NEW Rule Regarding Cell Phone Usage as GPS

Based on recent USGA and GAM rules clarifications, MWGA has revised its MWGA Rules and Conditions of Competition for Tournaments (see pgs 16 & 22).

Lots of Junior Golf this Summer

Here are just a few programs available.

**MWGA/LPGA/USGA Girls Golf Program**

*Belle Isle First Tee, Detroit*

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Session 2, Mon-Th, July 21-July 22, 6-7:30pm

July 20 9-Hole Scramble, Dearborn Hills GC, 11am, $27.50/golf, lunch, prizes/ per team

www.mwgolf.org, Francine Pegasus
313-469-7906, Pegues@mgolf.org, Julia Baldwin 248-851-3250

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**Fox Hills Youth Golf Learning Opportunities**

*Plymouth, MI, May-Sept*

www.foxhills.com, info@foxhills.com, 734-453-7272

**Moose Ridge Junior Golf Academy**

*South Lyon, ages 5-15*

6/26 and Tuesdays in July

www.mooseridgegolf.com, 248-446-9030

**Detroit Titans Golf Girls Golf Camps**

*Beech Woods Golf Club, Southfield*

June 22-24, July 20-22

Womensgolf@udmercy.edu, 313-575-4091

www.DetroitTitans.com

**City of Livonia Junior Golf**

*Beginner, Intermediate, Tournaments*

www.golflivonia.com, 248-471-3400

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*Superior Twp., June-August, ages 5-17*

www.trainwithtami.com, 734-927-3265

**NEW Special Returning Member Rates! (Presently only available via mail)**

See Membership Snippets on page 5 and revised 2010 MWGA Membership Application on back page.

May/June 2010 Rev.
**President’s Corner**  By Barbara Porter

**Be Happy You Play Golf**

At the office earlier this spring, I was conversing with a female colleague about golf. She stated “I don’t get the whole golf thing; I mean, hitting a ball around for an entire afternoon.” I must admit I was at a loss for a quick retort or pat answer. After all, I had not swung a golf club since a balmy November day in 2009 and had my own doubts about “getting golf.”

Within the following week, my alarm was screaming at 5:30AM so I wouldn’t miss my 8AM tee time at a course barely within the same time zone. I swatted at the snooze and thought, “Is this really worth it — getting up before dawn, strategically dressing in layers to combat the weather, cramming golf clubs, golf shoes, golf towels, cart seat cover and cart cover into the trunk of my car?” Oh, let me not forget that additional pair of golf shoes and change of clothing in case the rain comes.

What do I mean by “in case?” It’s been pouring since the wee hours of the morning. But, like I said, the course, according to Google, is 63.6 miles from my door and might not be subject to the same torrential downpours. And, according to that perky weather person on the TV, my Blackberry and the radio, these rain showers should be gone by 8AM so one must remain optimistic and not pack the canoe.

Lucky for me, I filled the car with gas the previous night in preparation for this journey. After a stop at McDonalds for some coffee (I really don’t get Starbucks but that’s another article), I was ready to hit the road. Has anyone else noticed that orange barrels have now been reduced to orange cones? Did they join Weight Watchers? Nevertheless, they still represent that same agonizing roadwork which is just ahead and will continue for 19 miles. And, I, being in unfamiliar territory (the East side) really don’t know how to circumnavigate the construction. (Okay, so if you are from the East side you don’t know the West side either). So, forget about arriving at the course in plenty of time to warm up, stretch, hit some balls, putt, and leisurely organize equipment prior to tee time. As I turned off my ignition, the bag boy (he was cute so I remember he was a boy) pulled up next to my car and yelled, “Hop in, you’re on the tee!” And I found myself on the tee box, driver in hand, shoes untied with the bag boy securing my clubs to the cart that I am sharing with someone I have never met. Swell; what a great first impression. “Is this really worth it?” I said to myself.

Now comes the big test….can I hit the ball? As my Uncle Mel would say, “Even a blind squirrel finds an acorn once in a while” and the ball flew off the tee in a fairly decent trajectory. Amazing....

After a few holes, all the agony, tension, and trepidation left my body and mind and with this release came a sense of serenity. With this calm, I was able to immerse myself in the warmth of the day, the beauty of the golf course and the camaraderie of my playing partners. At this point, my game was almost secondary to everything else surrounding me. Finally, I “got golf,” at least for myself.

Isn’t it a wonderful thing to be able to escape all that is wrong with this world by playing the game of golf which entails so much more than beating the little ball? That’s what makes golf worth any aggravation encountered prior to that first swing off the tee (or second, third, fourth…you get my meaning). And, I believe, golf is less expensive than a visit to the psychiatrist. Did you notice I didn’t mention my score? Well, that’s another story. Be happy you play golf; it puts the world in a brighter perspective, at least for some cherished moments. See you on the links.

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2010 MWGA tournament and event information, including PayPal and mail-in entry forms, is available at [www.mwigolf.org](http://www.mwigolf.org)
Handicap News and Updates  By Cynthia Pinkard

With the exception of a few bad weather days, the first six weeks of Michigan’s 2010 golf season were great. One of the indicators of how good this golf season has been is the number of rounds posted by our members since March 29, the season opening date. As of May 15 our members posted 634 rounds. That’s a lot of golf for this time of year.

When posting scores on the GAM website, here are some things to remember:

1) When posting scores you are to post your **adjusted** scores. Scores are adjusted for such things as ESC, unfinished holes, unplayed holes and conceded holes. To understand score and ratings adjustments, please refer to the Handicap and Indexes booklet that came in your membership package or visit the Posting Scores page on our website at www.mwgolf.org/Posting_Scores10.htm.

2) When posting scores on the GAM website, the ESC score box is automatically populated when players enter their hole-by-hole scores. If you are not entering hole-by-hole, your ESC score should be entered in the top score box.

3) The one thing you need to look out for this season is unrated courses. Several courses in the metro area have let their course ratings expire. You **CANNOT** post scores from a course with no rating or with an expired rating. The only way to know if a course has a current rating is to look up the course in the GAM Michigan Links 2010 Course Directory or on the GAM website before you play. If the course has no rating listed, it is not rated. You cannot rely on the course scorecard. So, remember to check the GAM listings before you play or schedule an event.

Scores received by the MWGA Handicap Director that cannot be posted because the courses are no longer rated were played on Blackheath in Rochester Hills and Chandler Park in Detroit.

To play in MWGA events you should have a current, up-to-date index. Without a current index you will play at 85% of your index of record or at scratch. If you have questions on posting, please review www.mwgolf.org/Posting_Scores10.htm, reference the Handicap and Indexes booklet or send an email to handicap@mwgolf.org.

Our matches have begun! The season kicked off with matches at Faulkwood Shores, hosted by Faye Bessette. CTF winners were Jane Kersjes and Gail O’Brien. The second round of matches were contested at Leslie Park and hosted by Gail O’Brien. Judy Petere and Yvette Gagnon were the CTF winners. The third matches took place at Glenhurst in Redford, hosted by Monica Oliver. Joan Cleland and Kathy Brennan won CTF.

Everyone, member or not, and their 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. You may enjoy yourself so much that you’ll ask to be put on the waiting list to join our group next year.

**The next scheduled play dates are:**

- *Saturday June 26 at Pheasant Run, hosted by Lu Stockton*
- *Sunday July 11 at White Lake Oaks, hosted by Denise Buechel*
- *Saturday July 31 at Whispering Willows, hosted by Pat Shelton*
- *Sunday August 15 (Quarterfinals), hosted by Nancy Serra*
- *Saturday August 21 (Semifinals) at Tanglewood, hosted by Jodie Chapa*
- *Sunday September 19 (Finals) at Hunters Ridge, hosted by Barb Coury & Linda Bermingham*

League standings are on the MWGA website (www.mwgolf.org). For more details about the scheduled play dates, contact me, the League Coordinator, at pgolfw@aol.com or 248/417-1190.
Rules R Us By Sara Wold

Rule 24. Obstructions

In a recent tournament, a player hooked his ball into the trees near a maintenance building and a truck. The building obstructed his line of sight and a truck interfered with his line of flight. What could he do? According to Rule 24-2, the building was an immovable obstruction but it did not interfere with the lie of the ball or his stance or swing, and he could not get any relief. Also, if the truck was immovable, he could not take relief without penalty. However, the keys were in the truck and it was movable. Decision 24-8. The truck was moved and he hit a great shot 150 yards over the trees and the ball landed onto the green! It pays to know the rules.

There are some other things a player needs to know about movable obstructions. If a ball lies in or on a movable obstruction, the ball may be lifted, the obstruction removed, the ball cleaned and it must be dropped through the green or in a hazard or placed on the putting green as near as possible to the spot directly under the place where the ball lay in or on the obstruction, not nearer the hole without penalty. Once, a ball landed in my cart while I was officiating, and we simply noted the position of the ball, moved the cart and the player dropped her ball in accordance with the rules. Another time, I was officiating at the US Women's Open and my player hit her ball into the crowd. We went over to the crowd to find that the ball was in a man's shirt pocket! After a few chuckles, she simply dropped the ball where the man had been standing. No penalty.

Of course, movable obstructions can be moved in a water hazard or bunker or out of bounds. If the ball moves, it must be replaced, and there is no penalty, provided the movement of the ball is directly attributable to the removal of the obstruction. If the ball lies in a bunker next to a rake, I would suggest that you mark the ball with a tee, remove the rake, and if the ball moves, you can place it rather than drop it in the sand because you know the exact position.

When a ball is in motion, an obstruction that might influence the movement of the ball, other than equipment of any player or the flagstick when attended, removed or held up, must not be moved.

If a ball to be dropped or placed under this rule is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted. For instance, if a player lifts his ball on the green and tosses it to his caddy, who drops it and it rolls into the pond, the ball doesn’t have to be retrieved and another ball can be substituted.

A movable obstruction is movable if it may be moved without unreasonable effort, without unduly delaying play and without causing damage. Manufactured ice and a ball marker are movable obstructions. Part of a drainage hose in a water hazard is movable and can be moved. Decision 24-2b/15.3. You can open a door or close it, to get free relief. Decision 24-2b/15.5. You can open barn doors or a clubhouse window without penalty. Decisions 24-2b/14 and 15.

Do not hold your ball in place when removing an obstruction or you will be penalized one stroke under rule 18-2 for purposely touching your ball in play. It would be wise to review the definition of Obstructions and Rule 24.

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Get on Wait List for MWGA Trip to Ireland for Golf, Sightseeing and the Solheim Cup September 18 – 27, 2011 By Denise Buechel

Package includes eight nights, Four Star accommodation sharing with full Irish breakfast, three rounds of links golf at Dooks, Portmarnock and Waterville Golf Links, evening meals and much more. Land price is between $1,920 and $2,420 depending on the number of rounds of golf played. The trip is through Sullivan Golf and Travel, an established travel agency in Ireland. For further information or to place your name on a waiting list, contact me at 248-342-8227 or DLBuechel@Comcast.net.

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Hello MWGA Members.

Summer is here and we are all ready for some "Wonderful Days of Golf."

Since our last edition of the NEWSLINX, we have had 55 members renew membership or become members for the first time. Remember, if you have friends who are interested in playing tournament golf with a great group of women in addition to having an enjoyable experience and learning the rules of golf, please introduce them to MWGA. Remember, for $30, your friends can become a first-time member of MWGA.

At the Annual Meeting in May, we overlooked announcing our winner for a $50 MWGA gift certificate. That will be done at the President's Stroke Play on June 12 at Huron Meadows in Brighton. The winner this year is none other than Linda Bradfield. Linda has been a winner two other times for this contest. You, too, can be a winner by bringing the most new members to MWGA. At the President Stroke Play Tournament, we will add all names of those who brought new members into MWGA through that date, and we will have a raffle to see who will win a free 2011 membership.

Please extend a warm welcome to these new members who have joined MWGA since the last newsletter:

Sharon Arnold
Julie Bernard
Sally Buckman
Sharon Campbell
Marion Esselink
Debora Frankford
Carolyn Gray
Kristy Haboian
Lois Heikkinen
Nancy John
Jennifer Kreutzner
LuAnn Lonnee-Regis
Ann Mikkel
Debbie O’Neil
Joan Penoyer
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**Membership Snippets By Shirley McClain**

**EXCITING NEWS**: If you have been a member in the past and would like to come back to our fine organization, we are instituting a Sliding Membership Scale for Former Members who would like to rejoin MWGA. This is how it works (only available via mail this year):

* If a 2008 member did not renew in 2009 and wants to rejoin this year, 2010, she will pay $10 less than the applicable Senior or Regular rate
* * If a member has been away for two years, she will pay $20 less to rejoin
* * If a member has been away three years or more, she will pay $30

* * Under no circumstances will a New member, former Senior or former Regular member pay less than $30

We’re hoping these price reductions will bring back some former members. The Student membership remains $25 and Associate $60.

Have fun golfing. Hope to see you on the links soon.

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**The Positive Golfer By Janina Parrott Jacobs**

In May one of our own, Joan Garety, was honored by GAM as the Senior Women's Player of the Decade. Having competed against Joan for many years, I know first hand that this award is well deserved. The epitome of Positive Golf, Joan shares her thoughts in this Q&A:

**Q**: What are the major differences you see now compared to 25 years ago?

**Joan**: The biggest difference is in the quality of the competition. There are so many wonderful players in the state. The collegiate and high school players are so talented with well honed games, and they are used to shooting low numbers. These players hit it long and are fearless. This has forced the rest of us to continue to step up and work to improve our games as well. As a result I continue to work hard on my game. My game is actually much better today than when I was in college. My shots are longer and straighter than way back then thanks to new technology and hard work on my swing.

**Q**: Do you think women’s golf still has a long way to go?

**Joan**: Women's golf has become more and more competitive. The quality of play is outstanding. The LPGA is deep with so many great players. The tour is impacted by current economic troubles. Comparisons with the men’s tour, which has grown so much in the Tiger era, are difficult. Despite all this, opportunities in golf for women are much greater than 30 years ago. Could it be better? You bet, but significant progress has been made. Hopefully the next 30 years will see as much progress as the last 30.

**Q**: What do you consider to be your greatest accomplishment?

**Joan**: I have been blessed with a wonderful career in amateur golf. I am proud that I have been able to compete all these years against so many wonderful players. Being inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame and the Grand Rapids Sports Hall of Fame were tremendous thrills for me. My two Michigan State Am wins were very special.

**Q**: Any thoughts of retiring from competitive golf?

**Joan**: I expect to play tournament golf as long as I am able and most importantly, for as long as I continue to have fun. The senior events are a blast and the “regular” events are a huge challenge.

**Q**: Were you surprised at your Senior Golfer of the Decade award?

**Joan**: Receiving the Senior Player of the Decade was a thrill. It was wonderful to be recognized by the GAM. Even though I’ve only been a senior since 2006, I’ve been fortunate to be named Senior Player of the Year each year since. That coupled with my record earlier in the decade allowed me to sneak in.

**Q**: How would you like to be remembered in regards to your golf career?

**Joan**: Golf has been very good to me. I’d like to be remembered as a fine player who enjoyed and respected the game for a long, long time. Hopefully that means many decades still to come.

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NEWSLINX 5
UPCOMING EVENTS

Play Golf on the Course that Ford Built
2-Woman Scramble, Tuesday, June 22, 8am Shotgun
*By Francine Pegues*

**When:** Tuesday, June 22
8AM shotgun start

**Where:** Lochmoor Country Club
1018 Sunningdale
Grosse Pte. Wds., MI 48336
313-884-3820
www.lochmoorclub.com

**Fee:** $61 members, $81 non-members, includes golf, cart, prizes

**Tees:** Women’s front: 5232 yds, CR 70.2, SR 121

**Entry deadline:** Saturday, June 12
**Questions:** TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org or 248-557-8180

Take this opportunity to play one of the oldest courses in Michigan, Lochmoor Country Club in Grosse Pointe Woods. Built in 1917 by Edsel Ford, Lochmoor has a resident club horticulturist to maintain a dazzling array of blooms and arrangements around the course. Additionally, Lochmoor is in the top 20 for private golf shops and pricing is 20% over cost. Your credit card is welcomed. While waiting for your winning score, enjoy a buffet lunch for $10 on the patio. **We need a count for lunch, so please let me know via email or telephone (Pegues@mwgolf.org or 313-469-7906) if you plan to stay for the $10 lunch buffet.**

We can pay the day of golf.

Invite a friend who is not a member of MWGA to impress. This is a great old golf course, beautifully maintained, in tony Grosse Pointe, and a format that’s easy.

Cost is $61 for members and $81 for non-members plus lunch and cash contests (must be prepaid).

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MWGA Returns to Bay Pointe in West Bloomfield
2-Woman Best Ball, Tuesday, July 6, 8am Shotgun
*By Pat Shelton*

**When:** Tuesday, July 6
8AM shotgun start

**Where:** Bay Pointe GC
4001 Haggerty
W. Bloomfield 48323
248-360-0603

**Fee:** $50 members, $60 non-members, includes golf, cart, prizes

**Tees:** Women’s forward: 4906 yds, CR 69.5, SR 119

**Entry deadline:** Saturday, June 26
**Questions:** TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org or 248-557-8180

Here’s another opportunity to golf on a weekday with your best partner. Don’t have someone in mind? Don’t worry, you can sign up as a single and we’ll likely be able to pair you with another single.

Bay Pointe is located on Middle Straits Lake. “The bent grass course was built in 1966 upon a bog, so shots can land soft on the greens and only provide a little roll on the fairways. If the fairway rough is long, it can be a problem.” The course is flat, but the tall trees lining the fairways can alter your shots. There are a variety of scenic, challenging holes to test your team.

I hope to see many of you on July 6th.

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Back to Dunham Hills to Redo the Rained-Out Spring Scramble
4-Woman Member/Guest Scramble, Saturday, July 17, 9am Shotgun
*By Pat Shelton*

**When:** Saturday, July 17
9AM shotgun start

**Where:** Dunham Hills GC
13561 Dunham Rd
Hartland, MI 48353
248-887-9170
www.dunhamhills.com

**Fee:** $56 members and guests includes golf, cart, range, prizes (prepay for separate closest-to-the-flagstick, chip-in and gross skins cash contests)

**Tees:** Women’s forward: 5253 yds, rating 70.8, slope 118

**Entry deadline:** Wednesday, July 7
**Questions:** TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org or 248-557-8180

Time to try again. As many of you know, it was necessary to cancel golf on May 8 due to inclement weather, so we’re hoping for plenty of sunshine and warmth on July 17.

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 is to keep the ball in the fairway, no problem for a good scramble team.

When we come in from the course MWGA golfers will be privy to discounted drinks and perhaps some lunch specials in addition to the clubhouse daily menu. For this special attention, we have our member, Geri Lowman, to thank, and please do just that when you see her.

Sign up as a single or pair and we’ll do our best to put you on a team, or put your own team together to vie for bragging rights and MWGA gift certificates. Go online at www.mwgolf.org to register and pay via PayPal or charge card. If you prefer, you can use the entry form in this newsletter to mail in your registration and check or money order. Whichever method appeals to you, get registered so you can join in what should prove to be a marvelous summer MWGA golf day!
UPCOMING EVENTS

Help Bring Golf to Girls Who Want to Learn the Game
9-Hole Member/Junior 2-Woman Scramble, Tuesday, July 20

By Francine Pegues

When: Tuesday, July 20, 11AM lunch, 12PM shotgun start
Where: Dearborn Hills GC
1300 S. Telegraph
Dearborn 48124
313-563-4653
Fee: $27.50 per adult/junior team includes golf, cart, lunch. An additional $5 will put you and your junior into the CTF contest
Tees: TBD by course
Entry deadline: Saturday, July 10
Questions: Pegues@mwgolf.org or 313-469-7906

We need you to be a “shero” (vs. hero) to girls in our LPGA/USGA Girls Golf program. They are taking lessons, learning the game and etiquette and now need you to show them around the golf course. On Tuesday, July 20, girls from our Girls Golf program hope to tee it up with you to play a 9-hole Scramble at Dearborn Hills Golf Club. Since this is to be a fun day and many of the girls are just learning the game, they need not have USGA indexes.

For $27.50 you and a junior golfer will enjoy a hot lunch, golf with a cart and have a great time. Lunch will be served at 11:00 AM followed by a shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded following play.

We will pair you up with a girl golfer unless you are bringing your own girl golfer. Please register online. If you do not list a girl player we will pair you up with one. Help make this a memorable summer for our girls who may not get to play with a woman golfer this summer if they don’t play with you. Please feel free to contact me for additional information or if you have questions.

Last Reminder for the MWGA State Championship
July 24-25 at Eagle Crest in Ypsilanti By Sara Wold

When: Sat-Sun, July 24-25, 9AM shotgun starts
Where: Eagle Crest GC
1275 S. Huron St
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734-487-2441
www.eaglecrestresort.com
Fee: $152 members, $172 non-members, $25 juniors (Sun only) incl. food, golf, cart, range, prizes
Tees: Flight 1,2: CR 72.0, SR 129, Yds 5455; Flight 3,4: CR 69.0, SR 123, Yds 4915
Entry deadline: Wednesday, July 14
Questions: TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org or 248-557-8180

The MWGA Championship is a two-day stroke play competition for which GAM Honor Roll Points are given. There will be a 9AM shotgun each day. Included in the price is two days of golf with cart, practice balls and range, continental breakfast both days, soup and sandwich buffet on Sat., an award dinner buffet on Sun. and prizes. The fee for members is $152 and for non-members, $172. Juniors will pay only $25 to participate on Sunday.

The world-famous Ann Arbor Art Fair will be held in downtown Ann Arbor Wed.– Sat., July 21–July 24.

The Marriott at Eagle Crest is full due to a large convention. The Hampton Inn Ann Arbor South (734-665-5000) at Briarwood is holding 20 doubles for MWGA for Fri. and Sat., July 23-24 for $89/room/nt + tax. Must reserve by July 9. The Inn has been newly renovated, has an excellent breakfast, high speed Internet and is across the street from Briarwood Mall. From Briarwood one can catch a bus to the Art Fair so it’s a good place to stay for tournament players.

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Vergil

“The years teach much which the days never know.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson
UPCOMING EVENTS

3-Woman Cha, Cha, Cha Team Event
Devil’s Ridge GC, Sunday, August 8 By Inez Bridges

When: Sunday, August 8, 9AM shotgun start
Where: Devil’s Ridge GC
3700 Metamora Rd
Oxford 48371
248-969-0100, ext. 3
www.devilsridgegolfcourse.com

Fee: $64 member, $84 non-members, includes golf, cart, range, prizes

Tee times: TBD approx. CR-68.9/69.4; SR-122/123; Yds-4723/4880 (combination of green & gold tees)

Entry deadline: Thursday, July 29
Questions: TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org or 248-557-8180

Tennis may have its “doubles,” but only golf has “threesomes.” Get ready, ladies, for our ninth event of the year: The 3-Woman Team Tournament at Devil’s Ridge Golf Course in Oxford, MI on Saturday August 8th. With threesomes, you need to grab your team as quickly as possible, while the grabbing is good. This might take a little strategy, because this course is about ball placement, placement, placement. (Did I mention placement?)

Devil’s Ridge can be a challenging course that is full of rolling terrain and distinct elevations that may make you leave that big oversize driver at home for this event. The course can be a daunting venue. It features long dogleg fairways, giant multi-tiered greens, pot bunkers, water hazards, woods everywhere and appears to be carved right out of the forest. Its woods environment is quite the scenic site, taking you far away from city life, something like “up North” golf.

We’ll see it up at 9 am (shotgun), playing in a three-woman format. This event is our “Cha, Cha, Cha.” Play will alternate, first taking the gross and net score of one player with the lowest score (Cha), then the two players with the lowest scores (Cha), then the scores of all three players (Cha, Cha, Cha). The cycle will then repeat.

Entry fees are $64/$84 for members and non-members respectively and include 18 holes of golf, cart and the practice range. The cash games are Closest-to-Flagstick and Chip-Ins ($5) and Gross Skins by flight ($5). All games must be prepaid with your entry. The deadline for registration is Thursday 7/29/2010. Prizes in the form of gift certificates will be awarded for both gross and net, for 2 to 4 flights and 2 or more places, based on the number of entries. As usual, following play, we’ll rendezvous in the clubhouse for a little snacking and imbibing to reward ourselves for that great round of golf just played.

Yardages, maps and other details are on our website at: 2010_3WCha ChaCha_DevisRidge.htm. To make a tee time for a practice round, please call the pro shop at 248-969-0100, ext. 3 or visit their website at www.devilsridgegolfcourse.com

Choose your partners, or register as a single and we’ll try to team you up. Visit us online at www.mwgolf.org to register for this event and to review MWGA guidelines on eligibility, tournament requirements and the MWGA Pace of Play policy. Let’s make this a Sunday we won’t forget, and let’s have nothing but good golf and good fun that day. We’ll see you there.

Salem Hills Will Host our “Who’s Your Team?”
4-Woman Shamble
Sunday, August 22, 11:30am Crossover By Pat Shelton

When: Sunday, August 22,
11:30am tee times starting on holes 1 and 10

Where: Salem Hills GC
8810 W. Six Mile
Northville 48167
248-437-2152
www.salemhillsgolfclub.com

Fee: $64 members, $84 non-members includes golf, cart, range, prizes (prepay for separate closest-to-the-flagstick, chip-in and gross skins cash contests)

Tees: Women’s front: 5000 yds, CR 68.5, SR 113

Entry deadline: Thursday, August 12
Questions: TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org or 248-557-8180

Well, this definitely will be a different, fun format for us! Not only will it be a 4-Woman Shamble, but we’ll all enter as singles and be placed on teams by indexes. Each team will be balanced as closely as possible with an A, B, C, and D player, and the teams will be handicapped. This will be a great opportunity to get to know more of our fellow MWGA members.

Once on the course, all team members will tee off at each hole, then select the best tee shot. Everyone will play her own ball from that spot into the hole. The team score will be the lowest 2 scores of the 4 players.

Salem Hills, an 18-hole championship course, opened in 1963 and designed by noted Michigan architect Bruce and Jerry Matthews, was named Metro Detroit’s #2 ranked public golf course in ’05. The front nine is open, back nine wooded and somewhat narrow. There’s water and/or bunkers on several holes. The staff, led by director of golf Jim Grant, is exceptionally friendly and accommodating. The chef always has some interesting offerings.

Don’t wait. Go online to www.mwgolf.org to register and pay via PayPal or charge card. If you prefer, you can use the entry form in this newsletter to mail in your registration and check or money order. Whichever method appeals to you, get registered so you can join in what I expect will be a most enjoyable day!
UPCOMING EVENTS

2-Day/2-Person Eraser at The Medalist in Marshall
Saturday-Sunday, September 11 and 12  By Francine Pegues

When:  Sat, Sept 11, 1PM shotgun  
Sun, Sept 12, 9AM shotgun

Where:  The Medalist   
15701 N Drive North  
Marshall, MI 49068   
269-789-4653  
www.themedalist.com

Fee:  $135 member and male partners, $155 non-members, includes golf, cart, range, awards, dinner after golf Sunday

Tees:  Tentative: Men 6052 yds, CR 69.5, SR 134; Women 5149 yds., CR 70.4, SR 128

Entry deadline: Wed, Sept 1

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

Have you ever wanted to play a “Do-Over” golf shot because you knew you could do better the second time around? This is your chance if you play in MWGA’s “Eraser Tournament” the weekend of Sept 11-12. It’s your chance to play 2 rounds on the same course over a 2 day period and only count the score you like better! So you can erase those bad holes you had Saturday and replace them with your better Sunday scores. Or not!

Put together your two-person team (female or mixed), pre-register and come to The Medalist in Marshall. The Medalist was given 4½ stars by Golf Digest Magazine, placing it in the top 5% of all Michigan golf courses. The Medalist is a glorious “up North” feeling links course with exciting, thoughtful holes like a double dogleg par 5 and the par 3 “Little Terror” at 123 yards from the forward tees! Your cost for 2 rounds of golf, golf carts, practice range and Sunday dinner is $135 per member or male partner and $155 per non-members.

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Quality Inn & Suites of Battle Creek for your accommodations. The hotel is 6 miles from Marshall located on I-94 at exit 104, just 4 miles west of I-69, next to the casino. The hotel has an indoor pool with whirlpool, a fitness room and a complimentary hot breakfast featuring freshly made Belgian waffles. Additionally, there is an onsite restaurant and lounge.

The double room rate is $101.95 + tax and must be guaranteed with a credit card by July 31, 2010. Arrival date is Saturday September 11 and departing Sunday, September 12. We are holding 21 rooms. Any rooms not guaranteed by that date will be dropped from the block. You MUST mention MWGA when you call to reserve the room. The toll-free number is 877-964-3577. NOTE: The cancellation date is Thursday, September 9. Any reservation cancelled after September 9 or no shows will be charged for one night.

Bring someone (girlfriend, boyfriend, wife, husband) to The Medalist and give it a go. We will pair you up if you do not have a partner. If things don’t work out so well on the golf course try your luck at the casino. This way you have two chances to be a winner!

Fall Member/Guest 4-Women Scramble and War of the Leagues
Sunday, September 26, 9AM Shotgun  By Inez Bridges

While some of us are just arriving at the pinnacle of our games here at mid-season, others are already planning for our grand finale – the MWGA “4-Woman Scramble/Battle of the Leagues” – at Mystic Creek in Milford. Dubbed “Detroit’s best public golf course” since opening in 1997, Mystic Creek boasts 27 holes of scenic terrain, rolling hills and soothing lakes. There’s a variety of water and wooded area, depending on which nine you play. On the 26th we’ll play The Lakes and The Woods.

Start putting together your team and planning your strategy for this event. You may select team members as you wish, but for handicap purposes, specific percentages of each team member’s course handicap will be used (see the MWGA Tournament and Event Guidelines). The MWGA strives to make tournament play fair and equal for all levels of playing abilities. If you belong to a league, pull a team together from that league, and join in the battle. Invite non-MWGA members to form teams and join us. Don’t forget, you can also enter as a single or twosome and we’ll work to place you on a team.

We’re billing this tournament as a “Battle of the Leagues” event and would like to make it our biggest scramble ever. Register early and join us at scenic Mystic Creek GC on Sept 26. Since “the gun” will go off at 9am, we’ll finish the round in time to relax and recover in the Mystic Creek clubhouse while awaiting the results of play. This may be the best part of the day for some of us: the wind-down, eating, sipping and friendship. How much fun is that? Don’t miss out. We’re counting on you.

Visit the Mystic Creek website at: www.mysticcrekgcc.com for details on the course or to make a practice round tee time. Here’s the 411 about the MWGA grand finale at Mystic Creek on Sunday Sept 26.

* Entry Fee: $65/members & non-members includes Golf, Cart, Driving Range & Prizes
* Deadline: Thursday, Sept. 16
* Eligibility: All Amateur Players w/ current USGA Index (or will play at scratch)
* Flights: 1 to 2, Gross & Net
* Prizes: Gift Certificates for Flight Winners (Number of places based on total entries)
* Cash Games: $5 - Closest-to-Flagstick & Chip-Ins; $5 - Gross Skins by flight (Games MUST be paid with entry.)
* Questions:Contact TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org or 248-557-8180

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Members & Friends

Globetrotter Karen Stecher Visits All 7 Continents

A couple of Karen Stecher’s goals in retirement are to play as much golf as she can and to travel as much as possible. Well, as you will read, Karen can definitely cross the travel goal off her bucket list!

Have you traveled regularly since retiring? I try to travel overseas at least once a year and have been fortunate to do that.

Name some of the places you’ve visited since retiring. I’ve visited all seven continents. I’ve cruised through the Panama Canal, around South America from Valparaiso, Chile, to the southernmost city in Argentina and up the Atlantic coast to Rio de Janeiro. I’ve also visited New Zealand and Australia; China and Japan; Thailand, Cambodia’s Angkor Wat, Myanmar and Laos; Egyptian temples and Jordan’s Petra; amazing Turkey; elegant St. Petersburg; many of the western European countries; Croatia and Slovenia; and more.

What do you most like to do when traveling? I like to use my time to see the country. I’m always on the go. I try the local food and usually find something I like -- even if I’m not sure what it is. In Peru I tried guinea pig. The farmers raise these for meals in the same way our farmers raise chickens. I take too many pictures. I like to meet local people. When traveling with Grand Circle or Overseas Adventure Travel, a meal in a local family’s home is always included. I’ve visited the world’s largest art museum (Prado in Madrid), the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, and was part of a 2 1/2-hour private tour of the Louvre in Paris when the museum was officially closed.

What has been your favorite destination and why? It’s hard to pick a favorite -- I like them all. But, for it’s uniqueness and remoteness, I’d have to say Antarctica is in a class by itself. To protect and preserve this continent, a group of nations oversees what happens there. The number of travelers is limited and landing areas are tightly controlled. We left Ushuaia, Argentina, on a small icebreaker ship. We cruised the South Atlantic and stopped at South Georgia Island -- the land of explorer Ernest Shackleton. He died in 1922 and is buried on the island. We cruised among many islands home to a variety of penguins and birds. As we got closer to Antarctica, the icebergs became bigger and more frequent. It was eerily silent. We landed twice on the continent. Once on a rocky beach that was home to numerous penguins. We could walk amongst them but not touch them. We also landed at an Argentinean permanent science station. Several hundred people lived there including families with children. They had a school, church, labs, dorms and a Post Office. It was January and temps were in the 30’s.

What is the most interesting experience you’ve had on a trip? I’ve had a number of great experiences. I rode a camel at the Pyramids and an elephant in Thailand, rode a river raft in Thailand and climbed the ruins in Machu Picchu.

I’ve also golfed whenever possible -- in Bermuda, the Dominican Republic, Slovenia and Thailand. In Thailand we played on a most unusual course since we had to play through a horse racetrack. Two golf holes were in the center of the track. We hit over the track and putted in the track center. Teed off over the track again and continued on our round. Playing the back nine, we again had to play into the center of the track to finish a hole and then tee off and over the track again -- only this second time, we had to time our strokes since horses were exercising on the track! I’d have to say this was the most unusual golf game I’ve played.

Where are you going next? I have places I want to see -- the Taj Mahal, Hawaii, London and any of the British Isles, Galapagos Islands, southern Africa, Black Sea area ... I’m sure my list will grow.

(Reprinted from the May 2010 edition of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Retirees Newsletter)

We hope both Carrol Sanchez and former member, Patsy Wilson, are well on their way to complete recoveries from their recent surgeries!

Congrats to Lu Stockton and co-workers at Botsford Hospital who beat Garden City Hospital in an American Cancer Society Relay for the Cure walking challenge!

Happy retirement to Linda Neff!

The Problem with Sand Bunkers

An octogenarian who was an avid golfer moved to a new town and joined the local country club. He went to the club to play for the first time, but was told there wasn’t anybody he could play with because everyone was already out on the course. He repeated several times that he really wanted to play. Finally, the assistant pro said he would play with him and asked how many strokes he wanted for a bet.

The 80 year old said: “I really don’t need any strokes as I have been playing quite well. The only real problem I have is getting out of sand bunkers.”

And he did play well. Coming to the par four 18th they were all even. The pro had a nice drive and was able to get on the green and two-putt for a par.

The old man had a nice drive, but his approach shot landed in a sand bunker next to the green.

Playing from the bunker, he hit a high ball which landed on the green and rolled into the hole! Birdie, match and all the money!

The pro walked over to the bunker where his opponent was still standing.

“Nice shot,” he said, “but I thought you said you have a problem getting out of sand bunkers?”

Replied the octogenarian, “I do. Please give me a hand.”
### MWGA — A Driving Force in Women’s Golf!

**2010 MWGA Event Schedule & Entry Form**

Complete and mail this form to address at bottom unless otherwise noted. Visit www.mwgolf.org to register online with a credit card or to get additional forms.

For event details, Tournament Guidelines, MWGA Rules and Conditions of Play, etc. see our website.

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**TOTAL AMOUNT PAID**

(check, money order, cash, MWGA gift certificates)

* Games: Closest to Flagstick (CTF), Chip-Ins (CI), Skins (gross by flight). Total payment is the Entry Fee plus cost of games. **Games are optional, but to participate, must be paid with entry.** If you have not prepaid, you will not be able to enter games on the day of the event.

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**Notes/Requests:**

**Confirmation and directions will be sent to your email address.**

If you do not post scores through MWGA, you must provide: 1) the name of the organization you post with, 2) the website where your current index can be found, and 3) your member number: __________________________

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Send Entry To: (unless otherwise noted above)

Pay by check or MWGA Gift Certificates - Make check payable to MWGA and mail to:

**MWGA Event Office**, 4158 Charing Cross Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104

TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org - 248-557-8180

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May 8 MWGA Annual Meeting (l-r) Pat Burdziaik, Marianne Kern, Judy Petrere, Fran McGivern and Kris Bennett
## 2010 MWGA Event Schedule

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<td>McGuire’s Resort, Cadillac 49061 800-632-7302 Special room rate $89</td>
<td>Jane Cook, 115 Kimel, Cadillac 49061 231-779-1655 <a href="mailto:cooknook@charter.net">cooknook@charter.net</a></td>
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MWGA Members Receive Complimentary Range Balls
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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 for 2-person, 1-day mixed events and $18 for two-person and individual tournaments. $15 and $12, respectively, of the additional amounts 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.). However, every effort will be made to keep these extra costs to a minimum.
   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 additional flights will be added.

4) **Prizes.**
   A) All prize money collected will be returned to players in prizes.
   B) A minimum of one fourth of the field will receive prizes.
   C) There will be an equal number of gross and net prizes by flight in all MWGA tournaments.
   D) In order to be eligible for net prizes, a player must have a current, official USGA handicap index.
   E) Each flight will get back a percentage of the prize money based on the percentage of entries.
   F) The number of entries will determine the number of places and amounts paid in each flight. Every effort will be made to keep place payouts consistent from one tournament to another.

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.

   NOTE: Player’s ball must be lying one and on the green to claim Closest to the Flagstick.

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

7) **Two-person team tournaments.**
   A) Flighting and Handicap.
      i) For flight position and handicap, a two-person scramble team’s handicap will be calculated by taking 50% of the lowest course handicap and 25% of the highest course handicap.

8) **Four-person team tournaments.**
   A) Flighting 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:

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   B) A four-person scramble team will be required to use each player’s drive 3 times.

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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 recommendations have been incorporated into this policy and modified to address MWGA starting formats (tee times, crossovers and shotguns) and limited resources (lack of marshals, officials and atomic clocks).

I. Policy

A. Groups should play and complete their rounds within 4 hours and 50 minutes:
   1. 15 minutes per hole, 10 minutes at the turn and 10 minutes after the last hole to arrive at the scoring table
   2. 2 hours, 25 minutes for nine holes, including all breaks
   3. 4 hours, 50 minutes for eighteen holes, including the time required to get scorecards stamped at the scoring table at the conclusion of play

B. The teams/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).

C. 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:
   1. Within 15 minutes of the group in front them for tee time and crossover starts
   2. For “A” groups within 10 minutes of the group in front of them for shotgun starts
   3. For “B” groups within 15 minutes of the group in front of them

II. Procedure (Refer to Pace of Play Definitions and USGA Rules Covering Slow Play)

A. Mark actual starting time on the official scorecard. 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.
   2. For shotgun starts, a member of each group will punch or mark the actual start time of the group on the official scorecard.

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. Players may be asked to explain in more detail following tournament play.

C. THERE MAY 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 the 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 must be taken to the scoring table immediately after play.
   1. The official scorecard must be time stamped at the scoring table
   2. Scores should be verified and totaled by the players
   3. 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 teams/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 teams/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 the penalty so they may initial the card in acknowledgment of the assessment before the card is returned to the scoring table for posting.

IV. Appeals

A. There are only three (3) situations that are grounds for appeal:
   1. The group was delayed by the Committee
   2. The group was delayed by circumstances beyond their control
   3. 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 and appeal the ruling to the Rules Committee must do so 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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MWGA Rules and Conditions of Competition for Tournaments

The current USGA Rules of Golf are in effect. Please take note of the local rules and information.

STARTING TIME The note under Rule 6-3 will be in effect. The order of play is not relevant. If the player arrives ready to play after 5 minutes of the assigned tee time, the player will be assessed loss of the first hole in Match Play and a two-stroke penalty on the first hole in Stroke Play.

PACE OF PLAY The MWGA Pace of Play Policy will be in effect.

OUT-OF-BOUNDS A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies out of bounds. When a ball is OB, under penalty of one stroke, play the ball as near as possible to the spot from which the original ball was last played. (Rule 27)

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS Cart paths, sprinkler system, staked trees, buildings, machinery, and benches: Without penalty, drop one club length from the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole. (Rule 24)

STONES IN BUNKER The local rule for stones in bunkers is in effect. They are movable obstructions.

WATER HAZARDS AND LATERAL WATER HAZARDS For the difference in relief from a water hazard (defined by yellow lines or stakes) and a lateral water hazard (defined by red lines or stakes), see Rule 26-1. When both stakes and lines are used, stakes identify hazards and lines define margins. Stakes and lines are in the hazard and stakes are movable obstructions. The rules do not provide relief from interference by an immovable obstruction or a hole or cast made by a burrowing animal if the ball lies in a water hazard. (Rule 26)

CASUAL WATER In areas through the green with standing casual water, drop within one club length of the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole. (Rule 25)

EMBEDDED BALL In case of wet ground in closely mown areas through the green, a ball which is embedded in its own pitch mark in ground other than sand may be lifted without penalty, cleaned, and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay no nearer the hole.

THROUGH THE GREEN Through the green is the whole area of the course except the teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played, as well as all hazards on the course.

MAXIMUM OF 14 CLUBS Check the number of clubs in your bag before starting.

SECOND BALL When doubtful of your rights or procedure, you may play out the hole with both the original and at the same time, a second ball in a manner that you believe may be proper under the rules. Announce to your fellow competitor your decision before the ball is put into play and which ball you wish to score with. On completion of the round, obtain a ruling from the rules committee even if you scored the same with both balls. A second ball may not be played in Match Play. (Rule 3-3)

PROVISIONAL BALL You may play a provisional ball only if the original ball may be (a) lost outside a water hazard or (b) out of bounds. You must announce in advance that you intend to play a provisional ball. If the original ball is found, the provisional ball must be abandoned.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY When play is suspended, if the players are between the play of two holes, they shall not resume play until the committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they shall discontinue play immediately, mark their ball position and return to the clubhouse (or other noted area) and shall not thereafter resume play until the Rules Committee has ordered resumption of play. Penalty for breach of this local rule is disqualification. When play is resumed, the ball must be placed in all instances.

REPORTING OF RESULTS Each competitor will serve as marker for another competitor. After each hole, the marker shall check the score with the competitor. The markers should keep their own scores at the bottom of the card.

In Two-Person Best Ball events (Four Ball), if you decide not to finish the hole and pick up your ball, the proper procedure for recording your score for posting is to count the strokes you have prior to picking up your ball and add the strokes you feel would be necessary to hole out the ball up to your ESC. Example: You are on the green in six strokes and you decide to pick up as you cannot beat your partner’s score. You decide it would take two putting strokes to hole out the ball. You would mark an 8X for the hole – X signifies you did not complete the hole. You must have the required number of completed holes (13) to post your score.

On completion of the round and prior to turning in all scorecards to the scorer’s table, each marker shall sign the card of the competitor for whom she scored and hand the card to the competitor. The competitor should verify the score hole by hole and settle any questionable scores. The competitor shall ensure that the marker has signed the scorecard, then countersign the card and return the card expeditiously to the scorer’s table for review and posting. The competitor is solely responsible for entering a correct score for each hole.

TIES All ties for prizes shall be broken by scorecard playoff on the basis of best score on holes 10 through 15, then 13 through 16, then 15 through 18, and, finally, the 18th hole. If there is still a tie, a coin toss shall determine the winner. Handicap is factored in if the prize is a net prize. Note: Some Special Events are not subject to the above and the tie-breaking procedure is noted.

DRESS CODE Shirts with collars and sleeves are required; however, women may wear collarless shirts with sleeves or sleeveless shirts with collars. Neither tank tops, tee shirts, short shorts, gym shorts, cut-offs, bathing suits nor denim pants/shorts are permitted. Players are expected to adhere to the dress code. Those inappropriately attired may be asked to change clothes before being allowed access to the course. The MWGA will adhere to any more specific dress codes required by the host facility.

MEASURING DEVICES A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g., gradient, wind, speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used. Obtaining prohibited information from a cell phone or smart phone (e.g., i-Phone, Blackberry, etc.) will also constitute breach of Rule 14-3 and result in disqualification.

CELL PHONES If one elects to carry a cell phone during any MWGA competition, phones (1) must be on an audible alert, (2) must be used only when necessary and away from fellow players to avoid any interference with play, (3) must not delay play, and (4) must not be used to access information on advice-related matters that was not published prior to the start of the round. First offense penalty will be a warning; second offense will result in disqualification.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the prizes have been awarded.

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**MWGA Code of Conduct for Tournaments & Events**

The game relies on the integrity of the individual to abide by the Rules and to show consideration for tournament staff and officials, players, the golf course, club-house and host facility staff. All players shall conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times. Refer to USGA Golf Etiquette 101 Guidelines. In the case of a serious breach of etiquette, MWGA may take appropriate disciplinary action against the offending player or, for a serious breach of conduct, may disqualify a player under Rule 33-7.

At other golf-related or MWGA-sponsored events, MWGA members shall conduct themselves in an appropriate manner that reflects positively on the Association.

The MWGA has adopted the above Code of Conduct. To be more specific, a serious breach in etiquette or conduct may include, but is not limited to:

1. Cheating
2. Willful destruction of golf course property
3. Abusive language or conduct
4. Club throwing and/or physical endangerment of others
5. Offensive or excessively loud behavior
6. Alcohol and/or substance impaired behavior
7. Repeated withdrawals from events
8. No signed scorecard submitted at the conclusion of play
9. Noncompliance of handicap and score posting requirements
10. Noncompliance of dress code
11. Other conduct deemed unbecoming

The MWGA requests all tournament related issues during MWGA events, including any involving the host facility and staff, be directed to the MWGA Tournament Director or a Board member and not to host facility staff.

Following the MWGA Code of Conduct will help ensure an enjoyable experience for all players and the host facility staff at MWGA tournaments as well as at other events in which MWGA members participate.

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**MWGA Player of the Year**

**Purpose:** To recognize and award members of all skill levels that participate and successfully compete in our tournaments.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for points, players must participate in the event and be on the membership roster as of the date of the event.

**Points:**

* Points will be awarded based on a player’s finish in MWGA tournaments.
* Points for all places will be awarded for gross and net finishes. Of course, you’ll only get one place.
* Points will be awarded for participation in all MWGA tournaments.
* Members will also get 2 points for attendance at rules seminars, skills clinics, the annual meeting, the match play tournament, participation in MWGA sponsored leagues and any other non-tournament event run by the MWGA.

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**Class Divisions by Index**

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**MWGA Club Champion — Golfer of the Year**

**Purpose:** Recognize accomplished golfers that post the lowest overall gross scores in our tournaments.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for points, players must participate in the event and be on the membership roster as of the date of the event.

**Points:** Points are awarded to players with the lowest 15 gross scores posted in selected events.

**Ties:** Ties will be scored by combining points for places tied and dividing by number of players.

**Events:** MWGA Stroke Play Events (State Tournament, President’s Tournament, all other Stroke Play Tournaments) 2-Woman/Person Best Ball Events and Best 2 of 4 Events, Cha-Cha-Cha (Each player plays own ball and MUST record a score for each hole in the competition)

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Beginner League — How is It Going? By Linda Neff

As I write this article, we have had 3 weeks of instruction with the Fox Hills training staff. Eleven ladies with varied golfing backgrounds signed up for the league. A number of the ladies in the league have golfed very little while others are new to the game of golf and want to learn how to start out right.

When asked how is it going, one golfer said, “I just love the program. I am learning so much and having a lot of fun doing it. The instructors are great and the other ladies make it one of the more enjoyable times of the week.”

The league is broken down into three segments:
* Week 1-3 the instructors provide one-hour group instruction in and around the learning center. The ladies will be provided a video of their swing compared to a pro with focused recommendations.
* Week 4–6 the ladies golf on the Fox Hills Strategic course and the instructors provide onsite instruction/tips rotating between the foursomes.
* Week 7-12 the ladies golf with their comrades, putting into play what they have learned.

Over 40 Golfers Attended the Rules Clinic By Linda Neff

The Rules Clinic was held on Saturday April 17, at the Fox Hills Classic clubhouse. We had over 40 participants from the MWGA and EWGA. We were privileged to have Jeanne Myers, GAM Assistant Tournament Director, present the clinic for the second year. Jeanne has been a Rules official for 22 years for the GAM, the USGA and the Michigan section of the PGA. She has worked nearly 100 national championships including three US Opens and fifteen US Women’s Opens.

Jeanne used a Rules rug to demonstrate Rules situation, rather than a PowerPoint program. It is very visual and interactive. Jeanne covered Rule 20 (Lifting, marking, dropping, placing the ball in both match and stroke play situations), new decisions for 2010 and commonly misinterpreted rules.

Comments overheard at the end of the clinic included, “I never knew that.” “Boy, am I going to remember that rule!” and “I learned so much, this was great. I am so glad I came!” Were you there? If not, you missed one of the best opportunities to decrease potential strokes from your game.

Remember, no matter how experienced we are in the game of golf, we all need to take the time to review and learn the ever-changing rules. Do make a point of joining us next year!

The Skills Clinic — Talk About One-On-One Instruction! By Linda Neff

The Skills Clinic was held on Saturday May 1, at the Fox Hills learning center. We had a small quality group of seven, and boy did we get the attention from 9AM to 1PM from Joal Harding and Brian Cairns.

Joal represented the United States in the 1990 World Cup Championship in France and played on the LPGA Tour from 1992–1994. Due to a shoulder injury, she turned to helping others learn the game. Brian, although never on the tour, has been teaching golf for a number of years.

When we got there, we thought we were going to get wet, however, luck was on our side and the rain held off. We reviewed the basics of grip, club selection, putting and swing. Joal video taped us and gave advice on how to improve our swing. It was important for all of us to hear there is no one way to swing a club, it is what works best for each of us as we adjust to our changing body.

The one-on-course instruction was key to the clinic as we considered club selection, approach, the green and pin placement. Overall, our small group totally enjoyed the day and I heard from many that it was well worth the money and they will definitely be back next year.

What about you? Spring is the time to dust off the clubs and remind your winter body of the way you should play the game...whatever your skill level and experience, it is good to refocus for the year with good habits. If you did make it this year, do consider attending the Skills Clinic next year.

Jenëe Hudson assisting Shirley McClain

Dorine Allen (back), Andrea Williams, Carol Shiver and Shirley McClain

18 May/June 2010
May 8 MWGA Annual Meeting
By Denise Buechel

It was cold, wet and windy - the inclement weather curse lives on. It was miserable and golf had to be cancelled! Even so, it was a great day with a wonderful turnout of members, non-members, new members, returning members and, of course, the vendors.

The Board was introduced and your President, Barbara Porter gave us an update on the state of the MWGA. A Code of Conduct amendment to the By-Laws was discussed and passed by a majority.

MWGA’s 2009 Players of the Year, Golfer of the Year (who was presented the Sara Wold Trophy — MWGA’s most prestigious honor) and Most Improved Golfer were awarded.

A harried congratulations to all the winners and to our players who gave it their all in 2009.

2009 Players of the Year
Flight A Winner
Deb Horning 71
Runner-Up Betty Vandepuute 59

Flight B Winner
Sonia Pysh-Denison 80

Flight C Winner
Lu Stockton 67
Runner-Up Barbara Coury 63

Flight D Winner
Pat Shelton 62
Runner-Up Karen Stecher 48

2009 Golfer of the Year,
Sara Wold Trophy Winner
Debra Horning 1837.5
2nd Place Darci Stocker 1337.5
3rd Place Cindy Hill 1312.5
4th Place Betty Vandepuute 1212.5

5th Place Lori Rogers 1150.0
Note: All of these women were announced as GOY winners at the May 8 meeting. However, when points earned were verified, they changed somewhat, revising their placement.

2009 Most Improved Golfer
Lisa Bishop - 1.34 Improvement Factor, Index went from 8.9 to 3.6
Runner-Up Jane Kersjes – 1.32 Improvement Factor, Index went from 21.8 to 13.6

Thank You Annual Meeting Vendors! By Inez Bridges

Although golf was a no-show (or rather a no-go) at the 2010 Annual Meeting & Golf Scramble at Dunham Hills on May 8, everyone had an enjoyable time meeting, socializing and shopping our vendors. In their usual mode of operating, the vendors were diligent in displaying their merchandise and kibitzing with the members while marketing their merchandise and services. This year, there was a diverse array of vendors – from jewelry to Chinese dance and music stage production to massage therapy. We experienced a little bit of every venue it seemed. And this is a personal thank you from all of us to all of the vendors for being there for the MWGA opening day event with their wonderful products and merchandise. Hopefully, you were there that day and were able to take advantage of some of the many wonderful products and special pricing provided us.

Our 2010 vendors were:
Arbonne International
Custom Stone Jewelry
Evolve Enhanced Water
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So, again, thank you to all of our vendors who came out to share their wares with us. They put a lot of time and effort into being a part of our events, and it can be a daunting task. Don’t forget that they are in business all year and can be contacted for future sales. You will probably see some of them using our NEWSLINX and the MWGA website to advertise their products and services. Their merchandise makes great gifts for special occasions and holidays and can be ordered all year long. In addition, our vendors donate a portion of their sales to our LPGA/MWGA Girls Golf program, scheduled to begin again in June this year. Developing partnerships with other people and businesses is one of MWGA’s goals. Thanks to all of our vendor partners this year at the 2010 Annual Meeting.
RESULTS

Michigan Golf Hall of Fame Ceremony By Sara Wold

The Michigan Golf Hall of Fame Ceremony was held at Eagle Eye Golf Club Sunday, May 16th and the MWGA had two teams play in the shambles and attend the ceremony. It was a beautiful day for golf and the Induction Ceremony was inspiring and fun. Sue Ertl, John Traub, and Bill Zylstra were inducted.

Sue Ertl, a native of Ionia, was a “walk-on” for the women’s golf team at MSU and she and MWGA State Champion and Hall of Famer, Joan Garety, teamed together to win MSU three Big Ten Championships. Sue became the school’s first ever Sports-woman of the Year. She played on the LPGA Tour for 11 years and was known for her fan club, “Ertl’s Turtles.” Her top finish was fourth, which she achieved four times. She is currently a club teaching professional at University Park CC in Sarasota FL.

John Traub is a well-known PGA Club Professional with head pro positions at Great Oaks Country Club and the Detroit Golf Club. He won the 1980 Club Professional Championship and has an outstanding competitive record.

Bill Zylstra, MWGA member Judy Hamilton’s brother, has been ranked the number one senior amateur player in America for the last two years and is currently leading the list this season by 1000 points.

Two-Person Best Ball Teams Macinkowicz/Rogers, Abdullah/Pegues & Vandeputte/Vandeputte Led the Pack at Sycamore Hills By Inez Bridges

Although it was officially our second event of 2010, it was dubbed our “Opening Day Event” due to the rainout of play at the Annual Meeting on May 8. Whatever you wish to call it, we had a great day of golf at Sycamore Hills on Saturday May 29. The weather couldn’t have been better if we had ordered it. The temp was warm but tolerable, the wind was soothing and the golf course was in fine condition.

MWGA members and guests teed it up for an afternoon shotgun start to kick off the season (again). There were 62 players in the field to make up the 31 teams for this 2-Person “Four Ball” stroke play competition, as it is formally called. Informally, it is referred to as Best Ball. Regardless to the title we give it, the tournament comes down to which team shoots the lowest scores to earn the titles of lowest gross and net players for each division. There were both women’s and mixed team divisions in this tournament, with prizes awarded for both gross and net winners, paying two places in each. In addition to the team prizes, there were our usual side games of closest-to-the flagstick, chip-ins and team skins by flight. Our charity fundraising 50/50 raffle capped at $200, and Deb Land, Karen Popchock and Mary Beth Oliver were winners. Sycamore generously donated two certificates for a round of 18-hole play (with carts) for two for our drawing, won by Liz Schneider and Angie Cook.

Congratulations are duly given to the 12 teams who managed to reign victorious at Sycamore Hills by playing solid rounds of getting up and down in the fewest number of strokes. The winning teams for the three divisions were:

Women’s Flight 1 Division:
1st Low Gross: Sue Macinkowicz/Lori Rogers (72)
2nd Low Net: Sara Wold/Karen Strock (61)
2nd Low Gross: Cindy Hill/Cynthia Pinkard (76)
2nd Low Net: Debra Homing/Yvette Gagnon (61)

Women’s Flight 2 Division:
1st Low Gross: Raida Abdullah/ Francine Pegues (81)
1st Low Net: Faye Bessette/Pat Shelton (61)
2nd Low Gross: Liz Schneider/Shirley McClain (85)
2nd Low Net: Kathy Brennan/Lu Stockton (63)

Mixed Division:
1st Low Gross: Betty Vandeputte/Dave Vandeputte (75)
1st Low Net: Pam Staub/Dan Staub (63)
2nd Low Gross: Mary Ann Brauser/ Glenn Brauser (78)
2nd Low Net: Karen Popchock/Geno Kronkowski (64)

Closest-to-Flagstick:
A Flight: Pat Witek, Dawn Abbeg, Ellen Howell
B Flight: Karen Strock, Joan Penoyer
Men: Gary Madej, Glenn Brauser
Chip-ins:
Nancy Abbeg, Deb Land, Cindy Hill, Ernie O’Neil, Cindy Obermeyer, Joan Penoyer, Judy Lazzaro and Shirley McClain

Skins: Mixed Flight: 5; Women’s Flight 1: 6, Women’s Flight 2: 6

On behalf of the MWGA board and members, let’s give a big hand of applause to Max Adani, Sycamore Hills PGA Professional, Matt Schwark and the attentive course and clubhouse staffers for the country club service provided the MWGA in the pre-tournament setup and for their superb hospitality the day of play. We couldn’t have asked for a more friendly staff. Please do continue to patronize Sycamore Hills this season.

Lastly, I’d like to highly commend the volunteers who assisted that day. They were asked, they responded and worked like troopers. Along with our board members, the member volunteers who helped make the tasks lighter were: Dorine Allen, Faye Bessette, Kathy Brennan, Angie Cook, Cindy Hill, Judy Lazzaro, Cindy Obermeyer, Pam Staub, Karen Strock and Betty Vandeputte. We appreciate your time and the energy extended in helping to pull it all together. Thank you many times over. We always welcome and need members to give us a hand. Remember, “It takes a village.” And if it had not been for you, the golfers in the field that day, there couldn’t have been a tournament. Thank you for your participation, your loyalty and your continued support of MWGA events. We look forward to seeing you at the next one.

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US WAPL Sectional  By Sara Wold

The US Women’s Amateur Public Links Sectional Qualifying Round was held Tues., June 1st at Eagle Crest Golf Club in Ypsilanti, and 21 young ladies attempted to qualify for 4 spots and 2 alternate spots. The course was set up at 6000 yards and par 73. Michelle Bowles (MSU) and Ashley Smith (GVSU) were medalists with 74. Three players shot 75 and there was a playoff for 2 qualifying spots and the 1st alternate spot. Shannon Warner (MSU) and Alyssa Shimmel (Ohio High School State Champion and U of M recruit) pared the first hole to win the spots and Maria Castellanos (U of KY) was the 1st Alternate. Minjoo Lee (U of M) shot a 76 and was the 2nd alternate. The four qualifiers will play in the US WAPL Championship at the Warren Course at Notre Dame June 21 – 26.

Since Notre Dame is relatively close by, MWGA members are invited to attend. There is no charge for the event. You will see some wonderful golf and can cheer for our Michigan ladies.

Results:
- Michelle Bowles and Ashley Smith 74 Qualifiers
- Shannon Warner and Alyssa Shimmel 75 Qualifiers
- Maria Castellanos 75 1st Alternate
- Minjoo Lee 76 2nd Alternate
- Britney Hamilton and Chelsea Guoyne 77
- Courtney Alii and Caitlin Duval 78
- Maria DeMarco 79
- Natalie Brehm and Elizabeth Nagel 80
- Louisa Shu 81
- Sarah Johnson 83
- Maddi Massa 84
- Kaitlyn Mardeusz and Carley St. Onge 86
- Danyelle Kauble 89
- Stephene Medaugh 92
- Jennifer Lee 101

Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll Wins 6th GAM Mid-Am Title  By Sara Wold

Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll, GAM player of the Decade and Coach of the Michigan State Women's Golf Team, won her sixth Michigan Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Title at Walnut Hills Country Club in Lansing June 1st and 2nd. She shot a solid 73-73 = 146 to win by 11 strokes over Enid Gage and Ashley Crain, who both shot 78-79 = 157. Top ten finishers were:

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Michelle Weiss won 1st Flight Low Gross with a 163. Other MWGA members who participated: Kris Bennett, Cynthia Pinkard, Lauri Ponikiewski and Michelle Sroka. Check the GAM website for complete results.

Sycamore Flight 1: Cynthia Pinkard & Cindy Hill, Sue Macinowski & Lori Rogers, Sara Wold & Karen Stock, Deb Horning & Yvette Gagnon

Best Dressed Team: Ruth Wilson & Angie Cook

Flight 2: Liz Schneider & Shirley McClain (not pictured), Raida Abdullah & Francine Pegues (not pictured), Faye Bessette & Pat Shelton, Lu Stockton & Kathy Brennan

Mixed Flight: Gena Kronkowski & Karen Popchock, Glenn & Mary Ann Brauser, Betty & David VanDeputte, Pam & Dan Staub

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NEWSLINX 21
GAM Two-Person Net Team, Sept 7 at Lochmoor – $200 per team. Entries close June 23. Women’s maximum index 40.4, with a maximum women’s team combined handicap of 55. Must qualify at one of the following qualifying sites:

- Atlas Valley Tue, July 6
- Hawk Hollow Mon, July 12
- Tanglewood Tue, July 13
- Gowanie Wed, Jul 21

**GAM Net Amateur**, Sept 19-20 at Warwick Hills. Entries close July 28. $80 for qualifier; $110 entry for qualifiers to finals. Women’s maximum index 34.4. Must qualify at one of the following qualifying locations:

- Western G&CC Mon, Aug 16
- Greystone Tue, Aug 17
- Polo Fields G&CC Tue, Aug 24
- The Emerald Wed, Aug 26

**Women’s Amateur**, at St Clair River CC, July 26-30. Handicap limit 15.4; entry deadline, **July 14**.

**Women’s Championship**, at Forest Akers West, Aug 9-10. Handicap limit 15.4; entry deadline, **July 21**. Women’s Sr. Championship, at Crystal Mountain, Aug. 30-31. Handicap limit 25.4; entry deadline **Aug. 11**.

The 2010 GAM Father & Son/Parent & Child Championships are coming up in **July**, the first at Birmingham CC on July 12th and the second at Travis Pte CC in Ann Arbor on July 26th. The registration form is available online at [www.gam.org](http://www.gam.org).

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**GAM News** by Lu Stockton

**GAM Clarifies Policy on Distance Measuring Devices Relating to Downloadable Smart Phone Applications**

Rule 14-3 states that during a stipulated round, a player must not use any artificial device or unusual equipment, or use any equipment in an unusual manner:

a. That might assist him in making a stroke or in his play; or
b. For the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions that might affect his play; or
c. That might assist him in gripping the club, except that:
   (i) plain gloves may be worn
   (ii) resin, powder and drying or moisturizing agents may be used; and
   (iii) a towel or handkerchief may be wrapped around the grip

However, in 2006, the GAM adopted the Local Rule, per Decision 14-3/0.5, allowing players to use devices that measure or gauge distance ONLY. The use of a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player’s play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.) is not permitted regardless of whether such an additional function is used. In other words, the mere presence of additional functionality (whether used, not used or disabled) renders the device prohibited. The penalty for breach of this Local Rule is disqualification.

At this time, the GAM wishes to clarify this Local Rule and the definition of prohibited device: A PROHIBITED DEVICE SHALL INCLUDE ANY CELL PHONE OR SMART PHONE (E.G., I-PHONE, BLACKBERRY, ETC.) CAPABLE OF OPERATING AN APPLICATION FOR YARDAGE OR OTHER CONDITIONS OF GOLF INFORMATION.

The penalty for breach of this Local Rule is disqualification.

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**Yes, Virginia, There Are Men in the MWGA** by Sara Wold

The MWGA has several male members and among them is Claud Johnston, a 2.3 handicapper who is currently ranked 9th nationally by Golfweek Magazine in the Super Senior Men’s Amateur Division. He is a two-time Champion (2005 and 2009) of the MPSGA and recently was asked to submit his story for the MPSGA publication.

“I caddied at Meadowbrook CC as a teenager and lettered four years in varsity track as a distance runner. I played baseball and fast pitch softball until I started playing competitive golf at the old age of 44. My first success was in the Five Cities Golf Championship (Wayne, Westland, Canton, Romulus and Inkster) where I won the Championship in the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s and was runner-up in 2009. I was the GAM Senior Player of the Year four out of five years after I turned 55,” said Johnston.

“I’m a member of the Society of Seniors, a national senior amateur golf association, and won the SOS Bogart Super Senior Championship in 2009. I recently won my age group in the SOS John Kline Super Senior Championship by 8 strokes and was third overall.”

“I’ve had 4 holes in one, and three eagles in a row, and shot 59 twice. Once my tee shot on a par 5 went OB and bounced down 7 Mile Road, hit a dump truck, flew over the fence and a creek and landed on the green, and I was putting for a double eagle. My luck ran out ‘cause I missed the putt. My Hogan putter, which I’ve been using for 50 years, is my favorite club, which I picked out of a barrel at U of M for $5.”

“Golf has given me many wonderful experiences and priceless friendships. The MWGA is a great organization, and I am proud to be a member,” concluded Claud.

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**Exclusive Tee Times**

The GAM has launched a new program for 2010, **Exclusive Tee Times**, where members can book tee times at clubs on the GAM website. Check out the clubs that are participating. GAM members can experience the benefits of private club membership and receive discounted tee times at public and resort courses. All prices include green fee, cart and practice range.
Avoid being called “Flipper.”
If you find that, at times, you simply flip your hands at the ball through impact instead of making a solid swing with your body, you need to correct this fault with one easy reminder: On the downswing, always let your right (or left) elbow lead your hands into the impact area. Never let your hands get ahead of your elbow as this is the one move that causes those terrible shots caused by flipping your hands at the ball at impact.

Swing the club upside down to gain feel.
In warm-ups, instead of swinging two clubs or a weighted club, try turning the club upside down to loosen up. This will give you a greater feel for the clubhead as you swing.

Bill Kroen’s Golf Tip-A-Day

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