Sara Wold Received Prestigious USGA Award

Sara Wold received the Ike Grainger Award for 25 years of service as a USGA volunteer. She has served on the Women’s Amateur Public Links Committee for 25 years. Louise Hughes, whom some may know from the Women’s Interstate Mid-Amateur Championships, came on the committee at the same time and also received the award. Only one other member of the WAPL Committee has received this award. Betty Richart and Jeanne Myers, who have served on different USGA committees, have also received the award.

Sara thanked her many friends and colleagues for helping her throughout the years in making the opportunities public links golfers have today in Michigan and throughout the USA. She said volunteerism is doing whatever one is asked, to the best of one’s ability with a big smile and that running golf championships is not about the committee or the officials, but about the players, their experiences and finding a worthy champion.

Congratulate and thank Sara the next time you see her. She has been extremely instrumental in bringing women’s golf in Michigan to the level it is at today. We are lucky to have her “working” for us.

MWGA — A Driving Force in Women’s Golf!

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MEMBER ALERT

Advise the MWGA if your mailing address, phone numbers or email address changes. You don’t want to miss out on any great events this golf season!

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I just finished a six hour round. OMG!! And, to make matters worse, it was a scramble format! This is very disturbing to me as well as many of our MWGA members. Believe me; nothing is more harmful to the game of golf than slow play as it discourages people from playing. Period. No fun in having a six hour round. And, if the MWGA’s reputation becomes known for “slow play,” that would be the kiss of death for our organization.

Unfortunately, there are no quick solutions. And, even though the MWGA is constantly preaching against the evils of slow play, it is still prevalent in our events. So, I am asking, begging, and pleading with our membership to be conscious of what is happening around them and to keep their mind on the game. We Americans are conditioned to slow play. We watch the pros methodically pondering every stroke; tossing grass into the air to check the wind; opening their play books to check the yardage; conversing with their caddies as to club selection; and, only after a series of “checks,” complete a few practice swings prior to finally setting up for their shot. Come on, the MWGA is not competing for the Green Jacket. The Scots, who invented the game, and the Japanese play fast on their native soil. Why do we feel we are never competing for the Green Jacket. The Scots, who invented the game, and the Japanese play fast on their native soil. Why do we feel we are not competing for the Green Jacket?

I’m sure there are more tips and we would love to hear your suggestions as they will only make our play more pleasurable. Also, the Tournament Committee is going to make an effort to have MWGA marshals monitoring Pace of Play as well as have the course marshals cooperate in our efforts. And, if necessary, we will be accessing penalties, which we would rather avoid.

I read an article by retired Detroit News golf writer Vartan Kupelian about slow play that has stuck with me for the last seven years. I invite you to read this article. Download at: http://www.webgolfer.com/july02/guestjuly.html.

Thanks for listening.

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Match Play League By Pat Witek

It’s hard to believe that the Match Play League season is almost half over. Round 3 saw us gather at the Glenhurst golf course in Redford. Nine matches were contested and several guests joined us. Closest to the flag winners were Faye Bessette (on 1 leg) and guest player Delores Williams. Thank you to Pat Shelton for organizing that day and for negotiating a discounted price.

A bonus round of matches was organized by Barb Coury. It started as a foursome out for a leisurely round of golf on the 4th of July weekend and grew into a group of 20 dueling for points at Salem Hills. CTF winners were Barb and Lu Stockton. The beautiful day was capped with a delicious potluck dinner, hosted by Barb and her husband. A huge thank you to Barb for taking on that responsibility.

Everyone, member or not, spouses and friends are invited to join us at our golf events. Our hostesses have gotten us some great discounts on green fees! Some are planning enjoyable after golf socialization! It’s a great opportunity to get to know us, learn about match play competition and maybe even play a course you’ve never been to before. You may enjoy yourself so much that you’ll ask to join the league next year.

Next scheduled play dates:
- **Sunday July 12** at Tanglewood, hosted by Jodie Chapa
- **Saturday August 1** at Glacier Club, hosted by Sonia Pysh-Denison
- **Sunday August 16** at Indian Springs, hosted by Nancy Serra (BBQ at Nancy’s after golf)
- **Saturday August 29** (Semifinals) at Pine Knob, hosted by Joan Cleland & Yvette Gagnon

**Dinner to follow at Chili’s (at Great Lakes Crossing) with 10% of the proceeds going to the MWGA! everyone is welcome to meet us there!**

**Saturday September 12** (Championship Finals) at Dunham Hills, hosted by Monica Oliver (dinner/prizes after golf)

Current league standings:
- [www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org)
- Questions: pgolfw@aol.com or 248/417-1190.

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MWGA 2-Day State Championship, College Fields GC
Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26 By Sara Wold

When: Saturday/Sunday, July 25 – 26, 9:00 AM
Modified Shotgun


Fee: $135 members/$155 non-members, $25 juniors walking Sunday only

Games: Both days $20 (3 closest to flag, chip-ins and skins) if prepaid
Includes: Golf, cart, range 2 days, awards luncheon Sunday, prizes
Requirements: USGA index, Michigan residency, soft spikes, proper golf attire
Entry deadline: Wednesday, July 15
Other: GAM Honor Roll points awarded. Winner will qualify to play in the GAM Club Championship at Oakland University October 5th. To be eligible, you must have a USGA index and be a Michigan resident. You do not have to be a member of the MWGA or GAM. Players will be paired with like handicaps and all are welcome. Awards will be presented for the Champion, the Senior, Super Senior and Junior medalists and gift certificates earned for the low gross and low net scores in each flight. The Junior fee includes eligible prizes, golf, range and the awards luncheon on Sunday only.

The tournament entry deadline is July 15th, and you may enter and pay online at www.mwgolf.org or you may send a check payable to MWGA to the MWGA Tournament Office, 4158 Charing Cross Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104. If you have any questions, please email me at wold@mwgolf.org or call me at (734)668-8571.

For those planning to play a practice round, the course set-up will be as follows:

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REMINDER — Stroke Play Tournament at Northville Hills
Tuesday, August 18  By Barbara Porter

When: Tuesday, August 18, 2009
Time: 9AM ShotgunStart
Event: Stroke Play
Where: Northville Hills Golf Club
15565 Bay Hill Dr.
Northville, MI 48167
734-667-GOLF
Fee: $53 members/$58 Non-Members

Includes: 18 holes w/cart, range, prizes for flight winners
Tees: Women’s Forward 5019 yds./69.5/122
Entry Deadline: August 26, 2009
Mail Entry: MWGA, 4158 Charing Cross Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Remember to enter at www.mwgolf.org or by mail. Northville Hills is always a challenging, but enjoyable golf course. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to test your golf game.

Questions? 248-624-2835 or porter@mwgolf.org.

2-Woman Best Ball at Pontiac Country Club
Saturday, September 5  By Denise Buechel

When: Sat, Sept 5th, tee times beginning at 9:15 AM
Where: Pontiac Country Club
4335 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Waterford, MI 248.628.6333
Fee: $86 Mbrs & $86 Non-Mbrs

Includes: 18 holes of golf with cart, range, prizes
Tees: Women’s Forward 5514 yds, 71.8/123
Entry Deadline: August 26, 2009
Mail Entry: MWGA Tournament Office, 4158 Charing Cross Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104

Find a partner and join us for this 2-Women Best Ball Tournament. If you need a partner, no problem; enter and we will do our best to provide one. This is always a good opportunity to meet another golfer and make new friends.

Pontiac Country Club is an 18-hole, full service, public course.Owned by the Syron family for 65 years, it is a great public course with a private club atmosphere. The tract is filled with a multitude of trees, bunkers, water hazards and undulating greens that will challenge even the finest golfers - and that means you!

48th USGA Senior Women’s Amateur Championship, Hot Springs, VA
September 12-17
By Barbara Nowikowski, USGA Senior Women’s Amateur Championship Committee

The 48th USGA Senior Women’s Amateur Championship will be held at The Homestead (Cascades Course), in Hot Springs, Virginia September 12 – 17. Entries are open to amateur female golfers who will have reached their 50th birthday by September 12, 2009 and have an up-to-date Handicap Index not exceeding 18.4.

A qualifier for this Championship will be held on the South Course at Detroit Golf Club on August, 11. Applications may be downloaded from the USGA website, www.usga.org or call the USGA office at (908)-234-2300.

Application deadline: July 22, ’09
Questions, please call: USGA Golf House (908)-234-2300
Barbara Nowikowski (248)-433-3577 barbpace@comcast.net

MWGA “Second Chance” Tournament
2-Day/2-Person Eraser, Mystic Creek, Milford
Saturday-Sunday, September 19-20  By Inez M. Bridges & Nancy Serra

Have you always wanted to play a “Do-Over” simply because you just knew you could do it better the second time? Well, your wish has been granted, and all you need to do is sign up for the MWGA “Eraser” tournament the weekend of September 19 and 20. This will be your chance to erase those ugly scores made on Saturday and submit the “perfect” ones made on Sunday.

Put together your two-person team (female or mixed), pre-register and come to Mystic Creek Golf Course & Banquet Center in Milford to experience a fun-filled weekend of 36 holes of golf, good food and a little imbibing. Of course, the main reason for being there will be to play your best golf on Saturday and even better golf on Sunday, but as usual at MWGA events, we always have fun kibitzing with each other following our rounds. (Sometimes this can be the best part of our day, if the golf doesn’t come off as planned.) It’s called “The MWGA Experience.”

If you’ve never golfed at Mystic Creek, you’ve missed out on a great golfing venue. It is located in Milford on the spacious grounds of Camp Dearborn, yet when you’re there, you

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**Eraser Tournament**  
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feel as if you’re in northern Michigan. Boasting 27 holes in all (The Lakes, The Meadows and The Woods), Mystic Creek has been dubbed Michigan’s ‘Best Public Golf Course’ since it opened in 1997. For this event, we will be playing The Lakes and The Woods courses: women’s front tees total 4,709 yards with a slope and rating of 68.2/120 and the men’s middle tees total 5,998 with a slope of 69.5/134. To arrange for a practice round, contact Mystic Creek Golf Course at 248-684-3333 or 888-467-9535 or online at www.mysticcreekgc.com. **You will not be charged a park entry fee for this event.**

Tournament chairs for our Eraser event are Inez Bridges and Nancy Serra. We are planning a great fall weekend of golf for you, MWGA members and guests. So, spread the word to everyone you know and invite them to participate. The more, the merrier. Grab your husband, boyfriend, girlfriend or stranger and join us the weekend of September 19 and 20. You can’t go wrong. Remember, you can erase that ugly score from Saturday and emerge a winner on Sunday. How can you go wrong? (God, bless the eraser!) Here is all you need to know about our Mystic Creek event. Make sure you don’t miss out on the fun and fellowship.

**What:** 2-Day/2-Person “Eraser Women & Mixed Teams**

**Where:** Mystic Creek GC, One Champions Circle, Milford 48380, 248-684-3333, 888-467-9535

**Entry deadline:** Sat, Sept 19 12p, Sun, Sept 20 9a shotgun starts

**Entry Fee:** $136/members & male partners; $8156/non-members

**Includes:** Golf, Cart, Range, Prizes & Buffet on Sunday following golf

**Deadline:** Wed, Sept. 9, 2009

**Eligibility:** All Amateur Players w/current USGA Index (or will play at scratch)

**Flights:** 2 to 4; 2 or More Places; Gross & Net; Minimum of 1 Women’s & 1 Mixed Division

**Prizes:** Gift Certificates for Flight Winners (Number of places based on total entries)

**Cash Games (for 2 days):** $10 - Closest-to-Flagstick & Chip-Ins; $10 - Gross Skins by flight — Games MUST be prepaid with entry

**Questions:** Contact TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org or 248-557-8180

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**4-Woman Fall Member/Guest Scramble and War of the Leagues, Bay Pointe, W. Bloomfield**

**Where:** Bay Pointe Golf Club, 4001 Haggerty Rd., West Bloomfield 48323 248-360-0600

**When:** Saturday, October 3, 2009

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. Modified Shotgun

**Price:** $79 members or nonmembers

**Includes:** Golf/cart/range/soup & salad

**Tees:** Women’s forward 68.6/115, 4906 yds.

**Requirements:** USGA index, soft spikes, proper golf attire

**Entry deadline:** Wed, Sept 23

**Entries:** Enter online at www.mwgolf.org or please make your check payable to MWGA and send entry to: MWGA Tournament Office, 4158 Charing Cross Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104

Fall may seem like a long way away, but it will be here before you know it! This is your reminder to sign up early for the MWGA Member/Guest/War of the Leagues 4-Woman Fall Farewell Scramble — a popular event that will be played at Bay Pointe in West Bloomfield. If you do not have a full team, please enter anyway and we will do our best to complete a foursome for you. Plus, this is the time for league members to shine! Guests with USGA indices may play at member rates so that you can put together a team from your league and duel it out with the other league teams for bragging rights.

Barb Coury and Lu Stockton will be your tournament event chairpersons, and we both look forward to bringing you a fun end-of-the-season event. Should you have any questions, please contact Barb Coury at Coury@mwgolf.org or Lu Stockton at Stockton@mwgolf.org. We’re looking forward to seeing you on **October 3rd** at Bay Pointe!
Handicap News and Updates  By Cynthia Pinkard

What’s My ESC

ESC. Equitable Stroke Control, was established by the USGA as a mandatory procedure to reduce high hole scores for handicap purposes. Since the player’s index should be representative of the player’s potential ability, a “blow-up” hole could distort this number. A player’s ESC is determined by his/her Course Handicap, not index. A player with an 18.2 index, playing a course with a 126 slope has a Course Handicap of 20. On that course the maximum score that can be posted by that player for any hole is an 8. That same player, playing on a course with a slope rating of 116, has a Course Handicap of 19. On that course, the maximum score that can be posted for any hole is a 7. Remember to ALWAYS adjust for ESC before posting scores. Use the following table for reference.

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Member Feedback Survey
Please take the Member Feedback Survey found on our web site. Go to www.mwgolf.org, select Surveys, Volunteers and Feedback, then select Feedback Survey. The survey should take less than 10 minutes of your time and will be very helpful in determining what the MWGA Board can do to better serve you. Thanks in advance for your input.

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 play 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.

Rules R Us  By Sara Wold

There were two interesting rules situations that occurred during the WAPL Championship. There were several waste areas on the course and a player’s ball was embedded in one and she wanted relief. Since the waste bunker is through the green, she was able to lift, clean and drop the ball, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not closer to the hole. She could also remove loose impediments, take a practice swing and ground her club. Rule 25-2, definition of ‘through the green’, Rule 23-1, Rule 7-2, note 1, and Rule 13-2.

A player’s ball was perched on the grass on top of a bunker and she had to stand in the bunker to hit her ball. When she hit the ball, it fell back into the bunker where she had been standing. Her caddie raked her footsteps before she hit the ball out of the bunker. In stroke play, she would have received a two-stroke penalty and in match play, she lost the hole. Rule 13-4.

Because we reviewed Rule 28, Ball Unplayable in the last issue, here is a quiz to test your knowledge. Player A while searching for his ball sees what might be his ball lodged in the branches of a tree overhanging a bunker. Player A states that he cannot quite identify his ball but intends to take an unplayable if it is his ball and proceeds to shake the tree. A ball drops out of the tree into the bunker and it is Player A’s ball. Player A intends on proceeding under Rule 28b.

1. How does Player A determine the reference point for proceeding under Rule 28b?
2. Is Player A required to drop a ball in the bunker?
3. Is Player A permitted to drop a ball in the bunker?
4. Prior to dropping a ball in the bunker, may Player A remove loose impediments from the bunker?
5. Prior to dropping a ball in the bunker, may Player A rake the bunker in the area where he intends to drop the ball?
6. Is Player A permitted to take practice swings touching the sand in an area of the bunker not near where he intends to drop the ball?

Answers are on page 16.

It is a wonderful emotional practice to begin accepting that you could not have hit any golf shot differently than you did at that moment in time. Your thoughts, your emotions, your beliefs, your mood, your inner energies - each of these contributed to a unique formula that resulted in a particular, specific, and predictable outcome that was first imagined and then dialed up in your mind.

Spirit of Golf

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.

6 July/August 2009
From Our Guests

Putting Sense
By Tami Bealert, PGA Teaching Professional/Personal Trainer

It often amazes me how many golfers prefer to spend the majority of their practice time on the driving range rather than on the putting green. Could it be that most receive greater satisfaction by seeing the ball fly far, regardless of direction, rather than watching a ball just roll into a hole? Putting makes up to almost 50% of our score. So, next time you practice your game; why not start at the putting green?

When we putt we need to see, feel, breathe and listen. You will find if you practice you’re putting and focus on using your senses you should begin to notice an improvement. In preparation, we use our eyes to help us visualize the ball rolling into the cup. We also use our eyes in to help us line up our putt. Our eyes need to be over the target line just before making the stroke very similar to preparing a shot in billiards. An easy test is to take an additional golf ball and drop it from between your eyes on the bridge of your nose. When dropped, the ball should hit the second ball or just land slightly inside the ball that you are preparing to putt.

Second, when holding the putter, if we keep our hands soft on the grip with thumbs down the middle, we will be able to feel the club head moving back and forth like a pendulum. In addition, the motion of the stroke should come from the shoulders, “rocking up and down.” Next, be sure you have a free and easy breathing pattern. Breathing in from your nose and out through your mouth helps reduce any tension thus helping to eliminate a jerky stroke. You may also try counting when making your stroke to establish good rhythm in your stroke. Finally, on short putts, reframe from watching your ball and instead, listen for the ball to drop into the hole. This will help to maintain a steady and smooth motion through the stroke. However, on long putts, just drop your nose. When dropped, the ball likely to get the ball to the hole. Our eyes help tell our minds how hard to hit the putt, much like basketball players getting ready to shoot a free throws. Their eyes are focused on the target through the shot. In summary, on short to medium putts, our eyes need to focus on the ball, while the longer putts, our eyes need to focus on the target during the stroke.

On your next practice session, I strongly urge you to start at the putting green and challenge yourself and experience these simple tips to help lower your score. I am available to help you enjoy playing the game of a lifetime and look forward to helping you improve your game! Until next time, “see it, roll it hole it.”

Editor Note: You can contact Tami Bealert at either Hickory Creek Golf Club in Canton or Tanglewood in South Lyon.

Membership Snippets By Jane Kersjes

Life is Great! Not only for the obvious reasons that we take for granted: God, family, friends, health, education, a job, AND a paid off mortgage, but for the reason that my golf game is BACK. It’s been a torturous couple years. No more mumbling sorry to my partners and digging a hole and crawling in it. Having that euphoric feeling gotten from a natural high rather than drug induced like some folks get from Quaaludes, is a wonderful feeling. I hope it lasts forever.

Something clicked at my lesson with Joal at Fox Hills (thanks!). Why it took so long, who knows. I hope your game is moving in the right direction as well. Speaking of the right direction, our current membership is at 226.

Did you know?

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We are up from last year, but as you can see, we used to have membership at almost double of last year at one point. Too much going on in peoples lives, I guess.

Did you know?

Membership applications this year by: NEWSLINX: 50
Website (mailed): 60
PayPal: 53
(25 from new members)
PayPal has been a hit this year as expected, I’m sure usage will go up over the years as people become more aware.

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

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I hope you’re enjoying your membership with MWGA. If you have any questions, please give any board member a call or email. We’d love to hear from you. See you at a tournament!
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.

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**$200 and above**
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Linda Bermingham
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Michele LaFlora
Kathryn McIntyre

Additional contributions are needed. Checks or money orders should be made payable to MWGA with a notation on the memo line “Girls Golf.” Your 100% tax deductible contribution should be sent to Monica Oliver, MWGA Treasurer, 34800 W 8 Mile, Apt 201, Farmington Hills, MI 48335-5129.

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All MWGA members are eligible for Player of the Year (POY) and Golfer of the Year (GOY) points by participating in our events. POY points reflect our most active and competitive players throughout the season. Members receive a minimum of 2 POY points by participating in any event sponsored by MWGA — Tournaments, Match Play League, Rules and Skills Clinics and the Beginners League. Players who place in positions 1 through 5 in both Gross and Net in our tournaments are awarded POY points as follows:

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Players are flighted according to their index: A = 0.0-10; B=10.1-20; C=20.1-30 and D=30.1-40. Recognition is given to the 1st through 5th place winners in each flight at the Annual Meeting. The following members have accumulated at least 25 POY points for participating in our tournaments up to and including the tournament at Woodlands.

Kris Bennett 42
Yvette Gagnon 40
Cindy Hill 36
Denise Buechel 36
Lu Stockton 36
Sonia Pysh-Denison 36
Betty Vandeputte 35
Debra Horning 34
Lori Rogers 34
Patricia DeMaire 34
Michelle Sroka 32
Pat Witek 31
Ruth Wilson 31
Carol Rudder 30
Pragna Shah 30
Suzanne Madej 30

Susan Macinkowicz 29
Theresa L. MacPherson 29
Barbara Coury 28
Gail O’Brien 28
Karen A. Stecher 28
Shirley McClain 28
Deborah Comstock 27
Joan Cleland 27
Kathy Brennan 27
Monica Oliver 27
Nancy Serra 27
Theresa Snyder 27
Dorine Allen 25
Robyn Calardo 25
Susan Merrick 25

GOY updates will be available in the September/October issue of NEWSLINX and on our website.
There’s plenty of golf left this season. Get out there and rack up some points!

Catch the LPGA Legends in Jackson, MI this August

The Legends Tour is going to be at Jackson Country Club on Sun., Aug. 9th. Tickets are $10 at the gate and kids are free. Rosie Jones, Cindy Figg-Currier, Elaine Crosby, Pat Bradley, Jan Stephenson and many more are playing. For details, go to www.thelegendstour.com.

A friend puts a split grip and a hockey-type, slap shot movement and is flat out one of the best putters I know. Now it looks pretty unconventional, but it works very well for him. And the reason it works so well is because he: 1) believes he can make putts, and 2) doesn’t care what anyone else thinks about his unique putting style. Do you know how many decisions are made on a golf course - and how much precious inner energy is wasted - worrying about what other people think about us???

Spirit of Golf - Excerpted from a presentation in Port St. Lucie, FL in April, 2009
1) **Eligibility.** Tournaments are open to all female amateur golfers; mixed events are also open to amateur male golfers. Professional golfers may participate in designated Pro-Am events.

2) **Fees.**
   A) The entry fee for each tournament will be the greens fees plus $21 for four-person tournaments and $18 for two-person and individual tournaments. $15 and $12, respectively, of this additional amount will be paid back in prizes. If food, goodie bags or other extras are going to be included at a tournament, the price of those items will be added to the entry fee, as well as projected expenses (postage, printing, etc.).
   B) The entry fee for non-members will be $20 more than the entry fee for members, unless designated otherwise; i.e., male partners in mixed tournaments playing with members will pay the member fee.
   C) No fee refund will be given after the entry deadline date.

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

4) **Prizes.**
   A) A minimum of one fourth of the field will receive prizes.
   B) There will be an equal number of gross and net prizes by flight in all MWGA tournaments.
   C) In order to be eligible for net prizes, a player must have a current, official USGA handicap index.
   D) Each flight will get back a percentage of the prize money based on the percentage of entries.

5) **Contests.** Players will pay an additional fee for contests if they want to enter them. These contests must be paid at time of tournament entry. All money paid will be returned to the winners.
   The game structure will be as follows:
   A) $5 will be designated for:
      i) Three Closest to the Flagsticks ($3) in two flights based on individual index.
      ii) Chip-ins ($2), not flighted.
   B) $5 will be designated for Gross Skins by tournament flight. In tournaments with only one flight, two flights will be created by team handicap for Skins.
   C) These contests will be available at all tournaments and will be run by the tournament committee.

6) **Individual tournaments.**
   A) Fees. See paragraph 2) above.
   B) Prizes. In individual stroke tournaments, the recommended payout for first place is $65. The number of entries will determine the number and amount of additional places paid. All prize money collected will be returned to players in prizes.
   C) Flirting and Handicap. For flight position and handicap, a player’s course handicap will be calculated by taking 50% of the lowest course handicap and 25% of the highest course handicap.
   i) For flight position, a two-person team’s handicap will be calculated by taking 50% of the lowest course handicap and 25% of the highest course handicap.
   ii) For flight position, a two-person best ball team’s handicap will be calculated by taking 50% of the lowest course handicap and 25% of the highest course handicap. A two-person best ball team’s handicap will be equal to 100% of each player’s course handicap, with no restrictions on team handicap differential.
   D) A two-person scramble team will be required to use each player’s drive 6 times.

7) **Two-person team tournaments.**
   A) Fees. See paragraph 2) above.
   B) Prizes. In two-person events, the recommended payout for first place is $55 (per person). The number of entries will determine the number and amount of additional places paid. All prize money collected will be returned to players in prizes.
   C) Flirting and Handicap.
      i) For flight position and handicap, a two-person scramble team’s handicap will be calculated by taking 50% of the lowest course handicap and 25% of the highest course handicap.
   D) A four-person scramble team’s handicap will be calculated by taking 50% of the lowest course handicap and 25% of the highest course handicap.
   ii) For flight position and handicap, a four-person scramble team’s handicap will be calculated by taking 50% of the lowest course handicap and 25% of the highest course handicap.
   iii) For flight position and handicap, a four-person scramble team’s handicap will be calculated by taking 50% of the lowest course handicap and 25% of the highest course handicap.
   D) A four-person scramble team will be required to use each player’s drive 3 times.

8) **Four-person team tournaments.**
   A) Fees. See paragraph 2) above.
   B) Prizes. In four-person events, the recommended payout for first place is a range of $40-$50 (per person). The number of entries will determine the number and amount of additional places paid. All prize money collected will be returned to players in prizes.
   C) Flirting and Handicap.
      i) For flight position, a best 2 of 4 team’s handicap will be calculated by taking 20% of the lowest course handicap on the team, 15% of the next lowest course handicap, 10% of the next lowest course handicap and 5% of the highest course handicap. Each player will receive 100% of her handicap, with no restrictions, when determining hole-by-hole net scores.
      ii) For flight position and handicap, a four-person scramble team’s handicap will be calculated on the following point system:
   D) A four-person scramble team will be required to use each player’s drive 3 times.

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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 shotgun) 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 **tee time and crossover starts**
   - 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 player 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.

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2009 MWGA Member Benefits

- Online membership renewal
- Ability to update personal information online
- Redesigned, even more user-friendly website
- 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
### 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**

**ENTER TOURNAMENTS ONLINE at www.mwgolf.org or MAIL TOURNAMENT ENTRIES to: MWGA Tournament Office, 4158 Charing Cross Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104**

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<td>7/11, Sat 9am shotgun</td>
<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>7/12, Sun</td>
<td>Match Play</td>
<td>Tanglewood, South Lyon</td>
<td>Jodie Chapa, <a href="mailto:jchapa4golf@comcast.net">jchapa4golf@comcast.net</a></td>
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<td>7/25, 7/26 Sat-Sun 9am shotgun</td>
<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>Glacier Club, Washington 810-781-2288</td>
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<td>Indian Springs, White Lake 248-655-7870</td>
<td>Nancy Serra, <a href="mailto:Serra@mwgolf.org">Serra@mwgolf.org</a></td>
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<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.northvillenhillsgolfclub.com">www.northvillenhillsgolfclub.com</a></td>
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<td>Match Play Semifinals</td>
<td>Pine Knob, Clarkston 248–625-4430</td>
<td>Joan Cleland &amp; Yvette Gagnon <a href="mailto:jcleland12@comcast.net">jcleland12@comcast.net</a> <a href="mailto:ladycobra@comcast.net">ladycobra@comcast.net</a></td>
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<td>9/5, Sat 9:15am tee times</td>
<td>2-Woman Best Ball Golf/cart/range, $66/member, $86/non-mbr</td>
<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>Match Play Championship and year-end party</td>
<td>Dunham Hills, Hartland</td>
<td>Monica Oliver, <a href="mailto:Oliver@mwgolf.org">Oliver@mwgolf.org</a></td>
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<td>9/19, 9/20 Sat 12p shotgun Sun, 9a shotgun</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>
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<td>10/3, Sat, 10am mod. shotgun</td>
<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 front 68.6/115, 4906 yds.</td>
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### 2009 Women’s USGA/GAM/WAPL & Other Tournament/Event Schedule

**USGA—United States Golf Association; GAM—Golf Association of Michigan; WAPL—Women’s Amateur Public Links**

**Entries to: MWGA Tournament Office, 4158 Charing Cross Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104**

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<td>US Women’s Amateur Qualifier Entries close 7/1, Hdcp. Limit 5.4</td>
<td>Woodwinds GC Westfield, IN</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>
<td>Crystal Mountain Resort Thompsonville 49683 231-378-2623</td>
<td>Lorraine Nordbeck, 800-968-7686, ext. 3354, <a href="mailto:lorrainenordbeck@crystalmountain.com">lorrainenordbeck@crystalmountain.com</a></td>
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**Junior (up to age 17) tournaments and tournaments with junior divisions are highlighted.**

Enter MWGA tournaments online at www.mwgolf.org and check website for most current schedule

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Subject: Golf in Heaven

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'Tell me the good news first,' said Barb.

'The good news,' Rose said, 'is that there's golf in Heaven. Better yet, all of our old buddies who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always springtime, there's flowers on every tee, the fairways are lush, the greens are fast, and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play golf all we want, and we never get tired.' "That's fantastic," said Barb. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?"

'Well, um, you're in my foursome next Tuesday.'
Top 10 Misused Terms in Golf

Knowing the correct terms makes it easier to find answers in the Rules of Golf booklet

By Travis Lesser, April 2009

As a Rules of Golf Associate with the USGA, I answer thousands of telephone calls and e-mail queries each year about the Rules of Golf. I’ve also worked as a golf professional and tournament director for a golf tour for elite juniors, which means I’ve seen and heard countless Rules of Golf situations and discussions in the field.

So I know all too well what can happen when golfers use terms incorrectly or which are not defined in the Rules of Golf. Therefore, with apologies to David Letterman, I submit to you the “Top 10 Misused Terms in Golf.”

No. 10, “Through the Green”
No. 9, “Rough”
No. 8, “Fairway”

These three terms have a strong relationship to one another in that they are typically misused when referring to areas of the course. The terms “rough” and “fairway” are actually areas of the course that the Rules call “through the green.”

The issue with “through the green” is that most tend to believe it refers to the area over the back of the green. However, by definition within the Rules of Golf, if an area of the golf course is not a hazard (i.e., a bunker or a water hazard), and is not the teeing ground or the putting green of the hole you are playing, it is “through the green.”

Did you know the word “rough” does not appear in the Rules of Golf, and the word “fairway” appears only once? Ironically “fairway,” while not defined in the Rules, is used to clarify the term “closely mown area” for where a player is entitled to relief for a ball embedded in its own pitch-mark (Rule 25-2). Although golfers at all skill levels use these terms, you will not be able to find these words in the index when attempting to look them up in the Rules of Golf booklet. Quite simply, both fairway and rough fall under one term: “through the green.”


Many modern golf courses have areas often referred to as “waste areas” or “waste bunkers.” These are typically areas that don’t meet the definition of either a water hazard or a bunker. Generally, they are unmaintained natural areas installed by modern-day course architects to add another test for golfers to negotiate (or to reduce maintenance costs), and are simply “through the green.” That means the Rules allow you to ground your club and/or take practice swings in these areas. And that can be a good thing.

No. 6, “Trap”

Continuing with bunkers, let’s get another misnomer out of the way. A bunker is not a “trap.”

By definition, a bunker is a prepared area of ground, often a hollow, from which turf or soil has been removed and replaced with sand or the like. Many golfers like to refer to them as traps or sand traps. Now, the last time I checked, a “trap” is not something anyone or anything wants to be in (i.e., bear traps, rat traps, speed traps). What’s more, if one attempts to look up the word “trap” in the Rules of Golf, the search will be fruitless, as the word is not there. A bunker, on the other hand, has a much less punitive connotation and is the proper term as defined in the Rules of Golf.

No. 5, “Cup”
No. 4, “Pin”

It is a bit of a mystery as to how the terms “cup” and “pin” came to replace the proper terms of “hole” and “flagstick.” Seems that it is just as easy to refer to them as a “hole,” and a “flag” or a “stick.” Most golfers should cringe every time they hear television announcers refer to the hole location as the day’s “pin placement.” After all, the purpose of the game as laid out in Rule 1-1 is to put the ball in the hole, not in the cup.

No. 3, “Tee Box”

Let’s talk about the “tee box.” Historically, the tee box was a small wood crate filled with sand used for building a small mound to place the ball for the tee shot; that is until the wooden tee peg became all the rage in the early 1900s. The starting place of each hole is a rectangular area, two club-lengths in depth and the width of the tee-markers, and the proper term for it is “teeing ground.”

No. 2, “Rub of the Green”

Another term often misused by television announcers is “rub of the green.” Most use the term to refer to bad luck. According to the Rules of Golf, a rub of the green occurs when a ball in motion is accidentally deflected or stopped by an outside agency. Sure, it’s frustrating when a perfectly good shot heads toward the flagstick, only to have the ball strike the flagstick and careen into a greenside bunker. That’s a rub of the green that is bad luck. However, a ball destined for out of bounds or a bad place, that miraculously strikes a tree and comes to rest in a more desirable spot is a rub of the green that is good luck. Some know this as a “member’s bounce.” Here is a link to a terrific video clip of Payne Stewart receiving a very lucky “rub of the green.”

No. 1, “Foursome”

Now, the most often misused term in the game of golf is... foursome. Most people refer to their group of golf buddies as their “foursome.” However, those who watched the Ryder Cup matches last September may have learned that foursomes is a form of play in which partners play one ball alternately from the teeing grounds and alternately during play of each hole. When playing with your buddies in a group of four, you are most likely not alternating shots with a partner.

The USGA understands that many of these words and phrases are used casually. However, it is important to have a proper understanding of the terms and Definitions contained in the Rules of Golf. Understanding the correct terms makes finding answers in the Rules of Golf booklet easier. Besides, having a basic understanding of the terms will make the game more enjoyable for you and your usual Sunday foursome-oops â€¦ I meant, group of four.

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If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play at it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf.
~ Bob Hope
I'm not saying my golf game went bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced.
~ Lee Trevino
I asked my caddie for a sand wedge and he came back ten minutes later with a ham on rye.
~ Chi Chi Rodriguez
### 2009 MWGA Tournament Entry Form

One form per player – if paying for more than one player, submit a separate form for each player.

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)

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:

If we do not have your current mailing address, please enter it here:

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**The Positive Golfer By Janina Parrott Jacobs**

**Patriot Day Hole-in-One Contest, New Rogell Golf Club, Detroit, MI on July 24**

Golfers care about many things: the game, the environment, their golf partners, family and the Rules, of course. However, caring for others they have never met is evident in the huge amounts of money generated for charities in LPGA and PGA tour as well as amateur fund-raising events. The MWGA is very generous with contributions to worthy causes across the board.

My nephew is a Navy SEAL and puts himself in harm’s way every day whether he is training here or deployed to some hotspot. Our military personnel put our safety before their own every single day, and we are constantly trying to find ways to say Thank You. Well, here is what you can do:

Help support our military heroes and try for that elusive ace all at the same time by joining the Patriot Day Hole-in-One Contest at the New Rogell Golf Club in Detroit, MI on July 24, 2009. For over 60 years, Rogell has hosted the Detroit News annual Hole-in-One competition and now, the Golf Association of Michigan and the Folds of Honor Foundation are teaming up to present the Patriot Day fundraiser.

For a $5.00 donation, each contestant will be able to hit 3 shots on the famous 15th ‘over the river’ hole to try and make a hole-in-one. If more than one ace is recorded, the names of all contestants making an ace will be put into a hat and two winners drawn for the Grand Prize of a complimentary entry into the annual Patriot Golf Day Shootout at Treetops Resort September 4-6, 2009. The Shootout package, valued at $295.00, includes Opening Ceremony Contests, practice round on Treetops, 2 rounds of golf on the Rick Smith Signature and Premier plus 9 holes on Treetops, Cocktail Reception, Dinner Banquet, Tournament Gifts and Prizes. Additional discounted practice rounds and lodging packages are available.

If no hole-in-one is made, the two Shootout prize packages will be awarded to the Men’s and Women’s Closest to the Pin. Additional prizes including rounds of golf at area GAM-member courses, Golf Digest Magazine Golf Cards, Capers Steakhouse Gift Certificates, golf equipment and more will be awarded based on proximity to the hole in flights by age and gender.

To sign up, go to www.gam.org Click on the Folds of Honor link and you will be directed to an area where registration can be made. Signups are also encouraged at The New Rogell Golf Club or by contacting GAM President Bill Wright at 248.935.4351 or billwright1199@yahoo.com.

The Folds of Honor Foundation was created by PGA Professional and Oklahoma Air National Guard Major Dan Rooney, whose family also owns Grand Haven Golf Club in Grand Haven, MI. Major Rooney, an F-16 pilot with two tours of duty in Iraq, started the Foundation in 2006 after his experience as a passenger on a plane carrying fallen comrade, Corporal Brock Bucklin, to his hometown for burial. Witnessing the removal of Corporal Bucklin’s coffin from the cargo hold and watching his grieving family – while virtually half the plane’s passengers ignored the airline pilot’s request to remain on board until the coffin had been taken away - compelled Rooney to act. With the PGA of America as a national partner, the celebration of Patriot Day, officially September 1, has spread across the nation and many clubs are now participating.

Duane and Dawn Bucklin, parents of Brock Bucklin, will be attending the Treetops Shootout. To learn more about the Foundation, go to www.foldsofhonor.org.

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**Golfer’s List of Resolutions**

*Ten simple steps every golfer can take to help make your round more enjoyable - and golf courses in better shape*

By Larry Gilhuly, USGA, January 19, 2009

... When followed properly, this list will make your golf course more enjoyable to play, easier and less expensive to maintain, and will help the maintenance staff keep it in better agronomic condition. At a time of budgetary scrutiny that requires 20-20 vision, how you leave your golf course after playing it has a major impact - positive or negative - on those who follow.

1. **I resolve** to understand that a bunker should be left the way it was when I entered it by properly *raking my footprints* and blast mark, regardless of how good or inept my attempt has been.

2. **I resolve** to bend over when filling my divot with sand/seed to make sure the area is filled properly so as not to damage the mowers.

3. **I resolve** to learn how to properly fix all of my ball marks by pushing and not lifting them up, thereby exposing soil and causing weeks of recovery.

4. **I resolve** to realize that any sign that has a directional arrow with the word “carts” on it means I should go in that direction when driving a power cart.

5. **I resolve** to avoid walking over ropes held up by stakes that are meant to move traffic away from a weakened area. When I trip over said rope I will take personal responsibility for my mistake.

6. **I resolve** to understand that those operating maintenance equipment can be injured by my attempts at striking a very hard white ball. A few seconds of patience is always the best policy.

7. **I resolve** to remember that cart paths are not like a road where parking is needed on the edges. I will *park/drive my golf cart* on the hard surface only to avoid wearing out the edges.

8. **I resolve** to understand that trees never grow smaller as they age and shade/roots sometimes mean tree removal is necessary.

9. **I resolve** to understand that all greens are different, thus green speed should not be the same from course-to-course. Detecting and adapting to different course conditions is an inherent part of the challenge of the game.

10. And finally, **I resolve** to remember that the game is just that - a game. I will accept responsibility for my success or failure at this difficult game, even while sitting in the 19th hole!

Larry Gilhuly, Northwest Director of the USGA Green Section, can be reached at lgilhuly@usga.org or 253-858-2266.

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The many picturesque holes of Moose Ridge Golf Course proved to be most challenging for the MWGA President’s Stroke Play Tournament. Narrow fairways, blind shots, multiple hazards and tricky pin placements reeked havoc on even the best player’s game. Boredom was not an issue. Like the true dyed-in-the-wool golfers our MWGA members are, most all finished the 18 holes, even if their golfing egos were a bit deflated. Besides, the sounds of laughter far outweighed the groans of despair. And, due to the late start time, all players received a $5.00 reimbursement, as MR lowered our fees. That was a good thing.

Thank all of you for answering our Moose Ridge Course Survey. In brief, the consensus was that most of you enjoyed the course; would like to see it in a future schedule; however, not as a stroke play event. We all appreciate your feedback and will continue to use your information when selecting future courses. Congratulations to our winners.

See you at Northville Hills.

Chip-Ins
#3 Deb Horning
#12 Karen Stock
#13 Cynthia Pinkard
#15 Helena Kim
#18 Arezell Brown

Answers to the Rules Quiz on page 6

1. The ball in the tree lies through the green because the margin of the bunker extends vertically downwards, but not upwards. Since the ball was not in the bunker, the prohibitions of Rule 13-4 do not apply. The reference point for taking relief under Rule 28b or 28c is the spot directly under where the ball lay in the tree. Decision 28/11.

2. No. In proceeding under the options of Rule 28, Player A may drop a ball in the bunker if he so wishes but is not required to drop in the bunker.

3. Yes.


5. No. Rule 13-2 prohibits the player from raking the area where he intends to drop a ball.

6. Yes. Practice swings are OK as long as there is no breach of Rule 13-2.

Closest to Flagstick

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Tension can rob you of power and accuracy. You need to hold the club so that the muscles of your forearms remain soft. More important, relax the muscles between your shoulder blades, as this is often where we tense our muscles first under pressure. Relax and feel how soft muscles can deliver power.

Bill Kroen’s Golf Tip-A-Day
Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you.

Golf is like marriage: If you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.

Tuesday, June 16 was a glorious day for the 2-Woman Scramble golf format MWGA sponsored at Shepherd’s Hollow in Clarkston. The 54-member field played holes 10 through 27 and began with a shotgun start at 8:00AM. Following a long round, several teams incurred a 2-stroke penalty for exceeding the 4 hour 50 minute MWGA Pace of Play Policy. After golf we all enjoyed an excellent buffet luncheon.

US Women’s Amateur Public Links Championship, Red Tail GC, Devens, MA June 22—27 By Sara Wold

Six players from Michigan played in the 2009 US Women’s Amateur Public Links Championship at Red Tail Golf Club in Devens, MA June 22 – 27. The course played at 6267 yds., and because it rained everyday, it seemed a lot longer. The women played very well under such adverse conditions. Stephanie Kono was medalist at 138, and the cut was at 152 for the two rounds of stroke play. Martina Gavier and Aimee Neff qualified at College Fields and had 144 and 146, respectively, and made match play. The Championship started with 156 players and 64 go into match play. Ashley Smith had 154, Natalie Brehm had 155, Christine Meier had 163 and Kaitlyn Mardeusz, first alternate from Stonehedge, had 181.

Aimee Neff won her first match 3 and 2 and lost her second match 4 and 3. Martina lost her first match 4 and 2. Jennifer Song, a sophomore at USC, Golfweek’s College Player of the Year and last year’s WAPL runner-up, defeated Kimberly Kim, a high school senior, the WAPL runner-up in 2006 and the US Women’s Amateur Champion that year and the 2009 Rolex Junior Girls Champion, 7 and 6 in the final 36 hole match. Kim played well but Song had 10 birdies in 30 holes to take the Championship.

The Championship next year will be at the Notre Dame Golf Course in South Bend, IN, which is nearby and convenient for players and spectators alike to attend.
RESULTS

2-Woman Best Ball, Woodlands of Van Buren, June 27
By Jane Kersjes

There were 55 of us who enjoyed wonderful weather and hospitality at the Woodlands of Van Buren. Even though it was a shorter course, I heard rumblings that some folks had run into trouble. I had an outpouring of people who volunteered to help. Thank you! The winners:

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For complete results visit www.mwgolf.org

**Chip-Ins:** $14 #3: Lisa Sasaki, Deb Rodney; #6: Dorine Allen, Cathy Mezo, Francine Pegues; #13: Carol Rudder; #14: Diane Blum (from 135 yds over water); #15: Michelle Sroka (from a bunker)

**Closest to the Flagstick**

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- Jane Kersjes & Inez Bridges, Terry MacPherson & Sue Madej, Terry Brotz & Lisa Bishop, Grace Harrison & Cindy Hill

**Flight 2 Winning Teams:**

- Joan Cleland & Lu Stockton, Gail O’Brien & Monica Oliver, Cathy Mezo & Margaret Marion, Sue Merrick & Diane Blum

**Skins**

1st Flight $28/ea

- Cindy Hill/Grace Harrison (2)
- Lori Rogers/Deb Comstock
- Sonia Pysh-Denison/Pat Witek
- Sue Madej/Theresa McPherson

2nd Flight $14/ea

- Kathryn McIntyre/Francine Pegues
- Jennifer Montre/Mary Ann Montre
- Nancy Adair/Deb Rodney
- Diane Blum/Sue Merrick
- Cathy Mezo/Margaret Marion
- Myra Janabet/Sue Cherry
- Cynthia Pinkard / Claudette Jefferson
- Monica Oliver / Gail O’Brien

**Western Women’s Best Ball, McGuire’s Resort, Cadillac, June 19-20**
By Pat Shelton

Overall Champions and Flight A Winners Lori Rogers & Sue Macinkowicz with golf pro Phil Himes and Flight B Winners Kathy Brennan & Terry Snyder

**Flight A 3rd:**

- Deb Horning & Yvette Gagnon, 2nd: Pat Witek & Sonia Pysh-Denison, 1st: Lori Rogers & Sue Macinkowicz (Notice Gagnon’s and Witek’s trophy envy!)
Each year I say what a great tournament this is, and this year was no exception. In fact, moving to McGuire’s Resort made it even better. Everyone on the staff from the golf pro Phil to the bag boys to the ranger to the hotel staff couldn’t have been nicer nor more accommodating. They really made our stay and golf experience super. Of course, our hostess and tournament organizer, Jane Cook, continues to go out of her way to make our visit pleasurable. I understand plans for next year back at McGuire’s are already cooking with perhaps an extra 9-hole scramble in the works. Again, I’m repeating myself, but for the price ($135 this year for two days of golf, a box lunch, award dinner, prizes for all) this really, really is not one to miss! Mark the third weekend in June next year on your calendars for the Cadillac 2-Women’s Best Ball.

As you can see by the photos, MWGA was well represented in the winners’ circle!

**Overall 2009 Champions (Low Gross Score)**

144 1st Lori Rogers / Sue Macinkowicz

**A Flight**

125 1st Lori Rogers / Sue Macinkowicz
134 2nd Pat Witek / Sonia Pysh – Denisso
136 3rd Deb Horning / Yvette Gagnon
138 4th Ellen Howell / Arlene Shields
141 5th Kelly Malmberg / Jennifer McDonnell
142 6th Janet Emery / Sandy Hartman
147 7th Babe Hickman / Mo Tobin

**B Flight**

135 1st Kathy Brennan / Terry Snyder
136 2nd Joan Cleland / Barb Coury
138 3rd Michelle Sroka / Jane Cook
138 4th Lu Stockton / Linda Bermingham
141 5th Monica Oliver / Denise Buechel
141 6th Pat Shelton / Fay Bessette
141 7th Karen Bartholomay / Joan Loomis
145 8th Judy Bres / Carol Marshall
150 9th Dawn Milusky / Mary Cowles

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**Proximity Winners**

**Sunday**

Long Drive #10 Michelle Sroka
Longest Putt #6 Barb Coury
Closest to Pin #5 Deb Horning
Closest to Pin #13 Mo Tobin

**Saturday**

Longest Putt #6 Carol Marshall

**A Flight**

Long Drive #9 Jennifer McDonnell
Closest to Pin #3 Jennifer McDonnell
Closest to Pin #13 Lori Rogers

**B Flight**

Long Drive #10 Terry Snyder
Closest to Pin #5 Kathy Brennan
Closest to Pin #18 Linda Bermingham

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**Hole in One**

As a young man, Norton was an exceptional golfer. At the age of 26, however, he decided to become a priest, and joined a rather peculiar order that required him to quit golf and never play again. Though this was particularly difficult for Norton, he agreed and was finally ordained a priest.

One Sunday morning, Father Norton woke up. Realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, he decided he just had to play golf. So he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to say Mass for him that day.

As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about 40 miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish.

Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church!

At about this time, St. Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?" The Lord sighed and said, "No, I guess not."

Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight toward the pin, dropped just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole for a 420-yard hole in one!

St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?" The Lord smiled and replied, "Who is he going to tell?"

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS**

**Condolences**

Sincere condolences to one of our faithful MWGA board members, Pam Kurtz, on the passing of her mother Josephine on June 15, after a long and valiant struggle against cancer.
MWGA Pick-A-Pro Contest  By Pat Meyers

Here are the 2009 contestants and their picks as of June 29. 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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- Publicity & Promotions
- Task Force
- Handicap
- Rules
- Website &
- Juniors
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- Technologies

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Check one: □ New Member  □ Renewal (was '08 member)  □ Previous Member (not in '08)

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

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Membership includes discounted rates at MWGA tournaments, six NEWSLINX, a membership directory, official USGA handicap service, GAM membership (activated with score posting) and copy of the USGA Rules of Golf.

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Your name, address, phone numbers, e-mail address and USGA index will be published in the membership directory. If you object to the publication of any of this information, please list what you’d like omitted:

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Name: ___________________________________  **Phone:** ______  _______________

**Total Enclosed $_____

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