The President’s Corner

By Francine Pegues, President

2015 is shaping up as a watershed year for your Michigan Women’s Golf Association. We have undertaken numerous activities to grow our membership and increase the participation in golf tournaments. MWGA is experiencing the same decline in golf participation as is the industry as a whole. And that decline impacts our bottom line.

Last year we sponsored the Legacy Celebration to honor three (3) women who embodied everything women have initiated and accomplished in the game. With Betty Richart, Shirley Spork and Mary Fossum as the draw, more 150 people representing golf royalty and everyday golfers attended this soiree, later dubbed the best golf event of the year by journalist, Jack Berry. So we got our name out front and we raised $14,000 for our Girls Golf Program while making donations of $16,300 in the honorees’ names to the women's golf teams at Michigan, Michigan State, Eastern and University of Detroit Mercy. We see those donations as an investment in our future; a connection to the players, their coaches and their parents.

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Membership Snippets

by Shirley McClain
Membership Director

New and returning members of MWGA for the 2015 season and those not yet completed their Membership Application,

What an Exciting time of year this is with MWGA – Anticipation. The Anticipation of another season of golf real soon; Anticipation of meeting new ladies on the links; Anticipation of using those new golf clubs you received; Anticipation of playing golf at a different (higher) than last season after those lessons you received during the off season. Anticipation of another year of golf with the ladies of MWGA; it is indeed exciting.

This is an Exciting year for MWGA: Free rounds of golf, two day event and overnight stay at Yarrow Golf Club, a beautiful site for golf. Some members have been asking for a nine-hole event, this year we have it on our schedule. Rules Clinic, Skills Clinic, Women Golf Summit are all here for our members. Of course, our usual offerings of golf on some of the best courses in this area await you in 2015. If you have not registered with MWGA for 2015, the time is NOW! Register soon and bring a friend or two for this great experience of golf.

When you register this year, I want to remind you we are also accepting Donations to the association. Your donations help run the association. Remember this is a 501c3 association, any donation you give is very much appreciated.

MATCH PLAY LEAGUE

By Cynthia Pinkard

We’re gearing up for another exciting season of Match Play! Have you ever wondered what Match Play was about? Looking for a different competitive experience?

The MWGA Match Play League has openings!

Learn more about match play, then sign up by April 11.
2015 MWGA LPGA-USGA Girl’s Golf Program

By Barb Porter Girls Golf Director

Once again, the MWGA will host summer golf programs for girls at Rouge Park Golf Course and Chandler Park Golf Course managed by the Vargo Golf Company. Our LPGA professional at Rouge will be Debbie Williams-Hoak and our PGA professional at Chandler will be supplied by Craig Piscopink Golf Academy.

New for 2015 will be a third site on Belle Isle in collaboration with The Belle Isle Golf Center, managed by the Dan Teak Company. Our PGA professional at Belle Isle will be Terri Ryan.

As you all realize it takes a tremendous effort to have a successful program for the juniors. This year, we anticipate as many as 100 students! Along with the teaching and course play, we are planning an outing to the Marathon Classic in Sylvania, Ohio and a Junior-Mentor 9 Hole Scramble and Awards Ceremony at the end of the season. All this takes times, patience, money and a lot of volunteers with patience!

Your Board looks forward to continuing our programs; however, we cannot sustain these programs without the support, both financially and physically, from our members. 2015 marks our eighth year teaching juniors the game we love in a much underserved area. You all can be proud of the progress we have made and how many students have been in the program for several years. — A great accolade! It is truly a wonderful thing seeing these young ladies (and men) develop their skills through the years.

The programs will start in late June and continue through mid-August. Check out our website for further details and please consider becoming involved, if only for a couple of hours. Thanks for listening.

Handicap News: By Mary Warnick, Handicap Director

For many of us who are not lucky enough to be snowbirds and have been battling this cold winter, golf is only a word. For those who have escaped the cold in a location where golf is still in season, please remember to post all your scores to your GAM handicap account.

This will help keep your USGA index as accurate as possible.
Michigan Women’s Golf Summit

‘Creating the Future of Women’s Golf in Michigan’

By Janina Jacobs

While the rest of the country’s golf organizations are still trying to figure out ways to attract and keep women golfers, the Michigan Women’s Golf Association (MWGA) is doing what it does best: leading the way toward a solution.

MWGA, along with Title Sponsors Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) and Team Reh, will present the Michigan Women’s Golf Summit ‘Creating the Future of Women’s Golf in Michigan’ on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 9am - 3pm at the Suburban Collection Showplace Diamond Center in Novi, Michigan. Also sharing hosting honors will be the Executive Women’s Golf Association – Metro Detroit (EWGAMD) and the Women’s Metropolitan Golf Association (WMGA). The Summit will offer a variety of skill development sessions for women, a golf leadership roundtable and luncheon with featured keynote speaker, LPGA Professional Teresa Zamboni, Director of Nancy Lopez’ Adventure Golf Program ‘Play Happy Golf’.

Geared toward women of all playing levels, including beginners, and industry professionals, both male and female, the Summit is interested in catapulting women’s involvement in the game. Morning events will include rules and skills clinics and concurrent sessions on golf fitness and conditioning, golf etiquette and mentoring. During lunch, Ms. Zamboni will discuss a different, more relaxed approach towards golf. After lunch, the leadership roundtable, ‘Creating the Future of Women’s Golf in Michigan’ will include representatives from the women’s golf associations, Michigan Golf Course Owners Association, the PGA, LPGA and golf media.

Susan Bairley, longtime golf writer, will moderate the roundtable. Bairley was also instrumental in creating the initial Women’s Golf Summits which were held at Eastern Michigan University back in the 90’s.

"I'm excited that GAM, MWGA, EWGAMD and the WMGA are bringing women golfers and Michigan's golf leadership together to assess the pulse of women's golf in Michigan and help chart its future through a summit. All four organizations have key leadership roles in growing women's golf in our state and their vision and commitment to work together in moving the sport forward for women is fantastic," said Bairley, who writes for the Michigan Golfer and The A Position and who chaired/co-chaired - along with GAM Officer and MWGA Founder Sara Wold - at the three previous Michigan Women's Golf Summits in 1993, 1995 and 1997.

"This golf summit has the potential to be a real game changer for women and the state, particularly when women's interest in the sport during the last few years has been waning," Bairley said. "When I chaired the first Michigan Women's Golf Summit in 1993, it was the first statewide golf summit for women in the nation and we preceded it with a survey of Michigan women golfers by EMU's Sports Research Institute. Equal access to private golf clubs was a contentious issue, the Executive Women's Golf Association was just getting underway - founder Nancy Oliver was part of our program - and women were just starting to be recognized as an important segment in recreational golf.

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That first summit spurred a synergy and pushed women's golf forward. Sara and I then joined forces to co-chair two more, and many who were panelists or moderators at the first summit, became part of the Leadership Committees for the next two women's golf summits," she added. "Michigan Golfer Publisher Art McCafferty, who was the impetus behind statewide summits for the industry and women, used the summits to help usher in use of the Internet in golf; he put golf marketing onto the statewide agenda, and legislation initiated by then Michigan Sen. Lana Pollack was passed, creating a legal framework for equal access for women at Michigan's private golf clubs.”

She added, "We've come a long way since then, yet Michigan's golf industry and golfing women still face a myriad of challenges. The timing for this women's summit is perfect! Those who attend will be glad they were there."

Considering that many young women today do not even remember a time when females were not allowed to play at clubs on weekend mornings, this Summit will emphasize the advances women have achieved in the golf industry and will promote sharing a myriad of ideas on how women’s involvement and leadership can continue to grow.

Full Registration for the Summit is $45 per person, which includes lunch. In addition, sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are available, with all contributions payable to the MWGA, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, allowing sponsorship donations to be tax deductible as permitted by law. The registration deadline is April 17, 2015. To register online, go to http://2015mwgs.eventbrite.com or more information, contact Joan Cleland, Michigan Women’s Golf Summit Chair, at jcleland12@comcast.net or 248-540-7073.

To participate as an onsite exhibitor, please contact Laura Winch at laurawinch@comcast.net.

For Sponsorship opportunities, contact Janina Jacobs at jjacobs2456@yahoo.com.

**SKILLS CLINIC – SAVE THE DATE!**

Last year, the Skills Clinic was so popular that we will be bringing it back again this season! This year we’ve added a presentation on golf fitness also!

Date: June 13th

Place: Eagle Crest in Ypsilanti

Golf Pro: Sandy Wagner
2015 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Apr 2015

**2015 Michigan Women's Golf Summit** – 04/25/2014 Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Suburban Collection Showplace – 46100 Grand River Novi, MI

May 2015

**Annual Meeting and 4 Woman Scramble** – 05/02/2015 Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Golden Fox 8768 N Territorial Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170

**Match Play League Annual Meeting** – 05/03/2014 Time and Location TBD

**2- Person Four Ball** – 05/23/2015 Time: 9:00 am - shotgun
Sugarbush Golf Club 1 Sugarbush Dr, Davison, MI 48423

Jun 2015

**President’s Stroke Play** – 06/07/2015 Time: 1:00 pm shotgun
Salem Hills Golf Course 8810 Six Mile Rd, Northville, MI 48168

**2-Woman Four Ball** 06/28/2015 Time: 9:00 am shotgun
Heather Highlands 11450 E Holly Rd, Holly, MI 48442

Jul 2015

**4 Woman Scramble – 9 Hole Event** – 07/11/2015 Time: 3:00 pm shotgun
Glen Oaks 30500 W 13 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

**2015 MWGA State Championship** – 07/25/2015 - 07/26/2015 Time: 10:00 am
Links at Gateway 33290 Gateway Dr, Romulus, MI 48174

Aug 2015

**2-Woman 4 Ball** – 08/08/2015 Time: 9:00 am shotgun
Oak Lane Golf Course 800 N. Main Street, Webberville, Michigan

**Shooting Stars Forum – High School Golfers** – 08/16/2015 Time: 10:30 am - 6:00 pm
Fox Classic Golf Course 8768 N Territorial Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170

**2014 4-Woman Cha-Cha-Cha** – 08/24/2015 Time: 9:00 am - shotgun
Paint Creek Golf Club 2375 Stanton Rd, Lake Orion, MI 48362

Sep 2015

**2-Day/2-Person Eraser** – 09/12/2015 - 09/13/2015 Time: All Day
Yarrow 10499 48th St, Augusta, MI 49012

**2-Woman Fun Day – 9 Holes Chapman & 9 Holes Four Ball**
09/26/2015 Time: 10:00 am - shotgun
Whispering Pines Golf Course 2500 Whispering Pines Dr, Pinckney, MI 48169
Players A and B are sharing a golf cart. Player A skulls one out of the bunker and her ball hits Player B’s bag, which is on the cart. Is there a penalty? Like most questions on the Rules of Golf, we will need more information to come up with the answer.

Meanwhile, the root of the answer is found in the definition of equipment. Specifically, Note 2 of the definition applies, “when a golf cart is shared by two or more players, the cart and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment of one of the players sharing the cart.”

“\text{If the cart is being moved by one of the players (or the partner of one of the players) sharing it, the cart and everything in it are deemed to be that player’s equipment. Otherwise, the cart and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment of the player sharing the cart whose ball (or whose partner’s ball) is involved.}”

So let’s take a closer look at the situation. First of all, this applies when two or more people are sharing a cart. In this case, Players A and B are sharing a cart. Next, the first sentence of the Note makes the statement that the cart and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment of only one of the players. That means both Player A’s bag and clubs as well as Player B’s bag and clubs are going to be deemed the equipment of just one of them. Finally, the second sentence of the Note tells us whose equipment it will be. It all depends on whether or not the cart is stationary or being moved.

* If the cart is being moved, the cart and everything in it belongs to the driver of the cart.
* If the cart is not being moved, the cart and everything in it belongs to whoever’s ball is involved.

In our original example, the cart was not moving when Player A’s skullied shot resulted in her ball striking the cart. Therefore, the cart and everything in it belong to Player A. Consequently, we have a ball in motion deflected or stopped by her equipment which leads to Rule 19-2. It tells her to add one penalty stroke to her score and play the ball as it lies. This would occur in both stroke play and match play.

In this example, what if (1) In stroke play, B was moving the cart and (2) In match play, B was moving the cart, or (3) in either match play or stroke play, the ball hit an abandoned cart?

(1) See Rule 19-4. There is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies.
Against that backdrop in late 2014, Joan Cleland was asked to lead a “membership outreach committee” to maintain the momentum we had with the colleges and the women, who attended the Legacy, most of whom were not MWGA members. Fast forward to today as you read this article. The Membership Outreach Committee has three initiatives under their direction; the Michigan Women’s Golf Summit (MWGS) in April; a “Chip & Sip” with 50 women legislators in Lansing in June and the Shooting Stars! Forum for High School Girl Golfers in August. The Summit is designed to get more 9 hole league golfers to play competitive golf. The Chip & Sip is to elevate our image among women legislators who may share our name with their female constituents and the Shooting Stars! event is designed to educate high school girl golfers, their coaches and parents about MWGA’s support for golf with women and girls.

Coming to the table to support us in these efforts are GAM, Executive Women’s Golf Association and Team Rehab. These three organizations have donated personnel to help plan and run the events, they have come to the table with money as sponsors and they are using their media contacts to promote participation at the Summit and Shooting Stars!

As we begin the 2015 golf season we NEED your continued support and participation. From 2011 through 2014 (3 years) we had a decline of 500 rounds played! This impacts our ability to play premier courses if we can’t get enough players and it impacts our bottom since we add an administrative fee to each event. The administrative fee covers deposits to hold course reservations, our technology system, printing, postage, office rent, insurance and the like. Our survey results from last year indicate you want the organization to keep doing the same things, the same way. We can’t do that and survive. We need you to play, get your friends to play or to make a donation. You will see a 9 hole event on our schedule this year because we need the 9 hole league players to try us. The old adage “try it, you’ll like”. We need to you bring a non MWGA member to that event.

2016 will be our 30th anniversary and we expect to make it a memorable year. Later we will ask you to join a planning committee. The 16 member MWGA Board is doing all it can to maintain the organization’s momentum and to insure a future. Won’t you help us beat the industry slide by volunteering when asked and playing when you are able. Or you can donate money.

I welcome your comments and observations.

Contact me at Pegues@mwgolf.org or call me at 313-969-0523
TERESA ZAMBONI
LPGA CLASS A PROFESSIONAL

Teresa Zamboni has been a highly respected and recognized member of the LPGA for more than 20 years. Teresa joined the LPGA Teaching & Club Professionals in 1994 and in 2007 she achieved the LPGA’s highest honor by being selected LPGA National Teacher of the Year recognizing her as the best teacher in the nation. Most recently, Teresa was named to the Golf Digest 50 Best Women Teachers in America list in 2012 and 2010.

Teresa is a certified Titleist Performance Institute (TPI) golf fitness instructor. A passionate tournament player, Teresa has participated in more than 90 LPGA T&CP sanctioned tournaments throughout the United States. She also participated on the Futures Tour from 1998 to 2001.

Teresa is the Co-Founder of Nancy Lopez Golf Adventures. The company mission is to provide the opportunity to learn from the most recognized female golfer of all time and the Nancy Lopez Golf Adventures instruction team. To educate golfers how to balance playing golf at their personal best while enjoying every moment of the game.

Currently Teresa teaches at Crane Lakes Golf & Country Club in Port Orange, Florida.

Born in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan and a graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelors degree in Telecommunications, Teresa currently resides in Port Orange, Florida.

Professional Highlights

LPGA Class A Teaching Professional

2010-12 Golf Digest 50 Best Women Teachers in America

2008-09 LPGA Top 50 Teacher

2007 LPGA National Teacher of the Year

2007 Southeast Section Teacher of the Year

TPI Certified Golf Fitness Instructor
HOLE IN ONES IN 2014

Olivia Bayagich on September 27 at Heather Highlands GC in Holly, had her second hole in one on the 17th hole at 101 yards, with a 6-iron. This was at the MWGA’s final 2014 event.

Barbara Coury on September 23 at Lakewood Shores Resort, the Blackshire course in Oscoda, had a hole in one on the 11th hole at 69 yards, with an utility wedge. This was Barb’s 3rd hole-in-one.

Arezell Brown on September 4 at Crystal Lake GC in Pontiac, had a hole in one on the 12th hole at 127 yards, with an 7-iron. This was Arezell’s 2nd ace.

Mary Warnick on April 5 at Desert Canyon Golf Club in Scottsdale, had a hole in one on the 13th hole at 124 yards, with an 8-iron. Mary scored her first ace on the MWGA Spring Trip to Arizona.

GAM has posted their 2015 Tournament Schedule on their website www.gam.org
Check out the upcoming events planned for next year. Registration is now open. Don’t miss out on signing up for your favorite event or GAM Golf Day. You can sign up online at the GAM site.

GAM Women’s Championship And Senior Championship

The GAM Women's Championship heads to Owosso Country Club. The Championship returns after last year’s edition at Spring Lake Country Club which was won by Jennifer Elsholz. The entry fee includes use of the driving range and lunch on both days of the competition. **Deadline to registers is 7/8/2015**

Who: Women with handicaps lower than 15.4

When: Tuesday - Wednesday, July 21st – 22nd

Where: Owosso Country Club, Owosso, MI

Format: 36-holes, stroke play (Gross only)

The always popular GAM Women's Senior Championship will be held at Birchwood Farms Golf and Country Club in 2015. Two great days of competition and camaraderie highlight this Championship, Up North. Lunch is provided on both days. **Deadline to register is 8/19/2015**
MWGA at the 3/6-8/2015 MI Golf Show

By Pat Shelton, Publicity Director

There was good traffic each day at the MI Golf Show at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. My sincere thanks to all 17 fantastic women (and one gentleman, Bill Wright) who worked our booth – Nancy Adair, Lucile Battle, Linda Bradfield, Teresa Broessell, Joan Cleland, Gail Grayson-Cooper, Regina Love, Shirley McClain, Kathryn Mumm, Unha Murray, Monica Oliver, Pam Pritzl, Joanne Robertson, Nancy Serra, Joyce Sutton, Bonnie Teegen and Mary Warnick. They made it a success.

Many MWGA brochures were handed out in addition to business cards, membership applications and flyers on the April 25 Michigan Women’s Golf Summit, which we hope will have good attendance.

Six new members signed up, two new males were sponsored, and two members renewed. Plus, quite a number of women expressed interest in joining our organization.

We had 70 people enter the raffle drawing to win the free MWGA membership. They will receive 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. The winner of the drawing was Emily Wisuri. Hopefully we’ll see her at several events this year.
Kelly Robbins Elected to the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame

By Sara Wold

Kelly Robbins, Scott Hebert, David Kendall, and Greg Davies have been elected to the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame. They have one thing in common – a bundle of titles and championships – and will be inducted June 7 at the Hall’s new home at Ferris State University in Big Rapids. Their election brings the Hall of Fame membership to 109.

Kelly Robbins, a long hitter from Mt. Pleasant, won nine times on the LPGA Tour including the McDonald's LPGA Championship and was a member of six Solheim Cup Teams with a 4-1-1 record in singles. The US won the cup four of the six she played. She was Assistant Captain of the 2009 Solheim Team. Kelly was a two-time first team All-American at the University of Tulsa and helped the team win the NCAA title in 1988. In 1991, she was honored as the NCAA Co-Player of the Year along with the University of Arizona’s Annika Sorenstam. Kelly won the North and South Amateur in 1991 and then turned professional. She had 91 career top ten finishes, won $5,738,599 and is second only to Hall of Fame member Meg Mallon among Michigan golfers in earnings and titles. Her career was cut short by a back injury and her last Tour appearance was in 2005.

Scott Hebert, an Escanaba native, turned pro in 1993 and has won six Michigan Open Championships. He won the 2008 PGA Professional National Championship, the top prize for club professionals. That put him on the PGA Cup Team which defeated the British and Irish at Loch Lomond, Scotland, with Scott winning all five of his matches. He has continued to dominate at home, winning the Michigan PGA Championship seven times. He is head professional at Traverse City G&CC and teaches at Grand Traverse Resort.

Dave Kendall was a member of the PGA’s inaugural Professional Golf Management class at Ferris State University and was the first graduate to be appointed a head professional. That came at Cadillac CC in 1981. Dave moved south to Ypsilanti where he established the Kendall Academy at Miles of Golf. He has been named Michigan PGA Teacher of the Year twice, Golf Professional of the Year twice and was inducted into the Michigan PGA Section Hall of Fame in 2013. As a player, Dave won the Michigan Senior Open Championship twice, the Senior PGA, Senior Match Play, the PGA State Pro-Am, the State Pro-Pro three times and played on six Fuller Cup Teams.

Greg Davies, a West Bloomfield resident, owns a record eight Michigan Publinx Player of the Year trophies and has won the Michigan Amateur and the Michigan Mid-Amateur twice. Greg played college golf at the University of Oklahoma, returned home and became a dominant public links player, making the MPGAs Honor Roll 18 times, 17 Atlas Trophy Teams and 12 Fuller Cup Teams.

For more information about this year’s induction ceremony, contact Loretta Larkin at llarkin@michigan-golf-foundation.com or (248)719-0650. Learn more about the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame at its website www.michigan-golf-foundation.com
RESULTS OF THE 2014 SURVEYS

By Judy Petere

Last season we distributed paper surveys at competitions held at Hunters Ridge, Atlas Valley, Manistee, and Heather Highlands. Of the ninety-two (92) participants that completed the surveys; 54 provided their names and 38 chose to remain anonymous. Those that provided their name were in a drawing to receive a free round of golf at a MWGA event in 2015. And the WINNER is DONNA ZICK.

In November, we sent out a similar survey via email to all 225 MWGA members. The results of the two (2) surveys were similar. The highlights are presented below:

Reasons for membership: Meet women who play golf; Handicapped competitions;

Factors that determine decision TO participate in an event: Desire to play a NEW course; Desire to play a course you LIKE;

Factors that determine decision to NOT participate in an event: Date conflicted with other plans; Too far to travel;

Would you prefer more Scramble events? NO

Should MWGA consider 9-hole events? Paper survey - NO

Would you consider participating in a 9-hole event to introduce non-members to MWGA? E-survey – Yes

What type of event format do you prefer? Stroke play; 2-person/4-ball; Best 2 of 4-ball; Cha-cha-cha

We thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback. Our schedule for 2015 reflects your responses.

CONDOLENCES

Lu Stockton on the loss of her Mother, Marianthi Kiriazis
Jane Kersjes on the passing of her Father
Sonia Pysh on the passing of her Mother, Orietta Pysh