Our Annual Meeting and Scramble is almost here, and we are still looking for vendors and swappers who would like to participate. If you sell or craft (or know of someone who does), we're looking for you. Thanks to all of you who participated last year; we're hoping you will return again this year. We are planning an exciting day of networking, socializing, marketing and golf at this year's opening day event on Saturday May 9 at the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth. The agenda will be the same this year as last, and I am personally inviting all of you to participate. We had beautiful weather last year, and global warming appears to be cooperating with us again.

The day will begin at 10 a.m. for registration and shopping the vendors. The luncheon starts at 11:30 a.m. ($25 lunch cost) followed by the Annual Meeting at 11:45 a.m. The scramble starts promptly at 1:30 p.m. for the golfers, so you can count on them clearing the clubhouse around 12:45 p.m. Vendor tables will be ready for you early that morning in order for you to complete your setup before the ladies arrive. For your planning schedule, Fox Hills opens at approximately 7:30 a.m., and the tables will be available to you from that time on. If you have any special needs (electricity, double tables, etc.), please let me know in advance, and I will try to accommodate you.

One of the benefits of being an MWGA vendor (along with making $$$) is the opportunity to participate in our charitable efforts. As a vendor, you can participate by "giving back" to our charity efforts by donating a portion (10 percent or more) of your sales on May 9. As added value, the MWGA is a 501(c)(3) organization, meaning that your donation that day will be a tax-deductible contribution for you. (Hope you remembered your donation to us from last year when filing your 2008 tax return.)

Let's make this a great event this year. Gather your wares or items you've stashed away in storage bins and closets, bring them to the meeting to sell and make yourself some extra dollars. If it's slightly used, and you're not using it, sell it to someone who needs it! It doesn't have to be golf-related, just something someone might want or need. You never know who's in the market for something collecting dust in your basement. It's fun and can be financially worthwhile for you, but most of all, the MWGA appreciates your commitment to support your organization in our efforts to promote golf to women across the state. Please call me with your reservations or questions. Don’t miss out on this opportunity. Contact me today at imbridges@aol.com or 248-890-4461.

GAM Needs Volunteer Women Course Raters
By Pat Meyers

Scott Hovde, USGA National Manager of Course Rating, will be coming to Lansing on Wednesday, May 27, to conduct a course rating seminar for the Golf Association of Michigan. If you are interested in being a course rater and would like an application for the seminar, contact Suzanne in the GAM office on (248) 478-9242, ext. 21, or courserating@gam.org. If you are unable to attend on this date, Scott will be conducting another seminar in Toledo on Tuesday, May 26.
Volunteers — The Backbone of our Organization

I am writing this column on the first day of spring — and with anticipation of hitting that first golf ball off a real Michigan tee box, certainly a sign that winter 2009 has departed. In my garage, like most of my fellow golfers, the snow blower is winterized and stored; replaced with all the paraphernalia essential to play golf: bag, clubs, shoes, umbrella, towels, cart cover, balls, windbreaker, rain gear, hat, gloves, aspirin, Sky Caddie...I think I need a larger garage! Even with our economic woes, I find myself driving to my favorite retail golf establishment as if the car is on autopilot and I have lost all control. In reading my emails, I find most courses are open and eager for the return of their loyal golf patrons. Like these golf courses, your MWGA enthusiastically awaits the return of our loyal members and looks forward to welcoming and introducing our organization to new members and potential members.

I wish to devote the balance of this column to the art of volunteering. The MWGA has endured for 23 years due only to the hard work of volunteers — starting with board members and continuing with our membership. How many of you have pondered the idea of giving a portion of your precious time by volunteering your services to assist with our various programs, events or tournaments? Or, the ultimate allegiance — consider running for your MWGA Board? Let me tell you, it is not for the faint of heart! We sincerely thank all our volunteers, as they are the backbone of our organization.

Ok, I’ll get to the point. As you realize, the MWGA always needs additional hands to help keep our organization running like a fine Swiss time piece — never missing a beat. How can you volunteer?

(1) By checking the volunteer portion on the MWGA Membership Application and we’ll contact you

(2) By contacting any tournament/event chairperson
(3) Just jump in!

Where do we need your help?

(1) At all our tournaments and events (check out event schedule and contact chair)
(2) Most importantly, the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Program at Belle Isle
This year, the program will run M-F for two weeks with two consecutive sessions beginning June 22 from 6-7:30PM with a special LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Day on July 10. Now, that will require a lot of hands! Please check your calendars and contact Francine Pegues (313)469-7906 (pegues@mwgolf.org) or Julia Baldwin (248)851-3250 to offer your time. Oh, and don’t worry as there are no particular skills necessary other than a sincere desire to give of your time and support the cause.

It is amazing to me the involvement our members have with numerous charitable and community organizations. And, these members and their charity deserve to be recognized. So, starting with this NEWSLINX, under the Our Members Giving Back section, the MWGA will note worthwhile causes supported by our members and include contact information. If you would like your charitable cause publicized, please forward the following information to mwga@mwgolf.org:

- Name of the charity
- Brief (3-5 word) description of mission (i.e., breast cancer research)
- Member name and role in charity
- Contact number and website link for charity/event (if applicable, indicate what, when, where, etc.)

In closing, I want to acknowledge a truly special person who is the consummate volunteer for the MWGA and the community in which she resides, Farmington — none other than our own Pat Shelton. I was privileged to be in attendance for the Farmington Volunteer Appreciation Event where a surprised Pat was the recipient of the 4th Annual Mary Martin Service Award, given to a volunteer who has exhibited exemplary service to Downtown Farmington.

So, step up and volunteer as good things happen when you give back.

Match Play League By Pat Witek

The 2009 Match Play League roster is set and the matches are about to begin. We will be welcoming four new members: Linda Bermingham, Kathy Brennan, Shirley McClain and Geri Tigner.

Eight group play dates (plus our league meeting on April 24) 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 TBD at this time but will be announced about 2 weeks prior to the scheduled date.

**MPL09 Group Play Date Schedule**

- Sunday 5/3
- Saturday 5/9
- Saturday 5/16
- Sunday 6/14
- Sunday 7/12
- Saturday 8/1
- Sunday 8/16
- Saturday 8/29 (Semifinals)
- Sunday 9/13 (Championship Finals and Yearend Party)

Visit the MWGA website [www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org) to view the Match Play League standings and outing dates. For more information or to put your name on the waiting list for 2010, contact me, the League Coordinator, at [pgolfw@aol.com](mailto:pgolfw@aol.com) or 248/417-1190. 
We offer a league for new golfers at Fox Hills on the Strategic Fox (par 3 course):

**Cost:** $280 (Includes fee for nine weeks of golf)

**Dates:** Wednesdays, April 29 – July 22, 2009 (12 weeks). Assumes no golf week of May 25th

**Time:** 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**Format:**
- Week 1-3 one-hour group instruction with an 8:1 instructor ratio
- Week 4-6 on course play with on course instruction
- Week 7-12 on course play in a league format

**Rain days:**
- There is no issue if it is raining week 1-3 since Fox Hills has a learning center
- If raining week 4-6, Fox Hills will extend the league
- If heavy rain week 7-12, Fox Hills will extend the classes

The league will also provide:
- 15% discount in the pro shop the first three weeks of golf
- 4) Golden Fox round of golf with cart for an up-charge of $25 per person to be used any day/time based on available tee times
- 5) Gift package with tees, ball marker, ball mark fixer and two-ball pack along with MWGA clothing and shoe discount the day of the clinic

Special Event for MWGA Members

Visit the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame, Wednesday, May 20th 2 – 6 PM

You and your guests are invited to visit the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame on Wednesday, May 20th from 2 – 6 PM. Refreshments will be served and you can visit the Hall of Fame at your leisure. It is located at the Troy Officentre, Building B, 320 E. Big Beaver, Suite 160 in Troy, which is on the SE corner of the intersection of Livernois and Big Beaver. The building is the eastern-most building of the cluster of green buildings.

About 10 years ago a concerted effort was made by many golf associations to bring back the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame through the Michigan Golf Foundation. The MWGA was one of the main organizations to support that effort to ensure that women golfers in Michigan were given the recognition they deserved. Many MWGA members and other women donated over $80,000 to the Michigan Golf Foundation. Since that time, there has been an annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Golf Outing (see invitation on page 8). In the past year, the Hall of Fame, with its portraits and artifacts, has moved into the Troy Officentre. It is very nice and a suitable location for our historical and beautiful collection representing the best of golf in Michigan.

Please visit the Hall of Fame on Wednesday, May 20th from 2 – 6 PM. This is a special event for MWGA members and their guests to show appreciation for their support and generous donations. No reservations are required. For more information, please call Sara Wold at (734)645-9839 or email me at sara_wold@msn.com.
2009 Annual Meeting at the Golden Fox
By Denise Buechel

I wish to encourage all our members and potential members to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting to be held at Fox Hills, the Golden Fox facility in Plymouth at 11:30 AM on Saturday, May 9, even if you are not planning on playing golf. The cost for the meeting and luncheon (always very tasty) is $25 and well worth the fare. The meeting will present much information concerning the state of the MWGA. And, isn’t it good to know what’s going on with your organization?

Besides hearing a brief rundown from all the Board members on their activities and plans for 2009, it is important that our members attend to support the Player of the Year (POY) award winners given to the top players in each of the A, B, C and D handicap divisions. A lot of effort goes into keeping these statistics as well as the effort put forth by our winners. And, the Sara Wold Trophy recipient will be announced and presented to our Golfer of the Year (GOY) who represents the lowest gross scorer in our tournaments (best five scores from stroke play and best ball events). Plus, we’ll also announce our 2008 Most Improved Golfer. Now, aren’t these honors worth applauding? We need you in attendance to clap and whistle big time!

Besides the camaraderie afforded at the Annual Meeting, this is your chance to participate when the floor opens for questions. If you have something on your mind regarding the MWGA, this is your opportunity for your voice to be heard. We may not be able to answer on the spot, but you will receive an answer.

Your Board wishes to keep you all informed. Besides reading our wonderful NEWSLINX and logging on to our fantastic website, why not attend the Annual Meeting to receive the latest developments first hand? There is always something for everyone at the MWGA Annual Meeting. Mark the date, check our website for updates and reserve your place.

4-Woman Spring Scramble
Saturday May 9, Golden Fox, Plymouth
By Sonia Pysh-Denison

When: Saturday, May 9, 1:30 pm shotgun
Where: Golden Fox @ Fox Hills
8768 North Territorial, Plymouth 48170
Fee: $91 Members and non-members
Includes: Annual meeting, lunch, golf, cart, range balls, prizes
Tees: Women’s forward: 5040 yards, rating: 70.4, slope: 123
Entry Deadline: Wednesday, April 29

Soon (if not already for some) we’ll be swingin’ away on the links. I’m getting excited just thinking about it. If you’ve been taking advantage of the free lessons and 9 holes of simulated golf at Next Shot Golf at reduced rates, then you should be ready to roll at our first event, the 2009 Annual Meeting and Spring Scramble on May 9 at the Golden Fox in Plymouth. Bring your friends and let them hear about our amazing organization at the Annual Meeting, not to mention golf at a great course.

Directly after the meeting we will play a 4-Woman Scramble. This is a great time to bring some friends to play with you and experience what an MWGA tournament is all about. Guests may enter at member rates: the Annual Meeting and Spring Scramble will be $91 for members and non-members alike. This will include the meeting, lunch, golf, cart, range balls and prizes.

A registration form is available on the MWGA website at www.mwgolf.org, in the membership packages and in this newsletter. All registration forms should be sent to the Tournament Office at 4158 Charing Cross, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104. Of course, you can always sign up online on our website.

Check in on May 9 will begin at 10:00am along with the Vendor/Swap meet (see next article). The meeting and lunch will start at 11:30am and golf at 1:30pm with a shotgun start. If you have any questions, please contact me at Pysh-Denison@MWGolf.org or at 586-212-6639. I look forward to seeing you all at the Golden Fox on May 9.
2-Person Best Ball at Dunham Hills Golf Course
Saturday, May 23 • Co-Chairpersons: Monica Oliver and Pat Shelton

When: Saturday, May 23, 9:00 a.m. Shotgun
Where: Dunham Hills Golf Course
13561 Dunham Road, Hartland, MI 48353
Fee: $51 Members & Male Partners/$71 Non-Mbrs
Includes 18 holes of golf with cart and practice sand bunker and two putting greens are also included in the fee.
Tees: Women’s: Forward 5250 yds, 70.8/118
Men’s: Middle 6291 yds, 70.0/126
Entry Deadline: May 13, 2009
Mail Entry to: MWGA Tournament Office
4158 Charing Cross Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104

Find a partner and sign up for this 2-Person Best Ball. If you need a partner, enter anyway and we will do our best to pair you up. This will be a good opportunity to meet another golfer.

Dunham Hills in Hartland, Michigan is a 3-1/2 star golf course (Golf Digest Places to Play) featuring 18 holes of challenging play set amidst rolling topography with mature conditioning. Undulating tree-lined fairways demand accuracy off the tee and on approaches to well groomed greens. A round here will benefit from knowledge of how to play the ball above and below your feet, and from side hill lies. The course itself is well appointed with markers at 100/150/200 on all the par fours and fives, and small indicators on the flag sticks for front, middle and back pin placement. Dunham Hills can be a tough but pleasant challenge for golfers of all levels of abilities. Accurate tee shots will be rewarded with level lies, but those slightly off line may be “playing on an angle” for much of the day. The key here is to keep it in the fairway, avoiding unpleasant lies under mature hardwoods and pines.

President’s Tournament at Moose Ridge
Saturday, June 6 By Barbara Porter

When: Saturday, June 6, 2009
Time: 2PM Shotgun Start
Event: Stroke Play
Where: Moose Ridge Golf Course, 1801 Doanne Rd,
S. Lyon, MI 48178
Fee: $69 Members/$89 Non-Members
Tees: Division 1 Women’s Forward 5475 yds; 72.3 / 130
Division 2 Women’s Front 4789 yds; 68.0 / 112
Entry Deadline: Wed., May 27, 2009
Eligibility: Current USGA Index
Mail Entry to: MWGA Tournament Office
4158 Charing Cross Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104
Updates: www.mwmgolf.org

Mark your calendars for one of MWGA’s most prestigious events, our annual President’s Stroke Play Tournament. Please note we will be playing from two sets of women’s tees. All four-somes will be determined by your current USGA Index with prizes awarded in two divisions. Depending upon the number of entries, we hope to have two flights in each division. Pairing this tournament with a challenging course equals a great event!

Moose Ridge offers natural beauty and privacy. Surrounded by mature forests, the course offers elevated tees and stadium-banked fairways. Every hole offers a unique test of golf. There are truly some spectacular holes that have been well conceived for everyone’s golfing pleasure. Ray Hearn, course architect, makes it clear that the “intent of our designs is to create a golfing environmet that will challenge both the expert and the novice golfer and that each hole has the proper balance of risk and reward. Strategic golf holes that make golfers have to think is a critical component to a great golf course.”

Moose Ridge offers a full-service golf shop, upscale practice facility with grass tees, target greens, bunkers, chipping area and putting green. Remember, your entry fee includes bag service. Questions: 248-624-2835 or porter@mwgolf.org.

You cannot swing a golf club without first receiving conscious or subconscious instructions from the brain. This seems obvious enough. But you will not be able to make improvements in your game without first uploading improved thoughts, emotions, and beliefs. Work on your swing as much as you like, but only with a different mind can anything substantially different begin to happen.

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MWGA February ’09
Online Photo Contest

Deb Pringle won the photo contest again! That’s two months in a row. Will she win the March contest, April? Visit www.mwgolf.org and give her a challenge.

SAVE MONEY, SAVE TREES, READ YOUR NEWSLINX ONLINE

If you are willing to stop receiving your newsletter by mail and instead read the NEWSLINX online, PLEASE send an email to mwga@mwgolf.org. We will notify you via email when the newsletter is posted on our website, www.mwgolf.org so you may read the current issue and/or download and print yourself if desired. To date,155 members have chosen to help save costs and trees. It is heartening to see this number increase each time we print it!

MWGA
6 March/April 2009
Handicap News and Updates By Cynthia Pinkard

Golf season is finally here. Even if you were lucky enough to be able to get away over the winter, it’s great to be able to tee it up on Michigan courses again. Just remember, when you play, you should post your scores.

If you played golf between November 2, 2008 and March 28, 2009 in Michigan, you cannot post those scores. If you played in a warm weather region, where golf is always in season, like Florida, Arizona or Mexico, you should post those scores. In fairness to all the players in a competition, players’ handicaps should represent their potential scoring ability. If you don’t post all adjusted scores for every round you play, your handicap index is compromised and so is the fairness of the competition.

All MWGA members are automatically members of GAM, and scores should be posted by going to the GAM website at www.gam.org, logging in using your GAM username and password, and then selecting the “View Handicap/Post Score” link. If you cannot remember or do not know your GAM username and password, please email me at handicap@mwgolf.org.

Scores should be posted before the end of each revision period for rounds played in Michigan from March 29 through November 8, and from other regions during their active golf season. See the revision schedule at the end of this article for revision dates. 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. If you have any questions, please email me.

To understand how and which scores to post and how to adjust scores before posting, as required by the USGA, please read and follow the information that you received 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, and selecting the “Posting Scores” link. A link to the USGA Handicap System manual can also be found there.

There will be a few new things released in the GAM posting system this year. At the time of this writing, I do not have all the details. As this information unfolds, you will be notified by email. NEWSLINX and updates will be on our website.

Now, for a few interesting statistics from the 2008 golf season; Suzanne Madje posted 125 rounds of golf during the season. That’s an impressive number, even without considering the health issues Sue experienced last year. And remember, these rounds don’t include scrambles and rounds played out-of-season. Angie Cook posted 116 rounds, Julie Lazzaro, 97. Ruth Wilson, 92, Helena Kim, 91, Russ Cassidy, 89, Joan Garety, 88, Pat DeMaire, 87, Pat Witek, 84 and Cynthia Pinkard, 80. Five others posted more than 70 rounds. They are Terry MacPherson, 78, Kathy Frantz, 76, Pam Staub, 71, Claud Johnston, 75 and Cindy Hill 70. The members and sponsored males on our handicap roster posted 6805 rounds in 2008, with the average handicap index of 20.2. These numbers are very impressive!

The Most Improved Player will be announced at the Annual Meeting, so hopefully you will be there to congratulate her. Those coming in 2nd and 3rd are Maureen Whitehead, whose index went from a 5.8 to 3.4 and Deb George who went from a 24.3 to 19.5. Coming in next were Lorrie Wall, who went from a 30.5 to a 24.3 and Darci Stocker from a 3.5 to 1.8. 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. Starting in 2009 the MIP player must have the highest Improvement Factor and in addition must have at least four MWGA POY points and have posted a minimum of 12 rounds of golf during the season.

Please contact me with any questions or problems you are having with posting scores or with your index. I can be reached at 248-227-8170 or by email at handicap@mwgolf.org.

Golf Association of Michigan 2009 Handicap Revision Schedule

Scores should be posted on the Internet before midnight of the Monday prior to the effective revision date for rounds played during that period.

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Reminder: All scores made in an area where the authorized golf association has declared an “active” season must be posted.

Huron Hills Golf Course in Ann Arbor is offering Family Free Fridays during April this year to encourage youth to learn the game. After 3pm all parents and their children can play for free (734) 971-6840.

Anyone who criticizes a golf course is like a person invited to a house for dinner who, on leaving, tells the host that the food was lousy.

Gary Player
Lots of MWGA Golf Coming Up

May 3 — Match Play
Sun TBD
May 9 — Member/Guest 4-Woman
Spring Scramble
Sat Golden Fox, Plymouth
May 16 — Match Play
Sat TBD
May 23 — 2-Person Best Ball
Sat Dunham Hills
Hartland
June 6 — President’s Stroke Play
Sat Moose Ridge
South Lyon
June 14 — Match Play
Sun TBD
June 16 — 2-Woman Scramble
Tues Shepherd’s Hollow
Clarkston
June 27 — 2-Woman Best Ball
Sat Woodlands of Van Buren
Wayne
July 11 — 3-Woman Best Ball (Cha, Cha, Cha)
Sat Timber Trace, Pinckney
July 12 — Match Play
Sun TBD
July 25/26 — State Championship
Sat-Sun College Fields
Okemos

Look in this newsletter for tournament detail and visit our website www.mwgolf.org

New Venue for Western Michigan 2-Woman Best Ball in Cadillac — McGuire’s Resort!

Same format, fun and wonderful hostess, Jane Cook, but this year the two-day 2-Woman Best Ball on Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21 will move to McGuire’s. We’ll play from the women’s forward tees on the Spruce course with a 69.8/121 slope/rating at 5027 yards. As in the past, Saturday tee times will begin at 10:00am. The shotgun start on Sunday will be 8:30am.

One website describes the course as “winding its way through pine forests and glacier sculptured hills with an extraordinary blend of bunkers, berms and water hazards along with fast greens and a closing hole providing a magnificent view of Lake Cadillac.”

McGuire’s is located one mile south of Cadillac on Mackinaw Trail, 800-634-7302, www.mcguiresresort.com. In addition to a full service pro shop, bar and restaurant, there is an indoor pool and sauna. If you want to stay at the resort, when making your reservation, mention you will be playing in this tournament to get the special rate of $89/night for two persons including breakfast.

McGuire’s also has a 9-hole course, the Norway (64.4/106, 2192 yards). For those interested, a fun little tournament might be set up on this course on Saturday afternoon.

Y ou are cordially invited to the
Michigan Golf Hall of Fame
2009 Golf Outing and Induction Ceremony

Following nominations and a voting process by a selection committee that includes representatives from the major golf organizations throughout the state, sports media, and past inductees, we are pleased to announce the 2009 Michigan Golf Hall of Fame honorees. This year’s class of recipients will be formally inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame on Sunday, May 17. The ceremony will be held at Indianwood G&CC and will include a golf outing, cocktail reception, dinner, and awards. We cordially invite you to be a part of this momentous occasion.

Schedule of Events

12:00 to 12:45 p.m. Registration
1:00 p.m. Shotgun start on the Old Course at Indianwood
5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Reception and Dinner
6:30 p.m. Induction Ceremony

2009 Inductees
Bill Curtis, James R. Dewling
Randy Lewis, Tom Wargo

The individuals we recognize have made history. Through your participation and support, we can help celebrate their honor and deserved recognition.

Event Fee $175.00 per person
$50.00 without golf ($25 under age of 21)

Golf attire is acceptable for dinner and induction ceremony.

Contact Loretta Larkin at 248-719-0650 or llarkin@michigan.golf.foundation.com for a tournament entry form. For tickets, send your check payable to: Michigan Golf Foundation, 6801 Nth Meadows Way, Dexter, MI 48130.

Deadline: May 8, 2009

8 March/April 2009
Our Members Giving Back — Help Support Their Charities

We have a very active and giving membership. Many of our members donate their time in various capacities with numerous charities in order to help others. If you’d like to help them help others, or if you are an MWGA member and want to share your good cause with fellow MWGA members, we will add your charity to this list in the NEWSLINX and on our website. Please email the following information to mwga@mgolf.org:

1) Name of the charity
2) 3-5 word mission description (i.e., breast cancer research; alleviate homelessness; etc)
3) Your name and role with the event or charity
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  inagfernandez@gmail.com  |                                  |                                           | jcleland12@comcast.net www.cotsdetroit.org |
| Jane Kersjes              | Susan G. Komen Foundation – breast cancer research | Race for the Cure Lansing, MI, 2pm 4/26/09 | http://race.komengreaterlansing.org Click on Jane’s name at the right or find her under Donations |
  kersjes@mgolf.org         |                                  |                                           |                                                      |
  Race participant          |                                  |                                           |                                                      |

MWGA Inclement Weather Policy
Addendum to the Rules and Conditions of Play for MWGA Competitions

Prior to play beginning on the day of the event and at the course, the MWGA may make a determination to suspend or cancel play under, but not limited to, any of the following circumstances:

1. The golf course is deemed unplayable.
2. Lightning is present.
3. A ‘dangerous situation’ develops as defined by a majority vote of the MWGA Rules Officials, the MWGA Tournament Chair and any attending MWGA Tournament Committee members along with the golf course management.
4. If it is a severely cold day, the wind temperature shall be checked 15 minutes in advance of the first tee time. If the temperature or wind chill is 40 degrees or less with no forecast of better conditions, play will be cancelled.

During competition, the host course or the MWGA will provide an “alarm” to notify players of suspension of play due to, but not limited to, any of the following circumstances:

1. Golf course becomes unplayable.
2. Lightning is present.
3. A ‘dangerous situation’ develops.
4. The temperature or wind chill drops to 40 degrees or less.

**Once the alarm is sounded or players are notified by another means, players must mark their ball position, immediately cease playing and return to the clubhouse (or other noted area) to wait for further instructions.**

During competition, if play is suspended, the MWGA Rules Officials, the MWGA Tournament Chair and any attending MWGA Tournament Committee members along with the golf course management shall make the call as to when play will be resumed or cancelled.

During a suspension in play, the Tournament Chair will inform all players of the approximate time involved in any delay and keep players updated on the circumstances causing the delay.

**After a delay in play, if play is deemed to be continued, the committee shall give a minimum of 15 minutes advance notice for proper warm up before play is resumed.**

MWGA cancellation of play either prior to play or after a suspension of play shall be determined by, but not limited to:

1. Combination of precipitation and cart path only
2. Temperature and wind chills detrimental to play

Please note: The MWGA will try to procure rain checks from the course when the MWGA cancels play. However, the final decision lies with the course management.

MWGA Provides LPGA/USGA Girls Golf Program of Detroit

The 2009 lessons for girls 11–17 will be offered at the Belle Isle First Tee facility in two sessions:

A. Mon-Thurs, June 22 – July 2
B. Mon-Thurs, July 6 – July 16

The 10-day sessions, 6 – 7:30pm, will include professional instruction on the short game (putting, chipping, pitching and bunker play) and the full swing (including use of different clubs for various shots, rules and etiquette). There will also be a mini-scramble for follow-up review at the end of each session. No golf experience is necessary. A modest fee of $8/girl is requested. Entry deadline is June 15. For additional information, visit the MWGA website, www.mwgolf.org, contact Francine Pegues at 313-469-7906 or pegues@mgolf.org, or Julia Baldwin at 248-851-3250.
In 1922 Gene Sarazen and Ben Hogan played a special Challenge Match, just between the two of them. Sarazen won the match, but complained that it had been the most grueling golf of his life. His stomach had been in knots the whole time. He attributed this to nerves—until he saw a doctor. The doctor admitted Sarazen to the hospital for emergency surgery. They managed to remove his appendix just before it burst.
MWGA Pace of Play — Policy, Procedure, Penalties, Appeals

The MWGA Pace of Play (POP) Policy has been adopted in accordance with the GAM and the USGA, placing the responsibility for maintaining pace of play with the players. Players are expected to play efficient golf and to keep up with the group in front of them. The GAM POP policy and the USGA POP recommendation have been incorporated into our policy and modified to address our starting formats (tee times, crossovers and shotguns) and limited resources (lack of marshals, officials, and atomic clocks).

I. Policy
Groups should play and complete their rounds within 4 hours and 50 minutes:
• 15 minutes per hole, 10 minutes at the turn and 10 minutes after the last hole to arrive at the scoring table
• 2 hours, 25 minutes for nine holes, including all breaks
• 4 hours, 50 minutes for eighteen holes, including the time required to get scorecards stamped at the scoring table at the conclusion of play

A) The team(s)/players in the lead group are in breach of the MWGA POP policy if their scorecards are not time stamped at the scoring table by the expected time (4 hours, 50 minutes after their actual starting time).
B) All teams/players following the lead group are in breach of the MWGA POP if their scorecards are not time stamped at the scoring table by the expected time (4 hours, 50 minutes after their actual starting time) or if over that time
• within 15 minutes of the group in front them for "A" groups
• for "A" groups within 10 minutes of the group in front them for shotgun starts
• for "B" groups within 15 minutes of the group in front them

II. Procedure
(Refer to USGA Rules of Golf Rule 6-7 and MWGA Definitions of “Out of Position”)

A) Mark actual starting time on the official scorecard(s). Time starts when the first player in the group takes the tee.
1) For tee time and crossover starts, the starter, an official or a member in each group will punch or mark the actual start time of the group on the official scorecard(s).
2) For shotgun starts, a member of each group will punch or mark the actual start time of the group on the official scorecard(s).

B) If there are any unusual delays before the start of play or during the round, players should briefly note on the back of the scorecard(s). Players may be asked to explain in more detail following tournament play

C) THERE WILL BE NO WARNINGS regarding slow play or being out of position. Pace of play is the responsibility of the players.

D) A player concerned about the slow play of others in her group should speak with the player(s) and encourage them to play more efficiently. If the slow play continues, the player may ask a rules official, if present, to monitor the group. If no rules officials are present, the players in the group should document the incident(s) and inform the Rules Committee of the situation at the conclusion of play. During the round, a player may also request that a marshal or pro-shop staff member report the situation to the MWGA Rules Committee.

E) The official scorecard(s) must be taken to the scoring table immediately after play.
• The official scorecard(s) must be time stamped at the scoring table.
• Scores should be verified and totaled by the players.
• Scorecards must be signed and left at the scoring table.

III. Penalties
A) When a group fails to comply with the MWGA Pace of Play Policy, the team(s)/players in the offending group will be subject to a penalty assessment of two (2) strokes.
B) An additional 2-stroke penalty may be assessed for each additional 15 minutes the team(s)/players in the offending group take to have their scorecard time stamped at the scoring table behind the group in front of them.
C) Once the Rules Committee has confirmed the penalty assessment, the scorecard will be returned to each team or player being assessed for their initials as acknowledgment of the assessment. The team or player must initial and return the scorecard to the scoring table for posting.

IV. Appeals
A) There are only three (3) situations that are grounds for appeal:
• The group was delayed by the Committee.
• The group was delayed by circumstances beyond their control.
• The player or players were delayed by another player in the group, not on the player’s team.
B) Teams/Players that are subject to pace of play penalty assessments may appeal the ruling to the Rules Committee. The appeal must be made at the time the players are informed of the assessment and before any player initials and returns the scorecard. The decision of the Rules Committee will be final.

 Winners of the ‘09 Golf Show Drawings
Free 2009 MWGA Memberships
Sheryl Tobi, Sylvan Lake
Barbara Kekessy, Novi
Jessica Lopata, Canton
Ladies Golf Bag
Darlene DePeel, Holt

NOTE: You can update your GAM profile to correct or add your email address, phone number, address, birth date at www.gam.org. GAM uses this information to send you notices and publications.
### 2009 Tournament/Event Schedule

**MWGA Events ($xx Member/$xx Non-Member)
Entry Deadline 10 Days Prior to All Events Unless Noted**

**QUESTIONS: tournamententry@mwgolf.org or 248-557-8180**

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<td>TBD</td>
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<td>MWGA League for Beginning Golfers</td>
<td>Fox Hills, Strategic Fox Plymouth 48170 734-453-7272</td>
<td>Linda Neff 29694 Mayfair Rd. Farmington Hills 48331 248-661-0082 H, 248-478-6523 W <a href="mailto:neff@mwgolf.org">neff@mwgolf.org</a></td>
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<td>Swap Meet Annual Meeting and Lunch Only $25</td>
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<td>Inez Bridges, <a href="mailto:Bridges@mwgolf.org">Bridges@mwgolf.org</a> Denise Buechel, <a href="mailto:Buechel@mwgolf.org">Buechel@mwgolf.org</a></td>
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<td>Fox Hills, Golden Fox Plymouth 48170 734-453-7272</td>
<td>Inez Bridges, <a href="mailto:Bridges@mwgolf.org">Bridges@mwgolf.org</a> Denise Buechel, <a href="mailto:Buechel@mwgolf.org">Buechel@mwgolf.org</a></td>
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<td>2-Person Best Ball – Women’s &amp; Mixed Teams Golf/cart/range=$51/members/male partners, $71/ non-members</td>
<td>Dunham Hills <a href="http://www.dunhamhills.com">www.dunhamhills.com</a> Hartland 48353 248-887-9170</td>
<td>Monica Oliver, <a href="mailto:Oliver@mwgolf.org">Oliver@mwgolf.org</a> Pat Shelton, <a href="mailto:Shelton@mwgolf.org">Shelton@mwgolf.org</a> Men’s middle 70.0/126, 6291 yds. Women’s forward 70.8/115, 5250 yds.</td>
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<td>President’s Stroke Play Tournament Golf/cart/range $69/ members, $89/ non-members</td>
<td>S. Lyon 48178 248-446-9030</td>
<td>Barbara Porter, <a href="mailto:Porter@mwgolf.org">Porter@mwgolf.org</a> Women’s forward 72.3/130, 5475 yds. Women’s front 68.0/112, 4789 yds.</td>
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<td>2-Woman Scramble Golf/cart/deli sandwich buffet $76/ members, $96/ non-members</td>
<td>Shepherd’s Hollow Clarkston 48348 248-922-0300</td>
<td>Francine Pegues, <a href="mailto:Pegues@mwgolf.org">Pegues@mwgolf.org</a> Nancy Serra, <a href="mailto:Serra@mwgolf.org">Serra@mwgolf.org</a> 70.4/120/4982 yds.</td>
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<td>Woodlands of Van Buren Wayne 48184 734-729-4477</td>
<td>Jane Kersjes, <a href="mailto:Kersjes@mwgolf.org">Kersjes@mwgolf.org</a> Women’s forward 68.4/117, 4771 yds.</td>
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<td>3-Woman Best Ball (Cha, Cha, Cha) Golf/cart/range $65/ members, $85/ non-mbr</td>
<td>Timber Trace, Pinckney 48169, 734-878-1800</td>
<td>Pam Kurtz, <a href="mailto:Kurtz@mwgolf.org">Kurtz@mwgolf.org</a> Women’s front 68.9/120, 5103 yds.</td>
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<td>2-Day State Championship Golf/cart/lunch Sun., $135/member, $155/ non-mbr, $25 juniors walking on Sun.</td>
<td>College Fields Okemos 48864 517-332-8103</td>
<td>Sara Wold, <a href="mailto:Wold@mwgolf.org">Wold@mwgolf.org</a> MWGA 1st: 71.8/128, 5577 yds. Women’s forward 69.0/121, 4983 yds.</td>
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<td>Stroke Play Golf/cart/range $53/ member, $73/ non-member</td>
<td>Northville Hills Northville 48168 734-667-4653</td>
<td>Barbara Porter, <a href="mailto:Porter@mwgolf.org">Porter@mwgolf.org</a> Women’s forward 69.5/122, 5019 yds. <a href="http://www.northvillehillsgolfclub.com">www.northvillehillsgolfclub.com</a></td>
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<td>Pontiac CC, Waterford 48328, 734-682-6333</td>
<td>Denise Buechel, <a href="mailto:Buechel@mwgolf.org">Buechel@mwgolf.org</a> Women’s front 71.8/123, 5514 yds.</td>
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<td><strong>9/13, Sun</strong></td>
<td>Match Play Championship and year-end party</td>
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<td><strong>9/19, 9/20 Sat 12p shotgun Sun, 9a shotgun</strong></td>
<td>2-Day 2-Person Eraser – Women’s &amp; Mixed Teams Golf/cart/Sun. buffet $136/member/male partner, $156/non-member</td>
<td>Mystic Creek Milford 48380 248-684-3333 <a href="http://www.mysticcreekgc.com">www.mysticcreekgc.com</a></td>
<td>Nancy Serra, <a href="mailto:Serra@mwgolf.org">Serra@mwgolf.org</a> Inez Bridges, <a href="mailto:Bridges@mwgolf.org">Bridges@mwgolf.org</a>, Lake/Woods courses: Men’s middle 69.5/134, 5998 yds. Women’s front 68.2/120, 4709 yds.</td>
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<td>Member/Guest 4-Woman Fall Scramble/ War of the Leagues Golf/cart/range/ soup &amp; salad — $79</td>
<td>Bay Pointe W. Bloomfield 48323 248-360-0600</td>
<td>Lu Stockton, <a href="mailto:Stockton@mwgolf.org">Stockton@mwgolf.org</a> Barb Coury, <a href="mailto:Coury@mwgolf.org">Coury@mwgolf.org</a> Women’s forward 68.6/115, 4906 yds.</td>
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**Enter MWGA tournaments online at www.mwgolf.org and check website for most current schedule**

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## 2009 Women’s USGA/GAM/WAPL & Other Tournament/Event Schedule

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<td>1p shotgun</td>
<td>Indianwood G&amp;CC, Old Course</td>
<td>Loretta Larkin, 248-719-0650, <a href="mailto:llarkin@michigan-golf-foundation.com">llarkin@michigan-golf-foundation.com</a></td>
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<td>TBA</td>
<td>Kensington Women’s Championship</td>
<td>Kensington GC, Milford 48380 248-685-9332</td>
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<td>Ann Arbor Women’s Championship Entries close 6/19</td>
<td>Leslie Park GC, Ann Arbor 489105 734-994-1163</td>
<td>Miles of Golf</td>
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<td>Jul 9-12 Th-Sun</td>
<td>US Women’s Open Qualifiers only, Entries close 5/13</td>
<td>Saucon Valley CC Bethlehem, PA</td>
<td>USGA 908-234-2300, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a></td>
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<td>Aug 3-5 Mon-Wed</td>
<td>Michigan PGA Women’s Open Pro-Am</td>
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<td>Lorraine Nordbeck, 800-968-7686, ext. 3354, <a href="mailto:lorrainenordbeck@crystalmountain.com">lorrainenordbeck@crystalmountain.com</a></td>
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<td>US Women’s Amateur Qualifiers only, HDCP limit 5.4</td>
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<td>Aug 9-10 Sun-Mon</td>
<td>GAM Women’s Atlas Cup Matches</td>
<td>Lyon Oaks GC, Wixom <a href="mailto:pinkard@mwgolf.org">pinkard@mwgolf.org</a></td>
<td>GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> Cynthia Pinkard, Capt., Public Team</td>
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<td>Aug 31-Sep 1 Mon-Tu</td>
<td>13th GAM Women’s Senior Entries close 8/12, HDCP limit 25.4</td>
<td>Little Traverse Bay GC</td>
<td>GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> 231-534-6470</td>
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<td>Edgewood CC, Commerce</td>
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Calling All Senior MWGA Members

8th GAM Michigan Women’s Senior Amateur Championship, June 28-30

By Lu Stockton

GAM is looking for participants in their 8th Michigan Women’s Senior Amateur Championship June 28-30 at Hawk Hollow Golf Course in Bath MI. This tournament will be a match play format with an 18-hole qualifying round played on Sunday afternoon to determine seeding within each flight of 8 players. Monday morning will be the first round of match play for all flights and on Monday afternoon, there will be a second round of match play. On Tuesday morning, final matches will be played.

Entry fee of $130 for GAM members covers the Championship schedule, range balls, cart fee for two days and one meal. To sign up for this tournament, log on to the GAM website www.gam.org before the June 3, 2009 deadline.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Entries are open to all female amateur golfers residing in Michigan since April 1, 2009.
2. At time of entry golfers must have a GAM/USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 25.4
3. Competitors must have reached their 50th birthday before June 28, 2009.
4. The field will be limited to 72, with a minimum of 32 players. At close of entries, the field will be placed into flights of 8 based on Handicap Index at close of entry. Extra players will be placed on a waiting list based on Index per flight. Entries are subject to rejection at any time, including during the Championship. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct. Unbecoming conduct in any GAM event may result in future entries being denied. Accepted contestants will receive confirmation by email if an address is provided. If you are a transgiendered individual, contact the GAM Executive Director at 248-478-9242, ext. 15, for the additional entry application procedure.

ENTRIES: FORM, FEE, DEADLINE DATE

All entrants shall make application on GAM forms, obtainable from the GAM website www.gam.org, and the GAM office. Entries are also accepted online at www.gam.org with a valid credit card. Online entry is only allowed for GAM Members. Copies are acceptable. Only one entry may be submitted per person. Entry fee of $130 (GAM member) or $175 (Non-member) shall be paid at time of application by every applicant.

Entry fee will be refunded for any reason if the GAM office is notified (248-478-9242, ext. 24) before entries close on June 3. After June 3, entry fee will be refunded only in the event of injury or illness verified by a doctor’s statement. There will be a $25 service charge deducted from all refunds.

Any player whose check is returned due to insufficient funds will have her entry denied and returned.

Entry form and fee must reach the GAM office by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 3, 2009. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The date of a postmark is not relevant. Fax transmittals will not be accepted.

New 2009 MWGA Member Benefits

• Online membership renewal
• Ability to update personal information online
• Redesigned, even more user-friendly website
• Who Are They? Online Photo Contest with monthly prizes — see how many people you can name — visit mwgolf.org
• As MWGA members, a USGA & GAM Alliance Membership will be included in your GAM Gold Card membership. In addition to GAM benefits, such as the GAM/USGA handicap service and Swing & Save course discounts, you will receive a deluxe, personalized USGA & GAM Alliance Membership bag tag, special USGA member discounts and offers and the monthly USGA & GAM Alliance Insider E-Newsletter

14 March/April 2009
## 2009 MWGA Tournament Entry Form

You may also register online with a credit card. Visit mwgolf.org for online registration and additional forms.

See the NEWSLINX or our website for event details, Tournament Guidelines and MWGA Rules and Conditions of Play.

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1 Cost of event in addition to games. (Games must be paid at time of entry. If you have not prepaid, you will not be able to enter games on the day of the event.)

* Games Closest to Flagstick (CTF), Chip-Ins (CI), Skins (gross by flight)

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### Notes/Requests:

Confirmation and directions will be sent to your email address. Check our website, www.mwgolf.org, 3 days before the event for confirmation and late changes.

**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 current index can be found and 3) your member number:

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### Send Entry To:

Pay by check or MWGA Gift Certificates — make check payable to: MWGA

**MWGA Tournament Entry**

4158 Charing Cross Rd.

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104

TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org - 248-557-8180
If you had a chance to experience this year's Michigan Golf Show at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi March 6-8, you experienced an all-time record attendance for the event. It proves that Michigan golfers may be swallowed up by a depressed economy, but their inner clocks are "on go" as they anticipate and prepare for the 2009 golf season. Perhaps, big ticket items such as golf holidays, new automobiles and home improvements have been put on hold, and less expensive means of leisure activities in one's own backyard are being entertained. We staffers were definitely busy the entire weekend promoting the MWGA and its programs to booth visitors.

We successfully made our presence known at this year's show, and we came away a winner. Our booth was beautifully decorated (by Mary Bushmaker and Yours Truly) and well stocked with MWGA collateral material. We were located in the center of the floor closer to the front entrance. The 12 staffers for the booth (all MWGA member volunteers) were diligent at promoting the organization to booth visitors and enrolling new members. At times, we were so inundated with guests that, in order to accommodate everyone, we had to put groups together to make our presentation. It was hectic, but it was also fun and exhilarating. Everyone performed as true MWGA troopers, responding to the call of duty and did an outstanding job. We're truly grateful to have such dedicated members who donated time out of their weekend for this effort. The pace was fast, but the time rolled by quickly as the show was bustling.

We pitched the added value an MWGA membership provides, signed a total of 17 new members on the spot and discussed the benefits of an MWGA membership with many more. New signups at the show received a beautiful Arbonne International NutriMin C® RE-9 travel pack, complete with the regiment of facial products, a sleeve of Noodle golf balls or a Costco bag of various products. We're hoping some of those who were reluctant to sign up immediately will join online before the approaching season. Although they were not "ready to sign" at the time, the interest was high. This is where we count on you, the entire MWGA membership body to provide an added push to potential members. Here are the membership enhancements we all should keep in mind when talking with interested women golfers:

- An opportunity to compete in a variety of golf tournaments throughout the season
- Access to up-to-date association information at the MWGA website: www.mwgolf.org
- Six association newsletters yearly, containing tournament schedule information for the MWGA, GAM and USGA events in the state for public players, as well as other golfing news and feature stories
- Annual golf rules and skills clinics (including a beginners league), all designed to provide you with the tools for improving your game to gain a more rewarding golfing experience overall
- Membership in the Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) that includes an authorized USGA Handicap Index (with handicap lookup and score posting), an annual Michigan Links Golf Course Directory, a USGA Rules of Golf booklet, a GAM Gold Card for 2 for 1 guest fee discounts at many Michigan courses and the new GAM/USGA Alliance program
- Most of all, the opportunity to golf, kibitz and network with a great group of women golfers from around the state

In addition, we held drawings for a ladies golf bag, a $25 gift card from Carl's Golfland and (2) one-year free MWGA memberships. To that end, we'd like to thank Nancy Serra for her donation of the golf bag and Carl' Golfland for their donation of the gift card. In addition, thanks to Arbonne International representative, Sherry Potts for the cosmetic gift packs, Klassa & Associates for the sleeves of golf balls and Costco for their special bag of products from the store. It is great to have sponsors who partner with us on our efforts. Please make sure you thank them when you visit their businesses.

Also, a thank you goes to Show Promotions LLC, the promoter for all the Michigan Golf Shows, for again allowing the MWGA special access to a booth at the show. A special thanks goes to Dawn Finnemore, of Show Promotions, for working with us for our special needs. The MWGA appreciates your support.

And you thought I'd forgotten the staffers who sweated out the weekend in the booth. Oh no! It would not have happened without them. On behalf of the entire MWGA Board of Directors and members, please let the following members know how much we appreciate the volunteer support they provided for the show. If it had not been for them, we might not have gained 17 new members. This year's soldiers are: Doreen Allen, Linda Bradfield, Mary Bushmaker, Sonia Pysz-Denison, Penny Irwin, Jane Kersjes, Shirley McClain, Francine Peggies, Cynthia Pinkard, Barb Porter, Pat Shelton and Geraldine Tigner. Thank you so much, ladies, for your commitment and dedication. Our successes at the show were due to your efforts. We appreciate it.
League Information  
\textit{By Jane Kersjes}

We hope to make this listing as comprehensive as possible, with your help. Please let us know of any updates you can provide. If any of you have pursued calling these courses to discuss their leagues, please let me know — drop me an email or send me a note — I’m listed in the Board Directory on the last page.

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**GAM Golf Days**

Following the successful first year of the GAM Golf Days in 2008 the GAM has taken this exciting event series a step further to include more opportunities to experience some great GAM member clubs. Registration for GAM Golf Days is available by logging into your GAM member account and selecting the “Golf Days” tab and following the “Register for Event” link on the left hand side of the page. A downloadable application is also available by selecting the Golf Days area from the Tournaments drop down menu located on the GAM homepage. [www.gam.org](http://www.gam.org). All Golf Days are $55 and open to current GAM members. Included in the $55 price are range balls, cart and greens fees, along with prizes for gross and net divisions for those who keep their GAM/USGA handicap up to date. With 15 dates on the schedule for the 2009 GAM Golf Days at various locations around the state a GAM Golf Day is sure to fit on your calendar during this season. The GAM Golf Day lineup is as follows:

5/18, Mon – The Moors GC – Portage
5/26, Tu – Edgewood CC – Commerce Twp.
6/2, Tu – Forest Lake CC – Bloomfield Hills
6/13, Sat – Plum Hollow CC – Southfield – SOLD OUT
6/15, Mon – Oak Pointe CC (Championship) – Brighton
6/22, Mon – Walnut Hills CC – East Lansing
7/8, Wed – University of Michigan GC – Ann Arbor
7/27, Mon – Polo Fields G & CC – Ann Arbor
8/3, Mon – Lochmoor Club – Grosse Pte. Woods
8/10, Mon – The Heathers Club of Bloomfield Hills
8/17, Mon – Great Oaks CC – Rochester
8/24, Mon – Grosse Ile G & CC
9/8, Tu – Country Club of Jackson
9/14, Mon – Blythefield CC – Belmont
9/21, Mon – Country Club of Lansing

If you have any questions regarding the GAM Golf Days Series please contact Chris Mills, cmills@gam.org.

**MEMBER ALERT**

Advis the MWGA if your mailing address, phone numbers or email address changes. You don't want to miss out on anything this golf season.
Welcome to a new year. It is never too early to prepare for the Rules 29, 30, 31, and 32 refer to other forms of play than Single Matches and Individual Stroke Play. **Rule 29 refers to Threesomes and Foursomes.** A Threesome is a match in which one player plays against two other players, and each side plays one ball. A Foursome is a match or stroke play competition in which two players play against two other players, and each side plays one ball. It is easy to remember that the players play some of the time, which is commonly known as “alternate shot”.

**Rule 30 refers to Three-Ball, Best-Ball and Four-Ball Match Play.** In Three-Ball, three players play a match against one another, each playing his own ball. Each player is playing two distinct matches. Best-Ball is a match in which one player plays against the better ball of two other players or the best ball of three other players. Four-Ball is a match in which two players play their better ball against the better ball of two other players.

**Rule 31 refers to Four-Ball Stroke Play.** Four-Ball is a competition in which two competitors play as partners, each playing his own ball. The lower score of the partners is the score for the hole. If one partner fails to complete the play of the hole, there is no penalty.

**Rule 32 refers to Bogey, Par, and Stableford competitions.** They are forms of stroke play in which play is against a fixed score at each hole.

**Rule 29.** In Threesomes and Foursomes, it is essential that the players play in the correct order and penalty strokes do not effect the order of play. In match play, if they play out of order, the side loses the hole. In stroke play, the side is penalized two strokes and they must replay in the correct order or be disqualified. There are some interesting decisions. **29/2** In a mixed foursome in which the men play from the back tees and the women play from the forward tees, if a man hits a tee shot out of bounds, his partner must play from the back tee. **29-1/3** A and B are partners. A drives and there is doubt whether the ball is out of bounds. B must play the provisional ball. **29-1/5** In a foursome match, a player accidentally moves his ball after addressing it and incurs a one-stroke penalty. The player must replace the ball and must play the next stroke. Penalty strokes do not affect the order of play. Also a player may not intentionally whiff a shot so that his partner can hit it over a pond or intentionally make a bad putt to put him in position to show his partner the line.

**Rule 30.** Three Ball and Best Ball Match Play are rarely played. Four-Ball Match Play is used in the Ryder Cup, Solheim Cup, Curtis Cup, and the Atlas Cup Matches. If a player incurs a loss of hole penalty, he is disqualified for that hole only. If a player’s breach of a rule assists his partner’s play or adversely affects an opponent’s play, the partner incurs the applicable penalty also. The side is penalized if either partner carries more than 14 clubs or has more than one caddie at the same time. There are 32 decisions in Rule 30 and I advise that if you are going to play these forms of match play, you should familiarize yourself with them before the match.

**Rule 31.** Four-Ball Stroke Play is commonly referred to as a 2-person Best Ball. A side may be represented by only one partner and the absent partner can join his partner between holes but not during the play of a hole. The gross scores to count must be individually identifiable: otherwise the side is disqualified. Only one partner needs to sign the scorecard. A side may play in
the order they consider best. Also, if one partner has more than 14 clubs or breaches the caddie rule (6-4), both partners are penalized. If a competitor’s breach of a rule assists his partner’s play, the partner is also penalized.

Rule 32. In a bogey competition, 1 point is given for a bogey, 2 points for a par, etc. In a par competition, 1 point is given for a par, 2 for a birdie, etc. The scoring for these competitions is made as in match play. The winner is the competitor who wins the most holes. The scoring in Stableford competitions is made by points awarded in relation to a fixed score at each hole and the winner is the competitor that scores the highest number of points. For example, if the fixed score for a hole is par, 2 over par is 0 points, 1 over is 1 point, par is 2 points, etc. If you are going to play in a Bogey, Par, or Stableford Competition, I advise you to read Rule 32 and the 8 decisions that follow.

US WAPL Deadline May 13

The deadline to enter the US Women’s Amateur Public Links Championship is Wed., May 13th. There will be two Sectional Qualifying Rounds in Michigan for the Championship being held at Red Tail Golf Course in Devens, MA June 22 – 27. College Fields in East Lansing will host a Sectional on Tues., May 26th and Stonehedge North in Augusta will host the other Sectional on Wed., May 27th. Both courses have graciously waived the fee for golf. Players must have a handicap index of 18.4 or less. If you qualify, please consider entering because the more entries we have, the more spots Michigan gets for the Championship. Please enter online at www.usga.org. You may pay the $50 entry fee by credit card. Entries close on May 13th at 5 PM. Contact Sara Wold at sara_wold@msn.com for more information.

Ready Your Swing Fore Spring By Tami Bealert, PGA Golf Professional/Personal Trainer

In just a few weeks, the courses will be filled with many anxious golfers who will be swinging their clubs after a long awaited winter break. Unless you are a year-round golfer or a fitness advocate, the average golfer will allow only a week, a few days, or even hours before they think about getting their body ready to swing a club again. This works fine in our youth, however, as we age our bodies are not as agile and able to adapt quite so quickly. For most of us, it takes half the time to get out of shape, as it takes to get back into shape. However, don’t be discouraged; with just a few tips and a little work, it’s not too late to start training your body to be ready for your first round of golf this spring!

An effective way to prepare your body for spring is to commit yourself to a little exercise 20 minutes a day, 3-5 times a week. Schedule your workouts with a friend or better yet a fitness trainer or scheduled workout program. The program should provide your body with a full range of motion, similar to what is required in an effective golf swing. There are three golf assessment exercises that will help to ready your body and strengthen your swing.

The most basic and fundamental exercise assessment is the deep squat. This exercise assesses your mobility and the stability of your entire body. To do a proper squat, you need a full range of motion at all of your joints, as well as the core stability to coordinate and execute the movement against gravity. Sound familiar? The use of all our muscles with the proper motion, firing at the right time is what is required to perform a most efficient golf swing. The goal of the squat is to produce a neutral spine while lowering your butt like you are going to sit on a chair. Stand as you would to hit a 5 iron, which is with your feet slightly inside shoulder width. Arms are extended out in front of the body and are parallel to the ground. 60% of your weight should be felt in the heels. Be sure that your knees are over your toes, chest is up and you are well balanced. The tempo consists of 2 seconds up, 2 seconds down, and a 2 second hold. Your level of fitness, will determine the amount of repetitions and sets. Ideally you should perform 8-12 reps/repeat 2-3 times.

The next important movement for a healthy golf swing is producing the proper bow or posture needed in the golf setup. Many golfers tend to bend too much from the spine and not the hips, causing roundness in the back, which leads to muscle strains and pains. To perform this exercise assessment, stand with feet about shoulder width apart. Place your arms on your hips and bend from your hip sockets while pushing your rear back and keeping your spine straight. To make this more difficult, raise your arms over your head and in line with your ears. Knees should be fairly straight and you should feel a stretch in your hamstrings, lower back and lats. The angle of your spine should be at 45 degrees or more from a vertical position. Hold for two counts and repeat 8-12 reps/repeat 2-3 times.

The seated rotation is the third and last exercise assessment. It requires the use of upper body torso in the swing. Using your shoulders and torso to begin your backswing will allow for a more consistent and repeatable backswing. Sit up tall on the floor or in a chair and cross arms across the chest. Looking straight ahead, rotate your shoulders and torso to each direction while remaining in an upright position. Normal range of motion is 45 degrees. Continue this motion while keeping your hips still. 8-12 reps. for each side, 1-2 sets.

Now that you have learned the three key assessments and basic exercise movements for golf, it’s time to get off your buns and get your body and golf swing ready! Not only will you perform better, but you will also continue to play golf injury free, all season long!

Editor’s Note: Tami Bealert and David Finlay, Certified Fitness Professional, offer a complete golf fitness program at The training Station in Plymouth. For more information call 734-731-0238 or visit www.train withtami.com.
I worked at the Novi golf show on both Saturday and Sunday in the MWGA booth and saw a lot of your familiar faces. It was great to see such a wonderful turnout to the show and our booth. They announced that it was the highest attended show yet. We can tell by the 17 new members we signed up (5 via PayPal!). Our PayPal system is going well with 21 entries so far. I'm sure this payment system will be more popular in the future as people hear about it and talk it up.

Let’s welcome these new members since the last NEWSLINX:

Maureen Abele  Livonia
Nancy Adair  Royal Oak
Lois Bennett  Detroit
Gail Cooper  Farmington Hills
Susan Deseck  Northville
Pamela Dobrowolski  Bath
Judy Eddy  Jerome
Belinda Friis  West Bloomfield
Wendy Georgas  Whitmore Lake
Donna Haapala  Farmington Hills
Ellen Hallett  Midland
Barbara Kekessy*  Novi
Maria Malone  Farmington Hills
Anita Mitzel  Northville
Carolyn Mogan  South Lyon
Deborah Montgomery  Southfield
Sharon Norman  Detroit
Michele Ohs  Ypsilanti
Kerry Przytula  Canton
Janice Ruberts  South Lyon
Theresa Snyder  Northville
Janice Tischler  Clarkston
Sheryl Tobi*  Sylvan Lake
Peg Valenti  Okemos
Irmu Walton  Southfield
E. Anne Wells  Southfield
Ellen Wetzel  Northville
Candace Winn  Rochester

To date, our membership total is actually above last year’s number of 127:

Regular (12 new)  28
Senior (21 new)  99
Board  16
Honorary  4
Courses  1
TOTAL  148

With the 33 new members, we only have 7 that have listed a name as a referral. Everyone still has time to enter the two membership contests:

1. A $50 gift certificate will be awarded to the member who brings in the most new members by the Annual Meeting in May.
2. A 2010 MWGA membership will be awarded from a drawing of members bringing in new members by mid-July; one entry for each new member you bring in so get crackin’.

I took my first golf lesson at Carl’s on Sunday. Now I need to go out and practice! Yeah, the adrenaline is flowing (and my backswing is better). I’m looking forward to a golf trip to Myrtle Beach in May. I heard the MWGA ladies had a great time in Texas (see below). I hope you’ve been able to do some form of golfing this winter. Those of us who weathered the blizzard had a great time at Next Shot Golf. Get off the couch and hit the range or simulator. See ya soon!

San Antonio was a wonderful destination for our annual winter trip. It was warm and sunny and dry! Day one of the official trip was played at The Republic. The course was in great condition – despite the drought. A bit windy at times – much to Joan Cleland’s approval – she drove a ball 200 yards! The wind didn’t bother Jodie Chapa’s putting – she sank 10 one putts. We had dinner on the River Walk at Paesano’s. Fabulous food – who could forget that rack of veal?

Day two was played at the Quarry. What a unique experience. The back nine is literally played in what was once a functioning rock quarry. I have a thing for stone – so I was enchanted. The Quarry restaurant made us an offer we couldn’t refuse – four free bottles of wine with dinner. Little did we know the evening would also include discounted drinks and a round of B52s on the house. The highlight of the evening was Monica’s $1 speech. What happened at the Quarry will stay at the Quarry under a big, fat rock.

Our third round was played at The Golf Club of Texas at Briggs Ranch. The course was out in the country – and a bit parched to say the least – but an interesting round. I actually lined up a shot using a cow grazing in the distance! We were back on the River Walk for dinner and finished the evening with a Swig nightcap (Swig is vodka, infused with fruit, shaken over ice and served straight up – delicious!)

A good time was had by all – even those navigationally challenged! I hope you’ll consider joining us next year. Destination to be determined!
MWGA Pick-A-Pro Contest By Pat Meyers

Here are the 2009 contestants and their picks. Remember, the member whose four players total the highest combined LPGA earnings as of September 27, 2009 will receive a free MWGA membership for 2010.

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Karen Stecher’s mother, Lucille Miller, died March 22 from a massive heart attack. Mrs. Miller had recently moved to Michigan to live with Karen and celebrated her 95th birthday on March 17. Karen’s friend, Carol Sanchez, said she never knew anyone with such determination and grit. Funeral services were held in Mrs. Miller’s former hometown of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and memorial service was recently held in Michigan. Our sincere condolences to Karen.

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