It doesn't seem possible that I have served as your MWGA president for the last six years. So much has happened I can’t begin to mention all the improvements in existing programs plus the additions of new programs. - All for the benefit of amateur women’s golf.

As in all of our lives, probably the single most beneficial innovation has been the communication process via the Internet, which, I hate to say, was not invented by any MWGA Board Member. (Thank you, Al Gore...) However, your Board did have the tenacity to “jump on this bandwagon” and embrace this new technology. How easy is it to sign up for an event or competition and, to receive all the necessary instructions and information prior to the event or competition? I may be prejudiced, but I feel our website is one of the best and continues to improve. What a great resource for all things relating to women’s golf in Michigan. Personally, I am not the most proficient when it comes to technology (I still carry my original dumb phone) so I am totally amazed at the talents of those Board Members responsible for our website and all communications. And, the majority of the labor is done on site by your Board Members.

The MWGA had a successful trip to Ireland and the upcoming trip to Scotland is sold out! I remember when it was a big deal to play golf in Lansing and today we are jetting across the globe sharing our love of the game with fellow members. Pretty darn impressive for a small, but mighty, women’s golf organization.

The visibility of the MWGA as “the driving force in women’s golf” in Southeastern Michigan continues to be on the increase. Currently, our tentacles reach into (1) to the community via our Girl’s Golf Program; (2) to all female amateur golfers via our competitions, rules clinics and skills clinics; and (3) to other golf organizations as GAM, the UGSA, WWGA and the Women’s Golf Alliance. And, I believe, the future will find the MWGA expanding our tentacles into other horizons for the good of game. – Especially the game as it relates to women.

Unlike our government, the MWGA by-laws have set term limits for the president and that’s a good thing. So, it is my time to pass the baton to a new leader for the MWGA. Now, that's the mystery as the Board will not know who that person will be until December 11, 2013, after this newsletter is put to print (e-news).

It has been a pleasure serving as your MWGA president and I could not have accomplished much without the support of our hard working Board Members and loyal MWGA members. Just as I am finally over my anxiety of having to produce an article for every Newslinx, I am exiting from this position. However, I will still be serving on the Board. It’s been a good ride...

See you on the links!

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Membership Snippets – By Shirley McClain, Membership Director

Hello Members,

Here’s wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. This past season of golf was awesome. I’m sure MWGA made that real for many of you. I am so looking forward to next golf season and spending time on the links with each and every one of you.

As you know, the MWGA is planning to have an online Directory only for 2014. That means no hard copy of the Directory as it has been in the past. When you visit the website next year, you will see the full Directory, complete with a picture of you by with information that you have provided. If we don’t have a current picture of you, you can send us a picture or we may have a picture of you in our archives. For new members, we would need a picture. You can visit our website at www.mwgolf.org. All necessary information that you will need will be on the website. If you have not set up an account or have forgotten your password or sign in information, please contact send an email to member_accounts@mwgolf.org.

Membership fees did not change for next year. Our fees are $55 for seniors, regular members and associates; $35 for super seniors (70+), sponsored males, and students. Donations are always welcomed.

Have a safe and Blessed holiday season and a wonderful winter wherever you may be spending your time. You will be hearing from me late winter or early spring. If you are golfing this winter, remember to keep it in the short grass.

Hot of the Press—Rules Changes for 2014 By Sara Wold, Rules Director

There are 87 changes to the Rules of Golf and Decisions on the Rules of Golf effective January 1, 2014. Below are 4 changes to be aware of:

1. New Decision 14-3/18 A player can access weather reports on a smart phone during a round.
2. New Decision 18/4 Where enhanced technological evidence shows a ball left its position and came to rest in a different location, the ball will not be deemed to have moved if that movement was not reasonably discernible to the naked eye at the time.
3. Revised Decision 25-2/0.5 Added illustrations to clarify when a ball is considered embedded in the ground.
4. Revised Decision 27-2a/1.5 A player may go forward approximately 50 yards without forfeiting his right to go back and play a provisional ball.

On behalf of all involved, I am most happy to report the 2013 MWGA/LPGA-USGA Girl’s Golf Programs (Chandler Park and Rouge Park) were extremely successful. The MWGA Junior Committee, LPGA and PGA professionals and volunteers received several accolades from students, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and the golf course staff. As you know, it takes a village.....

And, what a village we had! With a total of approximately sixty (60) young ladies (along with a few young men), our programs continue to gain momentum with each passing year. As most of you know, our beginners to intermediate players (a total of 16 this year) are under the guidance of LPGA teaching professional Debbie Williams-Hoak. While over at Chandler Park Golf Course, our more experienced players (a total of 44 this year) are under the guidance of PGA teaching professional Craig Piscopink. Both courses are under the professional management of Vargo Golf Company. I thought I should introduce you to our “family of partners” in this endeavor.

Our beginners start their lessons at Rouge Park with exercises focusing on balance, agility, and coordination. They stretch, jump, play soccer, throw Frisbees and balls, and hop from hoop to hoop. Golf starts with the putter with various skill challenges on the putting green; progresses to the driving range for short iron and long game (woods) instruction; and culminates on the golf course playing a four hole scramble. All this in ten weeks! It’s a wonderful experience watching these young people develop their game and gain confidence with each passing week. Just like the rest of us, once they hit the range, all they really want to do is smack the ball as hard as possible, even though the drill might be chipping. It takes patience along with a constant reminder to the kids that not every shot needs to be hit out of the park! Most of the kids stay until the last ball is gone and will eagerly go out into the range and pick up balls when necessary. Like, when the tractor is not working or it is too wet to pick up balls. We have some great, dedicated troopers! And, I have fond memories of seven year old Chloe who, after exerting her energy on soccer, cart-wheels, and hoop jumps, would sit on the matt, grab a ball from the trough and place on the tee, then stand up and hit the ball. And she did this throughout her session! Interesting pre-shot routine! I just tell myself they are kids and smile at the innovation.

For the past couple of years, the MWGA has taken the kids to the LPGA Marathon Classic in Ohio, (the former Jamie Farr) and the event is always sold out. They are transported by a luxury coach, have lunch, attend a golf seminar and then spend time watching the professionals. And, gather autographs; lots of autographs! The LPGA staff has always complimented the MWGA personnel on the courteousness’ of our young ladies.

The more experienced girls play on Fridays where their sessions begin with a review of the basics at the First Tee Facilities at Belle Isle. They then return to Chandler Park where, placed in groups of 3 or 4, they play as many holes as possible in the allotted time. They are supervised and given personal instruction throughout play by a PGA teaching professional. I heard through the grapevine that the girls hope that is it Justin as he is, shall we say, “easy on the eyes” and, after meeting Justin, I would agree. This program conditions the players for the real golf experience and, hopefully, will produce the future of women’s golf.

All of the above cannot happen without our gracious volunteers. Our Girl’s Golf Committee wishes to express our sincere thanks to all of you who gave up your precious time for a couple of hours to help these young people. And, we wish to thank all of you for your financial support for, without your financial support, this program would not exist. As we adhere to the LPGA-USGA junior program guidelines, the MWGA does receive a small grant for our program. However, this stipend only covers approximately 22% of our expenses. That leaves 78% of the revenue being generated by program fees and donations. And, the program fees do not cover and, by the nature of the program, cannot cover our expenses. So, the MWGA relies on the generous contributions by our members and other supporters to fund this great agenda. And, I would hope your kindness and funding will continue for years to come. Thank you.

PS If you would like additional information on our programs(s) please contact Francine Pegues, Director at pegues@mwgolf.org or Barbara Porter at porter@mwgolf.org. Financial statement available upon request.
GREAT NEWS FOR WOMEN GOLFERS IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN!!!!.

The WMGA (Women's Metropolitan Golf Association) is now open to all women with a USGA index of 30 and below. We are playing an 18 week schedule on Wednesdays in 2014, beginning the first Wednesday in May. There are 4 flights so you will be playing against golfers with similar skills. Both full and partial (10 week) memberships are available.

Please visit our updated website at to see our great schedule for next year and contact us at if you are interested. Hoping to hear from you soon!!

Meier, Benford, and Hrynewich
GAM Players of the Year

Christine Meier, publinxer and Sr. at MSU, won the GAM Women’s Player of the Year. She won the MI Women’s Amateur, was medalist at the US Women’s Am Sectional, made match play at the US Women’s Amateur, and was 7th in the Michigan Women’s Open. Liz Nagel, Christine’s teammate, Kim Dinh, MWGA College Division Champ, Hailey Hrynewich, and Aya Johnson rounded out the top 5.

Donna Benford was the GAM Women’s Senior Player of the Year and won the GAM Sr. Women’s Championship. Publinxers Julia Massa, Joan Garety, MWGA Senior Champion, Shelly Weiss, and Sue Campbell rounded out the top 5.

Hailey Hrynewich, of Muskegon and a current freshman at OSU, won the GAM Junior Girl’s Player of the Year. She was stroke play medalist at the MI Girl’s Jr. Championship and was a semi-finalist in Match Play. She was runner-up to Christine in the MI Women’s Amateur. Allyson Geer, Kelsey Murphy, Hannah Pietila, and Jacqueline Setas rounded out the top 5. See the GAM websites for Honor Roll points under Championships for a complete list.
CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS
By Pat Shelton, Publicity Director

Help at the MWGA Booth #907 at the Michigan Golf Show
March 7-9, 2014
Suburban Collection Showplace,
46100 Grand River, Novi

MWGA will again have Booth 907 at the Michigan Golf Show in Novi next March and we need volunteers to help staff it. You can help get our message out by taking a 2-hour shift or two --- 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.

Your golf organization gets a booth at this show in order to share with women golfers the wonderful benefits and offerings available to our members and guests. 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 you can devote a couple of hours to assist, please email me, Pat Shelton, at shelton@mwgolf.org. Also watch for more information and a sign up form at mwgolf.org.
As the birthplace of the Professional Golf Management academic program, Ferris State University is already well respected in the golf industry. That well-earned reputation was just one of the reasons it was selected as the future home of the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame.

For more than a year, hall of fame staff searched for a permanent location to display its collection of plaques, portraits and memorabilia commemorating its 101 members, a roster that includes such notables as Elaine Crosby, Walter Hagen, Dave and Mike Hill, Chuck Kocsis, Meg Mallon, Horton Smith, Rick Smith and Al Watrous. As part of that search, the state’s golf community responded with proposals to partner with the Michigan Golf Foundation, a nonprofit corporation with a mission to preserve the legacy of the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for both organizations,” said Fritz Balmer, president of the Michigan Golf Foundation and chair of the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame Committee. “What better place to exhibit the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame portraits, plaques and memorabilia, in an interactive manner, than at Ferris State University, the birthplace of the Professional Golf Management curriculum. Putting the students in touch with golf history and the people who made that history is a perfect fit. We are extremely fortunate.”

Praise for the new partnership was echoed by university officials. Fritz Erickson, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs “We are delighted to host the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame at Ferris State University,” Erickson said. “The Michigan Golf Hall of Fame will provide an exceptional teaching and learning opportunity for our PGM students and visitors to our campus.

“We look forward to using the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame to help us celebrate the golf industry and inspire our students who are passionately pursuing careers in this important industry for our state,” he added.

Bob McMasters, a past foundation president, made establishing a home for the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame a top priority during his leadership. “It is wonderful news that the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame has found a permanent home at Ferris State University,” McMasters said. “Ferris has the resources and contacts to ensure a sustainable and successful future for the hall of fame.”

Pohl, a Mount Pleasant native, is one of the state’s most successful competitive golfers. He was elected to the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame in 2004 and is among the inductees who are excited about a new home. “With its long association with the game, Ferris is an ideal home for the hall of fame,” Pohl said. “I’m very pleased to learn of this exciting news.”

Janke, with the support of Indianwood owner Stan Aldridge, started the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame in 1982. The hall’s first class included Hagen, a legendary showman golfer; Kocsis, Michigan’s own version of Bobby Jones; and Watrous, who was runner-up to Jones in the 1926 British Open. The Michigan Hall of Fame Committee, a subset of the Michigan Golf Foundation, includes 17 members representing a cross-section of the major golf organizations and media, and conducts an annual election for the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame. The Hall recognizes the achievements of competitive Michigan players, but also those of individuals who have contributed to the growth of the game. Find out more at http://www.michigan-golf-foundation.com/.
# 2014 MWGA Event Schedule & Entry Form

Complete & mail to address at bottom of page 

For event details, Tournament Guidelines, MWGA Rules & Conditions of Play, see the NEWSLINX or our website

**Name: ______________________________ Email_________________________**

**Date/Day Time** | **Event and Location** | **Entry Fees and Games** | **Total** | **Preferred playing partners** (optional)
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| | | **Event Fee** | **Non-mem fee** | **CTF/CI $5/day** | **Skins $5/day** |
| May 3 Sat 11 am  
Sat 1:30 pm Shot Gun | Annual Mtg/Lunch & 4 Woman Scramble. Guests Welcome. Hickory Creek | $63 | N/A | $5 | $5 |
| May 3 Sat 11 am | Annual Meeting & Lunch only - No golf | $13 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| May 19 Mon 2 pm | Founders Cup Charity Scramble, Dinner, Program Travis Pointe CC | $125 | | | |
| June 7 Sat 2 pm | 2 Person 4 Ball Sycamore Hills North & West | $63 | $20 | $5 | $5 |
| June 21 Sat 1 pm shotgun | Presidents Stroke Play Threesomes Fox Creek | $63 | $20 | $5 | $5 |
| July 12 Sat 11 a.m. Shotgun | 2 Woman Four Ball Selfridge | $63 | $20 | $5 | $5 |
| Jul 26-27 Sat-10 am Sun 9 am | State Championship Lake Forest (includes Sunday lunch and prizes) | $126 | $20 | $10 | $10 |
| Jul 26-27 Sat-Sun 9 am | Lake Forest Junior Division, 1 or 2 days | $30 1 day/ $60 2 | N/A | N/A |
| Aug 9 Sat 8:30 a.m. Shotgun | 2 Woman Scramble Hunter Ridge | $63 | $20 | $5 | $5 |
| Aug 16 Sat | Member-Junior Scramble 9 Holes Warren Valley | $ | | | |
| Aug 18 Mon 9 am | 4-Woman ChaChaCha Guest Day TBD | $63 | N/A | $5 | $5 |
| Sep 13-14 Sat 10 a.m. Sun 9 a.m. | 2 Person Eraser Manistee National Canthooke Valley | $126 | $20 | $10 | $10 |
| Sep 20 Sat | Match Play League Championship Mbrs and Guests | TBD | | | |
| Sep 27 Sat 9 am | Format TBD Heather Highlands Guest Day | $63 | N/A | $5 | $5 |

**TOTAL AMOUNT PAID** (check and/or MWGA gift certificate)

Total payment is the Entry Fee plus cost of games. Games are optional, but to participate, must be paid with entry. Confirmation and directions will be sent to your email address. **If you do not post scores through MWGA, you must provide:** 1) the name of the organization you post with, _______________2) the website where your index can be found, ________________and 3) your member number:__________

MAIL ENTRIES to: MWGA Event Office, 1127 Palmer St, Plymouth, MI 48170-2054. **Email all questions to:** mwgapayment@mwgolf.org
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**Italics**: Tentative Sites

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All events must participate in a local qualifier. Visit [www.gam.org](http://www.gam.org) for updates on sites.
## 2014 USGA Events

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Michigan’s 2013 golf season officially ended October 31. Members who have not renewed their MWGA membership for 2014 will be inactivated in GAM on December 31. MWGA members will not be allowed to renew their GAM membership online. When you renew your MWGA membership, we will automatically renew your GAM membership. Any rounds of golf played in Michigan, generally between November 1 and March 31, cannot be posted. If you play golf in warm weather states, without inactive seasons, those scores can and should always be posted. To post scores and to access/view your GAM posting record after December 31, either renew your MWGA membership or contact your Handicap Director at handicap@mwgolf.org. For more on Handicaps, go to PostingScores.

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.

- The average MWGA women’s index is 21.9; The average sponsored male index is 15.2
- Of 208 MWGA members, 21 posted no scores in 2013; 81 improved their index over the season
- MWGA members posted 7523 nine or eighteen holes scores from March 29 through November 7; our 19 sponsored males posted 652 scores
- Twenty-seven members posted more than 65 rounds between January 1 and October 31

### Members and Sponsored Males Posting 65 or More Scores in 2013

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Bring your nonMWGA friends along too!

Check out the full details including registration at MWGA! Or contact Lu Stockton at Stockton@mwga.org.

MWGA Supports Your League

If you belong to a golf league in SE Michigan, please let us know! We have members and friends, looking to play more. We will include your league in the list on the MWGA web site and in the NEWSLINX.

This is a great way to bring new members to your league and to expose your league members to the MWGA.

Just email the following regarding your league to leagues@mwgolf.org:

1) League Name
2) Plays 9 or 18 holes
3) Day of the week and time the league plays
4) Course/courses played
5) Name and email address and/or phone number of the league coordinator
LPGA Returns to Michigan in 2014

The LPGA will return to Michigan on Aug. 7 – 10 at Blythefield CC near Grand Rapids for the $1.5 million Meijer won their chance by advancing through Stage 3. The 4th and Final Stage will take place at LPGA International in Daytona Dec. 4 – 8. Good luck, ladies! It would be great to see Michigan players in the LPGA.

GAM Gives Exemptions for Michigan

Women’s Amateur

Ken Hartmann, the GAM Tournament Director has proposed exemptions for the first time in a women’s championship. There will be exemptions for the 2014 Michigan Women’s Amateur. Check the entry form for who receives the exemptions.

LPGA Classic

Former publinxer and MSU player Allison Foch, who has recently retired from the LPGA, and Patti Butcher, who held several golf clinics for the MWGA and is now Director of Golf at Blythefield, were instrumental in acquiring a sponsor and convincing the LPGA to return to Michigan. The LPGA last appeared in E. Lansing in 2000 in the Oldsmobile Classic. Mark your calendar now for a trip to Blythefield to watch the amazing LPGA stars.

USGA Fall Results

US Women’s State Team  NCR CC, Kettering, OH  Sept. 17 – 19 The Michigan Team of publinxer and former MSU/EMU player Shannon Warner, Jacqueline Setas, who recently signed with MSU, and Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll, coach of the MSU Women’s Golf Team, tied at 472 for 15th. The New Jersey team won with a 446. Alice Chen, who was on the NJ Team was medalist in the 2012 WAPL Qualifier at Salem Hills, tied for medalist honors at 213.

US Senior Women’s Amateur Championship  Cordevalle, San Martin, CA, Sept. 21 – 26. Four women with ties to Michigan made match play. MJ Anderson Heistand of Naples, FL was 10th after stroke play and played very well in match play and went all the way to the semi-finals before losing to Ellen Port the Champion, who also won in 2012. Sydney Wells, a former MSU player from Menominee tied for 27th and lost in the 1st round.

Julie Massa, from Holt, tied for 34th and Mary Petrovich from W Bloomfield tied for 63rd and both lost in the first round. Joan Garety from Ada tied for 67th just 2 strokes out of match play.

US Women’s Mid-Am Championship  Biltmore Forest CC, Asheville, NC, Oct. 5 – 10 Sydney Wells tied for 16th after stroke play and won her first match but lost in the second round. Julia Potter from Granger, IN won the Championship in 19 holes.

Results of GAM Women’s Senior Championship

The Championship was held at Michaywe Pines in Gaylord Aug. 26 – 27. Donna Benford was the Champion with a 2 day score of 146. Jean Murray

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won the Super Senior Championship and Flight B with a 165. Judi Stutzman shot a 179 to win Flight C. See the entire leaderboard results on the GAM Website.

**Julia Dean Wins Golfweek Junior Tour**

Julia Dean, of Brighton, competed in the 14 and under girl's division in the Golfweek Junior Tour at Shaker Run in Lebanon, OH on Oct. 26-27. She birdied the last 3 of 5 holes to shoot 75 and a total of 158 to win the overall girl’s title.

**Fall College Round-up**

The college teams have had a very busy season with most competing in 4 or 5 invitationals. **MSU** won the Mary Fossum Invitational over OSU by 4 strokes. The team has done well and Liz Nagel has been outstanding. She was medalist at their invitational at 1 over par and named Big Ten Player of the Week.

In other tournaments, she had a T-5 at even par, a T-14 at 1 over and a T-4 at +3.

**EMU** has also had a good fall season with 3 top 10s and Kelsey Murphy, a freshman from Plymouth, has been outstanding with 2 top 10s and a top 20. **GVSU** has recorded two 1sts, a 3rd and two 6ths and Kelly Hartigan has been their star performer with two 1sts and two 2nds. **U of D** won the Dayton Fall Invitational and Lindsey Lammers was 3rd. They were 6th at The Rocket Classic and Lindsey T-9. To check out your favorite team, please go to their website.

Michigan Players in Final Stage of LPGA Qualifying

Laura Kueny, former MSU player and WWGA Champion, qualified for the final stage of LPGA Qualifying thru the Symetra Tour. Caroline Powers, MSU All-American, and Christine Meier, current MSU player,

Do you think playing golf with a caddy could be fun— well the truth as told by Caddies (see caddy’s quotes to the right) sure does hurt!
Register online now for the PGA-USGA Rules of Golf Workshops. There are 2 and 3.5 day workshops. The 2 day is $150 and the 3.5 day is $300. You will receive the Rules of Golf and the Decisions Book and study materials. You will also receive instruction from a PGA and a USGA Rules expert and take a rules test at the end. The MWGA will reimburse the registration fee for any member who attends a workshop and officiates (not play) 3 MWGA Tournaments. There is a workshop at the Marriott in Ypsilanti Thurs. – Sun., Mar. 6 - 9. Go to USGA.org and rules to find more information and to register.

Recent Rules Situations

Two players hit their balls into a lateral water hazard that ran diagonally across the fairway about 80 yards from the green. Their options under Rule 26-1 were under penalty of one stroke a. to go back and hit a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played, b. drop a ball behind the water hazard, keeping the point at which the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the water hazard the ball may be dropped, or c. drop a ball outside the water hazard within two club lengths of and not nearer the hole than the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard or at a point on the opposite margin of the water hazard equidistant from the hole. Neither player wanted to cross the creek again and chose c. on the opposite margin. They were smart to remember option c.

In match play, Player A hit her opponents ball and then Player B hit the other ball. They got to the balls and realized their mistake. How should they proceed?

**Rule 15-3a.** In match play, if the player and opponent exchange balls during the play of a hole, the first to make a stroke at a wrong ball loses the hole. This is not true in stroke play. **Rule 15-3b.** In stroke play, each player gets a two stroke penalty and must correct his mistake by playing the correct ball from as close as possible to the original spot. If he fails to do this, he will be disqualified. You may never need to know, but there is no penalty if a competitor makes a stroke at a wrong ball that is moving in water in a water hazard!

In the same match, A holed out and told B, that he had scored a 5. B, having played 5 strokes, picked up assuming he had lost the hole. A realized that he had scored a 6 and immediately told B. What is the ruling?

**Rule 2-2.** When a player has holed out and his opponent has been left with a stroke for the half, if the player subsequently incurs a penalty, the hole is halved. Player A gave B wrong information. See also Decision 9-2/6.
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.

2014 MWGA Membership Application

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________
City: ____________________________________________ Zip +4: ________
Home Phone: ________ Business Phone: _______________
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Birth Date: __________________ Profession: _______________

Check one: _____ New Member _____ Renewal (was 2012 member) _____ Previous Member (not in 2012)

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

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (09/15/12—12/31/13) Membership Dues

New Member (has never been a member of the MWGA) $35 __
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Name of club or affiliation: __________________________

Sponsored Male A member may sponsor a male (spouse or friend) to establish his

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If you post scores with a non-GAM member club, what is the website address of your handicap provider:

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.

Make check payable to MWGA. Mail Membership Application to:
Shirley McClain, 51819 Shelby Rd, Shelby Twp, MI 48316-4152
or pay online @ www.mwgolf.org
Phone or email questions to 586-739-5868 or mcclain@mwgolf.org

Membership includes discounted rates for MWGA tournaments, newsletters, MWGA membership directory, the USGA Rules of Golf, official USGA handicap service and GAM membership.

Your name, address, phone numbers, email 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:

____ I’d be willing to help the MWGA at events or on committees, etc.
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