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Due to increasing print and postage costs, a motion was made and passed by the MWGA Board to charge for printed newsletters distributed via US Mail. This charge will be $4.00 per year beginning in 2011. This will not cover the entire cost of printing and mailing, but it will help to offset expenses.

A line has been added to the 2011 MWGA Membership Application under Member Options. Please check it out. If you have already sent in your 2011 membership, remit an additional $6.00 if you would like a printed newsletter mailed to you. Likewise, for those who need to complete a 2011 membership form, please check and add the $6.00 to your appropriate membership dues if that’s your desire.

Thank you for your understanding.

It’s Election Time
Candidates for MWGA Board of Directors
By Lu Stockton

Members of the MWGA Board of Directors serve for three-year terms. Five positions are open for election to serve starting in January 2011 and you may vote for up to five candidates. If you are voting by mail, please complete and mail the ballot on page 11 before the November 7 deadline. If online, again please vote before the deadline. For those voting online, watch for the eBlast informing you when you may vote.

This is your organization and the women on the MWGA Board of Directors represent you. Please vote. Three incumbents are running for re-election along with two other new running mates. In addition to voting for these candidates, you may vote for a write-in candidate if you get her permission to do so in advance of completing your ballot. Otherwise, if necessary, the President may appoint someone to fill any vacancies.

DORINE ALLEN “I have been a member of MWGA since 2003, when I first relocated here from Ohio. Every year I look forward to tournament and match league play. The early spring golf trips are great fixes that ease the ‘itch’ after a long winter. I feel that in order for me to obtain my next level, I must now give of myself. I want to help others enjoy the benefits of belonging to a great organization like MWGA. Thank you for your support!”

KATHY BRENNAN “I have been a member of the MWGA for a lot of years, joining sometime in the early to mid 90’s. I was a previous Board member, so what am I doing running again?!! Back then I was the Membership Chair and with the help of Lori Rogers we created the initial Access database programs for the Membership. I have had several ideas lately that have perked some ears up, so I thought that I would consider being on the Board one more time, hopefully to help get more members to come out and have fun at some of the great tournaments we run. I want to ask all those ladies that read this article, but do not play in the tournaments to let me know why. Is it the course, the cost, the format, the rules, the company, your handicap, the ‘I’ll never win so why play’ thoughts? I would love to see women’s golf, specifically the MWGA tournaments, get a better turnout. It makes for more competition and more fun. As a member of the Board I will work to accomplish this.

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Use your 2010 MWGA Gift Certificates, perhaps toward your 2011 membership, before they expire at year-end.
President’s Corner  By Barbara Porter

I can’t believe the MWGA golf season has ended. It seems like only yesterday I was composing an article inviting all members to our Spring Scramble and Annual Meeting. And, I might ask, how did your golf game perform over the last six months? I can tell you, mine was not particularly stellar. I guess that’s why there is a next year.

Speaking of next year, do you realize the MWGA will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2011? I need to say thanks to all our past and present wonderful members as well as Board members for making our organization what it is today – truly “A Driving Force in Women’s Golf” in our glorious state. As a Board, we are planning on several small celebrations throughout the 2011 golfing season and will be enlisting the assistance of our membership to make this coming year truly special.

Handicap News and Updates  By Cynthia Pinkard

It’s hard to believe this year’s golf season is almost over, but it is. Sunday, November 7 is the last day you can post scores for rounds of golf played in Michigan for 2010. From November 8 through the end of March, 2011 is Michigan’s inactive golf season. If you play in Michigan during this period, you cannot post those scores. Scores from rounds played in other states, during those states active season, should still be posted.

GAM posting records may be inactivated at some time after December 1. If this happens, you must rejoin MWGA or another GAM member club for 2011 to reactivate your records. If you have any questions or are experiencing any problems, please contact your MWGA Handicap Director at handicap@mwgolf.org.

Candidates for MWGA Board  Continued from page 1

BARBARA PORTER, incumbent, “I have respectfully served on the MWGA Board of Directors for the past dozen or so years and have volunteered my time in many facets of the organization, such as publicity and course director. I am currently president. In order to grow, all organizations must actively plan for the future and learn to adjust with the times. During my tenure, I have witnessed and been an active part of several positive transformations to our association, not only in our amateur golf tournaments, but in our outreach to the community with our Girls Golf Program. The Board and our members have created quite a momentum for women’s golf in our community, and I would be proud to further women’s golf by continuing to serve on the Board.”

PAT SHELTON, incumbent, “I joined MWGA in 1992 and was first elected to the Board in 1994. I’ve been the NEWSLINX editor for most of those years in addition to taking several other assignments from time to time. I’ve been pleased to be involved in helping to grow and improve the organization and would be happy to continue for another term in whatever capacity would be most beneficial.”

PAT SHELTON, incumbent, “I have been the luckiest member of the MWGA to be associated for the last 24 years with the fabulous and talented group of women who love to play golf and who make up our membership. When I think back and remember where we started and what we have become today with high tech innovations and communications, it is astounding. Yet, the most important thing remains the same – to provide good golf programs and competitions in which the membership will be proud and happy to participate. I would like to see the MWGA through its first quarter century and as a Board Member help set the stage for the next 25 years.”
**Match Play League** *By Pat Witek*

Congratulations to **Smita Bhatt**, the 2010 MWGA Match Play League Champion. Her name will be the 17th engraved on the coveted MPL Trophy of Champions. She has been a member of the MPL for three years and is no stranger to the playoffs, having been at the top of her flight the last two years.

The final match was played on a warm and beautiful fall day at Hunters Ridge in Howell. Her opponent was **Faye Bessette**, MPL champion in 2001, who had made it through the three tiered playoffs before running into Smita. Both admit that they didn’t sleep well the night before and were nervous at the start. Faye got off to an early lead, up 3 after 4 holes, but the match was tied going into the 10th hole. Then Smita put her game into a higher gear and closed it out on the 15th hole, 5 & 3.

Word is Smita was so focused that she rushed off in the cart to get to the green and finish the hole.

Leading up to the championship final match, eight participated in the inter-flight playoffs, flight champions **Laurie Ponikiewski, Cynthia Pinkard** (2004/2010 champion), **Cathy Mezo, Monica Oliver** and of course, Smita and Faye. Two wildcard spots were filled by **Jodie Chapa** (2009 champion) and **Carol Shiver**.

Barb Coury and Linda Bermingham organized and hosted the Finals Championship and party at Hunters Ridge. The food was absolutely delicious and there were gifts and prizes for everyone. They did an outstanding job! The league also appreciates the hospitality extended by owners Janet and Mike Miesle and the staff at HRGC.

Thank you to the following league members who organized and hosted match play events during the season. Without their involvement, the league would not have been so successful.

**Pat Witek**, 5/2 Glen Oaks
Faye Bessette, 5/15 Faulkwood
Gail O’Brien, 5/23 Leslie Park
Monica Oliver, 6/6 Glenhurst
Lu Stockton, 6/26 Pheasant Run
Denise Buechel, 7/11 White Lake Oaks
Pat Shelton, 7/31 Whispering Willows
Nancy Serra, 8/15 quarterfinals,
Springfield Oaks
Jodie Chapa, 8/21 semifinals,
Tanglewood

The Match Play League has become a very popular activity for MWGA members and there is a waiting list for 2011. If there is enough interest, the league will be expanded to 42 members and a 4th tier will be added to the inter-flight playoffs. Details will be released in future NEWSLINX issues. Don’t wait; put your name on the waiting list now.

The final league standings can be viewed on the MWGA website (www.mwgolf.org). To put your name on the waiting list for the 2011 season contact me, the League Coordinator at witek@mgolf.org or 248/417-1190.

*Editor’s Note: Pat Witek does a fantastic job running the MWGA Match Play League. League and board members can’t thank her enough for all she does to make the league really enjoyable!*

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**BECOME A VOLUNTEER**
MWGA runs on the allegiance of its volunteers. We are always looking for new volunteers, ways to improve and fresh ideas. To find out about getting involved, please contact Lu Stockton at Stockton@MWGolf.org.

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**Rules R Us** *By Sara Wold*

Several recent rules situations have involved two balls lying close together either in the fairway or in a bunker. Rule 22 –2 tells us if a ball interferes with your ball when it is your turn to play, you should ask the other player to mark his ball and lift it. After you play your ball, repair or rake the area. The other player cannot lift his ball unless requested to do so, otherwise he has moved a ball in play and is penalized 1 stroke under Rule 18. He must mark his ball and lift it. He must not clean it unless the ball is on the putting green. He must replace it. He may also play first rather than lift the ball.

Because there are lots of leaves in the fairways and rough during the fall, players need to be careful when searching for balls. If you run over your ball with your cart or kick it, you are penalized 1 stroke and must replace your ball. If your fellow-competitor, who is not driving your cart, runs over it or kicks it, there are no penalties, but the ball must be replaced. Also, there is no penalty if, while searching for your ball in a hazard covered with leaves, in an obstruction, or in ground under repair, you cause your ball to move. The ball must be replaced. If it was covered by leaves, the leaves also must be replaced.
Weather Got You Down?  
Nonsense!

The weather was awful, the conditions difficult, and the mood was somber at the recently contested Ryder Cup in Newport, Wales. The European Team — used to UK weather — wouldn’t see it that way, but then again, isn’t perspective everything? The glass half empty or half full? If you can view things from a positive slant, you’ve already beaten a majority of the field in any golf event.

No one wants to play in rotten conditions; we always visualize playing golf on gorgeous sun-soaked days with gentle breezes cooling the slightest perspiration off our skin in 80 degree temps. Why do you think ads for Caribbean golf vacations consistently feature palm trees waving throughout bright green fairways framed by cobalt seas under bright blue skies? It is irresistible eye candy, and we transport ourselves there.

So, wouldn’t it be an ideal talent for us to create a mindset which takes us to better places during terribly inclement weather? The Europeans did it and so can we.

Years ago, I played in the Ladies Invitational at the stunning Mid-Ocean Club in Bermuda with my golf partner Madeline Joell. Bermuda normally is quite temperate, but because it sits alone, unguarded, in the Atlantic Ocean, vicious winds and rains can pop up quickly wreaking havoc with anyone’s golf game … and comfort level. We sat in the locker room observing palm trees bent over 90 degrees, sheets of rain slamming the windows and listening to the rules officials telling us that because there was no lightning it was time to tee it up. Huh? Off we trudged. By the time we arrived at the first green, we were soaked, despite great rain suits (unlike the Ryder boys!) and our club grips were beyond slippery. I don’t know what it was, perhaps expecting Dorothy’s house and Toto to come flying by, but we simply looked at each other’s drowned rat appearance, started laughing, and couldn’t stop. Of course our playing partners thought us crazy but we kept the attitude and managed to defeat the field by quite a margin — truly, mind over matter.

Editor’s Note: If you enjoy Janina’s articles and want more, check out this new website: [www.theAPosition.com](http://www.theAPosition.com), which links to [www.janinajacobs.com](http://www.janinajacobs.com) for great golf and travel information. You’ll see some MWGA information up soon, too. Contact Janina at jacobs@mwgolf.org to submit info, announcements, etc. which could be included under What Do Women Want.

### RESULTS

**O&E Women’s Championship**  
August 7, Whispering Willows, Livonia

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**INTERESTED IN JOINING SOME FELLOW GOLFERS ON A TRIP TO MYRTLE BEACH NEXT APRIL? IF YES, CONTACT BARB COURY AT BCOURY@COMCAST.NET**
Don’t Let Scores at “Cha-Cha-Cha for 3” Tournament at Devil’s Ridge Fool You! Sunday, August 8 By Inez Bridges

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In any event, it was a great round and a great roundup afterwards in the clubhouse. The field was on top of pace-of-play, with all teams finishing within four hours and 20 minutes of the starting time. This was phenomenal, having most of the field coming off the course at the same time. There was a 15-minute time span between the first and last groups to finish, making it a 4:30 hr. to 4:45 hr. round for the event.

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Brad Keast, the GM at Devil’s Ridge and his entire staff were on top of their jobs, making sure MWGA players enjoyed both the golf and the course during our visit. Thanks to all of them. Please add the course to your play schedule next season, and let them know who you are. Courses appreciate that. I’d like to thank all the volunteers who assisted that day. You continue to step up to the plate to make sure the work is done, and we appreciate it. In addition to our board members, the member volunteers were: Faye Bessette, Linda Bradfield, Angie Cook, Joan Cleland, Jane Kersjes, Sue Madej, Linda Morton and Karen Strock. Without your assistance, our tasks would be tremendous. Last, but not least, thanks to the golfers for making the day possible. We appreciate your participation and support of this and every MWGA event. We’ll see you the next time.

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Shamble Format a Success PLUS Karen Popchock Aced Hole #14!
August 22 at Salem Hills GC By Pat Shelton

Teams were built based solely on indexes, pairing the lowest with the highest to make up A, B, C and D player teams. In several cases, members were golfing with each other for the first time, and by a show of hands, the vast majority enjoyed the format and had a good time. Scoring was relatively close, which indicates the teams were fairly well equally balanced. The format also contributed to a good pace of play as some of us shorter hitters had the advantage of often starting each hole from a much longer drive.

By far the biggest excitement of the day was the hole-in-one Karen Popchock made on the 122 yard Hole 14 par 3 with her 8 iron. It was Karen’s first ace and the shouts by her and her team could be heard throughout the golf course. How exciting and profitable, as it gave Karen a chip-in and a closest-to-flagstick win plus a skin for her team. Of course, it also contributed to her team placing Second Low Net.

As usual, many members helped make the event run smoothly as did the course personnel, especially Jim Grant, the golf pro, and Mike Nye, the assistant golf pro. Thanks to all!

Prizes were awarded to First and Second Low Gross and Low Net. Full results can be viewed at www.mwgolf.org.

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| Shirley Lewis 1 |
| Sue Merrick 1 |
| Karen Popchock 1 |
| Ruth Wilson 2 |
| Pat Witek 1 |

Skins (8)

Howell, Pegues, Bessette, Popchock 1
Hopkins, Bhatt, Brennan, Stecher 1
Rogers, Chubb, Buechel, Evans 2
Kersjes, Gagnon, Petrere, Fernandez 1
Rudder, Witek, Merrick, Oliver 1
MacPherson, Wilson, Coury, O’Brien 2

Golf for 2 w/cart compliments of Salem Hills: Shirley Lewis, Sue Madej, Unha Murray, Sue Merrick

Karen received a Hole-in-One plaque in honor of her achievement.

1LG: Yvette Gagnon, Judy Petrere, Ina Fernandez, Jane Kersjes

1LN: Smita Bhatt, Audrey Hopkins, Karen Stecher, Kathy Brennan

2LN: Francine Pegues, Karen Popchock, Ellen Howell, Faye Bessette

2LG: Terry MacPherson, Barb Coury, Ruth Wilson, Gail O’Brien

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Atlas Trophy Matches, September 11-12, Candlestone Golf & Resort

Women’s Public Team Wins 17 ½ to 6 ½

By Cynthia Pinkard, Public Team Captain

Candlestone Golf & Resort in Belding was the site of the 2010 Women’s Atlas Trophy Matches. Accolades must be given to the Candlestone staff and to owner, Mike Husby, for doing everything in their power to make this event spectacular for the players, their families, the team captains and the GAM staff.

Invited to play in the Atlas Trophy Matches are 12 of the State’s best female private club players to compete against 12 of the top female public course players in team and individual matches. This event is played much like the Solheim Cup. This year’s victory went to the Public Team with 17 ½ points to the Private Team’s 6 ½ points.

On Saturday, September 11, there were 6 four-ball matches in the morning and 6 foursomes matches (alternate shot) in the afternoon. On Sunday morning there were 12 individual matches. The winning team would have to take 12 ½ points of the 24 available to win the competition. The women’s Public Team took a 3 ½ to 2 ½ lead in the Saturday four-ball team event. After a more than 4-hour rain delay, the Public Team won 5 of the 6 foursomes matches, where the matches were shortened to 9 holes due to weather and darkness. Then, the same as last year, the Public Team needed to win only 4 of the 12 singles matches on Sunday to claim an overall victory. On that day, the Public Team went on to win 9 of the 12 singles matches. For complete Atlas Trophy results and photos go to www.mwgolf.org, click on All Events Programs Results, then click on Atlas Trophy History and Results or if online, click here == [www.mwgolf.org/2010_Atlas_photos.htm](http://www.mwgolf.org/2010_Atlas_photos.htm).

The MWGA had members on both teams. On the Public Team were Jeannette Fenner, Darci Stocker, Shelly Weiss and, me, Captain Cynthia Pinkard. On the Private Team MWGA members were Terry Delcamp, Cindy Obermeyer, Maureen Whitehead and Captain Jean Murray. The women competing in this event earn an invitation by their gross score performance in GAM and USGA events and the MWGA State Championship. Each player, both on the Public and Private Teams, put forth an outstanding performance in an effort to get the win for their team. These matches are top caliber, examples of match play at its finest.

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RESULTS

2-Person, 2-Day Eraser
The Medalist, Marshall, September 11-12

A good time was had by all despite an all-day rain Saturday. The course was in good condition and the staff couldn’t have been more accommodating. The erasers were very active Sunday, producing some excellent 2-day winning scores.

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Women’s Skins
3 Rogers/Brennan  2 Rogers/Brennan  1 Johnston/Wold  2 Johnston/Wold
1 Horning/Gagnon  1 Horning/Gagnon  4 Brauser/Brauser  4 Brauser/Brauser
9 Hill/Wilson  3 Hill/Wilson  3 Madej/Madej  4 Madej/Madej
1 Bessette/Shelton  1 Rudders/Witek  3 Kurtz/Kurtz  2 Kurtz/Kurtz

Chip-ins
Diane Kurtz  Denise Buechel
Sue Merrick  Linda Bermingham
Carol Rudder  MacPherson/O’Brien
Sue Madej  Geno Kronkowski
Pat Shelton  50/50
Bonnie Sroka  Linda Bermingham
Ruth Wilson  Faye Bessette

CTF A Fit
#7 Deb Horning  #7 Lori Rogers 9’ 4”
#12 Cindy Hill  #12 Jane Kersjes 32’ 9”
#17 Lori Rogers  #17 Ruth Wilson 15’ 5”

CTF B Fit
#7 Draw: Monica Oliver  #7 Mary Ann Brauser 38’ 4”
#12 Bonnie Sroka 20’ 8”  #12 Kathy Brennann 41’ 4”
#17 Joan Cleland 43’ 7”  #17 Sue Madej 25’ 1/2”

CTF Men
#7 Claud Johnston 31’ 4”  #7 Geno Kronkowski 4’ 5”
#12 Draw: Pete Land  #12 Glenn Brauser 6’ 7”
#17 Claud Johnston 9’ 2”  #17 Claud Johnston 45’ 5”
Fourteen teams teed it up this year for the MWGA Fall Scramble/War of the Leagues tournament on September 26th at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford. Perhaps it was a coincidence that we had favorable weather that day, but the tournament was scheduled a week earlier than previous years. It appeared to have made a difference. In any event, the Golf Gods provided players with a wonderful fall day for a fun fast-paced round of golf. Our scramble POP stats have improved tremendously over the past few years.

There was a single flight for competing teams, and prizes were awarded to three places for both gross and net winners. There were the usual side games of closest-to-the flagstick, chip-ins and team skins. The 50/50 raffle raised a total of $187, with $94 claimed by lucky raffle ticket holders. In addition to the prize and raffle monies awarded, Mystic Creek’s GM/PGA professional, Mark Stevenson, donated two 18-hole rounds for four as separate raffle prizes for the event. Thank you, Mark, for your generosity.

Finally, the meat and potatoes of the tournament: the Winning Teams. Although the final scores were close, there were six winning teams. Congratulations are in order for them.

I’d like to thank my supporting board members and the member volunteers who assisted in making the Mystic Creek tournament a success. Sincere thanks are in order for member volunteers Kathy Brennan, Yvette Gagnon, Terry MacPherson, Deb Pringle and Pat Witek. You don’t know how much we appreciate your time and efforts. Thanks to Mark Stevenson and his great course and clubhouse crew for hosting the MWGA again. What a great group. I saved the best for last: Thank you, golfers! Without you, we wouldn’t have a tournament. We appreciate your participation and support of this and every MWGA event.

**Closest to the Flagstick**

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**50/50**

Yvette Gagnon & Cynthia Pinkard

Net place winners: Monica Oliver, Geri Lowman, Lois Heikkinen, Mary Warnick, Linda Bermingham, Denise Buechel (front), Darla Matthews, Lu Stockton, Sue Madej (front), Terry MacPherson (front), Pat Shelton & Faye Bessette

Gross place winners: Lisa Bishop, Cindy Hill, Deb Horning, Unha Murray, Yvette Gagnon (front), Inez Bridges, Dorine Allen (front), Jane Kersjes, Lori Rogers, Shelly Manning & Betty Vandeputte

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**Place** | **Team** | **Gross** | **Net**
---|---|---|---
1LG | Betty Vandeputte, Sue Macinkowicz, Lori Rogers, Shelly Manning | 59 | 54
1LN | Mary Warnick, Denise Buechel, Monica Oliver, Geri Lowman | 70 | 53
2LG | Lisa Bishop, Debra Horning, Cindy Hill, Yvette Gagnon | 62 | 59
2LN | Darla Matthews, Lu Stockton, Linda Bermingham, Lois Heikkinen | 66 | 54
3LG | Unha Murray, Jane Kersjes, Inez Bridges, Dorine Allen | 67 | 56
3LN | Suzanne Madej, Terry MacPherson, Faye Bessette, Pat Shelton | 69 | 55

**Chip-ins**

#1 Woods  
Geri Lowman  
Monica Oliver  
Team Madej

#2 Woods  
Jan McCarthy  
Team Madej  
Lori Rogers

#2 Lakes  
Team Madej  
Mary Warnick  
Team Madej

#5 Lakes  
Deb Horning  
Mary Warnick  
Pat Witek

#6 Woods  
Carol Rudder

#7 Lakes  

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**RESULTS**

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**4-Woman Member/Guest Fall Scramble/War of the Leagues**

**Mystic Creek, Milford, September 26**  
**By Inez Bridges**
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It is with regret we report the death of Walter “Wally” Blome, the father of MWGA president, Barbara Porter. Mr. Blome succumbed to bladder cancer on September 14 at the age of 89.

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In case you missed it, former LPGA golfer and graduate of Mercy High School, Meg Mallon, was recently inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. Mallon won 18 times on the tour, including two U.S. Women’s Opens, and in 1991 was named the Female Player of the Year by the Golf Writers Association. Quoting Steve Lesher, chairman of the MSHOF board, “All inductees have inspired someone’s life through their participation in athletics.”

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