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## Rules Clinic ~ Know Your Options

By Linda Neff

The Rules Clinic held April 4 at the Fox Hills Classic clubhouse was a great success. We had 27 ladies in attendance, representing seasoned members, new members and guests. Having such a variety of golfers can present a challenge to the instructor since she needs to meet the learning needs of everyone, but that was no problem for Jeanne Myers.

We were honored this year to have her present the rules. Jeanne is a GAM Past President and current GAM Assistant Director of Rules and Competition Rules. Among her many illustrious accomplishments, Jeanne has officiated approximately 50 USGA amateur and professional tournaments, was a rules official for the MI PGA for 13 years and has conducted over 100 rules seminars.

As the golfers sat gathered around the 'situational fairway rug,' Jeanne stressed the need to know your options while on the course since it may save needless strokes. Jeanne discussed and demonstrated the options available for a number of commonly misinterpreted situations as well as the new rules that went into effect in 2008, telling us why the rule change came about. Questions were raised and answered with Jeanne showing options available in response to the questions as well as telling



Jeanne Myers discusses the USGA Rules; Linda Neff, members and guests listen closely.

us the rule number we should reference for more detail while encouraging us to read the rule book, especially the 51 Definitions in the beginning of the book.

At the end of the clinic, attendees continued to come to Jeanne with other situations for her insight as to 'what was right.' It was a great clinic; and I as MWGA Seminar/Clinic chair, want to thank not only Jeanne, but Fox Hills for providing the room and liquid refreshments. Most everyone needed their coffee, water or soda to jump-start the day. In addition, Fox Hills set up a private sale area for us right in our meeting room. That was sweet!

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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## 2008 Golfer and Players of the Year and Most Improved Golfer



POY winners: Lu Stockton, Cindy Hill, Deb Horning, Carrol Sanchez, Sonia Pysh-Denison, Monica Oliver, Betty Vandeputte and Yvette Gagnon. Not pictured: GOY: Darci Stocker, POY: Karen Stecher and MIP: Tina Mills. See page 18 for details.

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## President's Corner *By Barbara Porter*



After a soggy, cool start at the Golden Fox, the outside air actually feels like golfing weather and our season is off and running. Running seems to be the opportune

word as, to my pleasant surprise, our 2-Person Best Ball at Dunham Hills had a field of 96 people – the largest field for this, or any, event in years. Given the doom and gloom of the economy, that number is outstanding! The MWGA has an awesome team; wonderful, supportive members and an energetic, hard-working Tournament Committee.

As most of our members realize, a majority of MWGA Board members chair at least one tournament a season. I remember when our Board members agonized over running a tournament and with good reason – what an ordeal! The tournament chair was responsible for every aspect of the tournament, from creating the initial publicity to gaining

entries to depositing the last penny in order to prepare a financial statement. I tell you, too many sleepless nights and high stress levels! And, we wondered why so few tossed their names in the hat for a position on the Board. Duh!

Well, things have changed for the best. The total tournament experience has gone through a major metamorphosis. Today, the whole process works like a well-oiled machine that we keep maintained and ready to go. Of course, there will always be challenges to address as no two courses are alike nor no two playing formats. The MWGA prides itself in trying to provide the best amateur golfing experience possible by (1) offering a variety of tournaments, (2) providing a diversity of courses, (3) setting up different start times and (4) scheduling events on different days. The reason the MWGA has expanded our tournaments beyond weekends and stroke play is to try to accommodate the scope of our membership. And,

it has proven successful as many of our weekday events surpass our weekend events in numbers.

I won't bore you with a lot of statistics; however, please review the following average tournament cost per event for the last nine years.

Year	Average Cost
2000	\$63.00
2001	\$67.00
2002	\$66.00
2003	\$62.50
2004	\$66.50
2005	\$67.25
2006	\$73.50
2007	\$79.00
2008	\$75.00
2009	\$68.50

I'll let you draw your own conclusions. Thanks for listening and, most important, thanks for playing. Now, I must get going on the President's Tournament. Yes, I'll agonize, but not as much as in previous years.

## Beginner League Started

**April 29**

*By Linda Neff*

The weather was sunny, but a bit nippy for the 13 women who gathered at Fox Hills in the learning center to start classes on learning the basics of how to golf. We now have 14 women actively involved in the league who are being trained by Joal Harting and Shawn Stanek.

- The first 3 weeks are focused on training in the learning center.
- The next 3 weeks the ladies are on the course golfing with a trainer who provides active feedback.
- The last 6 weeks the ladies put all their training to work as they play a round of golf with their fellow golfers.

Initial feedback ... "Everyone is really enjoying the great classes at Fox Hills! The instructors are wonderful and we are all improving." What more can any of us want but to hear ... "We are improving!" Isn't it great?

Enjoy the season of golf.

## Match Play League *By Pat Witek*

Our matches have begun! The season kicked off at St. John's. The second round of matches were contested at White Lake Oaks. Closest-to-the-flagstick winners were Deb Horning and Joan Cleland.

Everyone, member or not, and their spouses and friends are invited to join us at our golf events. Our hostesses have gotten us some great *discounts on green fees!!* Some are planning enjoyable after golf socialization!! It's a great opportunity to get to know us, learn about match play competition and maybe even play a course you've never been to. You may enjoy yourself so much that you'll ask to be put on the waiting list to join our group next year.

**Next scheduled play dates are:**

- **Sun Jun 14** at Glenhurst, hosted by Pat Shelton
- **Sun Jul 12** hosted by Jodie Chapa
- **Sat Aug 1** hosted by Sonia PD
- **Sun Aug 16** hosted by Nancy Serra
- **Sat Aug 29** (Semifinals) at Pine

Knob and Chili's at Great Lakes Crossing with 10% of proceeds to MWGA (ALL WELCOME!), hosted by Joan Cleland & Yvette Gagnon

- **Sat Sept 12** (Finals) at Dunham Hills, hosted by Monica Oliver

League standings can be viewed at the MWGA website ([www.mwggolf.org](http://www.mwggolf.org)). For more details about the scheduled play dates, contact me, Pat Witek, League Coordinator, @ [pgolfw@aol.com](mailto:pgolfw@aol.com) or 248/417-1190).

### NOTE

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2-Woman Best Ball, Woodlands of Van Buren

Saturday, June 27 *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](http://www.thewoodlandsgc.com)

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

**Includes:** 18 holes, cart, range, prizes  
(team gross and 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

Have you and a partner signed  
up yet? Time is almost running  
out!! If you don't have a partner,  
we'll hook you up, no problem,  
sign up as a single.

The Woodlands of Van Buren is  
a very playable Jerry Matthews  
course. It's located just east of I-  
275 on the north side of Ecorse.  
Even though it is one of the shorter  
courses we play, it has its chal-  
lenges. The par 3s are challenging  
and there is a variety of short to  
long par 4s. This includes the sig-  
nature 14<sup>th</sup> hole, a beautiful par 4

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 it enjoyable to play.

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!!



### Cha, Cha, Cha at Timber Trace

3-Woman Best Ball, Saturday, July 11 *By Pam Kurtz*

On July 11<sup>th</sup> MWGA members will  
be able to participate in one of the  
more creative formats of the season,  
Cha, Cha, Cha. Although it is stroke  
play, it will require teammates to put  
on their A game as they rotate  
through a sequence of recording the  
best score for the first hole, the two  
best scores for the second hole and all  
three scores for the third hole; then  
you start over again. It will mean the  
putters are hot to score well and the  
approach shots are pinpoint so you  
don't end up in one of the surround-  
ing bunkers found on many of the  
Timber Trace Golf Club holes. The  
large rolling greens will challenge  
each golfer on your team and make  
even the 3 ft. tap-in a test.

Come on now, find your two golf  
crazed partners and register your  
team to join us at the Timber Trace in

Pinckney for a day filled with fun  
and lots of sun. Registration for  
members is \$65 and guest team  
members will be \$85. This includes  
your greens fees, cart and range.  
Register for the event through the  
Michigan Women's Golf Assn. web-  
site or send your registration to  
MWGA Tournament Office, 4158  
Charing Cross Road, Bloomfield  
Hills, MI 48304. If you want to be  
put on a team, just send in your  
registration and the Tournament  
Office will get you onto a team for  
the event. Go to the Michigan  
Women's Golf Assn. webpage to see  
directions to the course, phone  
number and the link for Timber  
Trace Golf Club: [www.timber  
tracegc.com](http://www.timbertracegc.com). From the very first tee  
you will know you are at one of the  
best golf experiences in Michigan.

The feel of the European links layout  
and ambiance of the northern Michi-  
gan facilities will give you a feeling of  
serenity. Lake Wallaby brings a  
championship layout to Timber Trace  
and gives ladies of all skill levels a  
great day of golf.

The event will begin at 9am with a  
shotgun start. We'll ask that every-  
one be in their carts no later than  
8:40am. Cash games will be part of  
the day so be sure if you want to be a  
part of the games you add that to  
your registration entry fees. Ques-  
tions: [TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org](mailto:TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org),  
248-557-8180.

We will be looking to see you on  
July 11<sup>th</sup>. Remember registration for  
this event closes on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Get  
your registration in before the July  
4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

## Lots of MWGA Golf Yet to Play

June 14 — Match Play  
Sun, Glenhurst, Redford

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

Aug 1 — Match Play — Sat, TBD

Aug 16 — Match Play — Sun TBD

Aug 18 — Stroke Play

Tues, Northville Hills, Northville

Aug 29 — Match Play Semifinals  
Sat, Pine Knob & Chili's fundraiser

Sept 5 — 2-Woman Best Ball

Sat, Pontiac CC, Waterford

Sept 13 — Match Play Finals  
Sun, Dunham Hills, Hartland

Sept 19/20 — 2-Day/2-Person Eraser  
Sat-Sun, Mystic Creek, Milford

Oct 3 — Member/Guest 4-Woman Fall  
Scramble/War of the Leagues

Sat, Bay Pointe, W. Bloomfield

*Look in this newsletter for tournament detail  
and/or visit our website [www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MWGA 2-Day State Championship, College Fields GC Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26 *By Sara Wold*



**When:** Saturday/Sunday, July 25 – 26, 9:00 AM Modified Shotgun

**Where:** College Fields, 3800 Hagadorn, Okemos, MI 48864, (517)332-8100, [www.collegefields.net](http://www.collegefields.net)

**Fee:** \$135 members/\$155 non-members, \$25 juniors walking Sunday only

**Games:** Both days (3 closest to flag, chip-ins and skins) if \$20 prepaid

**Includes:** Golf, cart, range 2 days, awards luncheon Sunday, prizes

**Requirements:** USGA index, Michigan residency, soft spikes, proper golf attire

**Entry deadline:** Wednesday, July 15

**Other:** GAM Honor Roll points awarded. Winner will qualify to play in the GAM Club Championship at Oakland University, Monday, October 5th

The MWGA 2-Day State Championship will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 25th and 26th at College Fields in Okemos. There will be a modified shotgun start beginning at 9 AM each day. The Championship Flight and First Flight will be playing from 5637 yds., the Second Flight from 4980 yds. GAM Women's, Senior

Women's and Junior Girl's Honor Roll Points are given to the Champion, Runner-up and to the top 15 scorers, including ties. The Champion will qualify to play in the GAM Club Championship at Oakland University October 5th. Mary Vajgrt was the 2008 Champion and played in the Chrysler Club Championship.

To be eligible, you must have a USGA index and be a Michigan resident. You do not have to be a member of the MWGA or GAM. Players will be paired with like handicaps and all are welcome. The fees are \$135 for MWGA members, \$155 for non-members and \$25 for juniors walking on Sunday. Included in the fees are golf, cart and range both days and the Awards Luncheon on Sunday. Awards will be presented for the Champion, the Senior, Super Senior and Junior medalists and gift certificates earned for the low gross and low net scores in each flight. The junior fee includes eligible prizes, golf, range and the Awards Luncheon on Sunday only.

If you want to get in the games, you must prepay the games fee when you enter. Games include three closest to the flagstick contests, gross skins in two handicap flights and chip-ins (not flighted). Two days all games will cost \$20 or \$10 for closest to the pin and chip-ins and \$10 for skins.

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## Amateur Golf at Its Finest Women's Atlas Trophy Matches August 9 - 10, Lyon Oaks, Wixom *By Cynthia Pinkard*

Mark your calendars, and if you're not on one of the teams, try to watch a match or two; you won't be disappointed.

The Women's Atlas Trophy Matches are being held August 9 – 10 at Lyon Oaks GC in Wixom. This is amateur golf at its finest. Based on GAM honor roll points, the 12 top private course players compete in matches against the 12 top public course players, much like the Solheim Cup matches. There are several current and previous MWGA members in this competition. Everyone is invited to come out to watch. There is no charge. Watch the MWGA and GAM websites for teams and starting times. To learn more about the Atlas Trophy Matches visit [www.mwgolf.org/atlas\\_cup\\_history.htm](http://www.mwgolf.org/atlas_cup_history.htm) ([www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org), then select All Events Programs Results, the Select Atlas Trophy Matches).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Stroke Play Tournament at Northville Hills

Tuesday, August 18 *By Barbara Porter*

**When:** Tuesday, August 18, 2009  
**Time:** 9AM Shotgun Start  
**Event:** Stroke Play  
**Where:** Northville Hills Golf Club  
 15565 Bay Hill Dr., Northville, MI 48167  
 734-667-GOLF  
[www.northvillehillsgolfclub.com](http://www.northvillehillsgolfclub.com)  
**Fee:** \$53 members/\$73 Non-mbrs. Includes 18 holes w/cart, range, prizes for flight winners  
**Tees:** Women's Forward 5019 yds. / 69.5 / 122  
**Entry Deadline:** Sat., Aug. 8, 2009  
**Eligibility:** Current USGA Index  
**Mail Entry:** MWGA, 4158 Charing Cross Rd  
 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304  
**Updates:** [www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org)

Mark your calendars as the MWGA returns to beautiful Northville Hills for the Summer Stoke Play event. All

foursomes will be determined by your current USGA index with prizes awarded in two flights, depending on entries. Pairing this event with a challenging course equals a great event!

Being an Arnold Palmer signature design masterpiece, Northville Hills Golf Club is, truly an enjoyable course for the woman golfer. Its unique layout brings to play all that Michigan golf has to offer - native woodlands, natural wetland areas, lakes and rolling slopes of Michigan heather. Plus, there's a full-service golf shop and practice facility. By August, everyone's game should be in full swing to take advantage of all this course has to offer. We've had several memorable events at Northville Hills and this should be no exception.

Questions? 248-624-2835 or [porter@mwgolf.org](mailto:porter@mwgolf.org)

### 2-Woman Best Ball at Pontiac Country Club

Saturday, September 5 *By Denise Buechel*

**When:** Saturday, September 5th, tee times beginning at 9:15 AM  
**Where:** Pontiac Country Club  
 4335 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Waterford, MI 48326  
 248.628.6333  
**Fee:** \$66 Members & \$86 Non-Mbrs  
**Includes:** 18 holes of golf with cart, range, prizes  
**Tees:** Women's Forward 5514 yds, 71.8/123  
**Entry Deadline:** August 26, 2009  
**Mail Entry to:** MWGA Tournament Office  
 4158 Charing Cross Road  
 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104

Find a partner and join us for this 2-Women Best Ball Tournament. If you need a partner, no problem; enter and we will do our best to provide one. This is always a good opportunity to meet another golfer and make new friends.

Pontiac Country Club is an 18-hole, full service, public course. Owned by the Syron family for 65 years, it is a great public course with a private club atmosphere. The tract is filled with a multitude of trees, bunkers, water hazards and undulating greens that will challenge even the finest golfers - and that means you!

### 48th USGA Senior Women's Amateur Championship, Hot Springs, VA

September 12-17

*By Barbara Nowikowski, USGA Senior Women's Amateur Championship Committee*

The 48<sup>th</sup> USGA Senior Women's Amateur Championship will be held at **The Homestead (Cascades Course)**, in Hot Springs, Virginia September 12 - 17. Entries are open to amateur female golfers who will have reached their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday by September 12, 2009 and have an up-to-date Handicap Index not exceeding 18.4.

**A qualifier for this Championship will be held on the South Course at Detroit Golf Club on August, 11.** Applications may be downloaded from the USGA website, [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org) or call the USGA office at (908)-234-2300.

**Application deadline:** July 22, 2009

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**Membership Snippets** *By Jane Kersjes*

Let's congratulate AREZELL BROWN for winning a \$50 gift certificate for bringing in the most new members this year by the Annual Meeting (she brought in 3). We have 49 new members to date. Please welcome these new members since the last *NEWSLINX*:

- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Bettye Arrington    | Bloomfield Hills |
| Pat Cheal           | Farmington       |
| Velva Clark         | Bloomfield Hills |
| Linda Earl          | Flint            |
| Marcella Evans      | Pontiac          |
| Claudette Jefferson | Canton           |
| Stacy Lawicki       | Lake Orion       |
| Janaye Powers       | Imlay City       |
| Barbara Rupas       | Troy             |
| Pragna Shah         | Bloomfield Hills |
| Lisa Sherman        | Canton           |
| Susan Solowczuk     | Birmingham       |
| Linda Sorensen      | Canton           |
| Laura Stroyan       | Westland         |

I met a few new members at the Skills Clinic at Fox Hills. We had a lot of fun and learned (or re-learned) putting, bunker and pitch/chip

shots. We were lucky to have a nice day and the facility was well suited to the short game lessons. The time went too quickly. We each received an email which allowed us to logon to view our video taped swing with a voice-over of helpful tips.

We're fortunate to be on track with our membership given the dire straits of the economy. The PayPal system has been a hit with 43 people signing up online. To date we have:

Regular	54	(26 new)
Senior	135	(22 new)
Junior	1	( 1 new)
Board	17	
Honorary	4	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>210</b>	

We're tracking slightly ahead of last year at this time when we had 191 members. Keep up the good work of making our organization known to your friends and colleagues. I hope you all have a great summer!

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**Condolences**

Sincere condolences to past member **Marie Franks** on the recent death of her husband, Jack.

**Glad You're Back!**

Good to see **Yvette Johnson** back

golfing again after knee surgery.

**Heal Quickly!**

Wish a speedy recovery to **Faye Bessette**, who recently broke her ankle. Knowing Faye, we'll see her on the golf course in no time!

**MWGA '09 Online Photo Contest**

**Yvette Gagnon** was the March winner, identifying the most people in the photos. No entries in April. Will you be the winner in May? Contest at [www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org).

## Handicap News and Updates *By Cynthia Pinkard*

Remember you are to post all scores for rounds played under the USGA Rules of Golf. This includes scores from match play, scores from four-ball or best ball competitions, scores from rounds that are not completed due to darkness, weather, injury, etc. The rules for posting scores do not require that you putt out every hole. They do not require that you finish 9 or 18 holes. Adjust your scores as appropriate for ESC, unfinished holes and holes not

played. Adjust the Course and Slope Ratings when not playing from the same rated set of tees for your gender. For complete descriptions and information, refer to the Handicap and Index booklet you received in your membership package or visit this link on our website: [www.mwgf.org/posting\\_scores09.htm](http://www.mwgf.org/posting_scores09.htm).

The handicap system assumes that you are always trying to play at your best. When you get frustrated or are just joking around and run-

ning up strokes that you would not have when trying your best, these extra strokes should not be counted.

Members having trouble posting scores, remembering their GAM username or password or with questions about the handicap system or posting process should contact me, Cynthia Pinkard, the MWGA Handicap Director, at [handicap@mwgf.org](mailto:handicap@mwgf.org) or call at 248-227-8170.

### 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
6	Mon., Jun 8 - Sun., Jun 21	Tue., Jun 23	12	Mon., Aug 31 - Sun., Sep 13	Tue., Sep 15
7	Mon., Jun 22 - Sun., Jul 5	Tue., Jul 7	13	Mon., Sep 14 - Sun., Sep 27	Tue., Sep 29
8	Mon., Jul 6 - Sun., Jul 19	Tue., Jul 21	14	Mon., Sep 28 - Sun., Oct 11	Tue., Oct 13
9	Mon., Jul 20 - Sun., Aug 2	Tue., Aug 4	15	Mon., Oct 12 - Sun., Oct 25	Tue., Oct 27
10	Mon., Aug 3 - Sun., Aug 16	Tue., Aug 18	16	Mon., Oct 26 - Sun., Nov 8	Tue., Nov 10
11	Mon., Aug 17 - Sun., Aug 30	Tue., Sep 1			

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

### Rules R Us — Rule 28. Ball Unplayable *By Sara Wold*

The player may deem his ball unplayable at any place on the course, except when the ball is in a water hazard. The player is the sole judge as to whether his ball is unplayable. If the player deems his ball to be unplayable, he must, **under penalty of one stroke:**

- A. Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played; or
- B. Drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped; or
- C. Drop a ball within two club lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole.

If the unplayable ball is in a bun-

ker, the player may proceed under a., b., or c. If he elects to proceed under b. or c., a ball must be dropped in the bunker. When proceeding under this Rule, the player may lift and clean his ball or substitute a ball.

There are some interesting decisions regarding Rule 28. If a player hits his tee shot into a deep canyon, he may immediately deem his ball unplayable, and play another ball from the tee under the stroke and distance option even though he would be unable to find his ball.

Only options b and c require reference to where the ball lay. **28/1**

If a player deemed his ball unplayable and dropped his ball within two club lengths of the spot where it lay, and the ball came to rest in the original position or another position at which the ball was unplayable, he

would not get a re-drop without penalty because the dropped ball was in play. He would have to play the ball as it lies, or take another unplayable, incurring an additional penalty stroke. **28/3**

If a player's ball is lying on grass-covered ground within a bunker, he may deem it unplayable and drop it behind the bunker because grass-covered ground in a bunker is not part of the bunker. Of course, he must add a penalty stroke. **28/9**

If a ball is lodged in a tree and the player identifies it and deems it unplayable, he may drop a ball within 2 club lengths of the point on the ground immediately below the place where the ball lay in the tree and add a penalty stroke. In some instances this may allow the player to drop a ball on a putting green. **28/11**

### Leave a Message for Arnie

As noted in the June 2009 issue of *Golf Digest*, "The King turns 80 on Sept. 10. The USGA plans to honor Arnold Palmer's eight decades on Planet Earth by sending him a message—from everybody. A "digital memory book" has been created at [usga-museum.com/arnoldpalmer](http://usga-museum.com/arnoldpalmer) that will allow golf fans to leave a birthday message or a personal reflection about Palmer in the form of words, images or video. The website will be maintained by the USGA, and accepted messages will be archived at the USGA Arnold Palmer Center for Golf History in Far Hills, NJ. The best submissions will be included in a bound volume to be presented to Palmer."

## From Our Guests

### Are You In Balance?

#### *Balance Your Body / Balance Your Swing*

*By Tami Bealert, PGA Teaching Professional/Personal Trainer*

In golf, just like many other sports, your body is the most important piece of equipment. Thus, it is important to take proper care and understand what your body is capable of doing in order to maintain good balance in your golf swing. When our lives are in proper balance, things seem to fall naturally into place, just as if your body is in balance, your club will swing freely and fall into place, and on the same plane. The result is a more consistent and repeatable golf swing.

The question is: How do we learn to keep ourselves in balance while swinging a golf club around our body?

The first and most important aspect of balance is your posture. Posture has a direct relationship to maintaining your balance throughout the swing. When you bow to the ball, your head and rear must counter balance each other. This balance occurs at approximately a 45-degree bend from the hips. Your spine should remain fairly straight and your shoulders will need to rotate at approximately a 90-degree angle<sup>1</sup> in order to maintain consistency and balance throughout the swing.

An excellent exercise for this is to cross your arms across your chest while holding a golf club across your chest horizontally. Next, stand sideways in front of a mirror and bend to a 45-degree angle from your hips. Now rotate your shoulders while maintaining your position or spine angle. When you take the club back, your back should face the mirror,

and when you rotate through, your chest should face the mirror. Watch to see if the club maintains a 45-degree angle when facing the mirror on your follow through. If not, you should see and feel that you are out of balance.

The next golf exercise is called the "pigeon toe" drill. This exercise helps to engage the proper hip turn in both directions. Unfortunately, many golfers tend to move too much from side to side rather than rotate within the frame of their body. Try toeing your feet inwards while making your backswing. When you take the club back, you should feel your back hip socket directly over your back heel ("back" refers to the side of your body that is furthest away from the target). When you pivot through on the downswing you should begin to feel your front hip socket over your target heel ("target" is the side of your body that is closest to the target). By allowing your weight to shift to your heels, along with good posture, you will begin to keep your body and golf club in the proper balance.

Finally, you must allow your muscles to stay loose and trust the club to do the work. This means allowing the club to swing freely as it



is designed to do. Club heads are weighted and balanced to help keep it swinging on a particular plane or consistent arc with a square clubface through impact. If any of your muscles, especially your grip pressure, tighten up too much; you will defeat yourself; resulting in you and the club falling out of balance. Fighting with gravity is a losing proposition. Instead, grip the club with a steady, consistent hand pressure. A tightened grip creates tension in the forearm muscles, which contract and cause the arms to speed up and pull inward throwing you out of balance. Try counting throughout the swing, "One and Two" or "Smooth and Slow." Do not force the club to swing faster by using your arms. Instead, try engaging your hips first on your downswing, then allow the arms to follow.

Learning to swing the club while staying in balance is the first step to swing improvement. Remember to maintain good posture while rotating your shoulders to a 90-degree angle and turn your hips within your frame. Try to relax your body by counting while maintaining a steady grip pressure. Once this is accomplished, you will experience greater consistency in your ball flight, along with greater enjoyment, swing after swing!

<sup>1</sup>Article #1 Ready Your Body/Ready Your Swing in *Travel Host Magazine* May/June '09 Issue

*Editor Note: You can contact Tami Bealert at either Hickory Creek Golf Club in Canton or Tanglewood in South Lyon.*



### **MWGA 2-Day State Championship - Continued from page 4**

The Fairfield Inn in Okemos has rooms available. Naomi, the manager, has given us a special rate of \$84 + tax per room per night. Mention you are playing in the MWGA Golf Championship. The Inn is located at exit 110 on I-96 (Jolly

Rd and Okemos Rd) at 2335 Woodlake Dr. The phone number is (517)347-1000. In order to get the group rate, reservations must be made by July 10th.

The tournament entry deadline is July 15th, and you may enter and pay online at [www.mwggolf.org](http://www.mwggolf.org) or you

may send a check payable to MWGA to the MWGA Tournament Office, 4158 Charing Cross Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104. If you have any questions, please email me at [wold@mwggolf.org](mailto:wold@mwggolf.org) or call me at (734)668-8571.



## 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 a list in the *NEWSLINX* and on our website. Please email the following information to [mwga@mwgolf.org](mailto: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.

## Still Time to Enroll in Girls Golf Program *By Francine Pegues*

With summer finally arriving and school ending, the MWGA Girls Golf Program, sponsored by the LPGA-USGA, will soon begin at Belle Isle. Please note: as of June 1 space is still available for girls aged 11- 17 who want to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to receive 12 hours of golf lessons for a one-time cost of \$8.00. MWGA will provide golf equipment, golf balls and a teaching professional for the girls who participate in this program. Session A will run from Monday, June 22 until Thursday, July 3 from 6 - 7:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Session B will be held July 6 thru July 16, same hours. To view the daily teaching schedule or to sign up an eligible participant, go to the Girls Golf link on the MWGA website or contact me,

Francine Pegues at [pegues@mwgolf.org](mailto:pegues@mwgolf.org) or 313.469.7906.

While the LPGA and USGA help underwrite the Girls Golf Program, MWGA must raise \$3500 to supplement the program. We want to acknowledge and thank the following people who have contributed to the program so far this year:

### ***\$200 and above***

Pat Meyers

### ***\$100-\$199***

Faye Bessette  
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Pat Burdziak  
Mary Bushmaker  
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### ***\$25-\$99***

Inez Bridges  
Wendy Georgas  
Michele LaFlora  
Kathryn McIntyre

Additional contributions are needed. Checks or money orders should be made payable to MWGA with a notation on the memo line "Girls Golf." Your 100% tax deductible contribution should be sent to Monica Oliver, MWGA Treasurer, 34800 W 8 Mile, Apt 201, Farmington Hills, MI 48335-5129.

## 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 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	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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## 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.

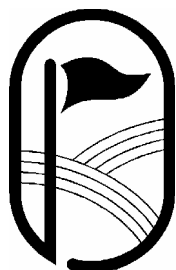
### III. Penalties

- 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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### Catch the LPGA Legends in Jackson, MI this August

The Legends Tour is going to be at Jackson Country Club on Sun., Aug. 9th. Tickets are \$10 at the gate and kids are free. Rosie Jones, Cindy Figg-Currier, Elaine Crosby, Pat Bradley, Jan Stephenson and many more are playing. For details, go to [www.thelegendstour.com](http://www.thelegendstour.com).

### MEMBER ALERT

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

## 2009 Tournament/Event Schedule

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

**ENTER TOURNAMENTS ONLINE** at [www.mwgolf.org](http://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)
6/14, Sun	Match Play	Glenhurst, Redford	Pat Shelton, <a href="mailto:Shelton@mwgolf.org">Shelton@mwgolf.org</a>
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, <a href="mailto:Pegues@mwgolf.org">Pegues@mwgolf.org</a> Nancy Serra, <a href="mailto:Serra@mwgolf.org">Serra@mwgolf.org</a> , green tees 70.4/120/4982 yds., <b>Holes 10-27</b>
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, <a href="mailto:Kersjes@mwgolf.org">Kersjes@mwgolf.org</a> 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, <a href="mailto:Kurtz@mwgolf.org">Kurtz@mwgolf.org</a> Women's front 68.9/120, 5103 yds.
7/12, Sun	Match Play	TBD	Jodie Chapa, <a href="mailto:jcchapa4golf@comcast.net">jcchapa4golf@comcast.net</a>
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, <a href="mailto:Wold@mwgolf.org">Wold@mwgolf.org</a> MWGA 1st: 71.8/128, 5577 yds. Women's forward 69.0/121, 4983 yds.
8/1, Sat	Match Play	TBD	Sonia Pysh-Denison, <a href="mailto:sonia.pysh-denison@ge.com">sonia.pysh-denison@ge.com</a>
8/16, Sun	Match Play	TBD	Nancy Serra, <a href="mailto:Serra@mwgolf.org">Serra@mwgolf.org</a>
8/18, Tues 9am shotgun	Stroke Play Golf/cart/range \$53/member, \$73/non-member	Northville Hills Northville 48168 734-667-4653	Barbara Porter, <a href="mailto:Porter@mwgolf.org">Porter@mwgolf.org</a> Women's forward 69.5/122, 5019 yds. <a href="http://www.northvillehillsgolfclub.com">www.northvillehillsgolfclub.com</a>
8/29, Sat	Match Play Semifinals <b>Chili's, Great Lakes Crossing, after golf. 10% of proceeds to MWGA (ALL WELCOME!)</b>	Pine Knob	Joan Cleland & Yvette Gagnon <a href="mailto:jcleland12@comcast.net">jcleland12@comcast.net</a> <a href="mailto:ladycobra@comcast.net">ladycobra@comcast.net</a>
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, <a href="mailto:Buechel@mwgolf.org">Buechel@mwgolf.org</a> Women's front 71.8/123, 5514 yds.
<b>9/12, Sat REV</b>	Match Play Championship and year-end party	Dunham Hills, Hartland	Monica Oliver, <a href="mailto:Oliver@mwgolf.org">Oliver@mwgolf.org</a>
9/19, 9/20 Sat 12p shotgun Sun, 9a shotgun	2-Day/2-Person Eraser – <b>Women's &amp; Mixed Teams</b> , Golf/cart/Sun. buffet \$136/member/male partner, \$156/non-member	Mystic Creek Milford 48380 248-684-3333 <a href="http://www.mysticcreekgc.com">www.mysticcreekgc.com</a>	Nancy Serra, <a href="mailto:Serra@mwgolf.org">Serra@mwgolf.org</a> , Inez Bridges, <a href="mailto:Bridges@mwgolf.org">Bridges@mwgolf.org</a> , 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, <a href="mailto:Stockton@mwgolf.org">Stockton@mwgolf.org</a> Barb Coury, <a href="mailto:Coury@mwgolf.org">Coury@mwgolf.org</a> Women's forward 68.6/115, 4906 yds.

## 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

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Date	Event/ HDCP Limits/Deadlines	Location	Contact
Jun 20-21 Sat-Sun	Western MI Women's Best Ball <b>NEW COURSE</b>	McGuire's Resort, Cadillac 49601 800-634-7302	Jane Cook, 115 Kimel, Cadillac 49601 231-779-1655, <a href="mailto:taxcheck@charter.net">taxcheck@charter.net</a>
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 <a href="mailto:arezell@sbcglobal.net">arezell@sbcglobal.net</a> , Deposit due 3/6

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

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 Direct questions to [tournamententry@mwgolf.org](mailto:tournamententry@mwgolf.org) or 248-557-8180.*

I was three over. One over a house, one over a patio and one over a swimming pool. ~ George Brett

You can make a lot of money in this game. Just ask my ex-wives. Both of them are so rich that neither of their husbands work.  
 ~ Lee Trevino

Actually, the only time I ever took out a one-iron was to kill a tarantula. And I took a 7 to do that. ~ Jim Murray

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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 <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
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, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
Jun 27-28 Sat-Sun	Ann Arbor Women's Championship Entries close 6/19	Leslie Park GC, Ann Arbor 48105 734-994-1163	<a href="http://www.milesogolf.com">www.milesogolf.com</a>
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, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> 989-939-8911
Jul 6, Mon	GAM Two-Person Net Team Qualifier Entries close 6/22, Hdcp. Limit 36.4	The Fortress, Frankenmuth	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
Jul 6, Mon	GAM Parent & Child Championship	Prestwick Village GC, Highland	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
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, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
Jul 9-12 Th-Sun	US Women's Open Qualifiers only, Entries close 5/13	Saucon Valley CC Bethlehem, PA	USGA 908-234-2300, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
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, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> MI residents only
Jul 20 Mon	GAM Two-Person Net Team Qualifier Entries close 6/22, Hdcp. Limit 36.4	Tanglewood, South Lyon	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
Jul 21 Tu	GAM Two-Person Net Team Qualifier Entries close 6/22, Hdcp. Limit 36.4	Greystone, Romeo	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
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, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
Jul 21 Tu	US Women's Amateur Qualifier Entries close 7/1, Hdcp. Limit 5.4	Woodwinds GC Westfield, IN	USGA 908-234-2300, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
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, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
Aug 1 Sat	Michigan PGA Women's Open	Crystal Mountain Resort Thompsonville 49683 231-378-2623	Michigan Section PGA, 517-641-7421, <a href="http://www.michigan.pga.com">www.michigan.pga.com</a>
Aug 3-5 Mon-Wed	Michigan PGA Women's Open Pro-Am		Lorraine Nordbeck, 800-968-7686, ext. 3354, <a href="mailto:lorrainenordbeck@crystalmountain.com">lorrainenordbeck@crystalmountain.com</a>
Aug 3, Mon	GAM Parent & Child Championship	Prestwick Village GC, Highland	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
Aug 3, Mon	GAM Junior Team, Entries close 7/22	Atlas Valley CC	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
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, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
Aug 9-10 Sun-Mon	GAM Women's Atlas Cup Matches	Lyon Oaks GC, Wixom <a href="mailto:pinkard@mwgolf.org">pinkard@mwgolf.org</a>	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> 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, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
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, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
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, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
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, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> 231-534-6470
Sep 8 Tu	19th GAM Net Team Entries close 6/22, Hdcp. limit 36.4	Edgewood CC, Commerce Must qualify	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> 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, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a> 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, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> 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, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a> 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, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> 231-534-6470

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



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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 <sup>1</sup>	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)									

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

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

Notes/Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation and directions will be sent to your email address. Check our website, [www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org), 3 days before the event for confirmation and late changes.

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

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

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

**MWGA Tournament Entry**

4158 Charing Cross Rd.

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104

[TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org](mailto:TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org) - 248-557-8180

## You Missed a Great Skills Clinic on May 2!

By Linda Neff

The weather was sunny but a bit nippy for the 22 women who wanted to brush up on their skills as the new season begins. The Fox Hills instructors were great! We split into groups to focus on considerations when:

- Putting up hill, side hill, short and long.
- Attempting to chip to a specific spot on the green from various positions.
- Pitching onto the green from various positions in soft or wet sand bunker and pitching from the fringe to get the roll we need to get the ball to the pin.



- As we all approached the green Jordan reviewed considerations for what club to use and why. The importance of playing to percentage shots versus taking the risk of making a great shot.
- Jordan taped each of us and sent

a link for us to not only see our swing, but hear a few pointers on areas for improvement. As I reviewed the link, I thought hummm, I have a number of adjustments to make before I can compare my swing to a pro's! Handicap and experience level does not matter. We all need to be reminded of the basics and see ourselves to understand where we may want to adjust our grip, stance, position to the ball, swing pattern as we look to become better golfers! I hope to see you next year.

Have a great season!



## 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



President Barbara Porter

The inclement weather curse at Fox Hills lives on — but it didn't hold us back! Thankfully only the first few holes were miserable. Despite the weather, it was a great day with a wonderful turnout of members, non-members, new members, returning members and of course, the vendors.

The Board was introduced and your President, Barbara Porter gave us an update on the state of the MWGA. Francine Pegues told us

## May 9th Annual Meeting

By Denise Buechel



2009 MWGA Board, L to R, Cynthia Pinkard, Deb Horning, Lu Stockton, Nancy Serra, Barb Coury, Inez Bridges, Pat Shelton, Barb Porter, Monica Oliver, Denise Buechel, Jane Kersjes. Not pictured: Pam Kurtz, Linda Neff, Francine Pegues, Sara Wold

about the upcoming Girls Golf Program and the need for additional financing. She moved some of our members to donate right on the spot! Thanks again to those mem-

bers for their generosity and support. MWGA's 2008 Players of the Year, Golfer of the Year (presented the Sara Wold Trophy — MWGA's most prestigious honor) and Most Improved Golfer were awarded (see page 18 for recipients). A hardy congratulations to all the winners and to all of our players who gave it their all in 2008.

Here's wishing every one of you outstanding play in 2009!



VP Denise Buechel

## Thanks to Our Annual Meeting Vendors!

*By Inez M. Bridges*

Let's give a heartfelt thank you and a big round of applause to our vendors who participated in this year's Annual Meeting on Saturday May 9 at the Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. We appreciate them being there for the MWGA opening day event with their wonderful products and merchandise. Hopefully, we were all able to take advantage of some of the many products and special pricing provided us.

It may appear easy to us, but there is a lot of planning that goes into setting up for a merchandising event. The vendors must decide on the selec-

tion of items and the amount of inventory to cart to the event. With varying tastes and needs of buyers in today's markets, this can mean a hefty load of merchandise to be organized, unloaded, set up and dismantled. And our vendors carry out these tasks with expertise and flair. Their tables are well organized and displayed beautifully.

Our vendors this year were:

- Arbonne International (Sherry Potts)
- The Pampered Chef (Abby Adams)
- Z-Coil Orthotic Shoes (Nate Pietrzak)

- Custom jewelry (Pat DeMaire)
- Custom stone jewelry (Deb Pringle)
- Golf clothing (Lisa Chalmers)
- Swap items (Pat Shelton)

Not only did our vendors dedicate their Saturday morning to being there for us, they also dedicated a portion of their monetary sales to our non-profit LPGGA/USGA MWGA Girls Golf program scheduled to begin again this month. As you are aware, the MWGA, on behalf of its members, has committed itself to introducing and continuing golf to young girls between the ages of 9 and 17 years from the metropolitan Detroit area. It is one way we are reinforcing our pledge to growing the game of golf for women and girls in Michigan.

Although they were not on site at the 5/9 event, Costco Warehouse of Bloomfield Hills (Telegraph & Square Lake Roads) supplied the golfers with energy for the round with fruit and bottled water. Of course, I thanked them for their contributions, and you can do likewise by shopping the Costco Bloomfield Hills store and letting Beverly Hodak-Pirami (asst. store manger) know how much we appreciated their generosity. Z-Coil Shoes is one of our newest vendors and is located on Northwestern Highway in Southfield. Their orthotic shoes and sandals are specifically engineered for easing foot, leg and back pain relief.

So, thank you to all of our vendors who came out to share their wares with us. Don't forget that they are in business all year and can be contacted for future sales. Their merchandise makes great gifts for special occasions and holidays and can be ordered all year long. We look forward to having them return next year.

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# RESULTS

## 4-Woman Spring Scramble, Golden Fox, May 9 *By Sonia Pysh-Denison*

Our first MWGA event of the year was a smooth and successful event, as expected. Hosted at Fox Hills-Golden Fox, we had our annual meeting followed by our 4-Woman Spring Scramble. We had 72 women in all who survived the first few holes of rain followed by a pretty nice - chilly - afternoon. What we won't do for golf! Thanks to all our volunteers who helped throughout the day. None of what we do could be accomplished without our volunteers!

Now for some statistical feedback from our members that filled out surveys:

Out of the surveys received, 59% said their overall experience at Fox Hills was above average, which is down 10% from last year. 36% said their experience was average, and 5% no response. Our Pace of Play received a 68% average score, 27% below average score, and 5% above average. 82% liked the course, 77% said they would like to see future tournaments held at Fox Hills, 95% thought that it was a suitable course

for MWGA, 77% thought the length was good, 82% thought the yardage markers were average, and 82% thought the course conditions were above average. As far as the format, 41% thought it was very good and 36% thought it was okay. The practice facilities received 45% above average, 32% average and 23% no response. Out of bounds hazard markers received 50% average and 45% above average. As far as value for the dollar, 45% thought it was a good value, 36% thought it was not, and 20% thought it was above average. We sure do have a lot of opinions!

I would like to point out that of the 72 women who participated in the tournament, only 30% chose to complete the survey. Our surveys are only as accurate as the feedback we receive, so please start filling out surveys after each event. An email is sent within a day or so of each event requesting feedback. Help us to help you.

Closest to the Flagstick winners were Sue Macinkowicz, Jennifer

McDonnell and Betty Vandeputte for Flight A, and Laura Stroyan, Denise Buechel and Terry Snyder for Flight B.

There were five women who had chip-ins: Deb Comstock, Marilyn Montemayor, Monica Oliver, Barbara Porter and Lori Rogers.

Congratulations to all the winners!



Flight 1, 1st Low Gross: Deb Comstock, Betty Vandeputte, Lori Rogers, not pictured Sue Macinkowicz



Flight 1, 1st Low Net: Terry Snyder, Kris Bennett, Carol Rudder, Pat Witek



Flight 2, 1st Low Gross: Deb Hoenscheid, Wendy Hollman, Shelly Manning, Sue Dorr



Flight 2, 1st Low Net: Regina Love, Lucile Battle, Ann Wells, Shirley McClain

FLIGHT 1				FLIGHT 2			
Place	Name	Gross	Net	Place	Name	Gross	Net
1LG	Susan Macinkowicz	63	59	1LG	Sue Dorr	66	53
	Betty Vandeputte				Shelly Manning		
	Lori Rogers				Deborah Hoenscheid		
	Deborah Comstock				Wendy Hollman		
1LN	Kris Bennett	66	57	1LN	Lucile Holley Battle	73	55
	Pat Witek				E. Anne Wells		
	Carol Rudder				Shirley McClain		
	Theresa Snyder				Regina Love		
2LG	Cindy Hill	69	63	2LG	Pam Staub	71	59
	Grace Harrison				Robyn Calardo		
	Gerry Holmes				Nancy Serra		
	Ruth Wilson				Melissa Middleton		
2LN	Jennifer McDonnell	70	60	2LN	Elizabeth Schneider	73	57
	Ellen Howell				Marilyn Montemayor		
	Raida Abdullah				Laura Stroyan		
	Dorine Allen				Mary Beth Oliver		
3LG	Debra Horning	70	65	3LG	Linda Bermingham	76	59
	Sonia Pysh-Denison				Lu Stockton		
	Michelle Sroka				Joan Cleland		
	Yvette Gagnon				Barbara Coury		
3LN	Theresa Deisler	72	62	3LN	Monica Oliver	78	58
	Judith Figa				Denise Buechel		
	Patricia DeMaire				Carrol Sanchez		
	Pat Meyers				Geraldine Lowman		

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## May 9 Annual Meeting & Spring Scramble



Flight 1, 2nd Low Gross: Grace Harrison, Ruth Wilson, Cindy Hill. Not pictured: Gerry Holmes



Flight 1, 2nd Low Net: Jennifer McDonnell, Dorine Allen, Ellen Howell, Raida Abdullah

Golfer: "Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake."  
 Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down that long?"  
 Golfer: "How do you like my game?"  
 Caddy: "Very good sir, but personally, I prefer golf."

### 2008 Players of the Year **Points**

<b>Flight A Winner Deb Horning</b>	<b>106</b>
Runner-Up Cindy Hill	97
<b>Flight B Winner Sonia Pysh-Dension</b>	<b>103</b>
Runner-Up Yvette Gagnon	95
<b>Flight C Winner Lu Stockton</b>	<b>79</b>
Runner-Up Monica Oliver	79
<b>Flight D Winner Karen Stecher</b>	<b>57</b>
Runner-Up Carrol Sanchez	51



Flight 2, 2nd Low Gross: Pam Staub, Robyn Calardo, Melissa Middleton, Nancy Serra

### 2008 Golfer of the Year **Sara Wold Trophy Winner**

<b>Darci Stocker</b>	<b>1212.5</b>
2nd Place Debra Horning	1200.0
3rd Place Betty Vandeputte	1175.0
4th Place Cindy Hill	1050.0
5th Place Sonia Pysh-Dension	887.5

### 2008 Most Improved Player

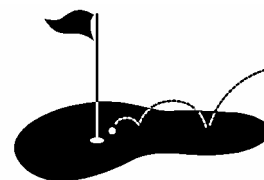
**Tina Mills** - 1.29 Improvement Factor



POY winners: Lu Stockton, Cindy Hill, Deb Horning, Carrol Sanchez, Sonia Pysh-Dension, Monica Oliver, Betty Vandeputte and Yvette Gagnon. *Not pictured:* GOY: Darci Stocker, POY: Karen Stecher and MIP: Tina Mills



Flight 2, 2nd Low Net: Mary Beth Oliver, Elizabeth Schneider, Marilyn Montemayor. Not pictured: Laura Stroyan



## 2-Person Best Ball, Dunham Hills, May 23 *By Monica Oliver & Pat Shelton*

What a turn-out for our second MWGA event — 96 participants! Even the weather cooperated and completed a wonderful day. Thank you all for making this tournament a success. The staff at Dunham Hills was very accommodating, the course was in great shape and we heard almost all good things from everyone. The only glitch to the whole scenario was that Pat needed a bigger voice or a mike because with so many people in the room, it was difficult to hear all the announcements. Another blemish on the day was the fall of one of our golfers, Faye. We certainly hope she is mending well and will be back in no time to golf with us again.

Congratulations to the winners! With the field as big as it was, we were able to pay out 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> flights for the mixed group and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for the women's group.

### Mixed Flight 1

- 1<sup>st</sup> LG - David and Betty Vandeputte - 71
- 1<sup>st</sup> LN - Craig and Carol Rudder - 62
- 2<sup>nd</sup> LG - Russ Cassady and Darci Stocker - 71
- 2<sup>nd</sup> LN - Mike Hoornaert and Carolyn Kirk - 66

### Mixed Flight 2

- 1<sup>st</sup> LG - Gerard and Suzanne Madej - 82
- 1<sup>st</sup> LN - Jerry and Patricia DeMaire - 56

- 2<sup>nd</sup> LG - Edward and Theresa MacPherson - 84
- 2<sup>nd</sup> LN - Dr. Pradeep and Pragna Shah - 62

### Women's Flight 1

- 1<sup>st</sup> LG - Susan Macinkowicz and Lori Rogers - 70
- 1<sup>st</sup> LN - Michelle Sroka and Jodie Chapa - 64
- 2<sup>nd</sup> LG - Debra Horning and Yvette Gagnon - 76
- 2<sup>nd</sup> LN - Sonia Pysh-Dension and Pat Witek - 64

### Women's Flight 2

- 1<sup>st</sup> LG - Rosalyn LeFlore and Arezell Brown - 80
- 1<sup>st</sup> LN - Inez Bridges and Delores Williams - 66
- 2<sup>nd</sup> LG - Deborah Comstock and Lori Moore - 85
- 2<sup>nd</sup> LN - Kathy Brennan and Lu Stockton - 66

### Women's Flight 3

- 1<sup>st</sup> LG - Smita Bhatt and Vimal Puri - 91
- 1<sup>st</sup> LN - Ernestine O'Neil and Marie Beard - 66
- 2<sup>nd</sup> LG - E. Anne Wells and Gail Cooper - 97
- 2<sup>nd</sup> LN - Gail O'Brien and Dorine Allen - 68

### Closest to the Flagstick

- |    |         |                       |
|----|---------|-----------------------|
| #5 | Men     | Jerry DeMaire 1'9"    |
|    | Women A | Darci Stocker 8'10"   |
|    | Women B | Nancy Adair 9'11"     |
|    | Women C | Karen Popchock 2'5"   |
| #8 | Men     | Rich Carpenter 38'11" |
|    | Women A | Sue Macinkowicz 4'10" |

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- Women B Kathy Brennan 8'3"
- Women C Ann Wells 9'1"
- #16 Men Geno Kronkowski 5'11"
- Women A Terry MacPherson 6'3"
- Women B Carol Rudder 5"
- Women C Marie Beard 8'6"

**Chip-ins:** Laurie Forrester #2, Karen Strock #3, Rod Post #14 and Sonia Pysh-Denison #16

**Door prizes:** Golf for 4 compliments of Dunham Hills: Carolyn Kirk and Ernestine O'Neil



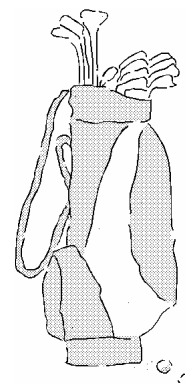
Women's Flight 3 prize winners: Gail Cooper, Anne Wells, Ernestine O'Neil, Marie Beard, Dorine Allen, Gail O'Brien.  
*Not pictured: Smita Bhatt, Vimal Puri*



Mixed Flight 1 prize winners: Craig & Carol Rudder, Dave & Betty Vandeputte, Darci Stocker & Russ Cassady, Carolyn Kirk & Mike Hoornaert



Women's Flight 1 prize winners: Deb Horning, Yvette Gagnon, Pat Witek, Sonia Pysh-Denison, Jodie Chapa, Michelle Sroka, Sue Macinkowicz, Lori Rogers



Women's Flight 2 prize winners: Lu Stockton, Kathy Brennan, Inez Bridges, Delores Williams, Arezell Brown, Rosalyn LeFlore, Lori Moore, Deb Comstock



Mixed Flight 2 prize winners: Ed & Terry MacPherson, Sue & Jerry Madej, Pat & Jerry DeMaire. Not pictured: Dr. Pradeep & Pragna Shah

## DUNHAM HILLS COMMENTS FROM ONLINE SURVEY

One of my favorite courses. Very nice facilities. Very friendly staff.

**Great price!** Possible site for Spring Scramble & Meeting.

I love Dunham Hills and would like to play it every year. The price was unbeatable. Way to go MWGA. Keep up the great prices! How about DH for the Spring Scramble?

**Good Outing.**

Liked that we had our own room for MWGA after golf; however, when we have a setting like that, people assume food should have been inclusive. The burger I ordered was terrible, but the way they had the menu on the table and took care of such a crowd was great.

... I like playing in MWGA events but am frustrated at having to play with people who do not understand pace of play, trying to help them and then getting threatened with pace of play penalties. If pace of play continues to be an issue, then how about on-course marshals? It takes away from one's game when you are constantly pushing others who do not wish to be pushed.

Great price for tourney.

*Continued on page 21*

The survey we asked everyone to fill out is tabulated below. Although only half of the field replied to it, we do appreciate those who took the time. Thank you very much.

DUNHAM HILLS SURVEY - 5-23-09								
WHY DID YOU PLAY TODAY								
Rating	Total Surveys	1 = MOST IMPORTANT	2 = IMPORTANT	3 = OF SOME IMPORTANCE	4 = NOT VERY IMPORTANT	5 = INSIGNIFICANT	NO RESPONSE	TOTAL
<b>PRICE</b>								
M1	9	1	1	3	0	2	0	7
M2	10	0	4	2	2	1	0	9
W1	15	4	4	4	1	0	1	14
W2	11	5	0	0	0	1	3	9
W3	10	4	0	2	1	0	1	8
Unknown	1	1						1
TOTALS	56	15	9	11	4	4	5	48
%		31%	19%	23%	8%	8%	10%	100%
<b>FORMAT</b>								
M1	9	2	1	2	1	2	1	9
M2	10	5	3	2	0	0	0	10
W1	15	6	2	3	1	1	0	13
W2	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
W3	10	4	2	2	0	0	1	9
Unknown	1		1					1
TOTALS	56	18	10	10	3	4	3	48
%		38%	21%	21%	6%	8%	6%	100%
<b>COURSE</b>								
M1	9	2	1	2	2	0	1	8
M2	10	1	0	4	2	2	0	9
W1	15	0	4	2	2	0	0	8
W2	11	2	3	0	0	0	3	8
W3	10	2	2	0	4	0	1	9
Unknown	1							0
TOTALS	56	7	10	8	10	2	5	42
%		17%	24%	19%	24%	5%	12%	100%
<b>HOLIDAY</b>								
M1	9	0	0	2	3	1	0	6
M2	10	1	0	0	2	4	0	7
W1	15	1	1	2	0	4	0	8
W2	11	0	0	2	2	0	1	5
W3	10	0	1	0	0	5	0	6
Unknown	1							0
TOTALS	56	2	2	6	7	14	1	32
%		6%	6%	19%	22%	44%	3%	100%
<b>PLAY IN ALL</b>								
M1	9	0	4	0	1	2	0	7
M2	10	0	2	2	2	2	0	8
W1	15	5	3	0	4	0	1	13
W2	11	1	1	2	0	1	1	6
W3	10	2	1	2	1	1	1	8
Unknown	1							0
TOTALS	56	8	11	6	8	6	3	42
%		14%	20%	10%	14%	11%	5%	100%
<b>% May/June 2009</b>								
		19%	26%	14%	19%	14%	7%	100%

PRIZE PAYOUTS						
		HIGH AS POSSIBLE	LOWER FOR MORE PLACES	TOTAL	OTHER	COMMENTS
M1	9	6	1	7	Make sure if you win, you get your full fee back; good now Don't care, not here for cash; maybe 3 gross and 3 net?	Good event; I happened to be available
M2	10	1	9	10		Like the company
W1	15	8	7	15		1 to get involved; 1 getting involved; competition
W2	11	6	5	11		To meet new people; great course; great course selection
W3	10	6	4	10		
Unknown	1	1	0	1		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>54</b>		
<b>%</b>		<b>52%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>100%</b>		

24% of those who played filled out the online survey (23 of 96)					
	People/ %	People/ %	People/ %	People/ %	
	< Avg	Average	> Avg	No Resp	N/A
Practice	1/4%	15/66%	3/13%	4/17%	
Conditions	0	10/44%	12/52%	1/4%	
Yard Markers	1/4%	19/83%	2/9%	0	1/4%
OB Hazard Markers	1/4%	16/70%	6/26%	0	
Marshals	5/21%	2/9%	0	4/17%	12/53%
Pace	5/21%	10/44%	6/26%	2/9%	
Clubhouse	1/4%	8/35%	12/52%	2/9%	
Staff	0	5/16%	17/80%	1/4%	
Restrooms	2/9%	7/30%	13/57%	1/4%	
Food	1/4%	10/44%	4/17%	6/26%	2/9%
Experience	0	11/48%	12/52%	0	
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>No Resp</b>		
Like Course	22/96%	1/4%	0	0	
Future Tournaments	22/96%	1/4%	0	0	
Suitable	21/91%	2/9%	0	0	
Value	22/96%	1/4%	0	0	
	<b>Too Short</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Too Long</b>	<b>No Resp</b>	
Length	1/4%	21/91%	1/4%	0	
	<b>Least Favorite</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>No Resp</b>	
Format	0	2/9%	20/87%	1/4%	

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Thanks for the sunshine!!! Great day...wonderful event with lots of people. MWGA does a good job running tournaments. Had a good time. It was very nice that a "bar" and "food" was available in the meeting room after the tournament. The staff did a good job for the amount of customers. I felt pace of play could have been expedited on a couple of holes if we had had spotters (particularly hole #10 since landing area was a blind shot). Also tee area was not clearly apparent on #5. Course could use more directional signs to holes, otherwise course and facilities were excellent. Good Outing. MWGA volunteers always do a good job in determining winners. However, it was difficult to hear Pat's announcements over the rowdy crowd (I'm told the course mike was in use elsewhere. They might consider getting another one). At times, play was very slow. Get a microphone. This should be a requirement with all courses. I heard about 25% of what was said sitting all the way in the back. You can't expect one voice to be heard over 87 others in the room. It is unacceptable to have an MWGA tournament so perfectly orchestrated and then so quickly damaged because of one major detail.



## RESULTS

### Five Qualify for the US Women's Amateur Public Links Championship

By Sara Wold

Natalie Brehm, MSU, was the medalist at the US WAPL Sectional Qualifying Round at College Fields on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> with a one under par 71 on the 5886 yard course. She recorded 4 birdies in her round. Aimee Neff, also from MSU, had an even par 72 with 5 birdies in her round. Christine Meier, Rochester H.S., was the 3<sup>rd</sup> qualifier with a 74 and one birdie. Martina Gavier, from Kent State and Argentina, was the 4<sup>th</sup> qualifier with a 75 and 6 birdies! Amy Meier won the first playoff hole to become the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate and Devon Compton was 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate. Both high school students shot 76.

Ashley Smith, GVSU, shot an even par 72 with 2 birdies and was medalist at Stonehedge North, which played to 5812 yards, on Wed., May 27<sup>th</sup>. Kaitlin Marduesz, Boston U, was 1<sup>st</sup> alternate with a 79 and Lina Pasquali, Kendallville, IN was 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate with an 82.

The five qualifiers will compete at Red Tail Golf Course in Devens, MA June 19 - 26 in the US WAPL Championship. The field of 156 will be cut to 64 players in match play. The final round is 36 holes. Stephanie Fleet, EMU, was runner-up in 2007. This will be Aimee Neff's 4<sup>th</sup> time and Ashley Smith's 2<sup>nd</sup> time to play in the Championship. As a side note - Ashley Smith and Christine and Amy Meier have qualified for the final round of qualifying for the US Women's Open.

Many thanks to Chris Hallead at College Fields and Bill Johnson at Stonehedge North for hosting the Sectionals. Thanks also to the capable officiating of Nancy

Serra, Cynthia Pinkard, Debra Horning and Claud Johnston and to Adrienne Danzeisen-Clor for obtaining Stonehedge North.

#### US WAPL Sectional Qualifying at College Fields

Medalist: Natalie Brehm	71	MSU
Qualifier: Aimee Neff	72	MSU
Qualifier: Christine Meier	74	Rochester Hills H.S.
Qualifier: Martina Gavier	75	Kent State, Argentina
1 <sup>st</sup> Alt: Amy Meier	76	Rochester Hills H.S.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Alt: Devon Compton	76	Rochester H.S.
Laura Murray	77	Tipp City, OH H.S.
Maddi Massa	78	MSU
Louisa Shu	81	U of M
Min Joo Lee	82	Korea
Liz Nagel	82	DeWitt H.S.
Darci Stocker	84	Flint
Jenn Cleary	86	U of M
Leah Grawburg	88	Mt. Pleasant H.S.
Lisa Houseman	90	GVSU
Lauren Gardner	94	Oakland U
Laura Kwiatkowski	94	Oakland U
Ashley Dewling	96	MSU
Shelly Weiss	DQ	Southfield

#### US WAPL Sectional Qualifying at Stonehedge North

Medalist: Ashley Smith	72	GVSU
1 <sup>st</sup> Alt: Kaitlin Mardeusz	79	Boston U
2 <sup>nd</sup> Alt: Lina Pasquali	82	Kendallville, IN
Caitlin Duval	84	Grand Rapids
Chelsea Guynes	85	Traverse City H.S.
Kris Bennett	87	Trenton

## RULES R US by Sara Wold

### Unusual Rules Situation at Moose Ridge

Our members always provide interesting topics for discussion about the rules. In the shotgun start at Moose Ridge on June 6, a group started on #2 and played through #9. Then they completed play of #1. They realized they should have gone to #10. They proceeded to #10 and played through #18. They came into the clubhouse and before they officially turned in their scorecard, they were told to go back out and play #1,

since the scores on the hole played out of order would not count. They played #1 and were each assessed a 2-stroke penalty for Rule 11-5, Playing from Wrong Teeing Ground. Decision 11-5/1 addresses that very situation. They were fortunate that they had not officially turned in their scorecard and that hole #1 was the next hole. Otherwise, they would have been Disqualified for not completing the round.

In addition, a player is responsible for knowing the stipulated round, which is one of the conditions of the competition, Decision 11-5/2.

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

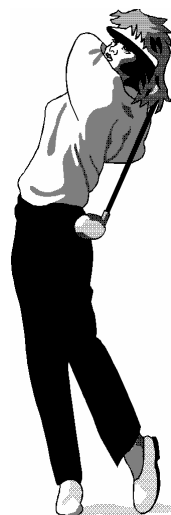
Here are the 2009 contestants and their picks as of May 18. The member whose four players total the highest combined LPGA earnings as of September 27, 2009 will receive a free MWGA membership for 2010.

	Member	Earnings	Pro Picks
1	Pat Meyers	\$1,825,856	Ochoa, Webb, Lang, Ji-Yan Shin
2	Wendy Hollman	1,444,780	Ochoa, Webb, Gustafson, Wright
3	Claud Johnston	1,420,170	Ochoa, Webb, Gustafson, Wie
4	Sue Macinkowicz	1,341,559	Ochoa, Song-Hee Kim, Hee Young Park, Mi Hyun Kim
5	Monica Oliver	1,252,254	Ochoa, Pressel, Hee Young Park, A. Miyazato
6	Shelly Weiss	1,167,278	Ochoa, Pressel, Lang, Gulbis
7	Cynthia Pinkard	1,145,056	Ochoa, Eun-Hee Ji, Lang, Fouch
8	Terry Deisler	1,077,222	Ochoa, Pressel, Lang, Mi Hyun Kim
9	Pat Shelton	958,777	Ochoa, Kung, C. Kim, Sergas
10	Judy Figa	953,291	Ochoa, Kung, C. Kim, Mi Hyun Kim
11	Sara Wold	885,784	Tseng, Pressel, Prammanadsudh, Wie
12	Shelly Manning	874,194	Creamer, Song-Hee Kim, C. Kim, Sergas
13	Sue Boman	762,933	Creamer, A. Park, Castrale, Fouch
14	Linda Morton	599,448	Creamer, Han, Gustafson, Mi Hyun Kim

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Ochoa	\$693,000	Hee Young Park	\$258,759
Tseng	406,890	Lang	232,972
Creamer	381,377	Christina Kim	103,017
		Prammanadsudh	97,889
		Castale	88,913
		Gustafson	59,559
B		D	
Webb	\$376,962	Ji-Yai Shin	\$522,922
Song-Hee Kim	328,906	Wright	315,259
Angela Park	246,321	Wie	290,649
Eun-Hee Ji	172,762	Al Miyazato	210,139
Han	97,618	Gulbis	150,950
Kung	96,380	Sergas	66,380
Pressel	90,356	Mi Hyun Kim	60,894
		Fouch	46,322



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- |                     |                        |                |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|
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| iors                | Sponsorships           | Computer       |
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To find out about getting involved, contact Lu Stockton at [Stockton@MWGolf.org](mailto:Stockton@MWGolf.org).



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<b>Student</b> (age 21 and under, in high school or college)	\$25 _____
<b>Associate</b> (organization or business)	\$60 _____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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