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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MWGA Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 5th @ 11 am

Golf @ 1 pm, Salem Hills GC, Northville

By Denise Buechel, Vice President

REMINDER!! Saturday, May 5th, at Salem Hills in Northville - the site of the MWGA Annual Meeting & Scramble kicking off the 2012 golf season. Register by April 25th!! We’ll enjoy the traditional kick-off luncheon meeting held to update everyone on the state of the MWGA organization (where we were, where we are and where we’re going). Not to be missed —we’ll announce Player of the Year, Golfer of the Year and Most Improved Golfer awards. See you there!

REMINDER - MWGA - Skills Clinic & On-Course Management Saturday, May 19th

By Lu Stockton, Seminars & Clinics Director

Earn 2 POY Points for Attending!

Deadline For Entry: Wednesday May 9, 2012

Location: Hickory Creek Golf Course; 3625 Napier Road, Superior, Twp. 48198

After golf, enjoy drinks and dinner at the Greenside Tavern (not included with the fee) in the clubhouse

Session 1: 12 Noon (followed by 1:00 pm tee times)

Session 2: 3:30 pm (followed by 4:30 pm tee times)

Cost: $50 (Includes instruction, range balls, cart & 9-hole green fee)

Join us Saturday, May 19, at Hickory Creek for combined instruction and on course golf strategies with PGA Golf Professional, Tami Bealert. Tami is a PGA Class "A" Golf Professional and Certified Personal Trainer, WITS. Tami believes in applying golf specific exercises and practice drills tailored to meet each individual’s needs, goals and expectations. Her passion for the game, along with her patience and dedication to her students, creates an enjoyable atmosphere for all. Gain invaluable tips on the range with golf specific warm-ups and swing exercises, followed by 20 minutes of pre golf putting skills and on course management.

SPECIFICS: Limited to 24 participants (2 groups of 12)

RANGE TIME: Start with tips on the range with golf specific warm-ups and swing exercises. Then onto the putting green for pre-golf putting skills.

PLAYING TIME: Tami will coach on the course for approximately a half hour with each threesome. Groups will then continue on to finish their 9 holes of play.

Remember - members will receive 2 Player of the Year points for attendance at this Clinic.

You may register and pay online at www.mwgolf.org or mail your payment to the MWGA Event Office, 1127 Palmer St, Plymouth MI 48170-2054. If you have questions, contact me, Lu Stockton, at 734-546-1023 or stockton@mwgolf.org.

Please register early – space is limited to 24 participants. We hope to see you at this Clinic!

Girls Golf Program and MWGA saw green on St. Patrick’s Day. Read all about MWGA’s successful fundraiser on page 3. Hard work and some luck of the Irish paid off.
With all the mild Michigan weather, it’s hard to believe the official golf season has just started in our state. As many have played golf throughout this winter on local courses, one would assume a number of our members have a jump start on the golf season and should be eager to post their scores. Like me, I’m sure our members have, also, been receiving numerous emails from various courses enticing us to play. And, why not take advantage of super rates and good conditions. On March 21, playing Dunham Hills, if one did not look at the trees, one would think it was July. - Okay, so the lack of any typical golf tan lines would, also, pose a reality check. Consequently, I would believe our minds are on golf and the anticipation of the 2012 MWGA season.

I am so elated and thankful over the success of the St. Patrick’s Day Fund Raiser held at the Michigan Golf Hall of Frame. As a first time endeavor, all went extremely well thanks to the efforts of numerous Board Members; the items donated from various businesses, vendors, and individuals for the Chinese Auction and Live Auction; and the monetary generosity of all the attendees and non-attendees as well. Thanks to all of you, the MWGA has decided to add this event to our calendar for 2013.

I would encourage all members, either new or veteran, to attend the Guidelines and Rules Clinic on April 14 at the Hall of Frame. The MWGA is privileged to have Jeanne Myers, USGA Rules Official, conducting this valuable rules seminar. And, for 2012, there are USGA rule changes that will impact your game. Our own Deb Horning will be presiding over the Guidelines Briefing. Again, highly recommended for new members to acquaint themselves with our event procedures in order to bolster confidence when playing in MWGA events.

Have all of you signed up for our Annual Meeting and Spring Scramble at Salem Hills, May 5, 2012? This is always a fun event kicking off our season as well as honoring our “top dogs” for 2011. Besides, it’s a great day to reunite with acquaintances’ not seen since last October and meet new members to our organization. Remember, this is an excellent opportunity to invite a quest and introduce them to the MWGA.

In reading about golf, I find the amount of articles on the female golfer interesting. In a recent Golf Digest, Jerry Tarde, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, dedicated his editorial to “How do we get Women to Play?” And quoting Mr. Tarde, “Social intimidation in many forms is the greatest hurdle for women and girls on the golf course, especially beginners”. His belief is that the female golfer is good for the golf business and, in many respects, is the key for economic recovery for the industry. - In referencing the fact that women control 83 percent of consumer purchases and 91 percent of home buying, Mr. Tarde states “This new century belongs to our daughters and wouldn’t it be nice if they were golfers”. Even though we are a small organization, I believe the MWGA has made a difference for the female golfer in Southeastern Michigan through our clinics, tournament events, and, of course, our Girls Golf Program. We just need to continue to spread the word that we’re available!

Talking about spreading the word, shortly, many of you will be receiving a phone call from a Board Member. In this world of hi-tech communication, we decided an old fashion phone call is a great venue to keep in touch with our members. I promise not to take too much of your precious time.

The golf industry is trying to make the sport more fun for everyone so people will stay in the game longer and new golfers will join. – Larger cup size and 12 Hole Courses are a few of the ideas that have been instigated in Michigan. I would suggest all read the “Tee It Forward, Please!” article by Tom Lang in Carl’s Golfland...
St. Patrick’s Day Fundraiser – A Great Success!

By Kathy Brennan, Fund Development Director

A great time was had by all. I would like to thank all those that attended our fundraiser for the Girls Golf program on Saturday March 17th. There was certainly more than enough food for all. The food was oh so delicious! For example, we had chicken wings, spaghetti, turkey chili, chicken sausage, two cakes, a pie, a very delicious looking salad (I wanted to take some home but I was cleaning up and the salad disappeared, oh well!). Those that did not come missed out on all the good eats and a great time and great prizes.

We had fun checking out the Golf Hall of Fame, getting to know each other and watching the Euchre tournament, which had 12 players and was won by Yvette Gagnon. Second place went to Nancy Serra.

We had a live auction for an Infinity & Ovation Yacht Cruise for a ‘Havana Nights’ dinner and a one night stay at the Roberts Riverwalk Hotel. The winning bid was Nancy Serra. The second live auction item was a wine tasting for 15 from PRP Wines (in the winner’s home) and the winning bidder Sylise Ruemenapp and a second wine tasting went to the runner up bidder Martha MacIntosh.

We had a 50/50 raffle and a Chinese Auction of 17 items. Items and winners as follows:

- Sylise Ruemenapp – Pro-V golf balls, golf pin, MWGA mug & ball marker
- Sylise Ruemenapp- coffee mugs, dish towels and a throw blanket
- Pat Shelton Signed Piston Jersey & 4 Piston Tickets
- Pat Shelton- Better Made Chips Tin, misc bags of Better Made chips & a Golf chip dish & and spread knives
- Sue Merrick – Red Wings Hockey Puck signed by Ty Conklin, Pro-V golf balls
- Sue Merrick -Tours edge golf bag.
- Martha MacIntosh – Golf shirt, golf glove, GAM golf balls
- Deb Horning- Neckace & earrings
- Deb Horning -Ladies Golf shirt & pants
- Marie Beard- Nike 3 metal golf club
- Kathy Brennan –Door County wine and cheese basket courtesy of Gordon Lodge
- Francine Pegues – Earrings & pin & Arts & scraps rubber stamp set
- Marie Hill – Beijo hand bag
- Shirley McClain Golf shirt, golf book, crystal ball marker & golf pin & needlepoint golfers pictures
- Jane Kersjes – Massage and Beauty lotions & soap Basket
- Lu Stockton –Sun Mountain Golf Bag
- Terry MacPherson Taylormade Golf Bag.

I would also like to thank all those who donated items. The Infinity & Ovation Yacht cruise, Roberts Riverwalk Hotel, PRP Wine Tasting, Barbara Coury, Joan Cleland, Nancy Serra, Lu Stockton Francine Pegues, Louise Holt, John Donaldson – Vector Pipeline, Jan Ernst, Madeleine Dechy, Las Vegas Convention & Visitor’s Authority, Bionic Band, Girls Gone Golfing, Golf Association of Michigan, Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Pistons, Janice Cantelon and Tooles Contracting Group.

And best of all we made a good amount of money to help our Girl’s Golf Program! Thank you to all who donated items and who came and had a great time. And we hope to see you there next year.

Con’t from p. 2- 2012 Annual. The game we play tomorrow may not be the same as today. Whatever this game we call golf brings, I know I will still be playing along with most of my MWGA colleagues. The biggest challenge is to overcome those unattractive golf tan lines.... See you on the links!

MWGA at the 3/2-4/2012 MI Golf Show

By Pat Shelton, Publicity Director

There certainly are lots of antsy Michigan golfers out there and tons of them were at the March 2-4, 2012 MI Golf Show at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Attendance was excellent. All 19 fantastic women who worked our booth – Kathy Brennan, Inez Bridges, Jodie Chapa, Joan Cleland, Pat DeMaire, Belinda Friis, Deb Horning, Judy Lazzaro, Regina Love, Martha MacIntosh, Terry MacPherson, Sue Madej, Monica Oliver, Cindy Parker, Cynthia Pinkard, Barb Porter, Nancy Serra, Lu Stockton and Bonnie Teegen – said they had a steady flow of visitors. More than 200 newsletters were handed out in addition to MWGA business cards plus a few event schedules and membership applications.

Five new members signed up at the show and one renewed. Plus, quite a lot of women expressed interest in joining our organization.

We had 106 people enter the raffle drawing to win the two free MWGA memberships. After the show they received an email, thanking them for their interest, reminding them to visit our website and again inviting them to join our organization. It would be nice if we get a few more members from this group.

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Rules Rock  By Sara Wold, Rules Director

Rules That Get You Out of Trouble

You will want to know the Rules that get you out of trouble without penalty. The favorite is Rule 20-6, better known as the “eraser rule”. A ball incorrectly substituted, dropped or placed in a wrong place or otherwise not in accordance with the Rules but not played may be lifted, without penalty, and the player must then proceed correctly. This is handy when you have dropped a ball that should have been placed or vice versa. You may pick up the ball and either drop it or place it correctly. Otherwise, it is loss of hole in Match Play or two penalty strokes in Stroke Play. You can also use 20-6 when you have dropped or placed a ball in the wrong place or substituted a ball when not allowed.

Rules 18-3 and 19-3 tell us that in Match Play, if an opponent in Match Play moves a player’s ball during search, there is no penalty and the ball must be replaced. If an opponent’s ball accidently deflects or stops a player’s ball, there is no penalty and the player may play his ball as it lies or cancel the stroke and replay it. Rules 18-4 and 19-4 in Stroke Play tells us that if a fellow competitor moves, deflects, or stops a player’s ball, there is no penalty. Under 18-4, the player must replace his ball. Please check Rule 19-4, which actually refers to 19-1, to determine if the ball should be played as it lies, dropped or placed, or cancelled and replayed.

An example is Decision 19-3/1. In a Match, a player’s ball accidentally strikes his opponent, who is standing out of bounds. The ball comes to rest out of bounds. There is no penalty and the player is entitled to replay the stroke. What would a player do if this happened in Stroke Play? See 19-1.

Rule 24-2b gives us free relief from an immovable obstruction except in a water hazard. Decisions 24-2b/14-15.5 tell us we can open a window or door to play a shot through the clubhouse or barn, if the structures are not out of bounds. Rule 24-3a and b tell us that, if a ball is not found in a movable or immovable obstruction, we can substitute a ball without penalty and take relief. Drop or place a ball as near as possible to the spot under the place where the ball last crossed the outermost limits of the movable obstruction, but not nearer the hole. Except in a water hazard or lateral water hazard, drop or place a ball within one club length not closer to the hole from the spot where the ball last crossed the outermost limits of the immovable obstruction. Rule 25 gives us similar relief from casual water, ground under repair, embedded ball, wrong putting green, and burrowing animal holes. In a recent tournament I gave a player, who had hit and lost her ball in a decorative garden, free relief within a club length from the spot where the ball entered under Rule 15-1c.

Under Rule 28 Ball Unplayable, in Decision 28/8, a player’s ball strikes a rock and bounces farther away from the hole than the spot from which the stroke was played. The player deems the ball unplayable. He may take a penalty under stroke and distance and go forward and play from where he last hit the ball. In Decision 28/9, a player’s ball is lying on grass-covered ground within a bunker. The player deems the ball unplayable and, with a penalty, elects to drop it under Rule 28b. Must he drop it in the bunker? No. Grass-covered ground within a bunker is not part of the bunker and he may drop the ball behind the bunker.

And my favorite for all of you desert golfers, there is Decision 1-2/10. A player’s ball lies near a cactus, and to play the ball, the player would have to stand with his legs touching the cactus. To protect himself from the cactus needles, the player wraps a towel around his legs before taking his stance. He then plays the ball. What is the ruling? There is no penalty for placing a towel around his leg but he cannot place the towel on the cactus as that would be altering physical conditions with the intent of affecting the playing of the hole.
Salem Hills to host the 25th USWAPL Sectional on May 29th
By Sara Wold, Rules Director

It’s hard to believe that the US Women’s Amateur Public Links Championship (WAPL) will celebrate its 35th Anniversary this year. It will be held at Neshanic Valley Golf Course in Neshanic Station, NJ June 18 – 23. The course is ranked no. 19 in NJ by Golf Digest. It is near Golf House in Far Hills and those attending the Championship will be invited to the USGA Museum to see a special exhibit featuring LPGA great, Mickey Wright.

156 Qualifiers from 34 sites will converge on Neshanic Valley for practice rounds on June 16 and 17 and will play 2 rounds of stroke play. The players must walk the course, which will be played at around 6200 yards, and the cut for match play is usually around 150. The top 64 players will then go to match play and after 6 rounds, including a 36-hole final match, a Champion will be crowned. Michelle Wie and Yani Tseng are former US WAPL Champions.

To enter the Sectional Qualifier, a player must have a handicap index of 18.4 or less and must qualify as a public links golfer. Go to www.usga.org and click on Championships and Apply. A series of questions and examples will help you determine if you are a public links golfer. The entry fee is $50 and you must apply online before 5 PM on May 9th.

Salem Hills Golf Course in Northville is graciously waiving the green fees for the Sectional on May 29th. Special rates for the practice rounds during the week are $20 to walk and $26 to ride. Jim Grant, the Head Pro, suggests that a player go online to www.salemhillsgolfclub.com to get special rates for the weekends. The players must walk and can take a caddy during the Sectional Qualifying Round. Jim reports that qualifiers have been out to play before April 1st. That’s getting a head start on the field!

It is a wonderful experience to play in a US National Championship and The MWGA, who has supported the Sectional Qualifying Round for the last 27 years, encourages anyone who can qualify and compete at a highly skilled level to enter. For questions or further information please contact Sara Wold at wold@mwgolf.org or (734)645-9839.

The Golf Association of Michigan has many exciting events planned for us this year. In this article I will highlight two of them: the 14th GAM Women’s Mid Am and the 96th Michigan Women’s Amateur.

The GAM Women’s Mid Am is a 36 hole stroke play event. It will be held at Prestwick Village in Highland, Michigan, on July 2nd and 3rd. The minimum age is 25 years and the maximum USGA index is 25.4. There will be a senior division for those 50 years old and beyond, as well as the Mid Am division. Gross and Net prizes will be awarded in both divisions. The deadline for entry is June 20th.

The prestigious 96th Michigan Women’s Amateur is being held this year in East Lansing at Forest Akers. The Amateur begins with 36 holes of stroke play, the top 32 players advancing to match play. This event will take place July 16th-20th, with an entry deadline of July 7th. Players must have a USGA index of 15.4 or less.

For more information on these events or to register, please go to www.gam.org.

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Keep Pace!
Every event, we hear about pace of play — so what are you doing to keep pace? Here’s one tip. Each member of a group should proceed directly to his or her ball. The group should not travel as a pack, going to first to one ball, then the next.
Once Again MWGA is Sponsoring the Girls Golf Program

By Francine Pegues, Director Girls Golf Program

We know that 2012 will be a great year for MWGA’S Girls Golf Program! 2011 surpassed every year thus far in participants (49) and we know that 2012 will be even better! For those of you who volunteer, we thank you for all you do to make the program the success that it is. You are the ones who are bringing the game of golf to girls in our community and offering them a fun and valuable learning experience. We know that as well as an expression of your love of the game and wanting to share it with others, it also is a commitment of time. We truly appreciate all you do and want to help you in every way possible. We cannot run this program without your help.

What can we do to make it easier for members of MWGA to help? We expect to again offer two (2) programs: beginners’ lessons and experienced league play. Our beginners program will take place at Rouge Park Golf Course and Driving Range in Detroit. Our program for experienced golfers will be a league at Chandler Park Golf Course in Detroit. Both programs will have an LPGA teaching professional providing instructions. We need your assistance to work with the girls to reinforce the professional instructions. Some days we will need you to drive the golf cart and help keep the game moving. Other days it will be to supervise the practice during the professional lessons.

We hope to provide beginner lessons 1 day each week for 9 weeks, Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm. The experienced league play will take place Friday afternoons 12 -3:00 pm.

Can we count on you to help? Please call or write me with your thoughts, concerns, questions and offers to help. Francine Pegues 313-969-0523 or Pegues@mgolf.org

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Golfing truths, sayings and clichés

Always concede the fourth putt. Bunkers have the unnerving habit of rushing out to meet your ball.

No successive swings are ever the same except for when you hit your first, and then second ball out of bounds!
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Enjoying the St. Patrick’s Day Fundraiser!

A successful Golf Show!
MWGA TOURNAMENT FORMAT RULES

MWGA Scramble Rules

The current USGA Rules of Golf and the MWGA Rules and Conditions of Competition for Tournaments will govern all MWGA competitions, with the exception of the following rules, which are in effect for MWGA 2-Woman and 4-Woman Scrambles competitions. Any additional local rules will be presented before play begins.

1) All players tee off at each hole. The best or most strategic shot is then selected as the spot from which the next shots will be played. The ball(s) of the other team member(s) are then picked up and moved to that spot. From that location, all team members will play a second shot. This same procedure is followed until the ball is holed.

2) All team members may clean and place their ball. The balls are to be placed within one club length of the landing spot, no closer to the hole (except on the green, where a ball marker shall be placed within one putter head length to the right or left of the ball to ensure that all balls will be played from the same location).

3) If a selected shot is played from a hazard, bunker or the rough, the ball must be placed within a club length of the original position, no nearer the hole, and must remain in the hazard, bunker or the rough. When the hazard is a bunker, the bunker may be raked after each shot. The grass surrounding the sand bunker is not part of the hazard. If any part of the ball rests on a hazard line, it is considered to be in the hazard.

4) A ball may not be placed on the green when the selected location is off the green.

5) Continuous putting is encouraged to speed up play. A team may knock in a short putt before trying to sink a long putt.

6) When a selected ball is eligible for relief under the USGA Rules, relief should be taken before marking the selected location.

7) If a team is missing a golfer, the team will not get an extra shot to make up for the missing player. Likewise, as prizes are awarded on an individual basis, if a missing player(s) has (have) paid their entry fee(s), a winning team that is short a player(s) will not be awarded the prize money of the player(s) that is (are) missing.

8) A minimum number of drives must be used from each player on the team.
   a) In a 4-Woman Scramble, each team in all flights must use three drives from each player.
   b) In a 2-Woman Scramble, each team in all flights must use six drives from each player.
   c) Each player's required drives must be clearly indicated on the scorecard.

9) Violation of the MWGA Scramble Rules will result in a team being disqualified.

10) MWGA Pace of Play Policy will be in effect.

Mulligan Rules for Scrambles

Mulligans are sold at MWGA scramble events as a fund raising activity.

1. Mulligans are $2 a player and a player gets only two.
2. Mulligans can be used to replay any shot anywhere on the course.
3. Mulligans cannot be used for contests, such as closest to the pin, longest drive or chip-ins.
4. Mulligans can be used in skins.
5. Each group will keep track of where everyone's mulligans are used.
6. Do not delay play.

Violation of the MWGA Scramble Rules will result in the team being disqualified.

MWGA Pace of Play Policy Will Be In Effect
MWGA NEWSLINX

2-Person (Woman) Four-Ball Rules

The current USGA Rules of Golf and the MWGA Rules and Conditions of Competition for Tournaments will govern all MWGA competitions, with the exception of any local rules, which will be presented before play begins.

The format is a 2-Person (Woman) Four-Ball. It is a handicapped stroke play team event with teams consisting of two (2) players and each player on the team plays their own ball. Upon completion of each hole, the gross score of each player is recorded. The lower of the two scores, both gross and net, are added and recorded on the scorecard as the team score for that hole. If a team member selects not to complete a hole, they should use their most likely score, not to exceed their equitable stroke control (ESC) score, suffixed with an X. This score is used for posting purposes only, and cannot be used for the team score.

At the end of the competition, prizes are awarded for the lowest gross and net team scores in each handicap division.

Violation of the MWGA 2-Person (Woman) Four-Ball Rules will result in the team being disqualified.

MWGA Pace of Play Policy Will Be In Effect

Best 2-of-4 Four-Ball Rules

The current USGA Rules of Golf and the MWGA Rules and Conditions of Competition for Tournaments will govern all MWGA competitions, with the exception of any local rules, which will be presented before play begins.

The format is a Best 2-of-4 Four-Ball. It is a handicapped stroke play team event with teams consisting of four (4) players and each player on the team plays their own ball. Upon completion of each hole, the gross score of each player is recorded. The lowest two scores, gross and net, are added and recorded on the scorecard as the team score for that hole. If a team member selects not to complete a hole, they should use their most likely score, not to exceed their equitable stroke control (ESC) score, suffixed with an X. This score is used for posting purposes only, and cannot be used for the team score.

At the end of the competition, prizes are awarded for the lowest gross and net team scores in each handicap division.

Violation of the MWGA 2-of-4 Best Ball Rules will result in the team being disqualified.

MWGA Pace of Play Policy Will Be In Effect

3-Person and 4-Person (Woman) Cha Cha Cha Rules

The current USGA Rules of Golf and the MWGA Rules and Conditions of Competition for Tournaments will govern all MWGA competitions, with the exception of the following rules, which are in effect for Cha-Cha-Cha competitions. Any additional local rules will be presented before play begins.

The format is a 4-Person (Woman) Cha Cha Cha. It is a handicapped stroke play team event with teams consisting of three (3) or four (4) players and each player on the team plays their own ball throughout the 18 holes. A 3-hole rotation exists for determining how many scores are used to establish the team score. On the first hole (cha), the one lowest ball score, both gross and net, are recorded as the team score. On the second hole (cha cha), the two lowest ball scores, both gross and net, are recorded as the team score. On the third hole (cha cha cha), the three lowest ball scores, both gross and net, are recorded as the team score. The rotation starts over on the fourth hole and continues throughout the 18 holes. This format may be modified to use the three lowest scores on all par 3’s; the two lowest scores on all par 4’s and the one lowest score on all par 5’s. If a team member selects not to complete a hole, they should use their most likely score, not to exceed their equitable stroke control (ESC) score, suffixed with an X. This score is used for posting purposes only, and cannot be used for the team score.

At the end of the competition, prizes are awarded for the lowest gross and net team scores in each handicap division.

Violation of the MWGA 3 or 4-Person (Woman) Cha Cha Cha Rules will result in the team being disqualified.

MWGA Pace of Play Policy Will Be In Effect
2-Person (Woman) Eraser Rules
(Also known as Select Score; Eclectic Score)

The current USGA Rules of Golf and the MWGA Rules and Conditions of Competition for Tournaments will govern all MWGA competitions, with the exception of the following rules, which are in effect for 2 Person (Woman) Eraser competitions. Any additional local rules will be presented before play begins.

The format is a 2-Person (Woman) Eraser, also known as Select Score or Eclectic Score. This is a handicapped stroke play team event based on playing 36 holes either in one day or over a two day period. Each team member plays their own ball throughout the 36 holes. After completion of 36 holes, from the two scores, each player selects the better score on each hole, scoring the lowest total score for 18. – You simply “erase” the higher scores. Prizes are based on the lowest combined team Eraser Scores awarding both gross and net prizes in all divisions. Each actual 18 hole scores will be used for posting and if a team member selects not to complete a hole, they should use their most likely score, not to exceed their equitable stroke control (ESC) score, suffixed with an X. This score is used for posting purposes only, and cannot be used for the team score. Note: a player must complete each hole in at least one of the two rounds played. Only a completed hole can be used in the combined team score.

Any team having a player that has not completed each of the 18 holes, at least once, will be disqualified.

Violation of the MWGA 2-Person (Woman) Eraser Rules will result in the team being disqualified.

MWGA Pace of Play Policy Will Be In Effect

2 or 4 Person (Woman) Shamble Rules

The current USGA Rules of Golf and the MWGA Rules and Conditions of Competition for Tournaments will govern all MWGA competitions, with the exception of the following rules, which are in effect for 2 or 4-Person (Woman) Shamble competitions. Any additional local rules will be presented before play begins.

The format is a 2 or 4 Person (Woman) Shamble. A shamble is golf event that combines both scramble and stroke play elements. As in a scramble, all members of a team (usually four) tee off on each hole and the best or most strategic shot of the four tee shots is selected. All players move their balls to the spot of the best ball. From this point, the hole is played out as stroke play, with all members of the team playing their own ball into the hole. So, select the best shot off the tee, move all balls to that spot, then play individual stroke play until each member of the group has holed out.

All four team members may clean and place their ball on the first shot only. The balls are to be placed within one club length of the landing spot, no closer to the hole (except on the green, where a ball marker shall be placed within one putter head length to the right or left of the selected ball). When the selected tee shot ball is eligible for relief under the USGA Rules, relief should be taken before marking the selected location.

If a selected tee shot ball is played from a hazard, bunker or the rough, the balls must be placed within a club length of the original position, no nearer the hole, and must remain in the hazard, bunker or the rough. When the hazard is a bunker, the bunker may be raked after each shot. The grass surrounding the sand bunker is not part of the hazard. If a ball rests on a hazard line, it is considered a hazard.

Each team in all flights must use three tee shots from each player in a 4 Person Event and each team in all flights must use six drives from each player in a 2 person event. Each player’s required drives must be clearly indicated on the scorecard.

Players scores from this format are not to be posted.

Scoring is to be determined by the Tournament Committee as it can be done any number of ways, such as using one low score per hole for a 2 or 4 Person Team, or using two or three low scores per hole in a 4 Person Team. Both gross and net prizes are awarded per flights.

Violation of the MWGA 2 or 4 Person (Woman) Shamble Rules will result in the team being disqualified.

MWGA Pace of Play Policy Will Be In Effect
MWGA TOURNAMENT & EVENT GUIDELINES
(new and revised items for 2012 are in red)

1) Eligibility
Tournaments are open to all female amateur golfers; mixed events are also open to amateur male golfers. Professional golfers may participate in designated Pro-Am events.

2) Fees
   a) Starting in 2012, the entry fee for each tournament will be $63 per day for each event. Green fees, awards and food (where specified), are included in this fee.
   b) The entry fee for non-members will be $20 more than the entry fee for members, unless designated otherwise; i.e., male partners in mixed tournaments playing with members will pay the member fee.
   c) No Fee refund will be given after the entry deadline.

3) Flights
   The number of flights will be determined by the number of tournament entries. There must be a minimum of nine teams per flight in team events before additional flights will be added.

4) Prizes
   (eliminate item a) and e) from last year. There were 6 items under prizes. There are now only 4)
   a) A minimum of 30% of the field will receive prizes.
   b) There will be an equal number of gross and net prizes by flight in all MWGA tournaments.
   c) In order to be eligible for net prizes, a player must have a current, official USGA handicap index.
   d) The number of entries will determine the number of places paid in each flight. The following are the payouts per player for each place, when those places are paid: 1st - $40; 2nd - $30; 3rd - $20

5) Contest
   Players will pay an additional fee for contests if they want to enter them. These contests must be paid at time of tournament entry. All money paid will be returned to the winners. The game structure is as follows:
   a) For $5:
      i) three closest to the flagsticks ($3) - 2 flights, based on individual index,

   ii) chip-ins ($2) - not flighted.
   b) For $5:
      gross skins - by tournament flight.
      For tournaments with only one flight, two flights for skins will be created by team handicap.
   c) These contests will be available at all tournaments and will be run by the tournament committee.
      Note: Player’s ball must be lying one and on the green to claim Closest to the Flagstick.

6) Individual tournaments
   Flighting and Handicap. For flight position and handicap, a player's tournament handicap will be equal to 100% of the player's course handicap.

7) Two-person team tournaments
   a) Flighting and Handicap.
      i) For flight position and handicap, a two-person scramble team's handicap will be calculated by taking 35% of the lowest course handicap and 15% of the highest course handicap.
      ii) For flight position, a two-person best ball team's flight will be determined by the handicap of the lowest handicap player on the team. Each player receives 100% of her/his course handicap.
   b) A two-person scramble team will be required to use each player's drive 6 times.

8) Four-person team tournaments
   a) Handicap Allowances
      i) Teams should have no more than 2 players with a course handicap of 14 and under, nor more than 2 players with a course handicap of 30 and over. If more than 2 players are 14 and under or 30 and over, additional gross score adjustments and handicap limits will apply.
      ii) Any team not in compliance will play at 85% of their team handicap for net. For gross, any team with more than 2 players with a handicap of 14 and under will have strokes added to their gross team score as follows.

http://www.detroitriverwalkhotel.com
The Women’s Western Golf Association (WWGA) will be holding its 112th National Amateur Championship at Monroe Golf & Country Club from June 18-21, 2012. For details visit their web site at www.wwga.org.

Also, Kensington Metro Park will hold its annual Women’s Tournament on Monday, June 11th @ 7:30 a.m. Entries are due at Kensington by 5 pm Thursday June 7th. The cost is $29.00 walking plus $11 for a cart. If you would like more information, visit http://www.metroparks.com.

And many of you enjoy attending the annual Western Michigan Women’s Best Ball @ McGuire’s Resort in Cadillac, MI. The tournament will be held June 16-17 but for those arriving early, practice rounds can be played for only $25 on Friday, the 15th. The schedule follows:

**Saturday, June 16 9:30 - 11:30 Registration**

**10:00 - 12:00 Tee Times:**

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**Looking for More Great Golf Opportunities—Read On!**

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**MWGA TOURNAMENT & EVENT GUIDE—LINES continued**

(new and revised items for 2012 are in red)

Gross adjustment based on 3 or 4 players with handicaps of 14 and under
(For points, see the MWGA Point System for Handicaps under Scrambles)

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**b) Flighting and Handicap.**

**i) Stroke play events (Best of 4, Cha-Cha-Cha) and Shambles**

For flight position, team’s handicap will be calculated by taking 20% of the lowest course handicap on the team, 15% of the next lowest handicap, 10% of the next lowest handicap and 5% of the highest handicap. Each player will receive 100% of her handicap, with no restrictions, when determining hole-by-hole net scores.

**ii) Scrambles**

For flight position and handicap, a four-person scramble team will be calculated on the MWGA point system below.

**MWGA Point System for Handicaps**

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**b) A four-person scramble team will be required to use each players drive 3 times.**

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**Sunday, June 17**

8:00 Tee assignments

9:00 Shotgun Start.

Lunch and prizes will follow at McGuire's Lodge. McGuire's is offering special rooms rates of $89 per night. Entry Fee: $135 per person ($270 per team) Fee includes green fees, golf carts, boxed lunch, awards luncheon on Sunday when play is completed. For more information or to get an entry form, contact Jane Cook, (231) 779 - 1655 or email cooknook@charter.net
We Want You!  

By Nancy Serra, Tournament Director

We are excited about our schedule for competitions this year and we want to impart some of our enthusiasm on you. The first point I want to make is that our first four competitions span four different formats of the golf game. Kicking off our season is our extremely popular 4 Woman Scramble at Salem Hills, a familiar course which has treated us very well over the years. Second, is a 2 Person Four Ball (or a Best Ball) competition where the men may join us. So sidle up to your spouse, a significant other or just a friend and enter your team and participate in this fun day to be held at beautiful Lakes of Taylor. This course hasn’t been on our schedule for a couple of years but, I’m sure those that have played there before are anxious to return.

Next, is Individual Stroke Play at Timber Trace in Pinckney. We should all support this competition, if for no other reason than it’s our President’s Stroke Play Competition. You’ll be playing in threesomes, you’ll be announced at the tee and with all this preferential treatment we can pretend we are pros! Not that you have to golf like a pro, so don’t be afraid to take your chance competing. Remember, all our competitions are handicapped and flighted so you are always competing at your own level i.e. a level playing field. Just come and have fun! Our fourth competition is our 2 Woman Scramble at Shepherd’s Hollow, a jewel of a course that makes you feel like you’re up north. That right there is enough to make me enter! Add in the exceptional condition and beauty of the course and you’ll experience a slice of heaven.

You have to have a really good reason to miss these competitions. Don’t forget you can enter any event as a single and we will fix you up. So don’t let lack of a partner be your excuse. And please don’t say “I don’t know anyone”. If you’re new, we’ll be looking for you and, trust me, after playing in one of our golf days you’ll meet a lot of new people and make new friends because we are easy, friendly and most of all FUN!!

Members and Friends

Congratulations! Judy Mason, long time pro at Michewaye and Jeff Parker were married earlier this year in Gaylord. Judy has been a good friend to MWGA and we wish them well and a lifetime of happiness.

Bingo says member Barb Coury who achieved a hole in one on February 13th while playing Heritage Bay Golf Club in Naples, Fl. She used a Cleveland nine iron and had to clear a bunker to achieve this feat.

Fifty Fantastic Years!!!! Dave and Nancy Abeeg celebrated 50 wonderful years of marriage December 30, 2011 by taking a lovely extended trip to Disney World to visit the famous mouse, Key West and time in Florida visiting friends and playing golf. After all these years, Nancy still calls herself lucky to have gotten such a wonderful guy! And says “It doesn’t seem like it’s been 50 years and we still love each other very much. I know a lot of the girls in MWGA know Dave and know what a great guy he is. I guess I was just lucky to get someone like him so many years ago.” So, give them both your best.

Congratulations to MWGA member Claude Johnston, who recently won the Grand Masters Division in a Society of Seniors Championship at Twin Eagles in Naples, FL. He shot 76, 74, and 71 to win by 5 strokes.

Condolences are in order for Kris Bennett whose mother Geri Bennett passed away March 6, 2012. Kris describes her mom as someone who turned strangers into friends and those many friends upon her death stated that they will forever remember Geri’s positive attitude, bravery, and sense of humor. She brought joy to many of her friends whenever they were with her, talked to her over the phone, or connected through e-mail and greeting cards. Throughout her life, she created an uproar of laughter at her doctors’ office, the emergency room, and hospital floors - employees and patients, alike, frequently expressed how she “made their day” during her visits. And this from Kris which is a great tribute to her mom: “I wish all of you, my MWGA friends, had met my mom, the charmer.” If you wish to make a donation in Geri Bennett’s memory, the family suggests Hospice of the Valley, 1510 East Flower Street, Phoenix, AZ 85014 (602)530-6900.

If you have news to share, please send it to Belinda Friis, @ friis@mwgolf.org for the next Issue of Newslinx.
It has been an awesome winter and a FABULOUS spring. Some of us have taken advantage of the warm weather and hit the links. Here is something you don’t want to miss out on this year: Membership in MWGA!!

We have a wealth of information for MWGA members, take advantage of this information. For starters, we are offering a Guideline Briefing at the Golf Hall of Fame in Troy, Michigan on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 9:00 am. Immediately following the Briefing at 10:00 am is the Rules Clinic. You certainly don’t want to miss either of these important events. These events are geared toward whetting your appetite for a fun and informative year in golf.

If you haven’t registered to become a member of MWGA, this is the time. We have a large number of new members this year. (See list below). You can register online at www.mwgolf.org for these events. You can register to become a member on our website at www.mwgolf.org where you can find the membership application.

Please Welcome These New Members!

Linda Stoddard
Peggy Steffan
Beth Russell
Teresa J. Broessel
Donna Tepper
Susan Judd
Eileen Harryvan
Carlotta Jackson
Bonnie Teegen
Victoria Schon
Taylor Clark, Junior
Linda DePerno
Tynia Dixon
Debbie Schram
Gwen Taylor
Lois C. Williams
Karen Condino
Elaine Gatson
Donna Diment
Bernadine Odom
Laurie Vesey
Vicki Van Becelaere

Winners of Memberships from the Golf Show Drawing

We had two lucky winners from the drawing for memberships held at the close of the Michigan Golf Show. They were Donna Zick and Stacey Andring. Congratulations and we are looking forward to seeing you on the course this summer!

This is a game of misses. The guy who misses the best is going to win. ~ Ben Hogan

Baseball reveals character; golf exposes it. ~ Ernie Banks

Match Play League

By Pat Witek, League Coordinator

The 2012 MWGA Match Play League roster is set and the matches are about to begin. This is the 19th year for the league. The league has 48 members who after the completion of 5 regular season matches within their flight hope to become one of the 16 that will go on to compete for the title of League Champion.

Ten group play days (plus our league meeting April 29) have been scheduled and are listed below. As always, MWGA members and guests are invited to join us for golf, fun and socialization. Courses and times are TBD at this time but will be announced about 2 weeks prior to the scheduled date.

MPL12 Schedule

Sunday April 29, League Meeting (Glen Oaks 10:00)
Saturday May 12
Sunday May 20 (Fox Creek 2:00)
Saturday June 2
Sunday June 17
Saturday June 30
Saturday July 14
Saturday July 28 (Playoffs begin)
Sunday August 12 (Quarter-Finals)
Saturday August 25 (Semi-Finals)
Sunday September 9 (Finals and Yearend Party at Tyrone Hills 11:30)

Visit the MWGA website www.mwgolf.org to view the Match Play League standings and outing dates. For more information, contact me, the League Coordinator, at plwitek@yahoo.com or 248/417-1190.
**2012 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: ______________________________**

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

Games: Closest to Flagstick (CTF), Chip-Ins (CI), Skins (gross by flight). 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, __________________________ 3) your member number: ________

MAIL ENTRIES to: MWGA Event Office, 1127 Palmer St, Plymouth, MI 48170-2054.
### 2012 MWGA 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: tournaments@mwgolf.org or 734-558-2543. ENTER TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS ONLINE at www.mwgolf.org or MAIL ENTRIES to: MWGA Event Office, 1127 Palmer St, Plymouth, MI 48170-2054.

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<td>Stroke Play $63 member, $83 non-member</td>
<td>Lake Forest, Ann Arbor 48103, 734-994-8580, <a href="http://www.lakeforestgc.com">www.lakeforestgc.com</a>; Golf/cart/range (YD 5354, CR 71.9, SR 124)</td>
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<td>7/21, 7/22, Sat-Sun</td>
<td>2-Day State Championship Stroke Play $126 member, $146 non-member</td>
<td>Timber Ridge, East Lansing 48823, 517-339-8000, <a href="http://www.golftimberridge.com">www.golftimberridge.com</a> (YD 5175, CR 71.4, SR 132); Golf/cart/range/ 2nd day buffet</td>
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<td>2-Woman Four-Ball Stroke Play $63 member, $83 non-member</td>
<td>Dunham Hills, Hartland 48353, 248-887-9170, <a href="http://www.dunhamhills.com">www.dunhamhills.com</a>; Golf/cart/range (YD 5253, CR 70.8, SR 118)</td>
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<td>4-Woman Cha, Cha, Cha &amp; Guest Day $63 member, $83 Guest. Enter as a Single</td>
<td>Edgewood CC, Commerce TWP. 48382, 248-363-7112, <a href="http://www.edgewoodcountryclub.org">www.edgewoodcountryclub.org</a>; $63 Golf/cart/range/lunch (YD 5646, CR 71.9, SR 121)</td>
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<td>Match Play Championship ALL WELCOME Golf/cart/range: TBD</td>
<td>Tyrone Hills, Fenton 48820, 810-629-5011, <a href="http://www.tyronelithgolf.com">www.tyronelithgolf.com</a>; Contact: Pat Witek, 248-417-1190, <a href="mailto:witek@mwgolf.org">witek@mwgolf.org</a></td>
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<td>2-Day/2-Person Eraser, Women/Mixed Teams $126/member/male partner, $166/non-member Golf/cart/range/Sun, lunch</td>
<td>The Dream, West Branch 48661, 817-345-6300, <a href="http://www.treedream.com">www.treedream.com</a>; (Men YD 5686, CR 67.1, SR 227; Women YD 4997, CR 68.7, SR 126) Rm. $88 incl. tax @ Quality WB 989-345-3503</td>
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There was incredible drama on Sunday, April 1, 2012 at the LPGA Kraft Nabisco Championship at Mission Hills.....and surely I.K. Kim had wished it was an April Fool’s joke. Kim virtually had the victory in her hands when she lipped out her birdie putt on 18. She went to tap in the remaining 1-footer for a ‘pretty sure’ win; at that point, the only one who might possibly catch her could be Yani Tseng, waiting in the 18th fairway. Tseng would have had to eagle the 18th to tie. But then, the unthinkable happened: Kim missed the 12-inch par putt, which she later said broke off right as it rimmed around the cup. A stunned gallery didn’t quite know what to do or say. Kim was dumb-founded and stood there, hand to her cheek. She then tapped in the bogey and slipped back down the bridge, which only moments before, she was prepared to cross as the newly reigning Champion. Now she was facing a playoff.

Announcers quickly racing through data came up with comparisons of other short putts missed at crucial moments, but none could cite even one player who came back to win after a similar disastrous putting mishap. As I watched, my heart ached for this young girl, hoping this event wouldn’t haunt every putt under three feet she attempts. In fact, I was almost relieved when Yoo made her 18-foot birdie putt for the outright playoff victory. Kim had hit a poor third shot, leaving herself a long putt from off the front of the green. She knocked it up to about 3 feet, much longer than the earlier ‘tap-in’ for the win. When Yoo drained the birdie, Kim did not have to putt. Would she have missed that one too? There is no way she could have ignored those thoughts in light of what occurred 30 minutes earlier......and it doesn’t matter how strong she was mentally; even The Positive Golfer realizes you simply can’t disregard an error of such magnitude that effortlessly.

We all know the routine. We’re going along, playing and putting well, and then for some unknown reason, we miss a shot, our driving collapses, or our putting goes south. Before, we were looking at birdie or par possibilities and now, bogey is our friend. The difference here is that the entire world does not play witness.....and we’re not suffering through this for a living. I.K. had done everything correctly: she went through her usual routine on both the birdie putt and the short par putt. She simply missed it.

I can recall many times I’ve missed short putts. This has taught me that nothing can ever be taken for granted and that each successful shot must be viewed as much a victory as poor shots are considered failures. The point is, just take your licks and move on. It happens to us all. I do hope that I.K. Kim can put this behind her and continue playing superb golf.
Handicap News & Updates  By Sue Madej, Handicap Director

Golf season in Michigan finally arrived April 1st. We have had a mild winter and I am sure many of you were able to get out and golf in February and March in Michigan. Please remember that these scores cannot be posted since our season had not yet begun. If you did get away to warmer climates and played golf, I hope you remembered to post your scores. All rounds of golf, played according to the Rules of Golf, during the active season of the region you played in, should be posted.

To post scores, go to the GAM web site at http://www.gam.org, log in using your GAM username and password, and then select, from the green menu bar, the View Handicap/Post Score link. If you cannot remember or do not know your GAM username and/or password, please email me at handicap@mwgolf.org. Scores should be posted before the end of each revision period, which is the 14th and last day of each month. Thus, your index will be updated on the 1st and 15th of each month. If you cannot post online, please email your scores to handicap@mwgolf.org and include the date you played with the course name, the tees and holes you played, your actual and adjusted scores, who played with you and indicate if the score is a tournament score. Scores shot at courses without a valid slope and course rating are not to be posted. If you have any questions, please let me know!

To understand how to adjust and post scores, please read and follow the information in the handicap booklet that came in your membership package. You can also find this information by visiting the MWGA website at www.mwgolf.org, then select the Posting Scores link, and click MWGA Handicaps and Indexes. A link to the USGA Handicap System manual and details of Internet Posting can also be found there.

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