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MWGA Winter Trip — Still time to sign up!

By Nancy Serra

It looks like the trip will take place even though we have just a few people that have booked so far. I have been communicating with a gentleman at the Embassy Suites Hotel. He has agreed to give us the discount price for a minimum of five rooms. Of course, the more the merrier, so if you need more time to be able to commit, I think we can still add people as late as the first of January. There are still decent plane fares available, but there’s no telling for how long.

Those who are going so far are: Monica Oliver, Denise Buechel, Linda Wright, Barb Koerner, Sue Merrick, Michelle Sroka, Bill Wright and me, Nancy Serra. We have a member waiting in the wings for another single to sign up so pass around the word, there’s definitely a space for at least one more single.

Originally, I had booked the courses in this order:

Thursday 2/25 at 3pm — one of the Plantation Courses on day of arrival for \$45. I realize now that this was a bit ambitious since arrival times don’t allow enough time to get there for that tee time let alone check in at the hotel (2 miles up the road). However, upon rethinking it I realized that there may be some people



arriving a day or more early, so for now it stands. I still have some details to work out with the contact and not paying if we don’t play will be one of them. Also P.R. is on a different time zone than us. Their time is an hour later compared to ours so there might also be more daylight than I had originally

thought.

Friday 2/26 at 11am — Dorado del Mar Course (where we are staying) and a Chi-Chi Rodriguez designed course for \$87 (this price could be \$52 if they consider Friday a weekday).

Saturday 2/27 at 1:00pm — one of the Plantation Courses for \$73.

Sunday 2/28 at 11:00am — Dorado del Mar Course for \$87 or if we want to play at 3:00pm price would be \$52. We’ll know more after we’re there and see what light we have and for how long.

Please keep me informed of your flight plans both arriving in P.R. and departing from P.R. After I have everyone’s schedule, I will inform you as to what we need to do for transportation arrangements.

Everything I’ve heard about this course and the San Juan area has been very positive. Therefore, I am looking forward to a great trip, warm – sun – beautiful courses – warm – sun

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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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- ◆ *Still have some 2009 MWGA Gift Certificates? One great use would be to donate them to MWGA! As a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization, all donations to your golf association are tax deductible.*
- ◆ *Check out the great course variety being offered in the 2010 season! The preliminary tournament schedule is on page 8.*
- ◆ *Renew your MWGA membership to reactivate your GAM membership and handicap records.*
- ◆ *If you’ve enjoyed participating in the Pick-A-Pro Contest and want to see it continue, (may set up as Fantasy Golf) call or email me: 248-471-9030 or plshelton@yahoo.com.*



President's Corner *By Barbara Porter*



Changing of the Guard

I wish to thank all members for participating in the recent vote for MWGA Board members. And, all please welcome Shirley McClain and Suzanne (Sue) Madej as the newest members to serve the MWGA. Incumbents Denise Buechel, Cynthia Pinkard and Lu Stockton will continue to serve on your Board. It is truly awesome having so many wonderful, enthusiastic women giving so much to this game of golf through the MWGA.

Being a volunteer Board member is no easy task. There is a tremendous amount of time and energy that goes into each and every position on the Board: In 2009, Pat Shelton edited our *NEWSLINX* publication; Francine Pegues coordinated our LPGA/USGA Girl's Golf Program; Jane Kersjes handled all the

Membership issues; Deb Horning was responsible for all MWGA records; Monica Oliver controlled the money; Nancy Serra organized all the tournaments as well as served as an ombudsman between our IT agent and the MWGA; Barb Coury managed the gift certificates and initiates promotions; Cynthia Pinkard oversaw all the handicaps and administered our website; Lu Stockton served as our representative for GAM and procures future Board members; LPGA Professional Pam Kurtz counseled the Board; Sara Wold epitomizes women's golf and governed over the rules; Linda Neff directed the Skills Clinic, Rules Clinic and Beginner's Golf League; Denise Buechel mediated between all the Board positions to ensure harmony and Inez Bridges pursued MWGA partners through a marvelous Sponsorship program. And, this represents only primary responsibilities! There are numerous committees and subcommittees in

which to become involved. I'm exhausted just thinking about all the minutiae! Oh, I forgot me. I think President is a piece of cake. All I needed to do was preside over all this and keep it going.

So, as another year passes for the MWGA, I wish to thank my fellow Board members for a job well done. I am excited about working with Shirley and Sue and know they will be true assets for the Board. On a sad note, Jane Kersjes and Pam Kurtz have decided to "retire" from the Board and they shall be missed. Their dedication to the MWGA has been exemplary.

Board positions for 2010 will have been decided by the time this newsletter is published. Incumbents may keep their current positions or move to another area of responsibility. You will find the 2010 MWGA Board of Directors listed on [page 7](#).

I must give "kudos" to all MWGA members for their participation in 2009. Without your support, we cannot exist. Happy Holidays to all and talk to you next year!

Player of the Year and 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: 1st place 10 points, 2nd 9, 3rd 8, 4th 7 and 5th 6 points.

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.

Although not final numbers, the following members were high point earners for most of the 2009 season:

Debra Horning	91
Sonia Pysh-Denison	90
Cindy Hill	84
Michelle Sroka	75
Lu Stockton	75
Ruth Wilson	74
Sue Madej	73
Lori Rogers	73
Carol Rudder	72
Betty Vandeputte	72
Barbara Coury	71
Denise Buechel	68
Sue Merrick	66
Kathy Brennan	64
Terry MacPherson	63
Nancy Serra	62
Sue Macinkowicz	62
Kris Bennett	62
Gail O'Brien	61
Karen Stecher	58
Joan Cleland	57
Yvette Gagnon	56
Shirley McClain	54
Robyn Calardo	51
Monica Oliver	51

Final 2009 Player of the Year points and winners as well as Golfer of the Year will be announced at the Annual Meeting on May 8, 2010 at Dunham Hills GC. Hope to see many of you there!

Flop it by using the toe.

When you need to get the ball up quickly near the green and have it stop quickly, try hitting the ball on the toe. Use your most lofted wedge and open the face. Line up so that you contact the ball near the toe of the club face. Swing aggressively and the ball will shoot up and land softly.

For a downhill lie, you must have one thought.

When you have a downhill lie, your key thought must be to hit the ball first before hitting any turf. Hitting the ball fat is the most common error on a downhill lie. Play the ball back in your stance and pick the club up on your backswing so you come into the ball cleanly from this lie.

Bill Kroen's Golf Tip-A-Day

The Positive Golfer *By Janina Parrott Jacobs*

There are times when golf is not going to be in the 'fore' front of your life. I never thought I'd ever write those words, but these last few years have shown that sometimes you must simply step back and deal with issues life throws at you. As you get older, deaths, illnesses, other family problems, and the fierce economic times all contribute to a lack of time available to play golf. When one is dealing with such baggage, the biggest obstacle toward playing golf is that the brain is cluttered with way too much and cannot possibly focus on the task at hand. So, even if you DO play, you wonder why you can't concentrate, can't make that easy wedge shot you have always counted on, make the consistent putting strokes you are known for, or practice superb course management which keeps you out of trouble..... normally. And then worst of all, you are not enjoying yourself.

As many of you know, my dear father Buck passed away at age 93 on July 29 after about 4 years of dementia and other problems. Dad taught me the game in 1964 and it was our special time together when we'd go out and get in 18 holes, even

when he was in his mid-80s (and so were his scores!!). We had to delay his burial due to some extraordinary problems with the cemetery; not only could Dad not be buried in the plot reserved for him next to Mom, but I'd also have to disinter and move her as well. In the end, everything turned out OK when coincidentally I was asked if we would allow a TV crew to film Dad's second funeral for a TV documentary honoring WWII veterans. Mom's disinterment and his burial with military honors took place the day after the Detroit News/GAM Hole-in-One Contest, which was Dad's favorite event.

As two-time defending Women's Champion, I had committed to compete in the contest and believed I could overcome all of the mental roadblocks. Not this time. Even the Positive Golfer has her dark moments!!! I hit four of the worst shots ever (extra shots were available for a donation to Folds of Honor Foundation). Yes, they were THAT bad. I wanted to slink away but a News reporter grabbed me and asked about the recent events with my dad. Imagine my surprise when I saw myself in the headlines for the Contest

story the next day. It featured my dad's death and how the Hole-in-One Contest had always been a 'must-do' for him, and I was continuing the tradition. I felt such comfort reading the article and knew that my failure on the par-3 tee at Whispering Willows was not the real story: Honoring the life of a man who made it possible for me to hold the club was. Sometimes, failure IS an option.

If you find sometimes your head just will not be in the game no matter what you do, you can't take it personally or consider yourself a failure because of very bad results on the course on a particular day. You must simply try to move on and forget about it. And, if anyone reminds you of how badly you did, you can invoke the Bible verse, "Let them who have no sin (failures) cast the first stone" — works every time.

Editor's Note: You can watch Keith Famie's documentary featuring Janina's father's burial on Wednesday, December 16 at 8pm and on Christmas Day at 2pm on WDIV/Channel 4. The film, "Detroit: Our Greatest Generation," will also premier at the Fox Theater on December 13 at 7pm. Go to www.detroitgreatestgeneration.com for more information.

Match Play League *By Pat Witek*

Bigger and better and back for the 2010 season — the Match Play League. You've heard all about it: the matches, the camaraderie, the after golf socialization. Want to be a part of this very popular MWGA venue? **There will be openings in 2010.** Don't hesitate to contact me, the league coordinator, if you have questions or want to get on the waiting list.

The league is expanding from 28

MWGA Winter Trip

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I have to apologize to all for not getting the original information on this trip out sooner. I spent a lot of time checking courses, hotels and prices in Biloxi, MS only to find out that it wouldn't work. Then, as some of you know, I lost my father in October resulting in the loss of the whole month. So, I fell behind, as I had

to 36 members. There will be six flights and a new playoff system. The 1st place finishers from each flight and two wildcard players will go on to compete in quarterfinal matches. Winners will advance to semifinal matches and ultimately two will battle for the title of League Champion.

The league bids a fond farewell to long time member **Sonia Pysh-Denison**. We wish her much success in her career move to Virginia. On a

targeted the beginning of October as the time to put out the word on the Winter Trip.

Many thanks to those of you who bestowed on Bill and I condolences, donations, prayers and love on the passing of my father. I have to confess that I never dreamed that you, the friends I've made through the MWGA, and the support you've given me, would be the stabilizing

personal note, I will truly miss my faithful partner at the 2-person events, but her burden has been lifted since she doesn't have to carry me anymore.

Visit the MWGA website www.mwggolf.org for up-to-date league information. The entry fee will be \$50. Feel free to contact me at pgolfw@aol.com or 248/417-1190.

factor to keep me afloat at this trying time of my life.

Most of you don't know that Bill was hospitalized the second week in November and underwent a serious gallbladder surgery. After three days in the hospital, he is recuperating, milking it and is doing well. Again, you were there. How can I ever thank you? You're the BEST!!

The LPGA Legends Tour Championship *By Sara Wold*

The First LPGA Legends Tour Championship was held November 20th – 22nd at the Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club in Tarpon Springs, Florida about 15 minutes from where I live. I signed up to play in the Pro-AM. There was a nice reception by the pool on Thursday evening. I warmed up at the range and then had breakfast in the clubhouse with Michelle Estill, who was a two-time Champion of the WAPL, and Anne Marie Palli from France. I met my teammates Nancy Scranton and Kitty Young Robyn and two other amateurs, a gentleman who was a rules official for the Florida Golf Association and a lady from a local country club. Nancy and Kitty were very nice and really fine golfers and we had a wonderful time. We were one shot out of the money for Low Net and two shots out for Low Gross.

The dinner was very nice and the entertainment was surprising. Jane Blalock, CEO of the Legends Tour, welcomed us and thanked the two major sponsors, Sheila Johnson and

Dr. Haruhisa “Harry” Handa. Sheila Johnson is a founding partner of BET and the only African American woman who has ownership in three professional sports teams. She recently purchased the resort and spent a large sum of money updating and improving it. She is a great supporter of women’s golf. Dr. Handa is an entrepreneur and, among other talents, is an accomplished opera singer. Can you imagine a Japanese opera singer performing Danny Boy, Mona Lisa and O Sole Mio! Jane Seymour, from Dr. Quinn, Medicine Man and Dancing with the Stars, was the main speaker.

There were five Hall of Fame players participating in the Championship: JoAnne Carner, Pat Bradley, Sandra Haynie, Betsy King and Patty Sheehan. They can still play! Other well-known players were Jan Stephenson, Hollis Stacy, Rosie Jones, Sally Little, Betsy King and Sherri Steinhauer. Those with Michigan connections were Cindy Figg-Currier, Debbie Massey and Barb Mucha.

The field was limited to 44 players and the Island Course played at a little over 6200 yards. The total purse was the biggest ever for the Legends Tour at \$300,000; the winner received \$50,000 and the runner-up \$30,000.

JoAnne Carner lead at –2 after 10 holes and Debbie Massey lead after 13 holes at –3, but neither player could hold on to the lead, and after the first day Sherri Steinhauer was the leader at –1. Sherri has 8 LPGA wins including 2 majors. In the final round, she increased her lead to win at –3. Allison Finney was runner-up at even par. Cathy Johnston-Forbes and Laura Shanahan Rowe tied for 3rd at +1, and Sherri Turner was 5th with +3. Our Michigan players, Cindy Fig-Currier and Barb Mucha, tied for 9th and Debbie Massey tied for 21st. For all the results, go to www.thelegendstour.com. If you ever have a chance to go to a Legends Tour event, I highly recommend it. The ladies still hit a mean golf ball and are fun and entertaining.



GAM Goes to Scotland and Ireland *By Sara Wold*

The GAM sponsored a trip with Sullivan’s Travels in October

to Scotland and Ireland. I had gone on a previous trip to SW Ireland and enjoyed it so much that, when the opportunity came to go with them to Scotland and NE Ireland, I didn’t hesitate to sign up.

I left 5 days early to go to London and get acclimated to the 5-hour time change and see the sights. It is a 7-hour flight to London. I left Thursday evening and arrived mid-morning the next day. My favorite hotel is the Sheraton Park Lane in Mayfair on Piccadilly. It is a comfortable continental hotel, has a wonderful breakfast, a world-famous tea room, is located within walking distance of Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, the Ritz, and Harrods, the famous department store, and a quaint area of small restaurants and shops, Shepherd’s Square, is right

around the corner. Highlights of London were seeing the musical “Billy Elliot” at the Victoria Palace Theater, a do-it-yourself bus tour of London’s famous Tower of London, which dates back to 1100 AD, Westminster Abbey, a Thames River cruise, and an afternoon at the British Museum, which houses artifacts dating back to 7000 BC, the Rosetta Stone, and my favorite, the Egyptian Mummy Room.

From London, I flew to Edinburgh, and visited the Edinburgh Castle dating back to 1185 AD. I met the rest of the group the following morning and we preceded by private bus and guide to St. Andrews. We stayed at the famous old Rusacks Hotel, which is right across the street from the 18th hole of the Old Course and a 5-minute walk to the R & A Clubhouse. After lunch, we played the New Course at St. Andrews, which is 100 years old! The following day we played the famous Old Course at St. Andrews, which

dates back to the 1600s. It was a thrill to play the “road hole,” cross the famous bridge, and play up the 18th fairway towards the R & A Clubhouse – we were on hallowed ground.

Next we played Kingsbarns, my favorite course in Scotland. It is on the North Sea and was very scenic, with lots of elevation changes and a variety of hole designs not typical of the traditional links courses. We saw swans in the North Sea. The last day in Scotland, we played the famous Carnoustie Golf Club. I was not impressed with the course. There was no contrast between the fairways and rough and there were hidden bunkers everywhere.

It is rare that a visitor gets into the R & A Clubhouse. Because I have officiated several World Amateur Team Championships, which are run by the International Golf Federation, The R & A, and the USGA, and knew a gentleman from the R & A, who graciously hosted our

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GAM Goes to Scotland and Ireland

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group, we were able to see the Trophy Room. We saw the Claret Jug, the British Amateur Trophy, and the Moroccan Belt, which was presented to the first few Champions before the Claret Jug existed. We saw the old clubs and feather balls used by Old Tom Morris and Francis Ouimet. Although some thought it was pretty stuffy, it was a privilege to visit a beautiful clubhouse that was a few years older than our Declaration of Independence.

From Scotland, we flew to Dublin and stayed at the Davenport Hotel, which was very comfortable and a bit roomier. We played the European Club, which is fairly new and in good condition, comparable to the courses we have in the US. Its most unique feature was the "sleepers" in the bunkers. They are 15 – 20 foot wooden planks standing on end and lining the faces of the bunker and holding back the sand dunes. I was able to get out sideways or backwards but one of our players embedded a ball about 10 feet up in the "sleepers" in his attempt to get out of the bunker. Normally, the margins of a bunker do not extend up so he would have gotten relief, and with a penalty stroke would have been able to drop outside the bunker. Unfortunately, a local rule did not allow that option and he had to drop back in the bunker. I met the architect, Pat Ruddy, and he gave me a teddy bear to hug if I had a bad day!

We played Port Marnock, another famous course and a traditional Links layout. The following day, we

drove 2 hours to Northern Ireland, where the political situation has changed drastically over the last two decades. The borders are open and there is no military presence. It was a beautiful drive through the countryside along the North Sea. We sighted a large stately red monastery-like structure from a long distance, which was the clubhouse of Royal County Down, considered the best course in the world. Unfortunately, we never got to visit it because they have a visitor's clubhouse. There is no doubt it is a great course and worthy of its reputation. It is very rugged and hilly and has beautiful views of the North Sea and surrounding countryside. One of our players hit his ball quite a ways over the fence unto the beach. A local rule stated the beach was in play; so he jumped the fence and hit the ball back into the fairway!

The last day, we played the Island Course, which opened in 1890. Until the 1970s players had to take a boat to get to the course. It is not as well known but it was one of my favorites and had very nice views of the North Sea. The last evening, Cahal Sullivan, the tour director, arranged for Irish entertainment at a very fine private dinner at the hotel. A violinist and guitarist played and sang Irish songs. The group was lots of fun and I have very special memories of playing seven of the World's 50 Greatest Golf Courses.

Notes: The cost of the trip was reasonable considering all that was included when compared to other rates. It included the hotels, breakfast every day, two special dinners, all the golf, the tour bus and driver and the tour director. The buses

were 24 passenger and we had plenty of room for the 12 of us. Our driver Mike has been with all three GAM trips and we love him. He is full of knowledge and lore and is very helpful with all the luggage and golf clubs. Cahal oversees every detail and everything went as planned and the whole trip was well-organized and first class.

We took caddies at all the courses except the European Club and The Island Club. Caddies in Scotland carry one bag and caddies in Ireland carry double. My caddie at Royal County Down had caddied for Tiger Woods. I must have been a real comedown, but he was excellent and fun to be with. All the courses we played were more than 6000 yards long from the forward tees. In fact, at several courses, I had to get a special ladies scorecard. So don't expect to break any course records, but just enjoy the experience.

We all went prepared for the worst weather. They had a terrible summer. If you watched the British Open in July, everyone was wearing rain suits, jackets, gloves and stocking caps. Just the opposite for us, the weather was absolutely perfect! Every day was sunny with temperatures between 62 and 72 degrees and very little wind except for 5–6 holes at Carnoustie, where it was windy and a few sprinkles. We never once put on a rain suit. The locals said it was unusual for such a stretch of good weather.

The GAM is planning a trip to Northern Ireland next October and will include very nice courses but not so well known. Watch for the details in the *Links* magazine and at www.gam.org.

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Handicap News and Updates *By Cynthia Pinkard*

2009 membership and handicap records were inactivated in GAM on December 1 for members who have not paid their 2010 MWGA membership fee. These records will be reactivated when you renew or join the MWGA for 2010. You will not be able to post scores until you have renewed your membership.

The 2009 Michigan active golf season ended November 8. Although we had decent golfing weather after that time and many of us played, rounds played in Michigan during the inactive season cannot be posted for handicap purposes. Members who play in warm weather states from November 9 through March 27, during those states active season should post those scores.

You may contact you handicap chair with any questions at handicap@mwgolf.org.

There were several players who significantly improved their index from the end of the 2008 season to the end of the 2009 season. The number 1 ranked player will be announced at the Annual Meeting on May 8 and will receive the Most Improved Player award. Honorable mentions are:

Rank	Player Name	Starting Index	Ending Index	Improvement Factor
1	TBA	TBA	TBA	1.403
2	Kersjes, Jane	21.8	13.6	1.320
3	Snow, Debra	18.2	13.9	1.166
4	Quarles, Nancy	40.8	33.6	1.158
5	Abbeg, Dawn	17.2	13.5	1.145

The MIP is determined by an Improvement Factor as defined in the USGA Handicap System manual. The formula takes the previous year's ending index plus 12 and divides it by the current year's ending index plus 12. The MIP player must have the highest Improvement Factor and in addition must have at least four MWGA POY points and must have posted a minimum of 12 rounds of golf during the season.

Happy Holidays!

GAM Events for Women

Make note of these events and plan to participate. These are great tournaments. The women's handicap limit for the:

- **Senior** Women's Amateur and the Senior Women's Championship is 25.4.
- **Net events** is 34.6.
- **Mid-Am** is 20.0.
- **Women's** Amateur and Championship is 15.4.

In addition, the GAM Golf Days are open to all GAM members of all skill levels. These Days offer an opportunity to play some very nice private courses. Visit www.gam.org for details.

2010 GAM Women's and Net Events				
Event	Index Limit	Date*	Course	City
GAM Women's Mid-Amateur	20.0	June 1-2	Walnut Hills CC	East Lansing
MI Women's Senior Am (Match)	25.4	June 27-29	Gull Lake	Richland
Michigan Women's Amateur	15.4	July 26-30	St. Clair River CC	St. Clair
GAM Women's Championship	15.4	August 9-10	Forest Akers West	East Lansing
GAM Women's Senior	25.4	August 30-31	Crystal Mt. (Mt. Ridge Course)	Thompsonville
GAM Tournament of Club Champions	Invitation	October 04	Oakland Univ - R & S Sharf Course	Rochester
GAM Net Team Championship	34.6	September 7*	Lochmoor CC	Grosse Pointe
GAM Net Championship	34.6	September 12-13*	Warwick Hills	Grand Blanc

* must qualify at one of the qualifying locations



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Tentative 2010 Event Schedule

Unless otherwise specified, MWGA, WAPL, GAM and USGA events are open to female golfers with a USGA index of 40 or less. Any event with age, index or pre-qualification restrictions is so noted.

MWGA Events (\$xx Member/\$xx Non-Member). Entry Deadline 10 Days Prior to All Events Unless Noted. **QUESTIONS:** tournamententry@mwgolf.org or 248-557-8180. **ENTER TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS ONLINE** at www.mwgolf.org or **MAIL ENTRIES** to: MWGA Event Office, 4158 Charing Cross Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104.

Date/Time	Event/Fee	Site/Location
2/25-3/1, Thu-Sun	MWGA Winter Trip www.embassysuitesdorado.com	Embassy Suites Dorado de Mar Beach & Golf Resort, Dorado, Puerto Rico
4/17, Sat, 9:30-11:30a 11:30a-12:30p	MWGA/EWGA Rules Clinic presented by Jeanne Myers of GAM Wine/Cheese & Etiquette of the Game of Golf Match Play League Meeting	Fox Hills Classic Clubhouse, Plymouth 48170, 734-453-7272
Begin 4/28, Wed, 5:30p, 12wks.	MWGA League for Beginning Golfers	Fox Hills, Strategic Fox, Plymouth 48170
5/1, Sat, 9a-1p	Golf Skills Clinic	Fox Hills, Strategic Fox
5/8, Sat 10a-12:30p	Annual Meeting, Vendor Booths, Buffet Lunch www.dunhamhills.com	Dunham Hills, Hartland 48353, 248-887-9170
5/8, Sat, 1p shtgn	Spring 4-Woman Member/Guest Scramble	Dunham Hills
5/29, Sat 1p shotgun	2-Person Best Ball, Women's & Mixed Teams	Sycamore Hills, Macomb 48042, 586-598-9500
6/12, Sat 2p shotgun	President's Stroke Play Tournament	Huron Meadows Metropark, Brighton 48116, 810-231-4084
	Match Play	
6/24, Thu 8a shotgun	2-Woman Scramble	Lochmoor, Grosse Pte Wds 48236, 313-886-1010
7/6, Tue 8a shotgun	2-Woman Best Ball	Bay Pointe, W. Bloomfield 48323, 248-360-0603
	Match Play	
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7/24, 7/25, Sat-Sun, 9a shotguns	2-Day State Championship www.eaglecrestresort.com	Eagle Crest, Ypsilanti 48197, 734-487-2441
8/8, Sun 9a shotgun	3-Woman Best Ball (Cha, Cha, Cha)	Devil's Ridge, Oxford 48371, 248-969-0100
	Match Play	
	Match Play Quarterfinals	
8/22, Sun, tee times 11:30a -	Who's Your Team? 4-Woman Scramble www.salemhillsgolfclub.com	Salem Hills, Northville 48167, 248-437-2152
	Match Play Semifinals	
	Match Play Championship and year-end party	
9/11, Sat 1p, 9/12, Sun 9a shotguns	2-Day/2-Person Eraser, Women/Mixed Teams	The Medalist, Marshall 49068, 269-789-4653, www.themedalist.com
9/26, Sun 9a shotgun	Member/Guest 4-Woman Fall Scramble www.mysticcreekgc.com	Mystic Creek, Milford 48380, 248-684-3333, Lakes to Woods

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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.

Visit www.mwgolf.org often and regularly for:

- ◆ News, updates and announcements
- ◆ Online *NEWSLINX* (current and past issues)
- ◆ Online MWGA Tournament registration
- ◆ Membership Application and online renewal
- ◆ Members — verify receipt of your membership application, update personal information
- ◆ MWGA Event Schedule with maps and other links
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- ◆ MWGA Rules and Conditions of Play
- ◆ MWGA Tournament Guidelines
- ◆ MWGA Sponsors and Advertisers
- ◆ Course Survey
- ◆ Volunteer Sign-Up Form
- ◆ Tournament Results (current and previous years)
- ◆ Hole-In-One Achievements
- ◆ Golf League Information
- ◆ An extensive Photo Gallery
- ◆ A link to the USGA Rule of the Day and others



A Reminder — Calling All Volunteers *By Barbara Porter*

The MWGA Board has begun preliminary preparations for our 25th Anniversary Celebration which will occur in July 2011. As we did for the 20th, we plan 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. We may again provide a silent auction for everyone's enjoyment. Of course, golf will be the main program on Monday. We're still contemplating

the format, prizes and all the good stuff. So why am I sharing this news with you at this time? ***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. 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 in which you can assist. With all the committees and sub-committees necessary, we'll be a very busy golf organization for the next couple of years. And, before you know it, MWGA will be 25 years old.

Let me know in what area you wish to assist. Email me at Porter@mwgolf.org or look for the volunteer page on our website at www.mwgolf.org. Together we can honor our 25th Anniversary in a fine and fitting manner.

2010 Golf Skills Clinic — What Can I Do To Improve My Game?

By Linda Neff

Ladies, don't forget that our bodies change from year to year and after a long winter, we all need to be reminded of good mechanics. To be able to see your swing compared to a pro is a great step in making adjustments.

Date: Saturday May 1, 2010

Location: Fox Hills Strategic Course, Plymouth

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Cost: Check online

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

The clinic includes:

- 4 hours of instruction

- Video analysis with on line access to view your swing
- One round of golf, including cart on Fox Hill's Strategic Fox course, one of the nation's premier par three courses.
- Golden Fox round of golf with cart for an up-charge of \$25 per person to be used any day/time based on available tee times
- Gift package that will include tees, ball marker, ball mark fixer and two-ball pack along with MWGA clothing and shoe discount the day of the clinic

The certificates for golf are valid for the 2010 golf season during any day.

Instruction will include four stations that each student attends:

- Station 1 Putting Techniques
- Station 2 Chipping and Pitching
- Station 3 Bunker Play
- Station 4 On-Course Situations with video analysis

Instructors will include Jordan Young, Fox Hills Director of Instruction; other to be determined.

Register online at www.mwgolf.org to make payments via PayPal or credit card, or make check payable to MWGA and mail to the Event Office, 4158 Charing Cross Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104 after online registration.

2010 MWGA League for Beginning Golfers *By Linda Neff*

Ladies and juniors, learn how to play golf the correct way. The MICHIGAN WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION BEGINNERS LEAGUE 2010 will be held at Fox Hills Strategic Fox Par 3 course. This new player's league will provide instruction on the fundamentals of the game of golf as well as actual play on a par 3 golf course especially designed for beginners.

When: Wednesdays beginning April 28th, 5:30 – 7pm (Classes end Wed. July 14th)

Where: Fox Hills Strategic Fox Golf Course, 8768 N. Territorial, Ply-

mouth, MI 48170 734-453-7272

Cost: Check online/12 weeks (No class week of May 26)

Instruction Format:

- Weeks 1-3 – 1 hr. group instruction (5:30-6:30)
- Weeks 4-6 – On-course play w/ instruction (5:30-7)
- Weeks 7-12 – On-course play in league format (5:30 warm-up and 6pm league)

As added value, Fox Hills will offer all MWGA Beginner League members:

- 15% discount in the pro shop during first three weeks

- Free 15 min. Learning Center "Tune-up" coupon
- Free club fitting analysis coupon
- 20% private lesson continuation discount with Jordan Young, Fox Hills Director of Instruction & PGA Professional

Contact me, Linda Neff, at 248-489-6523 with questions or to register. Make check or money order payable to MWGA and mail to 1209 13th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060.

Don't miss out! Call now to reserve your space! Slots will fill quickly!

2010 Rules Clinic and Etiquette of the Game

Presented by the Michigan Women’s Golf Association and the Executive Women’s Association with Jeanne Myers, GAM Asst. Director of Rules & Competition – Rules

Knowing the Rules of Golf can help you improve your score and your understanding of the game. Have fun and meet new golfers while you learn the Rules of Golf at this clinic to be held **Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the Fox Hills Classic Course Clubhouse, 8768 N. Territorial, Plymouth, MI 48170 (734-453-7272)**. Registration the day of the clinic will begin at 9 a.m. and the first presentation will start promptly at 9:30 a.m.

From 11:30 a.m. – approximately 12:30 p.m. we are planning a coffee/tea, wine and cheese social

and anticipate presenting some basics on the **Etiquette of the Game of Golf**. This will be especially informative for new members, but also serve as a good reminder for all association members. Everyone should plan to attend.

The price for this clinic and additional details will be published on the MWGA website. Go to www.mwggolf.org to register for this event and pay using PayPal or a credit card, or make your check or money order payable to MWGA and mail to the Event Office, 4158 Charing Cross Rd, Bloomfield Hills MI 48304-3104 after registering online.

Contact me, Linda Neff, MWGA Director of Seminars & Clinics, at 248-489-6523 if you have any questions.

This year we are again honored to have Jeanne Myers teaching the Rules Clinic, explaining the latest rule changes and those most often misinterpreted. Jeanne is GAM Past President and current GAM Assistant Director of Rules & Competition – Rules. Among her many accomplishments, Jeanne has officiated at 50-some USGA amateur and professional tournaments, was a rules official for the MI PGA for 13 years and has conducted over 100 rules seminars.

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2010 MWGA Membership Application

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

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (09/15/09–12/31/10)	Cost (check one)
New (new Senior or Regular, not a previous member)	\$30 _____
Super Senior (age 70+)	\$30 _____
Senior (age 50 – 69)	\$55 _____
Regular (age 18 – 49)	\$60 _____
Student (age 21 and under, in high school or college)	\$25 _____
Associate (organization or business)	\$60 _____

Name: _____

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

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

Member #: _____

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:
 51819 Shelby Rd, Shelby Twp, MI 48316-4152
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- I'd be willing to help the MWGA at events or on committees, etc.
 I wish to receive MWGA communications via my e-mail address noted above,
 including notice to receive the *NEWSLINX* at mwgolf.org instead of via US mail.
 Yes, I play on a league (course, league name, day, time, contact): _____

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