Now, the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is upon us and Michigan golf is just a memory. Sure, there are a few die-hards amongst us that are still braving the 40 degree temperatures on the few golf courses still open; pretending the wind chill is actually a southwestern breeze bringing in balmy 75 degree temperatures from the Gulf of Mexico. Using hand warmers, long underwear, cart covers, stadium blankets and, in some cases, Peppermint Liqueur to withstand the elements, these soles are, truly, addicted to the game. – These people are delusional and need help. – And, you know who you are!

In retrospect, 2012 was a very memorial season for the MWGA to which I need to thank my fellow Board Members and, most importantly, our Membership.

With Michigan still in the throws of an uncertain economy, our membership increased and, consequently, participation in our events increased. Enlisting new members is no easy task! For the last dozen years or so, the MWGA has had a presence at the Michigan Golf Show in Novi for the purpose of recruiting potential members. Also, by constantly upgrading our website, any female looking for competitive golf in Michigan will easily access our site. And, our relationship with local golf courses often awards the MWGA with members. However, the best way to gain membership is through referrals from our present members. And, kudos to our members for their membership efforts!

Our season started with a Rules and Orientation program that surpassed our anticipated numbers. It is so gratifying knowing that our members are interested in the very backbone of the game. – The Rules! Having a basic knowledge of the rules makes the whole golfing experience better. Last season, the MWGA started a one price policy for all our events. Using the old adage of “keeping it simple” seemed to appeal to our members. And, the MWGA continues to strive to make the entry process “easy” for our members. As I say, “this is not brain surgery; it is golf; let’s not complicate matters”. After all, like the song says, “Girls just wanna have fun”. And having a good experience is good for member retention as well as increasing membership; vital for survival of any organization.

Perhaps the most gratifying experience of the 2012 season was the success of the Girl’s Golf Program. I am so grateful to our members who gave of their time as well as their money to make this year’s program a huge success. A total of 66 young women, and a few young men, benefited from the program that included first class LPGA and PGA professional instruction. And, added to the program this year, was a trip to the LPGA Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic in Toledo; thoroughly enjoyed by our young ladies and chaperones. – They loved all those auto- graphs on their golf caps, even if they didn’t know Paula Creamer from Stacey Lewis!

2013 will bring some changes. First, beginning in January 2013, please welcome Mary Warnick and Bonnie Teegen to your MWGA Board of Directors. Both Mary and Bonnie have diverse backgrounds that will certainly be assets for the Board. Nothing like fresh ideas to stimulate our meetings and get the creative juices running! They will both serve a three year term. Cynthia Pinkard, although no longer “officially a Board Member” will be serving the MWGA in an advisory capacity in most technological aspects. Cynthia has spent several years as a valued Board Member with exemplary service to the MWGA. Consequently, it is comforting to know she will still be “behind the scenes” in our daily operation. Con’t. pg. 2.
Rules Rock-Dignity, Honor and Hope  

By Sara Wold, Rules Director

Tis the season to curl up with a good golf book. There are all kinds – instructional, inspirational, humorous, about players, about courses, and with illustrations and beautiful pictures – whatever your interests may be. I am currently reading *The Golfer’s Guide to the Meaning of Life* by Gary Player. It’s Lessons I’ve learned from *My Life on the Links*.

Lesson Seven is Dignity and Honor. Gary writes, “A lesson that competitive golf has taught me – a few too many times, I must admit – is that a person’s dignity and honor always get tested at times when we really wish they wouldn’t. This is precisely the reason why maintaining a sense of honor can be so challenging. Everything is going along as well as could be hoped for and then – whammo! – adversity strikes. But what a sweet victory it is when in such times, you handle yourself in a way you will never regret.”

The Rules of Golf require self-policing and when you must call a penalty on yourself, do it without hesitation. You will feel good about yourself for preserving the ideals of the game and keeping your dignity and honor. Is losing a $35 gift certificate and cheating someone else really worth losing your self-respect? Let’s all do the right thing and feel good about ourselves and the way we play the game – win or lose.

“I have its honor to support. An error in count, an error that moves the ball, an error that in any way makes you take improper advantage over your opponent, seen or unseen, is the worst error in the whole game. We begin each hole with the question, “Who has the honor?” Glenna Collett Vare, legendary female golfer of the early 20th century.

“The man who can go into a patch of rough alone, with the knowledge that only God is watching him, and play his ball where it lies is the man who will serve you faithfully and well.” Sir P. G. Woodhouse, author

AND A HOPE FOR 2013  “There is no type of miracle that cannot happen at least once in golf.” _Grantland Rice, sportswriter_

Con’t from pg 1. Also, there will be a change in the publication of our Newslinkx. With the advent of the internet, the MWGA has the ability to get key news and updates to our membership in a timely fashion. Seems redundant to print competition results 3-4 weeks after the fact when the news is old; so, the internet will now be our source for weekly news with the publication of the Newslinkx focusing on articles regarding the Rules, Human Interest, Membership, Handicaps, POY & GOY, Girl’s Golf Program and other commentaries from various Board Members. As a result, the Newslinkx will be pared down in terms of content and frequency and will only be available in an electronic format—no more mailings. Details to follow. However, the MWGA is planning on creating a new and “all inclusive” Membership Directory. – Like our Manual of Operations for Members. - Should be an excellent addition with everything in one publication.

As far as the direction of your Board, the winter months represent the planning stages; the summer months represent the implementing stages. So, all works out well for the “Thinkers” as well as the “Doers” on your Board. Our first event for 2013 will be our presence at the Michigan Golf Show in Novi. Of course, we could use your help in manning our booth. Our 2013 schedule is complete and published in this issue. As usual, our Course Director, Nancy Serra, has done an excellent job in selection of courses. I hope it will stimulate your golfing genes....

In closing, I wish to say Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, and Happy New Year to all MWGA members, family and acquaintances. And, to thank all of you for our success in 2012; we couldn’t do it without your support! Now, I need to go find my hand warmers.....
MWGA will have Booth 907 again at the Michigan Golf Show in Novi this coming March with the Golf Association of Michigan across the aisle as last year. Your golf organization gets a booth at this golf show in order to share with women golfers the wonderful benefits and offerings available to our members and guests.

The Novi show will be open Friday, March 1, from 2 to 8 pm; Saturday, March 2, from 9 am to 7 pm and Sunday, March 3, from 10 am to 5 pm. We try to have two women or more at the MWGA booth at all times. You can help get our message out by taking a 2-hour shift or two. We will have an informational video running on a computer, posters highlighting the benefits of membership as well as some of our events plus NEWSLINX and literature to give to interested golfers. It’s not hard work --- all you have to do is hand out information, perhaps answer a few questions or direct those interested to our website. By helping, you could use a badge for free entry, and before or after your shift have plenty of time to check out all the other vendors and their wares. There’s always a bargain to be found and tons of golf courses represented.

An MWGA goal is to get new members, either at the show or online at our website www.mwgolf.org. It’s important to build our membership. If we can increase participation at our events, we could hold or lower entry fee costs and possibly boost prize payouts. You can help by volunteering to staff the MWGA booth. See map below for our booth location. If you can devote a couple of hours to assist, please email or phone me, Pat Shelton at shelton@mwgolf.org or 248-471-9030. Also watch for an eBlast to sign up.

Hello all!  Hope you have a Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Year!! As you know, our season came to an end on October 31, 2012 for posting scores with GAM.  It is time again to join MWGA for the 2013 season. Our membership fee this year will be $55 for Regular and Senior Members; $35 for Super Senior, New Members, Students and Sponsored Male. It was necessary for us to raise our rate $5 due to rising overhead costs and GAM raising our rates to them.

Please renew your membership with us and encourage your friends to join. why not join MWGA. You get the benefit of Membership Directory, playing in our tournaments, our quarterly Newslix loaded with information about our tournaments, a fun group of women where lasting friendships are formed, and membership to GAM, which gives you the GAMS Discount card. Membership is Open and I’m here ready to take your registration. Please visit our website at www.mwgolf.org.
## 2013 GOLF SCHEDULE

Information on Match Play League, Rules Clinic (April) and Skills Clinic (May) Coming Soon!

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### MWGA Gift Certificates expire Dec 31

Use your MWGA Gift Certificates before December 31. If you do not need to purchase anything from one of the listed merchants, you can buy a gift certificate from a merchant, pay towards your 2013 membership the Match Play League entry fee, or contribute the certificate as a tax deductible donation toward the MWGA Girls Golf Program.

### Good news!!! Pricing for golf to remain the same in 2013 as it was in 2012!!!!

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*Salem Hills Golf Club*
Our Schedule this year has some exciting surprises – at least I’m excited, but, then I’m a bit biased. We’re revisiting some of our faithful standbys, such as Salem Hills, where we will again hold our Annual Meeting / Spring Scramble. Jim Grant, owner, has been, for the past 27 years, a huge supporter of the MWGA in every way. Therefore, we are reciprocating and are delighted to provide him with our business.

The all new Farmington Hills Golf Club, that “hopes our visit will be a pleasurable experience”, will be the location for our 2 Person event. We follow that with stroke play at the prestigious Oak Pointe Championship Course which is a new site for us. Next is a team event at Huron Meadows, and then a return visit to Edgewood C.C., a place we all know and love. Our State Tournament will be held at The Medalist, a location more centrally located for those that live on the west side of the state and attend this event. Then it’s back to one of our favorites, Dunham Hills for a 2 Woman Four Ball (Best Ball).

This takes us to the middle of August and a real peach of a course: Prestwick Village G.C. and the “Cha”! We will be holding a separate raffle for golf for a foursome, valued at $276.00! Next we added an event with a new format to our schedule. Those of you that have heard of “Tee it Forward” we’re hoping, are anxious to give it a try. It just means that the yardages will be set so that the greens will be reachable in regulation for the higher handicappers. The low handicappers will play longer yardages so that it will still be a challenge for them. Not to say that it won’t be a challenge for the higher handicappers, it’s just that now our good shots will be rewarded by reaching the green in regulation, which doesn’t happen that often even with two dynamite shots. So, yes, there will be two sets of tees and will be played at Links at Whitmore Lake.

Our 2 Person Fall weekend get-away returns us to the Nightmare at West Branch. We’re looking forward to lots of golf, but less strokes, more shopping, good food and loads of fun at the Quality Inn. Finally, we return once again to Mystic Creek for our final and Farewell Shamble. The USGA Sectional will also be played at Mystic Creek on Tuesday, May 28, 2013. The number of players that enter the sectional determines the number of players we’re allowed to send to the final Championship, which will be held at the University of Oklahoma.

Please check the 2013 schedule for complete details and read the Newsletter for any other info we may publicize. Also, don’t forget to invite your friends (ones that aren’t already playing with us) to play in our/your events. This is your organization and we depend on you to help build our active player base. Since I missed the last few tournaments of our 2012 season due to back surgery, I am revved up and anxious to see all of you, my golfing buddies! Until then, enjoy the Holidays and the rest of Winter?!!

Golf trivia

- Golf was banned in Scotland from 1457 to 1502 to ensure citizens wouldn’t waste time when preparing for the English invasion.
- The odds of making a hole-in-one are 3,000 to 1 for a tour pro, 5,000 to 1 for a low-handicapper and 12,000 to 1 for an average player. (According to a study by Golf Digest)
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GAM to Bring Back Senior Women’s Match Play for 2013!
The event, which promises to be great fun, will be held at the Mount Pleasant Country Club over two days —GAM will announce the dates soon. First round losers, will get to play on day two in a best ball event with winners from day one, continuing to compete on day 2.
I was invited to officiate the 2012 World Amateur Team Championship (WATC) in Antalya, Turkey Sept. 27 – 30. It is the 5th WATC that I have attended – Puerto Rico, South Africa, Australia, Argentina and now Turkey. 53 women's teams from all over the world participated in the Championship and each team was comprised of 3 amateur players. Seven teams had never attended the Championship before, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Tunisia, and the Ukraine. The addition of golf to the 2016 Olympics has encouraged some countries to support golf programs. The teams play 4 rounds of stroke play and the best two of three scores count for the team score in each round. The USA team included of Lisa McCloskey, who has played three years in the WAPL and made match play all three times as well as Erynne Lee and Austin Ernst. All three are top College players.

After the first round, the USA was tied for 19th and after the second round were 16th. They gained momentum in the third round and were actually in second place after 9 holes of the 4th round but finished in 8th place at -6. The Republic of Korea was a repeat winner at -13, followed by Germany at -10, Finland and Australia tied for 3rd at -9, and Spain and New Zealand tied for 5th at -8. Canada was 7th at -7. They played two courses at the Gloria Golf Resort in Belek, which played to 6237 and 6231 yards, respectively.

Individual honors went to 15 year-old Lydia Ko from New Zealand who shot 13 under par! She is the young lady who won the US Women’s Amateur and the Canadian Women’s Open this summer. Lisa McCloskey played well and tied for 4th with 7 under par. Erynne was tied for 41st at 293 and Austin tied for 66th at 299.

Quite a few of the players attend colleges in the US. In fact, Krista Puisite of Latvia attends Texas State and beat Caroline Powers of MSU by 2 strokes to win medalist honors in the Mary Fossum Invitational held only a week earlier at MSU. Krista tied for 22nd with 288.

It is interesting to talk to the players and coaches from the different countries. Bosnia has only 2 golf courses – one with 6 holes and one with 8 holes. Tunisia sent only their women’s team because they had done very well in the Arab International Games. The men’s team had not done well and was not sent to compete in the WATC. Malaysia and China did not send their best players but sent 3 young girls ages 13 – 15 to gain international experience and become professional golfers for the Olympics in 2016, since it will be played by pros. The Ukraine’s program is run by an American golfer who works at an orphanage run by a charitable organization. Considering he had only been their coach 3 months, they were remarkable. The caddies were university students, who only carried the bags, and the spotters were younger children. I had a little 10 year old girl with lots of enthusiasm spotting on my hole. Every time a group would come to the tee, she would jump up and when she spotted the ball she would wave her green flag vigorously. She even found balls in the bushes and we didn't lose a one. We were on the hole 7 hours and she was as energetic with the last group as the first. I gave her a high 5 and a pin with an American flag and a Turkish flag and she ran off to show it to her pals. Even though we didn't understand each other's language, some things are universal.

The Men’s WATC was played Oct. 4-7 at the Antalya Golf Club and the Cornelia Golf Club in the same area. Chris Williams, Justin Thomas, and Steven Fox are representing the USA and are all top college golfers. The field is limited to 72 teams from all over the globe. The Sultan Course at the Antalya Golf Club will also be the site for the $12 million PGA Invitational in which Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy and 6 others will compete. Be sure to watch it on TV. We played the course and it is fabulous and in impeccable condition. In 2014, Japan hosts the WATC.
By now you have heard the arguments both pro and con on the USGA/R&A’s proposal to ban the anchoring of a putter in 2016. Because of the outcry from many whose games were salvaged by the ‘belly’ putters, there have been arguments for the adaptation of two sets of rules, one for professionals and one for amateurs. USGA Executive Director Mike Davis explained that ‘bifurcation’ of the Rules of Golf could create a Pandora’s Box on many levels – and one that would cause a multitude of problems as professionals and amateurs straddle the lines of combined competitions. Dr. Brian Sommer, Ph.D. and fellow contributor to www.geareffectgolf.com, a website forum for golf discussions, had this to say:

“I find it interesting that golf has decided to move in a completely different direction from every other major sport. The NFL has changed and modified the rules to assist the offense and in effect allow for more scoring and excitement from the fans’ perspective, as has the NBA with rule changes; even the NHL has made it easier for goals to be scored. For most fans this means more interest and enjoyment. Guess the governing bodies of golf do not want to see the so-called best players in the world shoot lower scores and potentially bring in more viewers because of excitement? Or are they still so traditional that they believe watching a tour professional shoot an 86 in competition is more exciting? Guess the decision they’ve made answers the questions.”

As dedicated amateur golfers, what do YOU think? Is purity of the game more vital than stemming the downslide in golfer numbers due to stringency within the Rules? Please send me your comments.
For this issue I am just referring all of you to an article posted on the GAM website, [www.gam.org](http://www.gam.org). Your questions should be answered by this informative article.

**Winter Score Posting Guidelines**

During the late fall and winter, the GAM receives many questions regarding the posting of scores when the State of Michigan is out of season. Below are listed the score-posting rules and regulations:

The USGA Handicap System Manual states – Adjusted gross scores from all courses with USGA Course and Slope Ratings made during their active season, both at home and away, shall be posted by the player along with the appropriate USGA Course and USGA Slope Ratings. The active season in Michigan is April 1 - October 31.

- The last day of the GAM official season (October 31) is the last day that scores for rounds played at golf clubs in the State of Michigan can be posted for handicap purposes.
- Rounds played after that date (no matter how good the weather might be) within the State of Michigan or in any section of the country that is “off-season” are not acceptable for posting.
- If you spend the winter in a section of the country that is “in-season” (e.g., Florida, Arizona, Southern California, etc.), those scores are to be posted for handicap purposes.
- If your GAM Member Club allows Internet score posting, you can post scores from in the Sun Belt through the GAM web site or on your mobile application. Most all GAM clubs currently allow their members to post scores online.

If you are a member of a golf club in the Sun Belt, the task of posting your winter scores so they return to your GAM club is fairly simple. The score routing is handled through the International Golf Network (IGN).

**What is the IGN?** The IGN is a non-profit corporation developed by the International Association of Golf Administrators (IAGA) Network Committee that is operated by the participating golf associations for the sole purpose of providing their members with the ability to post anywhere they play. Currently, more than two million golfers are represented at participating IGN golf associations. The Golf Association of Michigan is part of the IGN Network.

In order to have your scores routed through this extensive international network, contact the GAM office (248) 478-9242 ext. 23 with the following information: The club name, city, and state along with your association number at that club and you will be added to the IGN system.

If your winter club is a member of a golf association that is part of the IGN network, your scores will automatically move back and forth between the GAM and your winter club.

Remember, your winter club has to be a member of a golf association that is part of the IGN in order for the scores to cross over. You can visit the IGN website at [www.ign.net](http://www.ign.net) to find a list of the participating associations.

If you are not a member of a Sun Belt club, but you do spend some time during the winter playing golf in the warm weather climates, take a look to see if the course you are playing has a computer system for inputting scores. If so, look for the wording IGN and follow the instructions. You can post your score and it will be routed back to your GAM club. If you have any questions, contact Tonia Branch, GAM Assistant Executive Director, at (248) 478-9242 ext. 19.
Once a year the board meets (and enjoys great food) for a Sunday morning/afternoon session to plan for next year with a focus on what can we do to improve the organization for the upcoming year. The meeting is always fruitful and hopefully as 2013 progresses you’ll notice changes that you like.

Pictured: Back Row: Barb Porter, Monica Oliver and Kathy Brennan, Middle Row: Belinda Friis, Francine Pegues, Bonnie Teegen, Lu Stockton, Mary Warnick, Deb Horning, Pat Shelton. Front Row: Cynthia Pinkard, Barb Coury and our lovely hostess, Nancy Sera. Not present: Deb Buechel, Sara Wold, Shirley McClain and Sue Madej.

Seasons Greetings from your Board!
Golf in Greece—You Bet by Sara Wold

Greece is well-known for ancient civilizations, Gods and Goddesses, philosophers, orange trees and olive oil, rocky terrain, and beautiful islands. Greece is never thought of as a golf destination but I can tell you that times have changed. A luxurious golf resort, The Romanos Resort, has sprung up in Costa Navarino on the Ionian Sea in the Peloponnese, a day’s drive west of Athens. It has two golf courses – one designed by Bernard Langer and the other by Robert T. Jones, Jr. A third course is under construction and will open in 2014 and a fourth is on the drawing board. Flights will soon become available to within 60 miles of the resort making for easier access.

The Dunes Course is on the resort proper and 8 holes on the front nine are along the Ionian Sea with bamboo rushes, olive trees, and palm trees providing an interesting background to the sea and surrounding rocky terrain. The Bay Course by RTJ is on the Bay of Navarino with views of the Bay on all but 3 holes. It has the most fabulous views I have ever seen. Both courses are in impeccable condition, very well-designed, and woman friendly with yardages from 6794 – 4848. The courses are fun to play yet fair and challenging. The clubhouse is well-stocked with ladies golf attire and golfers staying at the resort can play for a much reduced fee.

The Romanos Resort is a popular playground for the “Rich and Famous” and European and Middle Eastern Royalty. Our 3rd floor suite was as big as our 2br/2ba condo in FL with all the luxurious amenities you can imagine plus a patio with a fireplace and our own swimming pool even though the Resort pools were a few steps from the door and the Ionian beach was 100 yds. away! The Resort had several restaurants – a buffet serving world-wide delicacies, an Italian restaurant, an outdoor restaurant with fire Pits and serving areas, and a steakhouse at the Clubhouse. Dining is a major event in Greece. Lunches consist of about 8 courses with wine and dinner consists of at least 12 courses with 3 wines. The night we had the bar-b-que, we had lobster, shrimp, fish, chicken, lamb, beef, pig, and duck, salads, vegetables, and 6 kinds of desserts! There was a variety of fine boutique shops on the property to explore. And to top it off, the weather is perfect from April to October.

You ask,” How is this all possible?” The Vice President of AAA Travel, Alexandra Petropoulos, planned the trip with her professional contacts in Greece, taking care of every detail. A beautiful and fun-loving woman, she shared the country she knows and loves with us in a very personal way.

What we liked about the trip, besides the golf and beautiful resort, was the variety of things included in the trip. We had a certified guide throughout the trip whose training required 2 years of college courses and a year of internship as a guide. He was invaluable and very handsome and charming. We visited Athens and the Acropolis and the Acropolis Museum. In Athens we stayed at the famous Hotel Grande Bretagne located directly across from the Greek Parliament. It was very elegant and every day the maid left us gifts such as worry beads, evil eyes, lovely vials of ouzo, and a sketch of the hotel for framing. From its roof top garden restaurant, we could see the Acropolis lit up at night – an awesome sight. We took a catamaran to the jet-set island of Hydra, where no cars exist, and had lunch on the beach. A famous Professor of Archaeology was our guide through the museum and massive excavations of Ancient Messene from the 7th - 4th century BC. We visited the Palace of Nestor from the Mycenaean Civilization around 2300 B.C. Nestor was the oldest and wisest of the Greeks who fought at Troy. The palace, with its 105 ground floor apartments, was originally two stories high with richly decorated frescoes. We had a lovely boat ride around the picturesque resort city of Nafplion and also the Bay of Navarino. We visited a fine example of a medieval castle built around 1200 A.D. We enjoyed wine tasting and lunch at two wineries. It was a fantastic trip and we want to return after the 3rd course opens at Costa Navarino.
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