear intention of allowing that player to return an incorrect score.

MWGA Pick-A-Pro Contest *By Pat Meyers*

Here are the 2009 contestants and their picks. Remember, the member whose four players total the highest combined LPGA earnings as of September 27, 2009 will receive a free MWGA membership for 2010.

	Member	Earnings	Pro Picks
1	Sue Bowman		Creamer, A. Park, Castrale, Fouch
2	Linda Morton		Creamer, Han, Gustafson, Mi Hyun Kim
3	Cynthia Pinkard		Ochoa, Eun-Hee Ji, Lang, Fouch
4	Judy Figa		Ochoa, Kung, Christina Kim, Mi Hyun Kim
5	Pat Shelton		Ochoa, Kung, Christina Kim, Sergas
6	Monica Oliver		Ochoa, Pressel, Hee Young Park, Ai Miyazato
7	Shelly Weiss		Ochoa, Pressel, Lang, Gulbis
8	Terry Deisler		Ochoa, Pressel, Lang, Mi Hyun Kim
9	Sue Macinkowicz		Ochoa, Song-Hee Kim, Hee Young Park, Mi Hyun Kim
10	Claud Johnston		Ochoa, Webb, Gustafson, Wie
11	Wendy Hollman		Ochoa, Webb, Gustafson, Wright
12	Pat Meyers		Ochoa, Webb, Lang, Ji-Yai Shin
13	Sara Wold		Tseng, Pressel, Prammanasudh, Wie

A		C	
Creamer		Castale	
Ochoa		Gustafson	
Tseng		Christina Kim	
		Lang	
		Hee Young Park	
		Prammanasudh	
B		D	
Han		Fouch	
Eun-Hee Ji		Gulbis	
Song-Hee Kim		Mi Hyun Kim	
Kung		Ai Miyazato	
Angela Park		Sergas	
Pressel		Ji-Yai Shin	
Webb		Wie	
		Wright	



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MWGA runs on the allegiance of its volunteers. We are always looking for new ways to improve, fresh ideas and new volunteers. Please take a look at the list below and contact us to join one of the following committees:

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|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Finance | Membership | Tournament & |
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| Long Range Planning | | |

To find out about getting involved, contact Lu Stockton at Stockton@MWGolf.org.

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Congratulations!

Judy Hamilton's brother, Bill Zystra, has been honored as the *Golfweek* 2008 Senior Amateur Player of the Year. Bill accumulated the most points overall in a nationwide competition that includes about 40 tournaments, quite an accomplishment.

The term 'mulligan' is really a contraction of the phrase 'maul it again.'

A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ... neither of whom can putt very well.

Golfers who try to make everything perfect before taking the shot rarely make a perfect shot.

2009 MWGA Membership Application

Name: _____
 Address: _____
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 E-mail Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Birth Date: _____ Profession: _____

Check one: **New Member** **Renewal** (was '08 member) **Previous member** (not in '08)
 New members, who/what helped you decide to join MWGA?: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (09/15/08–12/31/09) Cost (check one)

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Name: _____

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Do you have a USGA Index? _____ If yes, is it through MWGA? _____ If not, who do you post with? _____ Member #: _____

A USGA index is NOT required to join MWGA. If you do not have an index, it can be established as a member through the MWGA. You must establish an index to play in MWGA tournaments.

Your name, address, phone numbers, e-mail address and USGA index will be published in the membership directory. If you object to the publication of any of this information, please list what you'd like omitted: _____

Member Options:

Donation* _____ \$ _____
Sponsored Male (for GAM Hdcp. Service): \$22 _____
 A member may sponsor a male (spouse or friend) to obtain his USGA index through the MWGA.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

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 Yes, I play on a league (course, league name, day, time, contact): _____

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