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Vendors/Swappers Wanted for Annual Meeting and Scramble *By Inez M. Bridges*

Our Annual Meeting and Scramble is almost here, and we are still looking for vendors and swappers who would like to participate. If you sell or craft (or know of someone who does), we're looking for you. Thanks to all of you who participated last year; we're hoping you will return again this year. We are planning an exciting day of networking, socializing, marketing and golf at this year's opening day event on **Saturday May 9 at the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.** The agenda will be the same this year as last, and I am personally inviting all of you to participate. We had beautiful weather last year, and global warming appears to be cooperating with us again.

The day will begin at 10 a.m. for registration and shopping the vendors. The luncheon starts at 11:30 a.m. (\$25 lunch cost) followed by the Annual Meeting at 11:45 a.m. The scramble starts promptly at 1:30 p.m. for the golfers, so you can count on them clearing the clubhouse around 12:45 p.m. **Vendor tables will be ready for you early that morning in order for you to complete your setup before the ladies arrive.** For your planning schedule, Fox Hills opens at approximately 7:30 a.m., and the tables will be available to you from that time on. If you have any special needs (electricity, double tables, etc.), please let me know in advance, and I will try to accommodate you.

One of the benefits of being an MWGA vendor (along with making \$\$\$) is the opportunity to participate in our charitable efforts. As a vendor, you can participate by "giving back" to our charity efforts by donating a portion (10 percent or more) of your sales on May 9. As added value, the MWGA is a 501(c)(3) organization, meaning that your donation that day will be a tax-deductible contribution for you. (Hope you remembered your donation to us from last year when filing your 2008 tax return.)

Let's make this a great event this year. Gather your wares or items you've stashed away in storage bins and closets, bring them to the meeting to sell and make yourself some extra dollars. If it's slightly used, and you're not using it, sell it to someone who needs it! It doesn't have to be golf-related, just something someone might want or need. You never know who's in the market for something collecting dust in your basement. It's fun and can be financially worthwhile for you, but most of all, the MWGA appreciates your commitment to support your organization in our efforts to promote golf to women across the state. Please call me with your reservations or questions. Don't miss out on this opportunity. Contact me today at imbridges@aol.com or 248-890-4461.



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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GAM Needs Volunteer Women Course Raters

By Pat Meyers

Scott Hovde, USGA National Manager of Course Rating, will be coming to Lansing on Wednesday, May 27, to conduct a course rating seminar for the Golf Association of Michigan. If you are interested in being a course rater and would like an application for the seminar, contact Suzanne in the GAM office on (248) 478-9242, ext. 21, or courserat-ing@gam.org. If you are unable to attend on this date, Scott will be conducting another seminar in Toledo on Tuesday, May 26.

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President's Corner *By Barbara Porter*

Volunteers — The Backbone of our Organization



I am writing this column on the first day of spring — and with anticipation of hitting that first golf ball off a real Michigan tee box, certainly a sign that winter 2009 has de-

parted. In my garage, like most of my fellow golfers, the snow blower is winterized and stored; replaced with all the paraphernalia essential to play golf: bag, clubs, shoes, umbrella, towels, cart cover, balls, wind breaker, rain gear, hat, gloves, aspirin, Sky Caddie...I think I need a larger garage! Even with our economic woes, I find myself driving to my favorite retail golf establishment as if the car is on autopilot and I have lost all control. In reading my emails, I find most courses are open and eager for the return of their loyal golf patrons. Like these golf courses, your MWGA enthusiastically awaits the return of our loyal members and looks forward to welcoming and introducing our organization to new members and potential members.

I wish to devote the balance of this column to the art of volunteering. The MWGA has endured for 23 years due only to the hard work of volunteers — starting with board members and continuing with our membership. How many of you have pondered the idea of giving a portion of your precious time by volunteering your services to assist with our various programs, events or tournaments? Or, the ultimate allegiance — consider running for your MWGA Board? Let me tell you, it is not for the faint of heart! We sincerely thank all our volunteers, as they are the backbone of our organization.

Ok, I'll get to the point. As you realize, the MWGA always needs additional hands to help keep our organization running like a fine Swiss time piece — never missing a beat.

How can you volunteer?

- (1) By checking the volunteer portion on the MWGA Membership Application and we'll contact you

- (2) By contacting any tournament/event chairperson
- (3) Just jump in!

Where do we need your help?

- (1) At all our tournaments and events (check out event schedule and contact chair)
- (2) Most importantly, the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Program at Belle Isle

This year, the program will run M-F for two weeks with two consecutive sessions beginning June 22 from 6-7:30PM with a special LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Day on July 10. Now, that will require a lot of hands! Please check your calendars and contact Francine Pegues (313)469-7906 (pegues@mwgolf.org) or Julia Baldwin (248)851-3250 to offer your time. Oh, and don't worry as there are no particular skills necessary other than a sincere desire to give of your time and support the cause.

It is amazing to me the involvement our members have with numerous charitable and community organizations. And, these members and their charity deserve to be recognized. So, starting with this *NEWSLIX*, under the Our Members Giving Back section, the MWGA will note worthwhile causes supported by our members and include contact information. If you would like

your charitable cause publicized, please forward the following information to mwga@mwgolf.org:

- Name of the charity
- Brief (3-5 word) description of mission (i.e., breast cancer research)
- Member name and role in charity
- Contact number and website link for charity/event (if applicable, indicate what, when, where, etc.)

In closing, I want to acknowledge a truly special person who is the consummate volunteer for the MWGA and the community in which she resides, Farmington — none other than our own Pat Shelton. I was privileged to be in attendance for the Farming-



ton Volunteer Appreciation Event where a surprised Pat was the recipient of the 4th Annual Mary Martin Service Award, given to a volunteer who has exhibited exemplary service to Downtown Farmington.

So, step up and volunteer as good things happen when you give back.

Match Play League *By Pat Witek*

The 2009 Match Play League roster is set and the matches are about to begin. We will be welcoming four new members: Linda Bermingham, Kathy Brennan, Shirley McClain and Geri Tigner.

Eight group play dates (plus our league meeting on April 24) have been scheduled and are listed below. As always, MWGA members and guests are invited to join us for golf, fun and socialization. Courses and times TBD at this time but will be announced about 2 weeks prior to the scheduled date.

MPL09 Group Play Date Schedule Sunday 5/3

Saturday 5/16
Sunday 6/14
Sunday 7/12
Saturday 8/1
Sunday 8/16

Saturday 8/29 (Semifinals)
Sunday 9/13 (Championship Finals and Yearend Party)

Visit the MWGA website www.mwgolf.org to view the Match Play League standings and outing dates. For more information or to put your name on the waiting list for 2010, contact me, the League Coordinator, at (pgolfw@aol.com) or 248/417-1190).

MWGA League for Beginning Golfers, April 29 – July 22

By Linda Neff

We offer 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

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.

Special Event for MWGA Members

Visit the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame, Wednesday, May 20th 2 – 6 PM

By Sara Wold

You and your guests are invited to visit the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame on Wednesday, May 20th from 2 – 6 PM. Refreshments will be served and your can visit the Hall of Fame at your leisure. It is located at the **Troy Officentre, Building B, 320 E. Big Beaver, Suite 160 in Troy**, which is on the SE corner of the intersection of Livernois and Big Beaver. The building is the easternmost building of the cluster of green buildings.

About 10 years ago a concerted effort was made by many golf associations to bring back the Michigan

Golf Hall of Fame through the Michigan Golf Foundation. The MWGA was one of the main organizations to support that effort to ensure that women golfers in Michigan were given the recognition they deserved. Many MWGA members and other women donated over \$80,000 to the Michigan Golf Foundation. Since that time, there has been an annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Golf Outing (see invitation on page 8). In the past year, the Hall of Fame, with its portraits and artifacts, has moved into the Troy Officentre. It is very nice and a suitable location

for our historical and beautiful collection representing the best of golf in Michigan.

Please visit the Hall of Fame on Wednesday, May 20th from 2 – 6 PM. This is a **special event for MWGA members and their guests** to show appreciation for their support and generous donations. No reservations are required. For more information, please call Sara Wold at (734)645-9839 or email me at sara_wold@msn.com.



2009 Annual Meeting at the Golden Fox

By Denise Buechel

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.

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

Soon (if not already for some) 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 on May 9 at the Golden Fox in Plymouth. Bring your friends 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.mwggolf.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. Of course, you can always sign up online on our website.

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.

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2-Person Best Ball at Dunham Hills Golf Course

Saturday, May 23 • Co-Chairpersons: *Monica Oliver and Pat Shelton*

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: 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 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 knowledge 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.



President's Tournament at Moose Ridge

Saturday, June 6 *By Barbara Porter*

When: Saturday, June 6, 2009
Time: 2PM Shotgun Start
Event: Stroke Play
Where: Moose Ridge Golf Course, 1801 Doanne Rd,
 S. Lyon, MI 48178
 248-446-9030, www.mooseridgegolf.com
Fee: \$69 Members/\$89 Non-Members
Includes: 18 holes w/cart; range; prizes for winners & bag service
Tees: Division 1 Women's Forward
 5475 yds; 72.3 / 130
 Division 2 Women's Front
 4789 yds; 68.0 / 112
Entry Deadline: Wed., May 27, 2009
Eligibility: Current USGA Index
Mail Entry: MWGA, 4158 Charing Cross Rd
 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104
Updates: www.mwga.org

Mark your calendars for one of MWGA's most prestigious events, our annual President's Stroke Play Tournament. Please note we will be playing from two sets of women's tees. All foursomes will be determined by your current USGA Index with prizes awarded in two divisions. Depending upon the number of entries, we hope to have two flights in each division. Pairing this tournament with a challenging course equals a great event!

Moose Ridge offers natural beauty and privacy. Surrounded by mature forests, the course offers elevated tees and stadium-banked fairways. Every hole offers a unique test of golf. There are truly some spectacular holes that have been well conceived for everyone's golfing pleasure. Ray Hearn, course architect, makes it clear that the "intent of our designs is to create a golfing envi-

ronment that will challenge both the expert and the novice golfer and that each hole has the proper balance of risk and reward. Strategic golf holes that make golfers have to think is a critical component to a great golf course."

Moose Ridge offers a full-service golf shop, upscale practice facility with grass tees, target greens, bunkers, chipping area and putting green. Remember, your entry fee includes bag service. Questions: 248-624-2835 or porter@mwga.org.

You cannot swing a golf club without first receiving conscious or subconscious instructions from the brain. This seems obvious enough. But you will not be able to make improvements in your game without first uploading improved thoughts, emotions, and beliefs. Work on your swing as much as you like, but only with a different mind can anything substantially different begin to happen.

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**MWGA February '09
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Deb Pringle won the photo contest again! That's two months in a row. Will she win the March contest, April? Visit www.mwgf.org and give her a challenge.

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**Save This Date — Tuesday, June 16
2-Woman Scramble at Shepherd's Hollow, Clarkston
By Nancy Serra**



Hollow Golf Course. Not only will we play a **2-Woman Scramble** with an

On **Tuesday, June 16th** plan to play the wonderful and exciting **Shepherd's**

8:00 a.m. shotgun start, but we will dine afterwards in a beautiful "in the middle of the pines" setting dining room or patio. All this for \$76 member price or \$96 non-member price, which includes: golf, cart, prizes, deli sandwich buffet and great company!
Entry deadline is Sat. June 6th. Check out our website for details.

**2-Woman Best Ball
Saturday, June 27, Woodlands of Van Buren
By Jane Kersjes**

When: Saturday, June 27, 9AM shotgun shot

Where: Woodlands of Van Buren
39670 Ecorse Rd
Wayne, MI 48184
(734)729-4477
www.thewoodlandsgc.com

Course: 68.48 rating/
117slope /4,771 yds

Includes: 18 holes, cart, range, prizes (team gross & net gift certificates)

Fee: \$69 members
\$89 non-members

Requirements: USGA index, soft spikes, proper golf attire

Entry DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Entries to: MWGA Tournament Office,
4158 Charing Cross Rd.
Bloomfield Hills, MI
48304-3104

The Woodlands of Van Buren is a very playable Jerry Matthews course.

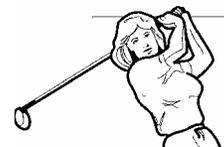
Even though it is one of the shorter courses we play, it has its challenges. The par three's are challenging, and there is a variety of short-to-long par four's. This includes the signature 14th hole, a beautiful par four leading to a green surrounded by woods, with a pond guarding the front. I've been subbing on a Wednesday league here for a few years and enjoy the course, the practice facilities and the clubhouse. The long hitters should eat up this course, and the rest of us should find this an enjoyable course to play.

Bring a friend to play with or we can hook you up with someone looking for a partner. Don't miss out on this fun format with a fun group of women. This is the midpoint of our golf season. Remember, summer is shorter the older we get - so come play!!

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Handicap News and Updates *By Cynthia Pinkard*

Golf season is finally here. Even if you were lucky enough to be able to get away over the winter, it's great to be able to tee it up on Michigan courses again. Just remember, when you play, you should post your scores.

If you played golf between November 2, 2008 and March 28, 2009 in Michigan, you cannot post those scores. If you played in a warm weather region, where golf is always in season, like Florida, Arizona or Mexico, you should post those scores. In fairness to all the players in a competition, players' handicaps should represent their potential scoring ability. If you don't post all adjusted scores for every round you play, your handicap index is compromised and so is the fairness of the competition.

All MWGA members are automatically members of GAM, and scores should be posted by going to the GAM website at www.gam.org, logging in using your GAM username and password, and then selecting the "View Handicap/Post Score" link. If you cannot remember or do not know your GAM username and password, please email me at handicap@mwgolf.org. Scores should be posted before the end of each revision period for rounds played in Michigan from March 29 through November 8, and from other regions during their active golf season. See the revision schedule at the end of this article for revision dates. If you cannot post online, please email your

scores to handicap@mwgolf.org and include the date you played with the course name, the tees and holes you played, your actual and adjusted scores, who played with you and indicate if the score is a tournament score. If you have any questions, please email me.

To understand how and which scores to post and how to adjust scores before posting, as required by the USGA, please read and follow the information that you received in the handicap booklet that came in your membership package. You can also find this information by visiting the MWGA website at www.mwgolf.org, and selecting the "Posting Scores" link. A link to the USGA Handicap System manual can also be found there.

There will be a few new things released in the GAM posting system this year. At the time of this writing, I do not have all the details. As this information unfolds, you will be notified by email, *NEWSLINX* and updates will be on our website.

Now, for a few interesting statistics from the 2008 golf season: Suzanne Madej posted 125 rounds of golf during the season. That's an impressive number, even without considering the health issues Sue experienced last year. And remember, these rounds don't include scrambles and rounds played out-of-season. Angie Cook posted 116 rounds, Julie Lazzaro, 97, Ruth Wilson, 92, Helena Kim, 91, Russ Cassidy, 89, Joan Garety, 88, Pat

DeMaire, 87, Pat Witek, 84 and Cynthia Pinkard, 80. Five others posted more than 70 rounds. They are Terry MacPherson, 78, Kathy Frantz, 76, Pam Staub, 71, Claud Johnston, 75 and Cindy Hill 70. **The members and sponsored males on our handicap roster posted 6805 rounds in 2008, with the average handicap index of 20.2. These numbers are very impressive!**

The Most Improved Player will be announced at the Annual Meeting, so hopefully you will be there to congratulate her. Those coming in 2nd and 3rd are Maureen Whitehead, whose index went from a 5.8 to a 3.4 and Deb George who went from a 24.3 to a 19.5. Coming in next were Lorrie Wall, who went from a 30.5 to a 24.3 and Darci Stocker from a 3.5 to a 1.8. The MIP is determined by an Improvement Factor as defined in the USGA Handicap System manual. The formula takes the previous year's ending index plus 12 and divides it by the current year's ending index plus 12. Starting in 2009 the MIP player must have the highest Improvement Factor and in addition must have at least four MWGA POY points and have posted a minimum of 12 rounds of golf during the season.

Please contact me with any questions or problems you are having with posting scores or with your index. I can be reached at 248-227-8170 or by email at handicap@mwgolf.org.



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.

Huron Hills Golf Course in Ann Arbor is offering Family Free Fridays during April this year to encourage youth to learn the game. After 3pm all parents and their children can play for free (734) 971-6840.

Anyone who criticizes a golf course is like a person invited to a house for dinner who, on leaving, tells the host that the food was lousy.

Gary Player

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Lots of MWGA Golf Coming Up

May 3 — Match Play

Sun TBD

May 9 — Member/Guest 4-Woman Spring Scramble

Sat Golden Fox, Plymouth

May 16 — Match Play

Sat TBD

May 23 — 2-Person Best Ball

Sat Dunham Hills

Hartland

June 6 — President's Stroke Play

Sat Moose Ridge

South Lyon

June 14 — Match Play

Sun TBD

June 16 — 2-Woman Scramble

Tues Shepherd's Hollow

Clarkston

June 27 — 2-Woman Best Ball

Sat Woodlands of Van Buren

Wayne

July 11 — 3-Woman Best Ball (Cha, Cha, Cha)

Sat Timber Trace, Pinckney

July 12 — Match Play

Sun TBD

July 25/26 — State Championship

Sat-Sun College Fields

Okemos

Look in this newsletter for tournament detail and visit our website www.mwga.org

New Venue for Western Michigan 2-Woman Best Ball in Cadillac — McGuire's Resort!

Same format, fun and wonderful hostess, Jane Cook, but this year the two-day 2-Woman Best Ball on Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21 will move to McGuire's. We'll play from the women's forward tees on the Spruce course with a 69.8/121 slope/rating at 5027 yards. As in the past, Saturday tee times will begin at 10:00am. The shotgun start on Sunday will be 8:30am.

One website describes the course as "winding its way through pine forests and glacier sculptured hills with an extraordinary blend of bunkers, berms and water hazards along with fast greens and a closing hole providing a magnificent view of Lake Cadillac."

McGuire's is located one mile south of Cadillac on Mackinaw Trail, 800-634-7302, www.mcguiresresort.com. In addition to a full service pro shop, bar and restaurant, there is an indoor pool and sauna. If you want to stay at the resort, when making your reservation, mention you will be playing in this tournament to get the special rate of \$89/night for two persons including breakfast.

McGuire's also has a 9-hole course, the Norway (64.4/106, 2192 yards). For those interested, a fun, little tournament might be set up on this course on Saturday afternoon.

The tournament entry fee will remain \$135 for two rounds of golf with cart, a box lunch on Saturday at the turn, dinner Sunday while awards are presented and prizes for everyone. Course handicaps will be based on 80% of current USGA indexes. Skins will be available for an additional fee.

Don't delay. Get your partner and start making plans for this fun weekend. If you don't receive an entry form in the mail, contact Jane at taxcheck@charter.net or 231-779-1655 to reserve a spot.



You are cordially invited to the
Michigan Golf Hall of Fame
2009 Golf Outing and Induction Ceremony

Following nominations and a voting process by a selection committee that includes representatives from the major golf organizations throughout the state, sports media, and past inductees, we are pleased to announce the 2009 Michigan Golf Hall of Fame honorees. This year's class of recipients will be formally inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame on Sunday, May 17. The ceremony will be held at Indianwood G&CC and will include a golf outing, cocktail reception, dinner, and awards. We cordially invite you to be a part of this momentous occasion.

Schedule of Events

12:00 to 12:45 p.m.	Registration
1:00 p.m.	Shotgun start on the Old Course at Indianwood
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Reception and Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Induction Ceremony

2009 Inductees

Bill Curtis, James R. Dewling
Randy Lewis, Tom Wargo

The individuals we recognize have made history. Through your participation and support, we can help celebrate their honor and deserved recognition.

Event Fee: \$175.00 per person
\$50.00 without golf (\$25 under age of 21)

Golf attire is acceptable for dinner and induction ceremony.

Contact Loretta Larkin at 248-719-0650 or llarkin@michigan.golf.foundation.com for a tournament entry form. For tickets, send your check payable to: Michigan Golf Foundation, 6801 North Meadows Way, Dexter, MI 48130.

Deadline: May 8, 2009



Our Members Giving Back — Help Support Their Charities

We have a very active and giving membership. Many of our members donate their time in various capacities with numerous charities in order to help others. If you'd like to help them help others, or if you are an MWGA member and want to share your good cause with fellow MWGA

members, we will add your charity to this list in the *NEWSLINX* and on our website. Please email the following information to mwga@mwgolf.org:

- 1) Name of the charity
- 2) 3-5 word mission description (i.e., breast cancer research; alleviate homelessness; etc)

- 3) Your name and role with the event or charity
- 4) Contact number and website link for the charity and if applicable, indicate what, when, where, etc. for the specific event

MWGA Member/Role	Charity	Event/Venue/Time/Date	Contact/Website
Ina Fernandez inagfernandez@gmail.com COTS Board President	COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelter) – alleviate homelessness	ImaginAide Auction Motor City Casino 6-11pm, 4/25/09	Joan Cleland (to share a table) jcleland12@comcast.net www.cotsdetroit.org
Jane Kersjes kersjes@mwgolf.org Race participant	Susan G. Komen Foundation – breast cancer research	Race for the Cure Lansing, MI, 2pm 4/26/09	http://race.komengreaterlansing.org Click on Jane's name at the right or find her under Donations

MWGA Inclement Weather Policy Addendum to the Rules and Conditions of Play for MWGA Competitions

Prior to play beginning on the day of the event and at the course, the MWGA may make a determination to suspend or cancel play under, but not limited to, any of the following circumstances:

1. The golf course is deemed unplayable.
2. Lightning is present.
3. A 'dangerous situation' develops as defined by a majority vote of the MWGA Rules Officials, the MWGA Tournament Chair and any attending MWGA Tournament Committee members along with the golf course management.
4. If it is a severely cold day, the wind temperature shall be checked 15 minutes in advance of the first tee time. If the temperature or wind chill is 40 degrees or less with no forecast of better conditions, play will be cancelled.

During competition, the host course or the MWGA will provide an "alarm" to notify players of suspension of play due to, but not limited to, any of the following circumstances:

1. Golf course becomes unplayable.
2. Lightning is present.
3. A 'dangerous situation' develops.
4. The temperature or wind chill drops to 40 degrees or less.

Once the alarm is sounded or players are notified by another means, players must mark their ball position, immediately cease playing and return to the clubhouse (or other noted area) to wait for further instructions.

During competition, if play is suspended, the MWGA Rules Officials, the MWGA Tournament Chair and any attending MWGA Tournament Committee members along with the golf course management shall make the call as to when play

will be resumed or cancelled.

During a suspension in play, The Tournament Chair will inform all players of the approximate time involved in any delay and keep players updated on the circumstances causing the delay.

After a delay in play, if play is deemed to be continued, the committee shall give a minimum of 15 minutes advance notice for proper warm up before play is resumed.

MWGA cancellation of play either prior to play or after a suspension of play shall be determined by, but not limited to:

1. Combination of precipitation and cart path only
2. Temperature and wind chills detrimental to play

Please note: The MWGA will try to procure rain checks from the course when the MWGA cancels play. However, the final decision lies with the course management.

As of 01/07

MWGA Provides LPGA/USGA Girls Golf Program of Detroit

The 2009 lessons for girls 11- 17 will be offered at the Belle Isle First Tee facility in two sessions:

- A. Mon-Thurs, June 22 – July 2
 - B. Mon-Thurs, July 6 – July 16
- The 10-day sessions, 6 – 7:30pm, will include professional instruction on the short game (putting, chipping,

pitching and bunker play) and the full swing (including use of different clubs for various shots, rules and etiquette). There will also be a mini-scramble for follow-up review at the end of each session. No golf experience is necessary. A modest fee of \$8/girl is requested. Entry deadline

is June 15. For additional information, visit the MWGA website, www.mwgolf.org, contact Francine Pegues at 313-469-7906 or pegues@mwgolf.org, or Julia Baldwin at 248-851-3250.



MWGA Tournament and Event Guidelines

- 1) **Eligibility.** Tournaments are open to all female amateur golfers; mixed events are also open to amateur male golfers. Professional golfers may participate in designated Pro-Am events.
- 2) **Fees.**
- A) The entry fee for each tournament will be the greens fees plus \$21 for four-person tournaments and \$18 for two-person and individual tournaments. \$15 and \$12, respectively, of this additional amount will be paid back in prizes. If food, goodie bags or other extras are going to be included at a tournament, the price of those items will be added to the entry fee, as well as projected expenses (postage, printing, etc.).
- B) The entry fee for non-members will be \$20 more than the entry fee for members, unless designated otherwise; i.e., male partners in mixed tournaments playing with members will pay the member fee.
- C) No fee refund will be given after the entry deadline date.
- 3) **Flights.** The number of flights will be determined by the number of tournament entries. There must be a minimum of nine teams per flight in team events before a second or third flight will be added.
- 4) **Prizes.**
- A) A minimum of one fourth of the field will receive prizes.
- B) There will be an equal number of gross and net prizes by flight in all MWGA tournaments.
- C) In order to be eligible for net prizes, a player must have a current, official USGA handicap index.
- D) Each flight will get back a percentage of the prize money based on the percentage of entries.
- 5) **Contests.** Players will pay an additional fee for contests if they want to enter them. These contests must be paid at time of tournament entry. All money paid will be returned to the winners. The game structure will be as follows:
- A) \$5 will be designated for:
- i) Three Closest to the Flagsticks (\$3) in two flights based on individual index.
- ii) Chip-ins (\$2), not flighted.
- B) \$5 will be designated for Gross Skins by tournament flight. In tournaments with only one flight, two flights will be created by team handicap for Skins.
- C) These contests will be available at all tournaments and will be run by the tournament committee.
- NOTE: Player's ball must be lying one and on the green to claim Closest to the Flagstick.
- 6) **Individual tournaments.**
- A) Fees. See paragraph 2) above.
- B) Prizes. In individual stroke tournaments, the recommended payout for first place is \$65. The number of entries will determine the number and amount of additional places paid. All prize money collected will be returned to players in prizes.
- C) **Flighting and Handicap.** For flight position and handicap, a player's tournament handicap will be equal to 100% of the player's course handicap.
- 7) **Two-person team tournaments.**
- A) Fees. See paragraph 2) above.
- B) Prizes. In two-person events, the recommended payout for first place is \$55 (per person). The number of entries will determine the number and amount of additional places paid. All prize money collected will be returned to players in prizes.
- C) **Flighting and Handicap.**
- i) For flight position and handicap, a two-person scramble team's handicap will be calculated by taking 50% of the lowest course handicap and 25% of the highest course handicap.
- ii) For flight position, a two-person best ball team's handicap will be calculated by taking 50% of the lowest course handicap and 25% of the highest course handicap. A two-person best ball team's handicap will be equal to 100% of each player's course handicap, with no restrictions on team handicap differential.
- D) A two-person scramble team will be required to use each player's drive 6 times.
- 8) **Four-person team tournaments.**
- A) Fees. See paragraph 2) above.
- B) Prizes. In four-person events, the recommended payout for first place is a range of \$40-\$50 (per person). The number of entries will determine the number and amount of additional places paid. All prize money collected will be returned to players in prizes.
- C) **Flighting and Handicap.**
- i) For flight position, a best 2 of 4 team's handicap will be calculated by taking 20% of the lowest course handicap on the team, 15% of the next lowest course handicap, 10% of the next lowest course handicap and 5% of the highest course handicap. Each player will receive 100% of her handicap, with no restrictions, when determining hole-by-hole net scores.
- ii) For flight position and handicap, a four-person scramble team's handicap will be calculated on the following point system:
- | Player's Course Handicap | Player's Points |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 0 - 4 | -1 |
| 5 - 9 | 0 |
| 10 - 14 | 1 |
| 15 - 19 | 2 |
| 20 - 24 | 3 |
| 25 - 29 | 4 |
| 30 - 34 | 5 |
| 35 - 40+ | 6 |
| MAX Team HDCP | 20 |
- D) A four-person scramble team will be required to use each player's drive 3 times.

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Killer Butterflies

In 1922 Gene Sarazen and Ben Hogan played a special Challenge Match, just between the two of them. Sarazen won the match, but complained that it had been the most grueling golf of his life. His stomach had been in knots the whole time. He attributed this to nerves—until he saw a doctor. The doctor admitted Sarazen to the hospital for emergency surgery. They managed to remove his appendix just before it burst.

MWGA Pace of Play — Policy, Procedure, Penalties, Appeals

The MWGA Pace of Play (POP) Policy has been adopted in accordance with the GAM and the USGA, placing the responsibility for maintaining pace of play with the players. Players are expected to play efficient golf and to keep up with the group in front of them. The GAM POP policy and the USGA POP recommendation have been incorporated into our policy and modified to address our starting formats (tee times, crossovers and shotguns) and limited resources (lack of marshals, officials, and atomic clocks).

I. Policy

Groups should play and complete their rounds within 4 hours and 50 minutes:

- 15 minutes per hole, 10 minutes at the turn and 10 minutes after the last hole to arrive at the scoring table
- 2 hours, 25 minutes for nine holes, including all breaks
- 4 hours, 50 minutes for eighteen holes, including the time required to get scorecards stamped at the scoring table at the conclusion of play

- A) **The team(s)/players in the lead group** are in breach of the MWGA POP policy if their scorecards are not time stamped at the scoring table by the expected time (4 hours, 50 minutes after their actual starting time).
- B) **All teams/players following the lead group** are in breach of the MWGA POP if their scorecards are not time stamped at the scoring table by the expected time (4 hours, 50 minutes after their actual starting time) **or if over that time**
- **within 15 minutes** of the group in front them for **tee time and crossover starts**
 - for **"A" groups within 10 minutes** of the group in front them for shotgun starts
 - for **"B" groups within 15 minutes** of the group in front them

II. Procedure (Refer to USGA Rules of

Golf Rule 6-7 and MWGA Definitions of "Out of Position")

- A) Mark actual starting time on the official scorecard(s). Time starts when the first player in the group takes the tee.
- 1) For **tee time and crossover starts**, the starter, an official or a member in each group will punch or mark the actual start time of the group on the official scorecard(s).
 - 2) For **shotgun starts**, a member of each group will punch or mark the actual start time of the group on the official scorecard(s).
- B) If there are any unusual delays before the start of play or during the round, players should briefly note on the back of the scorecard(s). Players may be asked to explain in more detail following tournament play.
- C) **THERE WILL BE NO WARNINGS** regarding slow play or being out of position. Pace of play is the responsibility of the players.
- D) A player concerned about the slow play of others in her group should speak with the player(s) and encourage them to play more efficiently. If the slow play continues, the player may ask a rules official, if present, to monitor the group. If no rules officials are present, the players in the group should document the incident(s) and inform the Rules Committee of the situation at the conclusion of play. During the round, a player may also request that a marshal or pro-shop staff member report the situation to the MWGA Rules Committee.
- E) The official scorecard(s) must be taken to the scoring table **immediately** after play.
- The official scorecard(s) must be time stamped at the scoring table.

- Scores should be verified and totaled by the players.
- Scorecards must be signed and left at the scoring table.

III. Penalties

- A) When a group fails to comply with the MWGA Pace of Play Policy, the team(s)/players in the offending group will be subject to a penalty assessment of two (2) strokes.
- B) An additional 2-stroke penalty may be assessed for each additional 15 minutes the team(s)/players in the offending group take to have their scorecard time stamped at the scoring table behind the group in front of them.
- C) Once the Rules Committee has confirmed the penalty assessment, the scorecard will be returned to each team or player being assessed for their initials as acknowledgment of the assessment. The team or player must initial and return the scorecard to the scoring table for posting.

IV. Appeals

- A) There are only three (3) situations that are grounds for appeal:
- The group was delayed by the Committee.
 - The group was delayed by circumstances beyond their control.
 - The player or players were delayed by another player in the group, not on the player's team.
- B) Teams/Players that are subject to pace of play penalty assessments may appeal the ruling to the Rules Committee. The appeal must be made at the time the players are informed of the assessment and before any player initials and returns the scorecard. The decision of the Rules Committee will be final.

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Winners of the '09 Golf Show Drawings

Free 2009 MWGA Memberships

Sheryl Tobi, Sylvan Lake

Barbara Kekessy, Novi

\$25 Gift Certificate to Carl's Golfand

Jessica Lopata, Canton

Ladies Golf Bag

Darlene DePeel, Holt

NOTE: You can update your GAM profile to correct or add your email address, phone number, address, birth date at www.gam.org. GAM uses this information to send you notices and publications.

2009 Tournament/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 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)
4/24, Fri	Match Play League Meeting \$50 league entry fee	TBD	Pat Witek, 9727 Bassett, Livonia 48150, 248-417-1190, witek@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	Linda Neff 29694 Mayfair Rd. Farmington Hills 48331 248-661-0082 H, 248-478-6523 W neff@mwgolf.org
5/2, Sat 9am-1pm	Golf Skills Clinic \$105, Max. 40; student-teacher ratio 8:1		
5/3, Sun	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
5/9, Sat, 10am 11:30am	Swap Meet Annual Meeting and Lunch Only \$25	Fox Hills, Golden Fox Plymouth 48170 734-453-7272	Inez Bridges, Bridges@mwgolf.org Denise Buechel, Buechel@mwgolf.org
5/9, Sat 1:30pm shotgun	Member/Guest 4-Woman Spring Scramble 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 – Women's & Mixed Teams 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 – Women's & Mixed Teams , 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

2009 Women's USGA/GAM/WAPL & Other Tournament/Event Schedule

USGA—United States Golf Association; GAM—Golf Association of Michigan; WAPL—Women's Amateur Public Links

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.

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 517-332-8640	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-Wed	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	Kensington Women's Championship	Kensington GC, Milford 48380 248-685-9332	<i>Sprinkler work may cancel the tournament this year</i>
Jun 20-21 Sat-Sun	Western MI Women's Best Ball NEW COURSE	McGuire's Resort, Cadillac 49601 800-634-7302	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 313-531-2323	Linda Lester, 313-886-6416 USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
Jun 27-28 Sat-Sun	Ann Arbor Women's Championship Entries close 6/19	Leslie Park GC, Ann Arbor 48105 734-994-1163	Www.milesogolf.com
Jun 28-30 Su-Tu	8th GAM MI Women's Sr. Amateur Entries close 6/3, Hdcp. limit 25.4	Hawk Hollow, E. Lansing 517-641-4295	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org 989-939-8911
Jul 6, Mon	GAM Parent & Child Championship	Prestwick Village GC, Highland	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
Jul 6-8 Mon-Wed	31st GAM MI Girls Jr. State Amateur Entries close 6/17	CC of Jackson 517-782-5347	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
Jul 9-12 Th-Sun	US Women's Open Qualifiers only. Entries close 5/13	Saucon Valley CC Bethlehem, PA	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
Jul 14-18 Tu-Sa	93rd GAM MI Women's Amateur Entries close 6/24, Hdcp. limit 15.4	Great Oaks CC, Rochester 248-651-6566	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org MI residents only
Jul 21 Tu	US Women's Amateur Qualifier Entries close 7/1, Hdcp. Limit 5.4	Woodwinds GC Westfield, IN	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 6/3	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, lorraineordbeck@crystalmountain.com
Aug 3, Mon	GAM Parent & Child Championship	Prestwick Village GC, Highland	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
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 Amateur 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 Championship 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

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

2009 Women's USGA/GAM/WAPL & Other Tournament/Event Schedule

USGA—United States Golf Association; GAM—Golf Association of Michigan; WAPL—Women's Amateur Public Links
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.

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
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
Oct 5 Mon	GAM Chrysler Club Championship GAM Club Champions only	Oakland University Golf & Learning Center, Rochester 248-370-4150	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org 231-534-6470

Calling All Senior MWGA Members

8th GAM Michigan Women's Senior Amateur Championship, June 28-30

By Lu Stockton

GAM is looking for participants in their 8th Michigan Women's Senior Amateur Championship **June 28-30 at Hawk Hollow Golf Course in Bath MI**. This tournament will be a match play format with an 18-hole qualifying round played on Sunday afternoon to determine seeding within each flight of 8 players. Monday morning will be the first round of match play for all flights and on Monday afternoon, there will be a second round of match play. On Tuesday morning, final matches will be played.

Entry fee of \$130 for GAM members covers the Championship schedule, range balls, cart fee for two days and one meal. To sign up for this tournament, log on to the GAM website www.gam.org before the **June 3, 2009 deadline**.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Entries are open to all female amateur golfers residing in Michigan since April 1, 2009.
2. At time of entry golfers must have a GAM/USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 25.4
3. Competitors must have reached their 50th birthday before June 28, 2009.
4. The field will be limited to 72, with a minimum of 32 players. At close of entries, the field will be placed into flights of 8 based on Handicap Index at close of entry. Extra players will be placed on a waiting list based on Index per flight. Entries are subject to rejection at any time, including during the Championship. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct. Unbecoming conduct in any GAM event may result in future entries being denied. Accepted contestants will receive confirmation by email if an address is provided. If you are a transgendered individual, contact the GAM Executive Director at 248-478-9242, ext. 15, for the additional entry application procedure.

ENTRIES: FORM, FEE,
DEADLINE DATE

All entrants shall make application on GAM forms, obtainable from

the GAM website www.gam.org, and the GAM office. Entries are also accepted online at www.gam.org with a valid credit card. Online entry is only allowed for GAM Members. Copies are acceptable. Only one entry may be submitted per person. Entry fee of \$130 (GAM member) or \$175 (Non-member) shall be paid at time of application by every applicant.

Entry fee will be refunded for any reason if the GAM office is notified (248-478-9242, ext. 24) before entries close on June 3. After June 3, entry fee will be refunded only in the event of injury or illness verified by a doctor's statement. There will be a \$25 service charge deducted from all refunds.

Any player whose check is returned due to insufficient funds will have her entry denied and returned.

Entry form and fee must reach the GAM office by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 3, 2009. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The date of a postmark is not relevant. Fax transmittals will not be accepted.

New 2009 MWGA Member Benefits



- Online membership renewal
- 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](#) — visit mwgolf.org
- 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



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

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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.mwggolf.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@mwggolf.org - 248-557-8180



If you had a chance to experience this year's Michigan Golf Show at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi March 6-8, you experienced an all-time record attendance for the event. It proves that Michigan golfers may be swallowed up by a depressed economy, but their inner clocks are "on go" as they anticipate and prepare for the 2009 golf season. Perhaps, big ticket items such as golf holidays, new automobiles and home improvements have been put on hold, and less expensive means of leisure activities in one's own backyard are being entertained. We staffers were definitely busy the entire weekend promoting the MWGA and its programs to booth visitors.

We successfully made our presence known at this year's show, and we came away a winner. Our booth was beautifully decorated (by Mary Bushmaker and Yours Truly) and well stocked with MWGA collateral material. We were located in the center of the floor closer to the front entrance. The 12 staffers for the booth (all MWGA member volunteers) were diligent at promoting the organization to booth visitors and enrolling new members. At times, we were so inundated with guests that, in order to accommodate everyone, we had to put groups together to make our presentation. It was hectic, but it was also fun and exhilarating. Everyone performed as true MWGA troopers, responding to the call of duty and did an outstanding job. We're truly grateful to have such dedicated members who donated time out of their weekend for this effort. The pace was fast, but the time rolled by quickly as the show was bustling.

Yes We Can and We Did! The 2009 Michigan Golf Show — A Proven Winner for the MWGA By Inez M. Bridges

We pitched the added value an MWGA membership provides, signed a total of 17 new members on the spot and discussed the benefits of an MWGA membership with many more. New signups at the show received a beautiful Arbonne International NutriMin C® RE-9 travel pack, complete with the regiment of facial products, a sleeve of Noodle golf balls or a Costco bag of various products. We're hoping some of those who were reluctant to sign up immediately will join online before the approaching season. Although they were not "ready to sign" at the time, the interest was high. This is where we count on you, the entire MWGA membership body to provide an added push to potential members. Here are the membership enhancements we all should keep in mind when talking with interested women golfers:

- An opportunity to compete in a variety of golf tournaments throughout the season
- Access to up-to-date association information at the MWGA web site: www.mwga.org
- Six association newsletters yearly, containing tournament schedule information for the MWGA, GAM and USGA events in the state for public players, as well as other golfing news and feature stories
- Annual golf rules and skills clinics (including a beginners league), all designed to provide you with the tools for improving your game to gain a more rewarding golfing experience overall
- Membership in the Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) that includes an authorized USGA Handicap Index (with handicap lookup and score posting), an annual Michigan Links Golf Course Directory, a USGA Rules of Golf booklet, a GAM Gold Card for 2 for 1 guest fee discounts at many Michigan courses and the new GAM/USGA Alliance program

- Most of all, the opportunity to golf, kibitz and network with a great group of women golfers from around the state



In addition, we held drawings for a ladies golf bag, a \$25 gift card from Carl's Golfland and (2) one-year free MWGA memberships. To that end, we'd like to thank Nancy Serra for her donation of the golf bag and Carl' Golfland for their donation of the gift card. In addition, thanks to Arbonne International representative, Sherry Potts for the cosmetic gift packs, Klassa & Associates for the sleeves of golf balls and Costco for their special bag of products from the store. It is great to have sponsors who partner with us on our efforts. Please make sure you thank them when you visit their businesses. Also, a thank you goes to **Show Promotions LLC**, the promoter for all the Michigan Golf Shows, for again allowing the MWGA special access to a booth at the show. A special thanks goes to Dawn Finnemore, of Show Promotions, for working with us for our special needs. The MWGA appreciates your support.

And you thought I'd forgotten the staffers who sweated out the weekend in the booth. Oh no! It would not have happened without them. On behalf of the entire MWGA Board of Directors and members, please let the following members know how much we appreciate the volunteer support they provided for the show. If it had not been for them, we might not have gained 17 new members. This year's soldiers are: **Doreen Allen, Linda Bradfield, Mary Bushmaker, Sonia Pysh-Denison, Penny Irwin, Jane Kersjes, Shirley McClain, Francine Pegues, Cynthia Pinkard, Barb Porter, Pat Shelton and Geraldine Tigner**. Thank you so much, ladies, for your commitment and dedication. Our successes at the show were due to your efforts. We appreciate it.

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	HWGWC	Ypsilanti	Thurs	5:08 PM	www.hwgc.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	HWGWC-Beg	Plymouth	Mon	5:15 PM	www.hwgc.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	HWGWC	Dexter	Tues	5:08 PM	www.hwgc.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*

Course	League Name	City	Day	Time	Course/Contact Phone
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	HWGC	Ann Arbor	Mon	5:45 PM	www.hwgc.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	HWGC	Whitmore Lake	Tues	5:08 PM	www.hwgc.org
Links at Whitmore Lake	HWGC-18 holes	Whitmore Lake	Wed	9:30 AM	www.hwgc.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	HWGC-Int	Ypsilanti	Mon	5:08 PM	www.hwgc.org
Pine View Golf Course	HWGC-Beg	Ypsilanti	Tues	5:08 PM	www.hwgc.org
Pine View Golf Course	HWGC	Ypsilanti	Thurs	5:08 PM	www.hwgc.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
Rammer	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 pennyan-chors@yahoo.com

GAM Golf Days

Following the successful first year of the GAM Golf Days in 2008 the GAM has taken this exciting event series a step further to include more opportunities to experience some great GAM member clubs. Registration for GAM Golf Days is available by logging into your GAM member account and selecting the "Golf Days" tab and following the "Register for Event" link on the left hand side of the page. A downloadable application is also available by selecting the Golf Days area from the Tournaments drop down menu located on the GAM homepage, www.gam.org. All Golf Days are \$55 and open to current GAM members. Included in the \$55 price are range balls, cart and greens fees, along with prizes for gross and net divisions for those who keep their GAM/USGA handicap up to date. With 15 dates on the schedule for the 2009 GAM Golf Days at various locations around the state a GAM Golf Day is sure to fit on your calendar during this season. The GAM Golf Day lineup is as follows:

5/18, Mon – The Moors GC–Portage
 5/26, Tu – Edgewood CC – Commerce Twp.
 6/2, Tu – Forest Lake CC – Bloomfield Hills

6/13, Sat – Plum Hollow CC – Southfield – SOLD OUT
 6/15, Mon – Oak Pointe CC (Championship) – Brighton
 6/22, Mon – Walnut Hills CC – East Lansing
 7/8, Wed – University of Michigan GC – Ann Arbor
 7/27, Mon – Polo Fields G & CC – Ann Arbor
 8/3, Mon – Lochmoor Club – Grosse Pte. Woods
 8/10, Mon – The Heathers Club of Bloomfield Hills
 8/17, Mon – Great Oaks CC – Rochester
 8/24, Mon – Grosse Ile G & CC
 9/8, Tu – Country Club of Jackson
 9/14, Mon – Blythefield CC – Belmont
 9/21, Mon – Country Club of Lansing

If you have any questions regarding the GAM Golf Days Series please contact Chris Mills, cmills@gam.org.

MEMBER ALERT

Advise the MWGA if your mailing address, phone numbers or email address changes. You don't want to miss out on anything this golf season.

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Rules R Us *By Sara Wold*

Welcome to a new year. It is never too early to prepare for the Rules 29, 30, 31, and 32 refer to other forms of play than Single Matches and Individual Stroke Play.

Rule 29 refers to Threesomes and Foursomes. A Threesome is a match in which one player plays against two other players, and each side plays one ball. A Foursome is a match or stroke play competition in which two players play against two other players, and each side plays one ball. It is easy to remember that the *players play some of the time*, which is commonly known as "alternate shot".

Rule 30 refers to Three-Ball, Best-Ball and Four-Ball Match

Play. In Three-Ball, three players play a match against one another, each playing his own ball. Each player is playing two distinct matches. Best-Ball is a match in which one player plays against the better ball of two other players or the best ball of three other players. Four-Ball is a match in which two players play their better ball against the better ball of two other players.

Rule 31 refers to Four-Ball Stroke Play. Four-Ball is a competition in which two competitors play as partners, each playing his own ball. The lower score of the partners is the score for the hole. If one partner fails to complete the

play of the hole, there is no penalty.

Rule 32 refers to Bogey, Par, and Stableford competitions. They are forms of stroke play in which play is against a fixed score at each hole.

Rule 29. In Threesomes and Foursomes, it is essential that the players play in the correct order and penalty strokes do not effect the order of play. In match play, if they play out of order, the side losses the hole. In stroke play, the side is penalized two strokes and they must replay in the correct order or be disqualified. There are some interesting decisions. **29/2** In a mixed foursome in which the men play from the back tees and the women play from the forward tees, If a man hits a tee shot out of bounds, his partner must play from the back tee. **29-1/3** A and B are partners. A drives and there is doubt whether the ball is out of bounds. B must play the provisional ball. **29-1/5** In a foursome match, a player accidentally moves his ball after addressing it and incurs a one-stroke penalty. The player must replace the ball and must play the next stroke. Penalty strokes do not affect the order of play. Also a player may not *intentionally* whiff a shot so that his partner can hit it over a pond or *intentionally* make a bad putt to put him in position to show his partner the line.

Rule 30. Three Ball and Best Ball Match Play are rarely played. Four-Ball Match Play is used in the Ryder Cup, Solheim Cup, Curtis Cup, and the Atlas Cup Matches. If a player incurs a loss of hole penalty, he is disqualified for that hole only. If a player's breach of a rule assists his partner's play or adversely affects an opponent's play, the partner incurs the applicable penalty also. The side is penalized if either partner carries more than 14 clubs or has more than one caddie at the same time. There are 32 decisions in Rule 30 and I advise that if you are going to play these forms of match play, you should familiarize yourself with them before the match.

Rule 31. Four-Ball Stroke Play is commonly referred to as a 2-person Best Ball. A side may be represented by only one partner and the absent partner can join his partner between holes but not during the play of a hole. The gross scores to count must be individually identifiable; otherwise the side is disqualified. Only one partner needs to sign the scorecard. A side may play in

the order they consider best. Also, if one partner has more than 14 clubs or breaches the caddie rule (6-4), both partners are penalized. If a competitor's breach of a rule assists his partner's play, the partner is also penalized.

Rule 32. In a bogey competition, 1 point is given for a bogey, 2 points for a par, etc. In a par competition, 1 point is given for a par, 2 for a birdie, etc. The scoring for these competitions is made as in match play. The winner is the competitor who wins the most holes. The scoring in Stableford competitions is made by points awarded in relation to a fixed score at each hole and the winner is

the competitor that scores the highest number of points. For example, if the fixed score for a hole is par, 2 over par is 0 points, 1 over is 1 point, par is 2 points, etc. If you are going to play in a Bogey, Par, or Stableford Competition, I advise you to read Rule 32 and the 8 decisions that follow.

US WAPL Deadline May 13

The deadline to enter the US Women's Amateur Public Links Championship is Wed., May 13th. There will be two Sectional Qualifying Rounds in Michigan for the Championship being held at Red Tail

Golf Course in Devens, MA June 22 - 27. **College Fields in East Lansing will host a Sectional on Tues., May 26th and Stonehedge North in Augusta will host the other Sectional on Wed., May 27th.** Both courses have graciously waived the fee for golf. Players 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. Please enter online at www.usga.org. You may pay the \$50 entry fee by credit card. Entries close on May 13th at 5 PM. Contact Sara Wold at sara_wold@msn.com for more information.

Ready Your Swing Fore Spring *By Tami Bealert, PGA Golf Professional/Personal Trainer*

In just a few weeks, the courses will be filled with many anxious golfers who will be swinging their clubs after a long awaited winter break. Unless you are a year-round golfer or a fitness advocate, the average golfer will allow only a week, a few days, or even hours before they think about getting their body ready to swing a club again. This works fine in our youth, however, as we age our bodies are not as agile and able to adapt quite so quickly. For most of us, it takes half the time to get out of shape, as it takes to get back into shape. However, don't be discouraged; with just a few tips and a little work, it's not too late to start training your body to be ready for your first round of golf this spring!

An effective way to prepare your body for spring is to commit yourself to a little exercise 20 minutes a day, 3-5 times a week. Schedule your workouts with a friend or better yet a fitness trainer or scheduled workout program. The program should provide your body with a full range of motion, similar to what is required in an effective golf swing. There are three golf assessment exercises that will help to ready your body and strengthen your swing.

The most basic and fundamental exercise assessment is the deep squat. This exercise assesses your mobility and the stability of your entire body. To do a proper squat, you need a full range of motion at all of

your joints, as well as the core stability to coordinate and execute the movement against gravity. Sound familiar? The use of all our muscles with the proper motion, firing at the right time is what is required to perform a most efficient golf swing. The goal of the squat is to produce a neutral spine while lowering your butt like you are going to sit on a chair. Stand as you would to hit a 5 iron, which is with your feet slightly inside shoulder width. Arms are extended out in front of the body and are parallel to the ground. 60% of your weight should be felt in the heels. Be sure that your knees are over your toes, chest is up and you are well balanced. The tempo consists of 2 seconds up, 2 seconds down, and a 2 second hold. Your level of fitness, will determine the amount of repetitions and sets. Ideally you should perform 8-12 reps/ repeat 2-3 times.

The next important movement for a healthy golf swing is producing the proper bow or posture needed in the golf setup. Many golfers tend to bend too much from the spine and not the hips, causing roundness in the back, which leads to muscle strains and pains. To perform this exercise assessment, stand with feet about shoulder width apart. Place your arms on your hips and bend from your hip sockets while pushing your rear back and keeping your spine straight. To make this more difficult, raise your arms over your head and

in line with your ears. Knees should be fairly straight and you should feel a stretch in your hamstrings, lower back and lats. The angle of your spine should be at 45 degrees or more from a vertical position. Hold for two counts and repeat 8-12 reps/ repeat 2-3 times.

The seated rotation is the third and last exercise assessment. It requires the use of upper body torso in the swing. Using your shoulders and torso to begin your backswing will allow for a more consistent and repeatable backswing. Sit up tall on the floor or in a chair and cross arms across the chest. Looking straight ahead, rotate your shoulders and torso to each direction while remaining in an upright position. Normal range of motion is 45 degrees. Continue this motion while keeping your hips still. 8-12 reps. for each side, 1-2 sets.

Now that you have learned the three key assessments and basic exercise movements for golf, it's time to get off your buns and get your body and golf swing ready! Not only will you perform better, but you will also continue to play golf injury free, all season long!

Editor's Note: Tami Bealert and David Finlay, Certified Fitness Professional, offer a complete golf fitness program at The training Station in Plymouth. For more information call 734-731-0238 or visit www.trainwithtami.com.

Membership Snippets *By Jane Kersjes*

I worked at the Novi golf show on both Saturday and Sunday in the MWGA booth and saw a lot of your familiar faces. It was great to see such a wonderful turnout to the show and our booth. They announced that it was the highest attended show yet. We can tell by the 17 new members we signed up (5 via PayPal!). Our PayPal system is going well with 21 entries so far. I'm sure this payment system will be more popular in the future as people hear about it and talk it up.

Let's welcome these new members since the last *NEWSLINX*:

Maureen Abele	Livonia
Nancy Adair	Royal Oak
Lois Bennett	Detroit
Gail Cooper	Farmington Hills
Susan Deseck	Northville
Pamela Dobrowolski	Bath
Judy Eddy	Jerome
Belinda Friis	West Bloomfield
Wendy Georgas	Whitmore Lake
Donna Haapala	Farmington Hills
Ellen Hallett	Midland
Barbara Kekessy*	Novi

Maria Malone	Farmington Hills
Anita Mitzel	Northville
Carolyn Mogan	South Lyon
Deborah Montgomery	Southfield
Sharon Norman	Detroit
Michele Ohs	Ypsilanti
Kerry Przytula	Canton
Janice Ruberts	South Lyon
Theresa Snyder	Northville
Janice Tischler	Clarkston
Sheryl Tobi*	Sylvan Lake
Peg Valenti	Okemos
Irma Walton	Southfield
E. Anne Wells	Southfield
Ellen Wetzel	Northville
Candace Winn	Rochester

*golf show drawing

To date, our membership total is actually above last year's number of 127:

Regular (12 new)	28
Senior (21 new)	99
Board	16
Honorary	4
Courses	1
TOTAL	148

With the 33 new members, we now have 7 that have listed a name

as a referral. Everyone still has time to enter the two membership contests:

1. A \$50 gift certificate will be awarded to the member who brings in the most new members by the Annual Meeting in May.
2. A 2010 MWGA membership will be awarded from a drawing of members bringing in new members by mid-July; one entry for each new member you bring in so get crackin'.

I took my first golf lesson at Carl's on Sunday. Now I need to go out and practice! Yeah, the adrenaline is flowing (and my backswing is better). I'm looking forward to a golf trip to Myrtle Beach in May. I heard the MWGA ladies had a great time in Texas (see below). I hope you've been able to do some form of golfing this winter. Those of us who weathered the blizzard had a great time at Next Shot Golf. Get off the couch and hit the range or simulator. See ya soon!



Annual Winter Trip to San Antonio a Winner *By Denise Buechel*



Front: Lu Stockton, Barb Coury, Carrol Sanchez, Nancy Serra; back: Ina Fernandez, Martha MacIntosh, Denise Buechel, Linda Bermingham, Monica Oliver, Sue Merrick, Joan Cleland, Jodie Chapa, Karen Stecher; not pictured: Michelle Sroka

San Antonio was a wonderful destination for our annual winter trip. It was warm and sunny and dry!

Day one of the official trip was played at The Re-

public. The course was in great condition - despite the draught. A bit windy at times - much to Joan Cleland's approval - she drove a ball 200 yards! The wind didn't bother Jodie Chapa's putting - she sank 10 one putts. We had dinner on the River Walk at Paesano's. Fabulous food - who could forget that rack of veal?

Day two was played at the Quarry. What a unique experience. The back nine is literally played in what was once a functioning rock quarry. I have a thing for stone - so I was enchanted. The Quarry restaurant made us an offer we couldn't refuse - four free bottles of wine with dinner. Little did we know the evening would also include discounted drinks and a round of B52s on the house. The highlight of the evening was Monica's \$1 speech. What happened at the Quarry will stay at the Quarry under a big, fat rock.

Our third round was played at The Golf Club of Texas at Briggs Ranch. The course was out in the country - and a bit parched to say the least - but an interesting round. I actually lined up a shot using a cow grazing in the distance! We were back on the River Walk for dinner and finished the evening with a Swig nightcap (Swig is vodka, infused with fruit, shaken over ice and served

straight up - delicious!)

A good time was had by all - even those navigationally challenged! I hope you'll consider joining us next year. Destination to be determined!



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	Pat Meyers	\$867,750	Ochoa, Webb, Lang, Ji-Yan Shin
2	Sue Macinkowicz	687,256	Ochoa, Song-Hee Kim, Hee Young Park, Mi Hyun Kim
3	Monica Oliver	649,837	Ochoa, Pressel, Hee Young Park, A. Miyazato
4	Cynthia Pinkard	622,256	Ochoa, Eun-Hee Ji, Lang, Fouch
5	Claud Johnston	589,157	Ochoa, Webb, Gustafson, Wie
6	Shelly Weiss	587,206	Ochoa, Pressel, Lang, Gulbis
7	Terry Deisler	586,621	Ochoa, Pressel, Lang, Mi Hyun Kim
8	Wendy Hollman	534,431	Ochoa, Webb, Gustafson, Wright
9	Judy Figa	494,276	Ochoa, Kung, C. Kim, Mi Hyun Kim
10	Pat Shelton	474,768	Ochoa, Kung, C. Kim, Sergas
11	Sue Boman	464,678	Creamer, A. Park, Castrale, Fouch
12	Sara Wold	452,505	Tseng, Pressel, Prammanadsudh, Wie
13	Shelly Manning	407,455	Creamer, Song-Hee Kim, C. Kim, Sergas
14	Linda Morton	359,487	Creamer, Han, Gustafson, Mi Hyun Kim

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Creamer	\$378,755	Hee Young Park	\$158,857
Ochoa	230,280	Lang	119,878
Tseng	220,680	Prammanadsudh	88,286
		Gustafson	41,887
		Castale	30,776
		Christina Kim	27,531
B		D	
Angela Park	\$187,737	Ji-Yai Shin	\$308,934
Eun-Hee Ji	107,738	Wie	108,332
Song-Hee Kim	96,863	Al Miyazato	77,018
Webb	60,183	Wright	53,606
Kung	35,209	Gulbis	53,366
Pressel	35,207	Mi Hyun Kim	52,781
Han	34,539	Sergas	33,273
		Fouch	15,885



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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 & |
| Nominations | Publicity & Promotions | Task Force |
| Handicap | Rules | Website & |
| Juniors | Sponsorships | Computer |
| Long Range Planning | | Technologies |

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

MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Condolences

Karen Stecher's mother, Lucille Miller, died March 22 from a massive heart attack. Mrs. Miller had recently moved to Michigan to live with Karen and celebrated her 95th birthday on March 17. Karen's friend, **Carrol Sanchez**, said she never knew anyone with such determination and grit. Funeral services were held in Mrs. Miller's former hometown of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and memorial service was recently held in Michigan. Our sincere condolences to Karen.

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Address: _____
City: _____ ST _____ Zip +4: _____
Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____
E-mail Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Birth Date: _____ Profession: _____
 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)
New (new Senior or Regular, not a previous member)	\$30 _____
Super Senior (age 70+)	\$30 _____
Senior (age 50 – 69)	\$55 _____
Regular (age 18 – 49)	\$60 _____
Student (age 21 and under, in high school or college)	\$25 _____
Associate (organization or business)	\$60 _____

Name: _____
 Membership includes discounted rates at MWGA tournaments, six *NEWSLINX*, a membership directory, official USGA handicap service, GAM membership (activated with score posting) and copy of the USGA Rules of Golf.

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

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