



# MWGA – A Driving Force in Women’s Golf!

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## It's Election Time

### Candidates for MWGA Board of Directors

By Lu Stockton

Members of the MWGA Board of Directors serve for three-year terms. Five positions are open for election to serve starting in January 2010. If you are voting by mail, please complete and mail the ballot in this *NEWSLINX* before the **November 7 deadline**. If online, again please vote before the deadline.

Three incumbents are running for re-election along with two new running mates. In addition to voting for these candidates, you may vote for a write-in candidate if you get her permission to do so in advance of completing your ballot. Otherwise, if necessary, the President may appoint someone to fill any vacancies.



#### Denise Buechel

About 3 years ago I had some extra time on my hands and joined the MWGA intending to play more golf. Little did I know my life would be so enriched with fun, fellowship and what I know will be life-long

friendships.

Within a short time I was approached to join the Board and accepted a temporary position. I remember those first few board meetings down in Pat's basement. At that time I had no idea what anyone was talking about and — fast forward — I recently ran my first tournament. Who knew running what seems like a "simple" golf tournament requires a village!

Like most things in life — the MWGA will continue to evolve and improve and I'd like to stick around and help us do just that.



#### Suzanne Madej

I have been a member of the MWGA for many years (not quite sure when I joined, maybe 1998). I am also a long-time member of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association and currently hold the

position of Handicap Chair (USGA certified).

I enjoy the MWGA immensely. I have made countless new and 'forever' friends and have had many great golfing experiences with this group. I feel that it is now time for me to give back to this organization in ways other than volunteer duties. I hope to be able to add a new perspective to our Board, helping the MWGA to continue to flourish.

Thanks for your consideration.

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

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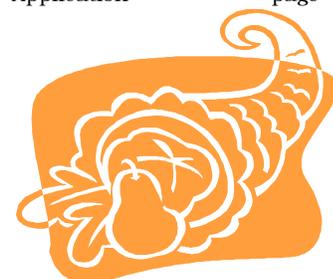
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## REMINDERS

- \* **MWGA gift certificates expire December 31** so be sure to use them before that date. How about for your 2010 membership renewal or the Match Play League entry fee? Or even better, contribute them toward the MWGA Girls Golf Program. You'll get a tax deduction while helping covering the cost of this important program.
- \* The last GAM Index posting date for "active" Michigan play is Sun., Nov. 8.



## President's Corner *By Barbara Porter*



### Calling All Volunteers

The MWGA Board is taking the term "**plan ahead**" to heart and has begun preliminary preparations for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration which will occur in July 2011. Many of you may question the timing; however, for those of you who have never tackled such a feat, the sooner the wheels are set in motion, the

better. We need all our bases covered.

Let me give you a brief overview of our thoughts. Again, we would like to host a gala two-day event at an upscale golf club beginning with a Sunday afternoon/early evening event and culminating on Monday with golf and lunch. Sunday's agenda would include several round table discussions on women's golf, networking/cocktail hour and dinner followed by a major speaker. Of course, golf will be the main pro-

gram on Monday and we're still contemplating the format, prizes and all the good stuff. So why am I telling our members all this news? **Because we need you to volunteer!**

This is a huge undertaking that your Board simply cannot accomplish without helping hands from our members and associates. Always thinking of the MWGA, while networking with LPGA affiliates at the Solheim Cup, Nancy Serra secured some organizational assistance from the LPGA. By informing others of our intentions, even strangers were ready to lend a hand because of their dedication to women's golf. What a wonderful golfing world.

So, please think about your skills and interests as we will need volunteers in the following areas:

- \* Sponsorships
- \* Budget
- \* MWGA History
- \* Program Development
- \* Decorations
- \* Design & Printing of all materials
- \* Publicity
- \* Tournament
- \* Prizes & Gifts

I'm sure there will be numerous other areas. With all the committees and sub-committees necessary, we'll be a very busy golf organization for the next couple of years. And yet, before you know it, the MWGA will be 25 years old.

Let me know if you wish to assist and what categories would best suit your abilities. Email me at [Porter@mwgolf.org](mailto:Porter@mwgolf.org) or, look for the volunteer page on our website at [www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org). Thanks for listening.

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Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course."  
Caddy: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."

Golfer: "Do you think my game is improving?"

Caddy: "Yes sir, you miss the ball much closer now."

Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?"

Caddy: "Eventually."

**2010 Board Candidates** (cont'd from page 1)



**Shirley McClain**  
I have been a golfer for 22 years. Over the years, it has been very rewarding. I have met many friends, and you will never run out of conversation when you speak of golf with all of its ups and downs.

I first joined MWGA when it was known as the Michigan Women's Publinx Golf Association. I left for a while, but always thought about coming back, and in 2007 I did rejoin. I like the tournaments, the format and the people. I went on a couple of trips in the winter and wanted to get involved. Last year I had the opportunity to join the MWGA Match Play League and that is a whole different, fun and competitive perspective for me.

MWGA is a wonderful group. You can learn a lot about golf and do a lot for golf with the organization. I know there is work to be done, and I'm willing to help in any capacity that I can. If I'm elected to the Board, I think it will be another way to give

back to the game of golf and maybe help someone along the way.



**Cynthia Pinkard**  
I joined the MWGA Board in 1994 and have been very involved in many aspects of the organization. The MWGA has always been a leader in women's golf,

started by a group of women that saw a need and had a vision. We continue to be a great organization, as we constantly change and evolve. The one challenge that faces us today is bringing in younger members who will get involved and can continue to grow and improve the MWGA. There is always more work to be done. We need to improve and develop our technology, grow our membership and stay involved with the GAM and USGA to ensure more benefits for our members. We also need to find better ways to get more involved in our community and in junior golf programs as well as continue to deliver top-notch

tournaments for our members that are both competitive and fun. If re-elected, I plan to work with and contribute to the MWGA to reach these goals.



**Lu Stockton**  
I have been a member of MWGA for over 10 years and while on the Board during the last year, I learned so much more about our great organization.

MWGA is a great way to meet new friends as well as play golf in a competitive environment that is enjoyable for all handicap levels. I really enjoy participating in our tournaments and would like to find ways to encourage more of our members to join us. I would welcome any suggestions from our members — this is your organization so please let us know what you think. With your help, MWGA will continue to move forward. I appreciate the opportunity to give back to an organization that has given me so much.

**Handicap News and Updates** *By Cynthia Pinkard*

**Finding Your Course Handicap**

When you are looking for your course handicap (CH), it is easiest to go to the Course Handicap Table published in the Michigan Links Directory or in a USGA Handicap publication. But what if you don't have one of these publications readily available, or if the tables do not contain the slope rating you are playing from? It is very easy to determine your CH without one of these tables. All you need is a calculator. Your CH is equal to your index times the course slope rating (SR), divided by 113, rounded to the nearest whole number.

CH = index x SR ÷ 113 rounded to the nearest whole number. Examples:

Your Index	Slope Rating	CH Calculation Index x SR ÷ 113	Calculation Result	Course Handicap
8.6	126	8.6 x 126 ÷ 113	9.59	10
12.2	115	12.2 x 115 ÷ 113	12.42	12
17.7	110	17.7 x 110 ÷ 113	17.23	17
22.7	122	23.1 x 122 ÷ 113	24.51	25
23.6	122	23.9 x 122 ÷ 113	25.48	25
30.0	125	30.0 x 125 ÷ 113	33.19	33



**What is the "L" on My GAM Trend Index?**

Your **Trend Index** now has an L after it. A Trend Index is only an estimate of a Handicap Index; it is not your Handicap Index. The L in the Trend Index, used to indicate a local index, makes this distinction.

An L following a GAM/USGA **Handicap Index** usually indicates an index that is above the handicap index limit (40.4 for women and 36.4 for men) or an index issued based on a temporary disability.

## Membership Snippets *By Jane Kersjes*

Well, I bid you adieu as MWGA Membership Chair. It's been a great six years. When I started in 2004, the board was handing off the Microsoft Access database on a floppy disk. You couldn't update the database unless you were in possession of the official copy. Now all board members via the Internet access our database with a nice form for data input. As well, all tournament entries are done the same way, online with forms for input. This year we initiated membership entry via PayPal. I must say its gone smoother than I expected. Our computer assistant, Matthew, and Cynthia, our webmaster, have been instrumental in technically moving our organization forward.

It's been a pleasure working with all the board members over the years. I've been a member since 1986, and we have moved so much further than just an organization that runs golf tournaments. Al-

though that is still our main focus, it's the integration in the community that makes us stand out. Both our members and board are instrumental in liaisons with GAM, USGA, the Girl's Golf Program, the Rhonda Walker Foundation, the Michigan Golf Show, etc. It's the dedication of the board that has made this organization classy. Sure we have our squabbles, but we work through them. I encourage each of you to volunteer as a board member. For my position, I'd say there are three criteria: 1) have a computer, 2) have Internet access, 3) have a desire to make the organization a little better than when you started.

I'm so happy our membership has increased this year over last, 232 vs. 206. Currently, we have:

Regular	71	(40 new)
Senior	139	(23 new)
Junior	1	(1 new)
Board	17	
Honorary	4	

## Rules R Us *By Sara Wold*

### Rules Situations at Recent Tournaments

A fellow competitor marked a player's ball on the green and set it aside. The player did not know his ball had been moved and putted from where the ball was set aside and teed off on the next hole before he learned he had putted from a wrong place. Decision 15-3b/3 states that when a ball is lifted, it is out of play; so the player played a wrong ball. However, since he did not know the ball had been lifted and put aside, he could not be penalized for playing a wrong ball. The score with the wrong ball stands and there was no penalty. If he found out before teeing off from the next tee, he would be required to place the ball on the correct spot without penalty and hole out. The outcome would have been different if he had been aware that the ball had been lifted. He would have been penalized 2 strokes and required to replace the ball on the correct spot and play out the hole.

A player marked his ball on the green, lifted the ball, and tapped

down the marker with his putter. The marker stuck to the putter. Rule 20-1 states that if a ball-marker is accidentally moved in the process of lifting or marking the ball, there is no penalty and the marker is to be replaced as nearly as possible to the correct spot.

A player hit his ball into a lateral hazard and the only option he had was to take 2 club-lengths from the margin where it crossed the hazard line. He would have to pitch out to the fairway because the drop did not get him a clear shot to the green. However, he knew he could drop on the opposite margin equidistant to the hole. From there he had a clear shot to the green and his smart action saved him a shot and it was also an easier shot to the green. Rule 26-1c.

At a shotgun start, the tournament director instructed the assembled field twice to wait for the shotgun before starting. One group got to their hole and was observed teeing off before the shotgun. They were each penalized two strokes. See the Conditions of Competition.

A player's ball was resting against

TOTAL 232

Next year's membership has started as of 9/15/09 with three new members. Feel free to sign up now for 2010. Don't forget the two membership contests:

- 1) \$50 gift certificate: Most new members by the annual meeting in May
- 2) 2011 membership: Drawing in July from those bringing in new members (the more, the better the chance)

Please welcome these new members since our last *NEWSLINX*:

Estelle Aaron	Southfield
Kacie Fedchenko	Clio
Jan Ives	Hartland
Christine Lehr	Northville
Michelle Norton	Farm. Hills
Helga Toriello	Grand Rapids
Mary Warnick	St. Clair Shs.

I hope to see you this winter at a driving range or perhaps a social event. Keep MWGA in mind and pass the word to your friends. Hit 'em straight and long!

a rake on a steep slope above a bunker. If the rake is removed, it will surely fall into the bunker. What is the procedure? The best procedure is to mark the ball, remove the rake, and if the ball moves, it may be replaced by the marker. If it does not stay on the slope, it may be placed as nearly as possible not closer to the hole where it will remain still. You do not have to mark the ball, but it is recommended because you would have to drop the ball rather than place it. Rules 24-1b and 20-3.

A player noticed the hole was damaged and fixed it without showing and consulting the other players in the group or looking for an official. Decision 16-1a/6 describes the procedure to be followed. He was penalized 2 strokes for Rule 13-2 and not following the proper procedure. In this case, an official was stationed on the hole and could have been waved over and fixed the hole. If no official had been on the hole, the player could have shown the other players the damage and, if all agreed, the hole could have been repaired before they putted out without penalty.

## EWGA National Championship

By Shelly Weiss, MWGA and EWGA



18th Hole Wannamaker Course

The Executive Women's Golf Association National Championship was held September 25-26th at the PGA Resort in Port Saint Lucie, Florida. Temperatures were in the mid-90s most of the week. By winning the local and district qualifiers, I was able to advance to the National.

## Playing at a National Level

The local qualifier was held at The Majestic at Lake Walden on July 11. There I won my flight with a 77. Originally, I played in the first flight, which included indexes from 8.1-16.0. I continued to practice through the summer and was able to get my index down to 6.6, which qualified me to enter the championship flight.

The district final was held at Maumee Bay Resort, an Ohio state park course outside of Toledo. Many chapters were included from the Michigan area (Detroit Metro, Kalamazoo/Battle Creek and Grand Rapids). MWGA member, Pam Tyler, from Grand Rapids also participated in the district semifinals. In that tournament, I finished with a winning score of 85, which qualified me to advance to the national finals for

the second consecutive year. I have been fortunate to have played in a total of six National Championships, winning the 2005 Low Net held at Crystal Mtn.

The Championship and First Flight along with the scramble teams played on the Tom Fazio Wannamaker course. This year was a difficult scenario with a combination of Bermuda grass and a wet course. There was no roll on any drives, and it was a difficult task putting on the grainy greens. I shot 84-83 and tied for sixth out of 23 players in my flight. The winning score was 71-73. It was a good experience, for which I am thankful. Still, I learned I have a lot of work to do if I want to compete at that level.



## USGA Senior Women's Amateur

By Deb Horning

My friend Cynthia said, "Let's enter the USGA Senior Women's Amateur qualifier at Detroit Golf Club." During the practice round my score was high. The day of the qualifier, I did a good job of keeping my score down, helped a lot by a chip-in birdie on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Barb Nowikowski, the local USGA rep, announced the five qualifiers and my 79 tied for third!

The 2009 championship was being held at the Cascades Course at The Homestead in Hot Springs Virginia from Sept 12-17<sup>th</sup>. After two days of stroke play, the 132-woman field would be narrowed to 64 for single elimination match play. I really had no plans of going, however, after talking to a couple of past qualifiers, they said I had to go. "They treat you like a queen." "It's an experience of a lifetime." So, a week before the event, I notified them I was coming. Since The Homestead room price of \$179 a night was more than I wanted to spend, I got online and found a nice motel just north of The Homestead for \$70 a night. Thelma, the motel manager with two

broken arms, said the office closes at 9:00pm and to check in before that.

On Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> after my golf league, I loaded my car and left on the 555-mile journey to the Allegheny Mountains, home of Sam Snead. The drive flew by as I listened to the book 'Who's Your Caddie.' At 1:00pm on Sept 10<sup>th</sup> I arrive at the Cascades Course. I figure there's just enough time for me to schedule a practice round then check into player registration by the deadline, 2:00pm. That's when I see the USGA trailer. I go in the trailer and am told by Theresa and Joan that player registration is at The Homestead, three miles further north up route US-220.

As I walk to the clubhouse I see ladies practicing, caddies helping and players everywhere. I'm told at the desk that only the Head Pro, Mark Frys, can schedule practice rounds so I track him down at the first tee. "Yes, Ms. Horning, we can get you off the 10<sup>th</sup> tee at 2:10 today and the 1<sup>st</sup> tee at 1:00 tomorrow." I tell him I still need to register at The Homestead and check into my motel when he makes a quick phone call to Theresa. She says, "Does she have on a gray shirt and black shorts?" and Mark replies "yes." "Tell Debra she can register tomorrow morning as we know she is here," Theresa says. On that note, I walk out to the

USGA trailer and ask, "Who is Theresa, who is the woman who asked if I'm the lady with gray hair and black shorts?" kidding of. Theresa whips her hat off and shows me a head of black and gray hair and says, "I never said that - after all, I know gray hair." We laughed, and I left to check into my motel and change for golf.

Each day I had to park my car at the driving range a half-mile north of the course and get shuttled. Shuttle vans were constantly running between the hotel, the course, the 10<sup>th</sup> tee and the driving range. Anyway, they shuttled me to the 10<sup>th</sup> tee and loaded my stuff onto a cart. The course was set in the mountains with each hole having either an elevated tee, elevated green or sloping fairway. The greens were fast and were bordered by bunkers surrounded by the gnarliest grass I'd ever seen.

After an uneventful 18 holes of golf, it was time to change for the players' reception and dinner at The Homestead. By the time I arrived, the cocktail reception was over and dinner had just started. They ushered me to a table where I was warmly greeted by USGA reps, Holley from New York and Billie Jean from Louisiana, to my right, and players,

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## USGA Senior Women's Amateur

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Anna and Jewell to my left. During dinner, welcoming remarks were made by many, including the 2008 defending champion Diane Lang, J.C. Snead and Theresa Belmont, the Director of the Senior Women's Amateur Championship, yes, that Theresa! Afterward, Theresa came over to our table and asked if everyone has met Debra from Michigan. Come to find out, Anna was Anna Schultz from Texas, the 2007 champion. I was also introduced to Carol Semple Thompson, who holds more amateur titles than Tiger, Phil and Jack combined.

It was late so I decided to stroll around the grounds before leaving. I ran into Don Ryder, General Chairman of The Homestead while out walking. Don explained the history of the area and that the 1<sup>st</sup> tee on the Old Course at The Homestead is the oldest tee in golf in the US still being used today — it was from the 1860s.

Player registration was an interesting process. I had to sign two flags, one used for the 18<sup>th</sup> hole of the championship and the other to be presented to the gal who shot a hole-in-one the prior day. We had to fill out media information and have our picture taken several times. Along with the player information packet, which had our groupings and starting times, I received a commemorative plate of the championship.

The next day I was to practice with a couple of gals from Illinois, Kate and Jill, who were fun. Afterwards, instead of going to the Host Committee Outdoor Welcome Party, I decided to go into Warm Springs for pizza. I sat at the counter, ordered my two pieces of pizza, and talked with a local named Larry and the owner Bill. It was such a good time I stayed for two hours and Bill said that if I won the championship he'd give me a pizza on the house!

At 2:10pm Saturday, I teed off for the 48<sup>th</sup> Senior Women's Amateur

Championship with Cheryl Grigg from Georgia and Mary Flynn from Minnesota. Their caddies wore their names on their smocks just like in the pros. We seemed to all play very similarly; however, they shot in the 70s and I had a 90. Sunday morning the three of us teed off at 9:40 and I played much better, ending up with an ESC of 83. When we went into the scorers' tent, USGA rep Billie Jean gave notice to Cheryl she would qualify and laughed when I asked where my notice was. "Debra, you'll have to try again next year."

So, I got in my car and headed home, remembering all the interesting people I had met and experiences I just had. Wow, not once in the four days had I even picked up my golf bag. Every time I passed Theresa, Don, Mark, Billie Jean, etc. they acknowledged me with an "hello Debra." Yes, we were treated like queens; after all, we were the top 132 seniors in the country!

## Your Support of the MWGA Girls Golf Program is Still Needed

While the LPGA and USGA help underwrite the Girls Golf Program, MWGA needed to raise money to supplement the program this year because a couple of significant sponsors were unable to renew their support. With the help of the following donors, for whom we are thankful, the deficit has so far been reduced to \$2,200.

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## Player of the Year/Golfer of the Year *By Denise Buechel*

All MWGA members are eligible for Player of the Year (POY) and Golfer of the Year (GOY) points by participating in our events. POY points reflect our most active and competitive players throughout the season. Members receive a minimum of 2 POY points by participating in any event sponsored by MWGA —

Tournaments, Match Play League, Rules and Skills Clinics and the Beginners League. Players who place in positions 1 through 5 in both Gross and Net in our tournaments are awarded POY points as follows:

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Points	10	9	8	7	6

Players are flighted according to their index; A = 0.0-10; B=10.1-20; C=20.1-30 and D=30.1-40. Recognition is given to the 1st through 5th place winners in each flight at the Annual Meeting.

POY and GOY updates will be published in the Nov/Dec 2009 *NEWSLINX* and on our website.

## Our Members Giving Back — Help Support Their Charities

As many of you know, 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. for the specific event

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### THANK YOU PAT MEYERS!

Do thank **Pat Meyers** the next time you see her for the many years she gave us the MWGA Pick-A-Pro Contest. For each *NEWSLINX*, Pat kept track of, tabulated and reported the LPGA earnings of contest entrants' selections. It's a fun way to generate interest in the LPGA and earns one lucky contestant an MWGA membership each year. Pat has now decided she's done her share and is ready to turn the reins over to another administrator. *Will that be you? We hope so!* Email [mwga@mwgolf.org](mailto:mwga@mwgolf.org) and a board member will let you know how you can help continue this MWGA tradition.

###

We'll all truly miss our friend and fellow golfer, "**Sam**" **Greaves**, who passed away quietly in her sleep on Sept. 4 after a year long battle with cancer.

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Our sincere condolences to **Janina Jacobs**, our Board Advisor, on the July 26th death of her father, Caston 'Buck' Parrott.

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Good luck to **Sonia Pysh-Denison** who recently transferred for GE to Richmond, VA. We'll miss her, but figure once she gets settled, her door will be open for MWGA visitors.

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We're glad **Yvette Gagnon** is mending well after her August back surgery and look forward to seeing her on the links next season.

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Wish **Carol Rudder** a speedy recovery from her knee surgery scheduled for October 27.

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### HOLE-IN-ONE!

What a way to celebrate a birthday! Congratulations **Pat Witek** on

your second Hole-in-One. It was at Dunham Hills on Sept. 12 on hole #5, the 70-yard hole with the elevated green and the overhead wires for those of you who are familiar with the course. Pat said that she and the other three women that she was playing with all hit good shots to the green. Pat used her 9 iron. When they drove up to the green there were only three balls visible so she surmised that "one must be in the hole." She looked in and yes indeed, there was a ball in the hole and IT WAS HERS! Pat, in her understated way, said that she celebrated with not one but, get this, TWO fist pumps!

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# RESULTS



Pat Witek with new champion, Cynthia Pinkard

## Match Play League *By Pat Witek*

Congratulations to **Cynthia Pinkard**, the 2009 MWGA Match Play League Champion. Her name will be the 16<sup>th</sup> engraved on the coveted MPL Trophy of Champions. She is a repeat champion, winning it all once before in 2004.

The final match was an outstanding battle at Dunham Hills on September 12<sup>th</sup> between B-flight winner Cynthia and A-flight winner **Geri Tigner**. Cynthia set the tone early on with a very sweet chip-in for *eagle* on the par 5, 4<sup>th</sup> hole. Geri had her hands full as Cynthia's putter was hot. With 7 one putts on her card, Cynthia went on to shoot an outstanding 85 for her round. The match was over on the 14<sup>th</sup> hole, 5 & 4.

Enroute to the championship match, Geri, in her first season with the league, was undefeated going into the finals. C-flight winner **Smita Bhatt** had held her in check until late into their semifinal match at Pheasant Run, but Geri prevailed. The other semifinal match pitted D-flight winner **Barb Coury** against Cynthia at Springfield Oaks. The match was close until Cynthia put it to bed on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole.

There was a special event at the Championship Finals at Dunham Hills. I gave myself an awesome birthday gift, a Hole-in-One on the par 3, 5<sup>th</sup> hole! It was my second ace, this time using a 9-

iron from about 80 yards to an elevated, blind hole.

**Monica Oliver, Barb Coury and Inez Bridges** organized and hosted the Finals Championship and Party.

The weather was perfect, the pasta buffet was delicious and there were prizes for everyone. They did an outstanding job! The league appreciates the hospitality extended by **Geri Lowman** and her staff at DHGC. *Thank you* also to the following league members who organized and hosted match play events during the season. Without their involvement, the league would not have been so successful.

- \* Lu Stockton, May 3 at St. John's
- \* Pat Shelton, May 16 at Glenhurst
- \* Pat Witek, June 14 at White Lake Oaks
- \* Barb Coury, July 5 at Salem Hills
- \* Jodie Chapa, July 12 at Tanglewood
- \* Sonia Pysh-Dennison, August 1 at Glacier Club
- \* Nancy Serra, August 16 at Indian Springs
- \* Joan Cleland, August 29 at Springfield Oaks

The Match Play League has become a very popular activity for MWGA members. There is an ambitious plan to expand the league from 28 to 36 members in 2010. Details will be released in future *NEWSLINX* issues. Don't wait; put your name on the waiting list **now**.

The final league standings can be viewed on the MWGA website ([www.mwggolf.org](http://www.mwggolf.org)). To put your name on the waiting list for the 2010 season contact me, the League Coordinator, at [witek@mwggolf.org](mailto:witek@mwggolf.org) or 248/417-1190.



Flight winners, A-Geri Tigner, Champion and B-Cynthia Pinkard, C-Smita Bhatt, and D-Barb Coury

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2009 Women's Atlas Trophy Matches		
Lyon Oaks Golf Course		
Sunday, August 9 – Monday, August 10, 2009		
Course Rating: 73.0; Slope Rating: 136; Yards: 5787; Par 72		
Sunday, Four-Ball Matches		
Public		Private
Julie Massa & Natalie Brehm	< 3 & 2	Joan Dulieu & Kelly Hartigan
Elise Swartout & Mary Vajgrt	All Square	Barb Schmid & Liz Ecker
Kim Kester & Ashley Smith	3 & 2 >	Allison Tyler & Meredith Weaver
Minjoo Lee & Sarah Johnson	< 6 & 5	Ashley Swanson & Bryce Hetchler
Christine Meier & Amy Meier	< 4 & 3	Marcy Roth & Sarah Hoffman
Sue Campbell & Jeanette Fenner	2 & 1 >	Joan Garety & Terry Delcamp
Four-Ball Matches: Public 3.5 - Private 2.5		
<b>Total: Public 3.5 - Private 2.5</b>		

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## RESULTS



**2009 Atlas Trophy Winners - Women's Public Team - Seated:** Jeannette Fenner, Amy Meier. Left to right standing: Cynthia Pinkard (captain), Minjoo Lee, Natalie Brehm, Mary Vajgrt, Sarah Johnson, Kim Kester, Julie Massa, Elise Swartout, Sue Campbell, Christine Meier, Ashley Smith

### 2009 Women's Atlas Trophy Matches

#### Monday, Foursome Matches

Public		Private
Julie Massa & Natalie Brehm	< 1 up	Joan Garety & Terry Delcamp
Elise Swartout & Mary Vajgrt	< 1 up	Marcy Roth & Sarah Hoffman
Kim Kester & Ashley Smith	< 5 & 4	Ashley Swanson & Bryce Hetchler
Minjoo Lee & Sarah Johnson	< 6 & 4	Allison Tyler & Meredith Weaver
Christine Meier & Amy Meier	< 1 up	Barb Schmid & Liz Ecker
Sue Campbell & Jeanette Fenner	3 & 2 >	Joan Dulieu & Kelly Hartigan

Foursome Matches: Public 5 - Private 1

**Total: Public 8.5 - Private 3.5**

#### Monday, Singles Matches

Public		Private
Minjoo Lee	< 4 & 2	Bryce Hetchler
Kim Kester	5 & 3 >	Kelly Hartigan
Ashley Smith	< 6 & 5	Marcy Roth
Julie Massa	< 6 & 4	Barb Schmid
Sue Campbell	1 up >	Sarah Hoffman
Natalie Brehm	< 1 up	Ashley Swanson
Sarah Johnson	2 up >	Joan Dulieu
Jeanette Fenner	4 & 3 >	Liz Ecker
Christine Meier	< 4 & 2	Joan Garety
Amy Meier	< 7 & 5	Meredith Weaver
Mary Vajgrt	2 up >	Allison Tyler
Elise Swartout	< 6 & 4	Terry Delcamp

Singles Matches: Public 7 - Private 5

**Total: Public 15.5 - Private 8.5**

**Four-Ball Match Play** - A match in which two players play their better ball against the better ball of two other players. Each player plays her own ball. The best score, per hole will be the team score. Only one player on a team is required to complete a hole. The team with the lowest score wins the hole.

**Foursomes** - A match in which two players play against two other players, and each side plays one ball. Partners must play alternately from the teeing grounds and alternately during the play of each hole. One will play first from uneven holes and the other from all the even holes. Penalty strokes do not affect the order of play.

**Singles:** A match in which one player plays against another player.

Each match is worth one point. For matches tied at the conclusion of 18 holes, each team will be awarded one-half point with a total of 24 points available. The Private Team is the defending champion.

## Women's Observer and Eccentric Open Whispering Willows, Livonia — August 22 By Janina Parrott Jacobs

This summer has not been a keeper, weather-wise, and the original August 5<sup>th</sup> date scheduled for the Women's Observer and Eccentric Open at Whispering Willows GC in Livonia, MI was no exception. Lightning and heavy rains halted play after a few holes and the event was postponed until August 22. That day dawned cloudy and overcast but some sun and cool temps prevailed for the 20 contestants entered, which was the largest field in recent history for the tournament.

13 members from MWGA participated with long-hitting Darci Stocker outpacing the field to win the championship with a sterling 74 on the 5457 yard par-72 Livonia municipal layout. Sue Macinkowicz was second with an 82 and Janina Jacobs third shooting 84 in the Championship Flight Gross Division. Low Gross in the First Flight was captured by Shellee Andrews, who shot 87. Shellee is a regular league player at the course but does not belong to MWGA.

Overall Low Net was won by Barb Coury and Peggy Stevens who shared honors with a net 69. Michelle Sroka was runner-up, with a net 72.

Host professional Paul Worley has cooperated fully in scheduling this event around MWGA golf events and will continue to do so next year. Put this tournament on your schedule so we can support courses and staff professionals who support the MWGA. A new clubhouse at Whispering Willows is scheduled to begin construction immediately following the Detroit News/GAM Hole-In-One contest, which was held on August 31, so there should be additional incentive to come and check it out.

# RESULTS

## 3-Woman Best Ball "Cha, Cha, Cha" July 11, Timber Trace, Pinckney

Flt 1			Flt 2			Closest to the Flagstick			
	Gross	Net		Gross	Net	Hole - yds	Flt	Name	Distance
1LG Sue Macinkowicz	<b>152</b>	134	1LG Jane Kersjes	<b>178</b>	123	# 3 - 127	A	Kathryn McIntyre	7' 4.5"
Betty Vandeputte			Faye Bessette				B	Shirley McClain	14' 2"
Lori Rogers			Pat Shelton				A	Sue Macinkowicz	7' 4"
1LN Sue Madej	168	<b>129</b>	1LN Liz Schneider	188	<b>137</b>	# 7 - 128	B	Sue Cherry	15' 11"
Terry MacPherson			Carol Durkin				A	Mary Ann Montre	5' 2"
Sue Cherry			Mary Beth Oliver			# 17 - 98	B	Denise Buechel	30' 6.5"
2LG Jeannette Fenner	<b>156</b>	136	2LG Diane Blum	<b>184</b>	138				
Deb Horning			Francine Pegues						
Sonia Pysh-Denison			Shirley McClain						
2LN Cindy Hill	161	<b>131</b>	2LN Jennifer Montre	185	<b>137</b>	#1 Terry MacPherson	#13 Nancy Serra		
Ruth Wilson			Mary Ann Montre			#4 Kathryn McIntyre	#15 Ruth Wilson		
Angie Cook			Pat Burdziak			#3, Deb Horning	#16 Sue Madej		
						#11	#17 Faye Bessette		

Complete results can be viewed at [www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org).



Flight 1 winners: front, l-r: Cindy Hill, Sue Madej, Terry MacPherson, Betty Vandeputte; back, l-r: Deb Horning, Jen Fenner, Ruth Wilson, Angie Cook, Sue Cherry, Sue Macinkowicz, Lori Rogers, Sonia Pysh-Denison



Flight 2 winners, l-r: Mary Beth Oliver, Carol Durkin, Liz Schneider, Jennifer Montre, Jane Kersjes, Mary Ann Montre, Pat Burdziak, Faye Bessette, Pat Shelton, Diane Blum, Francine Pegues, Shirley McClain

## Results — Women's O&E Open — Saturday, August 22 Whispering Willows GC, Livonia

First Flight	Gross	Net	Place	Champion Flight	Gross	Net	Place
Shellee Andrews	87	63	1LG	<b>Darci Stocker</b>	74	70	1LG
Peggy Stevens	95	69	1LN	<b>Sue Macinkowicz</b>	82	73	
<b>Barb Coury</b>	96	69	1LN	Janina Jacobs	84	80	
<b>Kathy Brennan</b>	98	73		<b>Sonia Pysh-Denison</b>	88	75	
<b>Pat Cheal</b>	99	75		<b>Michelle Sroka</b>	90	72	2LN
<b>Denise Buechel</b>	103	76		<b>Pat Witek</b>	95	77	
<b>Monica Oliver</b>	104	77		Luanne Smulsky	WD		
<b>Joan Cleland</b>	104	78					
<b>Lu Stockton</b>	104	80					
Elaine Crawford	109	87					
Meghan Davis	111	77					
<b>Pat Shelton</b>	114	81					
Linda Cox	124	92					

Net prizes paid overall; gross by flight.

### MWGA members

Champion, Darci Stocker, receives her trophy from golf pro, Paul Worley



## BECOME A VOLUNTEER

MWGA runs on the allegiance of its volunteers. We are always looking for new volunteers, ways to improve and fresh ideas. To find out about getting involved, contact Lu Stockton at [Stockton@MWGolf.org](mailto:Stockton@MWGolf.org).

*Much thanks to Jane Kersjes and Pam Kurtz, current board members not running for reelection. We'll miss them at the monthly meetings, but know we'll see them on the links and hope they'll continue to benefit the MWGA through committee and tournament participation.*

# RESULTS

## Terry Delcamp Wins MWGA Championship

July 25-26, College Fields GC, Okemos

By Sara Wold

Terry Delcamp had very fine scores of 75 and 78 for a total of 153 to win the 2009 MWGA 2-Day State Championship held at College Fields in Okemos Sat. and Sun., July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Mary Vajgrt was runner-up with a 155. Joan Garety was the Senior Champion and Jean Murray was Super Senior Champion. The Women's Western Low Net Award went to Angie Cook and Pat Shelton, who tied for the prize at 136. We had the strongest field ever with half the

field with handicap indexes below 14.5. College Fields was in great shape and was a good test for our players. We were delighted to see deer, red tail hawks and turkeys on the course. Despite horrible weather forecasts, 48 players teed off at 9 AM both days to clear, warm, sunny skies with only a few brief sprinkles.

Many thanks to the wonderful staff at College Fields – Carey Mitchelson, GM, Chris Hallead, Head Pro, and Greg Bishop, the Superin-

tendent. Thanks to Martha MacIntosh and Pam Kurtz for officiating and monitoring play. Everyone finished well within the allotted time both days. The Tournament Committee of Cynthia Pinkard, Deb Horning, Nancy Serra, Pat Shelton, Denise Buechel, Barb Coury and Monica Oliver did a fantastic job. Many thanks to the volunteers Terry MacPherson, Sue Macinkowicz, Lisa Bishop, Lu Stockton, Sue Madej, Angie Cook and Sonia Pysh-Denison.



Sara Wold with Terry Delcamp, 2009 MWGA Champion



Sara with Joan Garety, MWGA Senior Champion

### RESULTS

(All scores are listed on the MWGA website.)

<b>Flight 1</b>	1LG Terry Delcamp	153
	1LN Joan Garety	150
	2LG Mary Vajgrt	155
	2LN Shelly Weiss	150

<b>Flight 2</b>	1LG Jeannette Fenner	164
	1LN Kris Bennett	149
	2LG Deb Horning	172
	2LN Sonia Pysh-Denison	151

<b>Flight 3</b>	1LG Angie Cook	174
	1LN Sandra DiPaola	137
	2LG Carol Rudder	176
	2LN Francine Pegues	142

<b>Flight 4</b>	1LG Joan Cleland	189
	1LN Pat Shelton	136
	2LG Lu Stockton	191
	2LN Gail O'Brien	140



Flight 1 winners: Mary Vajgrt, Terry Delcamp, Joan Garety, Shelly Weiss



Flight 2 winners: Deb Horning, Sonia Pysh-Denison, Jeannette Fenner, Kris Bennett



Flight 3 winners: Francine Pegues, Angie Cook, Sandy DiPaola, Carol Rudder

Closest To Flagstick				
Day	Hole	Flt	Name	Distance
Sat	3	A	Terry Delcamp	7'
Sun	3	A	Judy Lazzaro	13' 5"
Sat	3	B	No winner	
Sun	3	B	Michelle Sroka	8' 8"
Sat	5	A	Jen McDonnell	14' 10.5"
Sun	5	A	Mary Vajgrt	14' 5"
Sat	5	B	Yvette Gagnon	16' 10"
Sun	5	B	Sue Merrick	20' 4"
Sat	15	A	Lisa Bishop	7' 1"
Sun	15	A	Terry Delcamp	11' 1"
Sat	15	B	Nancy Serra	8' 1"
Sun	15	B	Lu Stockton	14' 3"



Sara with Jean Murray, MWGA Super Senior Champion



Flight 4 winners: Lu Stockton, Joan Cleland, Pat Shelton, Gail O'Brien

## RESULTS

### Northville Hills August 18 Stroke Play *By Barbara Porter*

The Arnold Palmer designed Northville Hills proved to be a challenge in more ways than just the golf. The course has matured since last played by MWGA and the wetlands have gotten, well, wetter and have spread up and out! Trees and bushes, that were once not an issue, have managed to flourish so that the shot, once familiar, now needs to be reanalyzed. Ah, the trials and tribulations of golf ... still, better than working!

For a Tuesday, we had a great turnout with 55 players, and the MWGA thanks all for their continuing support of our events. Results as follows:

Place	Name	Gross	Net
<b>Flt 1</b>			
1LG	Debra Horning	<b>77</b>	68
1LN	Sonia Pysh-Denison	82	<b>69</b>
2LG	Darci Stocker	<b>82</b>	78
2LN	Lori Rogers	84	<b>70</b>
<b>Flt 2</b>			
1LG	Angie Cook	<b>91</b>	72
1LN	Theresa Snyder	93	<b>70</b>
2LG	Robyn Calardo	<b>92</b>	72
2LN	Mary Ann Montre	95	<b>72</b>
<b>Flt 3</b>			
1LG	Lu Stockton	<b>93</b>	68
1LN	Nancy Serra	97	<b>70</b>
2LG	Cathy Mezo	<b>99</b>	75
2LN	Barb Coury	101	<b>74</b>

#### Closest-to-the-Flagstick Contest Winners:

Name	Flt	Distance	Hole #
Robyn Calardo	A	11' 0"	2
Mary Kirchinski	B	1' 10"	2
Ina Afutiti	A	6' 8"	8
Theresa Snyder	B	20' 9"	8
Sue Madej	A	3' 1"	17
Mary Ann Montre	B	by draw	17

There were a total of four **Chip-ins**: Lu Stockton hole #7 & hole #18; Ina Afutiti hole #15 and Ruth Wilson hole #5 — great pay-outs.

Flight 1 had a total of four skins worth \$15 each with Deb Horning, Sonia Pysh-Denison, Sue Madej and Lori Rogers awarded one skin. Flight 2 had a total of four skins worth \$18 each with Carol Rudder, Michelle Sroka, Sandra DiPaola and Diane Blum awarded one skin. Flight 3 had a total of seven skins worth \$10 each with Kathy Brennan, Barb Coury and Carrol Sanchez awarded one skin each and Lu Stockton and Nancy Serra awarded two skins each.

Thanks for the input on the course surveys. Basically, everyone enjoyed the format; thought the course was well suited for the event; however, here comes the other challenge mentioned in my first paragraph. MWGA has contracted with Northville Hills for the last three years. Due to ongoing differences between the management and MWGA, we will not be contracting with Northville Hills in the near future.

I leave you with this quote, "There are two things you can learn by stopping your back swing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have and which one is wearing the glove."

Have a great winter, and I hope you had fun this season playing with your MWGA.



Flight winners - Front row l to r: Lu Stockton, Barb Coury, Kathy Mezo, Sonia Pysh-Denison  
Back row l to r: Angie Cook, Robyn Calardo, Nancy Serra, Mary Ann Montre, Deb Horning, Theresa Snyder

## Members & Friends

### HOLE-IN-ONE!

Well, after 35 years of golfing that proverbial monkey has now been lifted off my back," said **Deb Horning**. It was Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at Heather Highlands with the "Women's Metropolitan Association. Nan Lietz and I were playing as a twosome when we reached our last hole, the 106-yard par three 17<sup>th</sup>. After teeing off, Nan was at

the cart putting her 'stuff' away. I hit my 9 iron, watched it hit the green and roll into the cup, or did it? "I think it went in the hole," I announced. "Yeah right," she replied, so I got in the cart. When we got to the green I could not see my ball. Nan asked if I was going to get out of the cart. "I don't need to," I replied, "Yeah right!" After she chipped and noticed I was still in the cart, Nan walked over to the hole and there was my ball — a hole-in-one. "Why didn't

you scream and jump up and down," she asked. "Well, I tried to tell you but you didn't believe me!"

I turned in the scorecard and did not say a word. Nancy Coyne, who was on score checking duty, came running out after me. "Deb, did you get a one on 17 — you didn't say anything?" That was it, my first ace. Nan must have felt guilty or something because a congratulatory card arrived in the mail the next day.

# RESULTS

## 2-Woman Best Ball, Pontiac CC, Sept. 5 *By Denise Buechel*

56 women enjoyed a round of challenging golf at Pontiac Country Club. The weather was PERFECT and the hospitality at the "Club" was outstanding. The Pace of Play improved and from what I saw, the food was enjoyed by all!

A special congrats to Lu Stockton and Linda Bermingham for placing in the 1st Flight. Good golfing my 2nd flight friends! Also, a big hug and thank-you to my "Bestest" friend, Bunny, for keeping me on track throughout the day.

The winners were:

FLT 1		Gross	Net
1LG	Darci Stocker and Theresa Farah	73	68
1LN	Lu Stockton and Linda Bermingham	84	60
2LG	Debra Horning and Sonia Pysh-Denison	75	64
2LN	Lori Rogers and Kathy Brennan	82	63

FLT 2		Gross	Net
1LG	Barbara Coury and Joan Cleland	90	63
1LN	Sandy Weber and Barbara Rupas	93	66
2LG	Judy Petrere and Frances McGivern	93	68
2LN	Susan Merrick and Candace Winn	94	66

### Closest to the Flag:

# 2	132 yds	A	Michelle Sroka	6' 9.5"	B	Paula Serra	23' 2"
# 8	110 yds	A	Karola McQuade	11' 6.5"	B	Monica Oliver	27' 3"
#17	135 yds	A	Sonia Pysh-Denison	8' 18"	B	Barb Rupas	14' 4"

Flight 2, 1LG: Joan Cleland & Barb Coury



Flight 1, 2LG: Sonia Pysh-Denison & Deb Horning; 1LG: Darci Stocker & Theresa Farah



Flight 1, 2LN: Lori Rogers & Kathy Brennan; 1LN: Lu Stockton & Linda Bermingham



Flight 2, 2LN: Candace Winn & Sue Merrick; 2LG: Barb Rupas & Sandy Weber

Whenever you think you want anything, the idea of having it in your imagination first is what really feels good. You are not waiting for the next great golf shot (the proof) in order to feel good, you are creating and attracting the great golf shot because you felt good first.

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## Members & Friends

**CONGRATULATIONS** to these recent tournament winners!

**GAM 2-Person Net Team**, Sept. 9 @ Edgewood CC — **Deb Horning & Sonia Pysh-Denison**, Women's Champions (center) with runner-ups, **Nancy Serra & Robyn Calardo**:



Sept. 13-14 @ Oak Pointe CC, **GAM Michigan Net Amateur Sr.** Women's Div. Champion, **Liz Houston**, accepts her trophy from GAM official, Ken Gaines.

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Aug. 10 Kensington Metropark Women's Championship: 1LG, **Sue Macinkowicz**; Senior Div.: 1LG, Delores Hartwick, 3LG, **Barb Coury**,

1LN, **Pat Shelton**, 3LN, **Sue Madej**; Longest Drive, **Denise Buechel**.

###

Sept. 4 Dearborn Hills CC Ladies Golf Day Scrambles Champions: **Pat Witek, Carol Rudder, Sonia Pysh-Denison & Pat Shelton**:



## RESULTS

### Mystic Creek "Eraser" Tournament Completed the 2009 Season

By Inez M. Bridges & Nancy Serra

Well, folks, we've wrapped up the 2009 MWGA golfing season. Those of us who participated in the MWGA "2-Person/2-Day Eraser" tournament the weekend of September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Mystic Creek Golf & Banquet Center in Milford were witnesses to the marvels of the changeover from summer to fall. Contrary to what it could have been this iffy time of the year, the weather was wonderful, the course was in great condition, and the golfers all seemed to be on top of their games as they vied for the top positions of the event and flights.

The field boasted 42 of the finest players of the game from the ranks of MWGA members, spouses, friends and family. There were teams of two for both mixed and women's divisions in this stroke play event. Prizes were awarded for both gross and net winners, paying two places in the mixed division and three in the women's division. The side games were the usual, including Closest-to-the Flag, Chip-ins and Skins by flight. The 50-50-donation pot reached a whopping \$300+, due to the diligent selling skills of Michelle Sroka. She sold tickets to anything that moved that day. Thanks, MS, for your hard work.

Congratulations are in order for those who rose to the top of their golf games for the two days. Remember that each player had the chance to "erase" his or her worst score for each hole for the two days. The lowest score per team member was used to calculate the team score on the second day. So, if you had a bonkers hole on Saturday, you could make up for it on Sunday. The proverbial "do-over" was real at this tournament and erasers were king that weekend! The three top teams for the women, and the two top teams for the Mixed Division were:

#### Women's Division:

1LG: Deb Horning/Lori Rogers (143)  
 1LN: Kathy Brennan/Cynthia Pinkard (124)  
 2LG: Judy Lazzaro/Cindy Obermeyer (146)  
 2LN: Faye Bessette/Pat Shelton (130)  
 3LG: Cindy Hill/Ruth Wilson (164)  
 3LN: Sue Merrick/Michelle Sroka (131)



Women's gross place winners: Cindy Hill & Ruth Wilson, Cindy Obermeyer & Judy Lazzaro, Lori Rogers & Deb Horning



Women's net place winners: Kathy Brennan & Cynthia Pinkard, Pat Shelton & Faye Bessette, Michelle Sroka & Sue Merrick

#### Mixed Division:

1LG: Darci Stocker/Russ Cassidy (139)  
 1LN: Karen Popchock/Geno Kronkowski (133)  
 2LG: Betty Vandeputte/David Vandeputte (150)  
 2LN: Carol Rudder/Craig Rudder (134)

Following the competition play on Sunday, golfers dined on a delicious spread of salad, pasta, chicken breast, roast beef and veggies provided by the Mystic Creek banquet staff, while tournament staffers finalized the outcome of the event. Needless to repeat, everyone had a great two days of golf and fellowship with each other. Responses to the MWGA Tournament Survey were overwhelmingly favorable regarding the course conditions and markings, the marshals and staff, the eraser format, the value and the clubhouse and food.

On behalf of the MWGA board and members, we'd like to thank Mark Stevenson, Mystic Creek's GM/PGA Professional, and his attentive course and clubhouse staffers for the service provided the MWGA in setting up the weekend play and for handling any last minute crises encountered. (And believe me, there were a couple of them.)

As tournament chairs for this event, Nancy Serra and I, would like to sing praises for the many volunteers who worked tirelessly for this tournament. There were the usual suspects and board members **Denise Buechel, Barb Coury, Deb Horning, Monica Oliver, Cynthia Pinkard, Pat Shelton and Lu Stockton**. Their pre-tournament tasks are grueling, but on game day, all is flawless. Other MWGA members who stepped up to offer their assistance for the weekend were **Kathy Brennan, Angie and Richard Cook, Judy Lazzaro, Cindy Obermeyer, Karen Popchock and Geno Kronkowski, Lori Rogers, Michelle Sroka, Pam Staub and Darci Stocker**. We laud the time and effort our members extend in helping to run these events and look forward to many more people volunteering in the future. Finally, we'd like to extend thanks to the entire field of golfers. Without you, there couldn't have been a tournament. We appreciate your participation and loyalty to the MWGA and hope it continues in the coming seasons.

Nancy Serra presented the Championship trophy to the low gross scoring (139) team of Darci Stocker & Russ Cassidy



Mixed team winners: Carol & Craig Rudder, Betty & David Vandeputte, Darci Stocker & Russ Cassidy, Karen Popchock & Geno Kronkowski

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## MWGA Election for the 2010 Board of Directors

You may vote for up to FIVE candidates.

**Ballots must be received on or before November 7, 2009.**

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|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Denise Buechel  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sue Madej   | <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley McClain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Pinkard | <input type="checkbox"/> Lu Stockton |  |

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*Write-in candidate must be an MWGA member. Write-in permission is necessary.*

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

Here are the final results of the 2009 contest. Congratulations to all, especially the first place winner, Pat Meyers, who will receive a free MWGA membership for 2010.

	Member	Earnings	Pro Picks
1	Pat Meyers	\$3,959,970	Ochoa, Webb, Lang, Ji-Yan Shin
2	Monica Oliver	3,493,058	Ochoa, Pressel, Hee Young Park, A. Miyazato
3	Wendy Hollman	3,338,853	Ochoa, Webb, Gustafson, Wright
4	Claud Johnston	3,241,183	Ochoa, Webb, Gustafson, Wie
5	Sue Macinkowicz	2,439,249	Ochoa, Song-Hee Kim, Hee Young Park, Mi Hyun Kim
6	Cynthia Pinkard	2,419,636	Ochoa, Eun-Hee Ji, Lang, Fouch
7	Sara Wold	2,337,424	Tseng, Pressel, Prammanadsudh, Wie
8	Shelly Manning	2,279,192	Creamer, Song-Hee Kim, C. Kim, Sergas
9	Shelly Weiss	2,277,824	Ochoa, Pressel, Lang, Gulbis
10	Linda Morton	2,195,503	Creamer, Han, Gustafson, Mi Hyun Kim
11	Terry Deisler	2,042,779	Ochoa, Pressel, Lang, Mi Hyun Kim
12	Pat Shelton	1,984,700	Ochoa, Kung, C. Kim, Sergas
13	Judy Figa	1,926,362	Ochoa, Kung, C. Kim, Mi Hyun Kim
14	Sue Boman	1,600,143	Creamer, A. Park, Castrale, Fouch

A		C	
Creamer	\$1,018,201	Gustafson	\$690,401
Ochoa	1,014,225	Hee Young Park	487,900
Tseng	995,473	Lang	400,599
		Christina Kim	323,867
		Castale	241,885
		Prammanadsudh	205,431
B		D	
Webb	\$939,360	Ji-Yai Shin	\$1,605,786
Eun-Hee Ji	911,076	Al Miyazato	1,451,610
Song-Hee Kim	848,492	Wright	694,867
Pressel	539,323	Wie	597,197
Kung	499,638	Gulbis	323,677
Han	398,269	Sergas	146,970
Angela Park	246,321	Fouch	93,736
		Mi Hyun Kim	88,632



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Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Profession: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check one:  New Member  Renewal (was '09 member)  Previous Member (not in '09)

New members, who/what helped you decide to join MWGA?: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES</u> (09/15/09–12/31/10)	<u>Cost (check one)</u>
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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### Member Options:

**Donation\*** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsored Male** (for GAM Hdcp. Service): \$22 \_\_\_\_\_

A member may sponsor a male (spouse or friend) to obtain his USGA Index through the MWGA.

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

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **MWGA** and mail to:  
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 Yes, I play on a league (course, league name, day, time, contact): \_\_\_\_\_

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