Member/Junior 9-Hole Scramble a Smashing Success!
Supporting the MWGA/LPGA/USGA Girls Golf Program
By Barbara Porter, MWGA President

Many of the junior golfers (scramble winners wearing their medals) with adults, l-r: Lt. Cmdr. Ponce Clay, Technician 1st Class Kirsten Piliste, Baldwin, LPGA Golf Professional/Program Instructor, Recruiter 1st Class Joshua Harless, MWGA Girls Golf Director Francine Pegues, Rear Admiral Craig S. Faller, MWGA Advisor/Navy Liaison Janina Jacobs, Cmdr. Brian E Bowles, Cmdr. Peter S. Egeli, Ordanceman 2nd Class Ralph Jones

Mrs. Yvette Bing (center), First Lady of Detroit, with one of the scramble teams

Francine Pegues, Yvette Bing, Rear Admiral Faller, Julia Baldwin, Janina Jacobs and Barbara Porter

Excellent buffets were enjoyed by all

Our LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Program culminated with a class event at Dearborn Hills GC on July 20th. 26 young golf students participated with 13 MWGA members and 13 adult supporters. All were treated to a picnic-style luncheon followed by a nine-hole scramble. Each foursome consisted of two adults and two junior players. The juniors had their own set of tees and, in true scramble format, each team had to conform to the required two drives per player. All the juniors looked great in their new caps supplied by the LPGA, and there was plenty of picture taking!

Talking about picture taking, did I mention our most honored guest? None other than the First Lady of Detroit, Yvette Bing! Mrs. Bing was most gracious and stood out in the heat on hole #3 and hit a tee shot for each foursome. (Next year she wants to play on a team!) Following golf, Mrs. Bing spoke to the junior golfers about education, the importance of staying in school, and using golf to promote fitness. The LPGA presented Mrs. Bing a Teddy Bear head cover for her driver.

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July/August 2010
**President’s Corner**  *By Barbara Porter*

**Out of the Mouth of Babes**

While I was assisting at Belle Isle with the Girl’s Golf Program, I happened to have a conversation with William, a typical 10 year old boy who thinks pounding at the ball to achieve maximum distance is all there is to golf. Now, you may be thinking, what is a boy doing at a Girl’s Golf Program? Well, the LPGA was challenged for discrimination; consequently, we have a few boys in the program. No big deal; they are all kids. Anyway, to continue my tale...

As many of you know, the First Tee facility at Belle Isle has a few pitch & putt holes with the average hole being, maybe, 40 yards. So, “pounding the ball” serves no purpose on these holes. And, Julia Baldwin sends the group out to play the holes after session 4 or 5 depending on the group's ability.

So, the groups finish their rounds and gather around a picnic table to have some refreshments, compliments of the US Navy, and compare scorecards to see who has bragging rights. Okay, so mostly they giggle and tease one another in innocent fun. William is both the “picker” and the “pickee” in this game. I ask to see his scorecard and noticed a 9 on one of the holes. “Well, you certainly blew up on this hole,” I surmised. “Yes,” William answered and continued to describe the hole in detail. “My first shot landed in the sand and I couldn’t get out; it took me 2 strokes to get out, but the shot landed over the green and then the next shot landed over the green in the other direction; with the next shot, I finally hit the green; I putted way past the hole; then it took me three hits before it went into the hole.” I looked at William and said, “You have accomplished something even the most experienced golfers find difficult; you can count your strokes.” A big smile came across his face for that 9, at least, represented some accomplishment.

Can we all relate to this situation? How many times when we are experiencing a “blow-out” of a hole, do we simply lose track of our strokes? Or, even on a decent hole, forget a missed pitch shot, don’t count a whiff or that short putt that missed the hole? In my opinion, not accurately counting all strokes is the most abused rule of golf. And, for the most part, it is not done intentionally or for deceitful purposes. However, when playing tournament golf, it is imperative that all strokes be counted for the integrity of the field.

So, how is this achieved? First, do not be offended if a fellow player asks you to recount your strokes. That player is not being mean spirited or questioning your honesty; rather, implementing a basic rule of golf and does have a right to question a score. Sometimes, having another person assist you with visualizing the hole just played is a real asset. So, if you are not sure of your strokes, ask for help among your fellow players. Chances are one of the players in your group has the ability to recollect all strokes. If you are not sure how to count penalty strokes, ask or make a note and ask a member of the Rules Committee prior to signing your scorecard. And, in some cases, you may wish to purchase some counting beads or a score clicker to use.

If you or members of your group cannot verify a score, you must take your ESC score for the hole followed by an X, for incomplete, and disqualify yourself from the competition. But, nobody wants that to happen. So, remember William and be conscientious and count all your strokes. Thanks for listening.

**Member/Junior 9-Hole Scramble**

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Being kids and being perpetual eaters, after their round of golf, they were fed again! Then, the kids received another surprise. During the instructional sessions at the First Tee facility on Belle Isle, all the nutritional snacks were unwritten by the US Navy, for which we are extremely grateful. At one of the sessions, Technician 1st Class Kirsten Piliste took time out of her busy schedule to talk with the juniors on the importance of a healthy lifestyle and to give them some insight on life in the Navy. Well, you can imagine the reaction of the kids at Dearborn Hills, when not only Kristen, but six additional US Navy personnel all in their dress whites entered the room, including Rear Admiral Craig S. Faller! Now that was a lot of chest bbling and a most impressive sight!

Rear Admiral Faller assisted with the awards ceremony, presenting the junior winners with medals that they wore with pride. All the juniors received prizes, as did adult team winners, prizes that were donated from various resources including the Navy. Rear Admiral Faller also gave an uplifting speech to the juniors, stressing that the lessons in leadership and discipline learned in golf will serve them well for the rest of their lives. He reminded them that they need to keep focused on their long-term goals and to work very hard on academics, that this will open many doors for them. He also mentioned the many opportunities offered by the Navy and then opened the floor to questions. Surprisingly, the kids really had some very astute questions as well as a few humorous ones!

I tell ya, you should have been there! I can’t possibly thank all the people who made this marvelous event possible! So, if I forget to mention your name, please forgive me. Starting with Francine Pegues, our Juniors Director, Julia Baldwin, LPGA Professional, Yvette Bing, First Lady of Detroit, Janina Jacobs, MWGA Advisor, Kristen Piliste, and Rear Admiral Faller, US Navy, all the wonderful parents and kids, the staff of Dearborn Hills CC, and all the MWGA volunteers---without all of you, this would not have happened.

Watch out, next year it is going to be bigger and better! Good things are happening!
The next GAM Handicap/Index Revision is Tuesday, August 17. You should have all unposted scores in by Monday night. The best way to keep your record current is to post your scores the same day you play. Remember, all scores from rounds played by the Rules of Golf, should be adjusted and posted, including:

* Match play scores, even when a hole is conceded and you pick up
* Rounds played from a rated course, but the tees you played are not rated for women
* Rounds not completed due to weather, darkness, etc. If you finish at least 7 holes post a 9 hole score; if you finish 13 holes, post an 18 hole score
* MGWA tournament scores and all other tournament scores

To understand how and when to make the adjustments, please reference the Handicap and Indexes booklet received in your MGWA Membership package or review www.mwgolf.org/Handicapping101_2010.pdf. For more information on how to post scores and use the GAM website, please go to the Posting Scores link at www.mwgolf.org.

To play in MGWA events you should have an established USGA index. To get the full benefit of that index, you should post all eligible scores, according to the guidelines. If you are playing in an MGWA event, but your posting record does not show all/any current activity, please provide an explanation to the MGWA Handicap Director at handicap@mwgolf.org. This is required to possibly avoid or limit adjustments and restrictions made to your USGA Index.

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@mgolf.org.

You can update your GAM profile to correct or add your email address, phone number, address, birth date. GAM uses this information to send you notices and publications.

**Handicap News and Updates By Cynthia Pinkard**

**Match Play League By Pat Witek**

The regular season matches are completed and now we move on to the playoff phase. This season the league expanded to 36 players and there is a new playoff system. All six flight winners and two wildcard recipients will go on to a quarterfinal playoff. The winners of those matches move on to a semifinal playoff and then ultimately, the last two standing will compete for the league championship. The championship final and year-end party is scheduled for Sunday Sept 19 at Hunters Ridge GC in Howell. You don’t have to be a league member to participate. Please join us for golf, dinner and prizes for only $43.

Congratulations to the 2011 season, contact me, the League Coordinator at pgolfw@aol.com or 248/417-1190.
UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Fee: $64 members, $84 non-members, includes golf cart, range, prizes
Tees: Women’s front: 5000 yds, CR 68.5, SR 113
Entry deadline: Thursday, August 12
Questions: TournamentEntry@mwgolf.org or 248-557-8180

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 architects 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!

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

GAM/Detroit News
Hole-in-One Contest
Tuesday, September 7, Whispering Willows GC
20500 Newburgh Rd, Livonia MI 48152
Contact: Paul Worley 248-476-4493

Divisions for 2010:
Boys and Girls Junior Division 15 years and younger
Men and Ladies Division 16 years to 55 years
Sr. Men and Ladies Division 56 years and over
PGA Golf Professional Division

A fundraiser for the Folds of Honor Foundation will take place in conjunction with the Hole-in-One contest. Folds of Honor Foundation provides post-secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our great nation. For every $10 donation, your name will be entered into the "Par Level" prize drawing. For every $20 donation your name will be entered into the "Birdie Level" prize drawing. Prizes range from rounds of golf to gift cards and more. You do not have to participate in the Hole-in-One contest to participate in the drawing.

USGA Senior Women’s Amateur Championship will be held at Fiddlesticks CC, Fort Myers, FL October 9 – 14, 2010

Entries are open to amateur female golfers who will have reached their 50th birthday by October 9, 2010 and have an up-to-date Handicap Index not exceeding 18.4 under the USGA Handicap System.

A local qualifier for this Championship will be held on the South Course at Detroit Golf Club on Wednesday, September 8.

Applications may be downloaded from the USGA website, www.usga.org or call the USGA office at (908)-234-2300.

Application deadline: Wednesday, August 28 at 5 PM EDT.

Questions, please call: USGA Golf House (908) 234-2300, Barbara Nowikowski, USGA Senior Women’s Amateur Championship Committee, (248) 433-3577 or barbpace@comcast.net
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 4 ½ 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

Time to plan 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 will 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 the day. 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.mysticcreekgc.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

Visit MWGA online at www.mwgolf.org to register for this event and to review MWGA guidelines on eligibility, tournament requirements, etc.
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.

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.

   B) A minimum of one fourth of the field will receive prizes.

   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.

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.

   ii) For flight position, a two-person best ball team’s handicap will be calculated by taking 50% of the lowest course handicap and 25% of the highest course handicap. A two-person best ball team’s handicap will be equal to 100% of each player’s course handicap, with no restrictions on team handicap differential.

   B) A two-person scramble team will be required to use each player’s drive 6 times.

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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**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
MWGA Pace of Play Policy
Policy, Procedure, Penalties, Appeals

MWGA Code of Conduct for Tournaments & Events — Cont’d

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.

New 03/25/2010
MWGA Scramble Rules and Procedures

Mulligan Rules for Scrambles
Mulligans are sold at MWGA scramble events as a fundraising activity.

1. Mulligans are $2 a player and a player gets only two.
2. Mulligans can be used to replay any shot anywhere on the course.
3. Mulligans cannot be used for contests, such as closest to the pin, longest drive or chip-ins.
4. Mulligans can be used in skins.
5. Each group will keep track of where everyone’s mulligans are used.
6. Do not delay play.

MWGA Inclement Weather Policy

Addendum to the Rules and Conditions of Competition for MWGA Tournaments

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

1. The golf course is deemed unplayable
2. Lightning is present
3. A ‘dangerous situation’ develops as defined by a majority vote of the MWGA Rules Officials, the MWGA Tournament Chair and any attending MWGA Board members along with the golf course management (the Committee)
4. If the temperature or wind chill drops to 40 degrees or less with no forecast of better conditions

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

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

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 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.

During suspension of play, the Tournament Chair will inform players of the approximate time involved in any delay and keep play available.

After a delay in play, if play is deemed to be continued, the Tournament Chair shall give players a minimum of 15 minutes advance notice for proper warm up, after which a signal or designated time will be given for resumption of play.

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

Rev. 03/14/2010
**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 a 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 18, then 13 through 18, then 16 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 inaudible 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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NEWS LINX 9
Hello again members,

The President’s Tournament was an enjoyable event. At the tournament we revealed two winners for membership recruitment. Linda Bradfield won for bringing the most members this year and Shelly Manning’s name was drawn from a list of all members who brought in a new member this year. Linda won a $50 gift certificate and Shelly won a free membership in MWGA for 2011.

You, too, can be a winner. Just ask women that are interested in playing tournament golf or someone who just has a love for the game. Since our last NEWSLINX, we have added two new members. At this time the MWGA would like to welcome Lucinda Rhodes and Andrea Wilamowski. We would also like to say welcome back to Sally Keys. Sally returned using our new sliding scale for former members. If you are a former member and now find that you would like to return to MWGA, please do so by using our sliding scale. Returning as a former member would be beneficial to you financially.

Did you know that you could sponsor a male in MWGA? For $22 a male could be sponsored in MWGA. The male would be able to post scores in GAM as you do and will receive the Rules Book. If you know of a male who plays golf and is not a member of GAM, they could post scores with us and can be a member with GAM.

Membership Snippets By Shirley McClain

August – September MWGA Golf

Aug 8 — 3-Woman Cha, Cha, Cha Best Ball
Sun, Devil’s Ridge, Oxford

Aug 15 — Match Play Quarterfinals
Sun, Springfield Oaks, Davisburg

Aug 21 — Match Play Semifinals
Sat, Tanglewood, South Lyon

Aug 22 — 4-Woman Who’s Your Team? Shambles
Sun, Salem Hills, Northville

Sep 11-12 — 2-Day/2-Person Eraser (Women/Mixed Teams)
Sat-Sun, The Medalist, Marshall

Sep 19 — Match Play Championship
Sun, Hunters Ridge, Howell

Sep 26 — Member/Guest 4-Woman Fall Scramble, War of the Leagues
Sun, Mystic Creek, Milford

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10 July/August 2010
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: 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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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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Turn, don’t slide.
As you shift your weight onto your front side to start your downswing, you must also clear or turn your hip out of the way. Too often many golfers simply slide their hips forward, which promotes a weak shot. Practice turning your hips so at the follow-through you are facing the target.

Pat yourself on the back.
On your follow-through you should have the shaft actually touch your back as you complete your swing. By doing this, you ensure that you do not decelerate your swing as you go through impact. This is a check to see that you are making a fully accelerated swing.

Bill Kroen’s Golf Tip-A-Day
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## 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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### Event Schedule

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<td>4-Woman Shambles (Who’s Your Team?) - Salem Hills, Northville</td>
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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.

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

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### Send Entry To:

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

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2010 MWGA Event Schedule

Unless otherwise specified, MWGA, WAPL, GAM and USGA events are open to female golfers with a USGA index of 40 or less. Any event with age, index or pre-qualification restrictions is so noted.

MWGA Events ($xx Member/$xx Non-Member). Entry Deadline 10 Days Prior to All Events Unless Noted. QUESTIONS: tournamententry@mwgolf.org or 248-557-8180. ENTER TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS ONLINE at www.mwgolf.org or MAIL ENTRIES to: MWGA Event Office, 4158 Charing Cross Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104.

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<td>8/15, Sun 10a</td>
<td>Match Play Quarterfinals ALL WELCOME $32.50 golf/cart</td>
<td>Springfield Oaks, Davisburg 48350, 248-625-2540, Contact: Nancy Serra, <a href="mailto:serra@mwgolf.org">serra@mwgolf.org</a> – BBQ @ Nancy’s home after golf</td>
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<td>8/21, Sat 11a</td>
<td>Match Play Semifinals ALL WELCOME $40 golf/cart</td>
<td>Tanglewood, South Lyon 48178, 248-486-3355, Contact: Jodie Chapa, <a href="mailto:jccapa4golf@comcast.net">jccapa4golf@comcast.net</a></td>
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<td>8/22, Sun, tee times 11:30a-</td>
<td>Who’s Your Team? 4-Woman Shambles Golf/cart/range: $64/member, $84/non-mem.</td>
<td>Salem Hills, Northville 48167, 248-437-2152 <a href="http://www.salemhillsgolfclub.com">www.salemhillsgolfclub.com</a></td>
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<td>9/19, Sun 9a</td>
<td>Match Play Championship ALL WELCOME $43 golf/cart/dinner</td>
<td>Hunters Ridge, Howell 48855, 517-545-4653, <a href="http://www.golfhuntersridge.com">www.golfhuntersridge.com</a>, Contact: Barb Coury, <a href="mailto:coury@mwgolf.org">coury@mwgolf.org</a></td>
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<td>Member/Guest 4-Woman Fall Scramble, War of Leagues – Golf/cart/range: $65</td>
<td>Mystic Creek, Milford 48380, 248-684-3333, Lakes to Woods <a href="http://www.mysticcreekgc.com">www.mysticcreekgc.com</a></td>
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Enter MWGA tournaments online at www.mwgolf.org and check website for most current information.

2010 Women’s USGA/GAM/WAPL & Other Tournament/Event Schedule

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

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<td>Candlestone Golf &amp; Resort, Belding 48809, 616-794-1541</td>
<td>GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.candlestone.com">www.candlestone.com</a></td>
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<td>Sep 14</td>
<td>3rd Annual Cornerstone Schools Invitational, $500/player</td>
<td>Detroit Golf Club, Detroit 48203 313-345-1818</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Carol.mansfield@cornerstoneschools.org">Carol.mansfield@cornerstoneschools.org</a> 313-892-1860, ext 262</td>
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Junior (up to age 17) tournaments and tournaments with junior divisions are highlighted.

Enter GAM tournaments online at www.gam.org
Player’s Responsibilities

In the Rules of Golf, Player’s Responsibilities encompass Rule 6. The Player, Rule 7. Practice, Rule 8. Advice; Indicating Line of Play and Rule 9. Information as to Strokes Taken. I would like to include one other – Protecting the Field, which falls under Rule 1-3. We will discuss Rules 6 and 1-3.

Rule 6-1. Rules. The player is responsible for knowing the Rules. This also includes knowing the format that is being played and the local rules published by the Committee.

Rule 6-2. Handicap. In a handicap competition, the competitor must ensure his handicap is recorded on his score card before it is returned and if it is higher than that to which he is entitled, he is disqualified. It is also the player’s responsibility to know the holes at which handicap strokes are to be received.

Rule 6-3. Time of Starting and Groups. The player must start at the time established by the Committee and must remain throughout the round in the group unless the Committee authorizes a change. The MWGA has the note to 6-3 in effect meaning that if a player arrives within 5 minutes of his starting time, the player is assessed a 2 stroke penalty in stroke play or loss of hole in match play. In our Best Ball Tournaments, if a player is absent, the other partner may play and the tardy player may start playing at the next hole but not during the play of a hole.

Rule 6-6. Scoring in Stroke Play. After each hole, the marker should check the score with the competitor and record it. At the end of the round, the competitor should check his score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the Committee. He must also sign his card and ensure the marker has also signed the card. The competitor is responsible for the correct score for each hole. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he is disqualified. If higher, the score stands.

Rule 6-7. Undue Delay; Slow Play. The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish. This also includes undue delay between holes.

There are 80 decisions in the Decisions Book regarding Rule 6. Please review Rule 6 and all the information the MWGA publishes regarding our procedures and policies, guidelines, and player’s information letters.

Rule 1-3. Agreement to Waive Rules. Players must not agree to exclude the operation of any Rule or to waive any penalty incurred. It is imperative that players ensure that everyone follows the rules to make the competition fair. If players are unsure of the rules, they should consult an official before the score cards are returned. In some cases, the player involved should play 2 balls in stroke play, announce which one he wishes to score with, and before the scorecard is returned, he must consult a rules official or he will be disqualified even if he scores the same with both balls.

Decision 33-7/9 is clear on this issue. “The responsibility for knowing the Rules lies with all players. In stroke play, the player and his marker have an explicit responsibility for the correctness of the player’s score card. There may, however, be exceptional individual cases where, in order to protect the interests of every other player in the competition, it would be reasonable to expect a fellow-competitor or another competitor to bring to light a player’s breach of the Rules by notifying the player, his marker, or the Committee. In such exceptional circumstances, it would be appropriate for the Committee to impose a penalty of disqualification under Rule 33-7 on a fellow-competitor or another competitor if it becomes apparent that he has failed to advise the player, his marker or the Committee of a Rules breach with the clear intention of allowing that player to return an incorrect score.”

Decision 6-6a/5 is a related decision. The competitor was unaware that he had incurred a penalty and returned a wrong score. His marker was aware of the penalty but signed the card anyway. The facts were discovered even after the competition was closed. Both the competitor and the marker were disqualified.

Other Tournament Rulings

A player’s ball lies under a tree. The player started his backswing with the intention of making a stroke. Near the top of his backswing his club strikes a branch and breaks it. At that point he discontinues his swing. Because his swing was discontinued, the backward movement of the club was not in fact the backward movement for a stroke. Rule 13-2 states that a player must not improve the area of his intended swing, and he was penalized 2 strokes. Decision 13-2/14.5

A player whose ball was in a water hazard removed a loose impediment from the hazard. He then decided not to play from the hazard. He proceeded under Rule 26-1. Was the player absolved from the penalty incurred under Rule 13-4 for removing the loose impediment in view of the fact that he subsequently invoked Rule 26-1 and did not play his ball from the hazard? No, he was penalized 2 strokes. Decision 13-4/17

Rules R Us By Sara Wold
June 12 President’s Stroke Play, Huron Meadows Metropark GC  By Barbara Porter

With the weather threatening, I honestly thought this event was history before it even started. However, Mother Nature decided to cooperate and a near perfect, although warm, golf day ensued allowing all 44 players to finish their respected rounds. The heat seems to be the golf weather story for 2010. Who would expect such a warm summer after the cold, rainy start at Dunham Hills?

As in all tournaments, some are victorious and congratulations go to:

**Flight 1**
- 1LG: Lisa Bishop (74); 1LN: Michelle Sroka (65); 2LG: Lauri Ponikiewski (78); and 2LN: Jane Kersjes (67)

**Flight 2**
- 1LG: Francine Pegues (86); 1LN: Lu Stockton (70); 2LG: Pat Witek (89); and 2LN: Karen Strock (73)

**Flight 3**
- 1LG: Ann Mikek (96); 1LN: Marie Beard (70); 2LG: Monica Oliver (99); and 2LN was awarded but rescinded due to a rules violation. Unfortunately, four players in this flight were disqualified as a result of rules violations.

**Closest-to-Flagstick**
- A Flight: Deb Horning, Shelley Weiss, and Francine Pegues
- B Flight: Lu Stockton, Ann Mikek, and MaryAnn Brauser

**Chips-ins**
- There was no chip-ins so we drew names from the field and called three winners: Lisa Bishop, Kris Bennett, and Michelle LaFlora

**Skins**
- A Flight @ $15 ea: Lisa Bishop 3, Shelley Weiss 1
- B Flight @ $19: Lu Stockton 1, Paula Serra 1, Pat Witek 1, Laurie Forrester 1
- C Flight @ $15: Ann Mikek 1, Gail O’Brien, Karen Popchock 1

**50/50 Drawing**
- First Draw @ $50 Cynthia Pinkard, Second Draw @ $30 Joan Cleland, Third Draw @ $13 Joan Cleland
- Also, Linda Bradfield was awarded a $50 gift certificate for bringing in the most new members for the 2009 season. Names of all that brought in a new member in 2009 were placed into a drawing and Shelly Manning won a free membership for 2011.

I would like to thank all my volunteers and everyone who assisted with the tournament as well as a big thanks to Jerry Cyr and his staff at Huron Metropark GC for all their hospitality. Our Metroparks are real jewels at reasonable price points. Let’s support all the facilities in our area.

Last, pace-of-play was superb! Thanks to all our wonderful members who support the MWGA. Additional information and photos at [www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org).

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June 14 Kensington Women’s Tournament

Several MWGA members participated in this tournament. Partial results follow with member names bolded.

**Women’s Flight**
- 1LG Mariko Coplin 78
- 2LG Judy Hamilton 83
- 3LG Nancy Wilkie 84

**Senior Flight**
- 1LG Jan Antieau 90
- 2LG Karen Cotton 92
- 3LG Joan Penoyer 93
- 1LN Donna Roy 63
- 2LN Marie Beard 67
- 3LN Fran McGivern 72

**Equality**
- A country club didn’t allow women on the golf course. Eventually there was enough pressure that they decided to allow women on the course during the week. The ladies were satisfied with this arrangement, formed a women’s club and became very active. After about six months, the club board received a letter from the women’s club complaining about men urinating on the golf course. Naturally, they just ignored the matter. After another six months, they received another letter reminding them of the previous letter and demanding action. After due deliberation, they sent the women a letter advising them that they had been granted equal privileges.
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**RESULTS**

**Western Michigan Women’s Best Ball in Cadillac**
**June 19-20** *By Pat Shelton*

MWGA members who participated in this 2-day tournament at McGuire’s Resort in Cadillac had a great time! Phil Himes, the golf pro, and his staff were most accommodating. The course was in good condition, and the weather cooperated. Our hostess, MWGA member, Jane Cook, as usual, went way out of her way to make our visit as pleasant as possible. For example, she had us all back to her house on the lake for a potluck barbeque. A few jet-skied, Jane kayaked and others went for a ride on the pontoon boat. What an enjoyable evening!

All players received prize certificates to the pro shop and some won rounds of golf to area courses. Good golf, good food, good fun — can’t ask for more, and at a bargain price besides! If you don’t sign up for this one next June, you’re definitely missing out.

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| Flight 2                | 131 net                         |
| 1st                     | Linda Bermingham & Lu Stockton  |
| 2nd                     | Ellen Howell & Arlene Shields  |
| 3rd                     | Terry Deisler & Pat DeMaire    |
| 4th                     | Denise Buechel & Monica Oliver |
| 5th                     | Jane Cook & Michelle Sroka     |
| 6th                     | Joan Cleland & Barb Coury      |
| 7th                     | Faye Bessette & Pat Shelton    |
| 8th                     | Judy Bres & Marilyn Rupinski   |

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**34th US WAPL Championship** *By Sara Wold*

There were 156 players from 12 countries (Thailand, Canada, Argentina, Korea, People’s Republic of China, Spain, Colombia, Northern Cambria, Venezuela, Taipei, Sweden, and Vietnam) and the USA competing at the **Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame in South Bend, IN June 21 – 26**. There were four members of the Curtis Cup Team playing in the Championship. The youngest player was 11 and the oldest was 50. The medalist was Ariya Jutanugarn of Thailand with a 36-hole score of 135. Martina Gavier, of Argentina and Kent State who qualified at College Fields last year, was runner-up with a 137.

The four young ladies who qualified at Eagle Crest, were joined by three more MSU players who had qualified at other sites. Alyssa Shimel, the Ohio High School Champion, who is playing for U of M next year, had the lowest score from our site with a total of 149. Shannon Warner had a 154, Ashley Smith had a 155, and Michelle Bowles had a 164. Aimee Neff had a 144, Caroline Powers had a 150, and Christine Meier had a 160. The cut was at 152. Aimee lost her first match in 19 holes and Alyssa lost her first match 3 and 2. Caroline won her first match 6 and 5 and the second match 3 and 1. She lost to Martina Gavier in 21 holes in the round of 16. Martina lost in the quarter-finals 2 and 1. Kimberly Kim, who was runner-up twice in the Championship, lost in the round of 16.

The final 36-hole match was between Emily Tubert and Lisa McCloskey, who both attend college in CA. Tubert won 3 and 2. Jennifer Song, who won last year, turned pro after the Curtis Cup and won her first Duramed Futures Tour last week and received a check for $17,500.
2-Woman Scramble, Lochmoor CC, June 22

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Several players had to leave before photos were taken so not many teams are represented.

Campbell is 2010 GAM Women’s Senior Champion

Susan Campbell (Kalamazoo) chalked up her championship at the 9th GAM Women’s Senior Amateur June 27-29 at Gull Lake CC thanks to the blessings of the golf gods. “I just had one of those crazy days where all of that stuff that you practice for and hope will happen happened,” said Campbell. “I just had one of those very special days.”

Campbell defeated Cathy Netter (Monroe) in the match play final 6 & 4. Eight players in the field of 32 stroke play participants advanced to match play. Campbell’s closest match was in the quarterfinal against Maureen Whitehead (Charlevoix). Campbell, who was the 7th seed in match play, won the match 1 up. She defeated Barb Schmid (Grand Rapids) in the semifinal 6&5. But it was in her match against Netter where things just seemed to fall into place effortlessly.

It was a full field of 32 with several new players from the Kalamazoo area. The course was very hilly with challenging greens and in excellent condition. After a rain delay the first day, which afforded the ladies a chance to have the lunch together, the weather was perfect.

Complete results can be found at www.gam.org.

Chip-ins: #10 Judy Hamilton, #15 Lori Rogers, #16 Deb Horning

Skins: A: Sroka/Gagnon 2, Bishop/Stocker 1; B: MacPherson/Cherry 1, Kersjes/Sroka 1, Stockton/Bermingham 1

50/50 Coury and Horning

Karen Strock and Deb Horning

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July 6th 2-Woman Best Ball at Bay Pointe  By Pat Shelton

We returned to Bay Pointe for this 2-Woman Best Ball after having to cancel the 2009 year-end scramble at this club due to weather-caused unplayable course conditions. This year was a complete about face. The course was in excellent condition. It was another one of those dogs day of summer; we’ve been having our share. There was no beverage cart available so we all made sure to bring ample liquids to keep us hydrated. Luckily we had an 8am shotgun so we got off the course before the extreme heat of the day. (Can you tell I’m not partial to hot, humid days?)

With the help of some excellent volunteers, we wrapped up the results in a fairly expeditious manner. Visit www.mwgolf.org for complete results; here are the teams that placed:

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Chip-ins: Barb Coury, Faye Bessette, Denise Buechel, Lois Heikkinen, Monica Oliver, Sue Macinkowicz (2), Chris Lehr, Carol Shiver and Pat Shelton

Skins: 5 in Flight 1, 0 in Flight 2
50/50: Pat Shelton, Joan Penoyer

Rounds of Golf: Ernie O’Neil, Shelly Manning

4-Woman Member/Guest Redo Scramble, Dunham Hills, July 17  By Pat Shelton

This time at Dunham Hills the weather cooperated and we played our scramble in pleasant conditions. The course was in great shape and Mike Spranger, the golf pro, went out of his way to make our day a success as did the many volunteers who helped out!

We did receive one online tournament survey from a member, who said the course condition was above average, markings were average, the length good, her experience above average. She liked the start time (9am) and would like to see more tournament farther west, toward the Lansing area. Don’t forget, we like to hear from you. Your comments help decide where and when we play.

Again, visit www.mwgolf.org for complete results, but here are the highlights of the day:

Cindy Hill had the only chip-in and collected $106! There were 6 skins in both flights: Cindy had 4 in Flight 11 ($16 ea.) along with Lori Rogers with 2. In Flight 12 Sara Wold had 2 ($30 ea.), Lu Stockton 1, Deb Chubb 2 and Monica Oliver 2. Shelly Manning, Faye Bessette and Kris Bennett won 50/50 draws. Lucky Carrol Sanchez
won the rounds of golf. $112 was collected for mulligans, funds that support our Girls Golf Program. Thank you all!

Everyone who participated were winners, but those teams that placed were:

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Joan Garety Wins Seventh MWGA Championship By Sara Wold

The MWGA 2-Day Championship was held at Eagle Crest Golf Club in Ypsilanti Sat. and Sun., July 24th and 25th. Thirty-five hearty players braved rain, extremely wet conditions, high heat and high humidity to participate in the Championship. Joan Garety shot a 2-day total of 151 to win the Championship for the 7th time. Donna Benford and Pam Tyler tied for the Senior Championship and they agreed (rather than leave the cool, comfortable dining room to play off in the heat) that since Pam won a gift certificate for 1st Low Net that Donna would get the trophy. Jean Murray is a repeat winner as the Super Senior Champion. The Junior Championship (under 50!) went to Lisa Bishop. Joan Cleland won the Western Women’s Golf Association Low Net Pin. Please see www.mwgolf.org for complete results.

There were some very nice scores shot under stressful conditions and no one seemed to complain about the weather. Eagle Crest was very accommodating and the continental breakfasts, luncheon and awards dinner were very nice. It truly was an MWGA event with so many pitching in to make it a success. Thanks to all who played and all those who volunteered to help.

Trophy winners, seated: Champion Joan Garety with tournament director, Sara Wold; l-r, back: Super Senior Jean Murray, Senior Donna Benford, Junior (for the day) Lisa Bishop and Joan Cleland, Low Net Score

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# RESULTS

## 25th MWGA State Championship

**July 24 - 25, 2010, Eagle Crest Golf Club, Ypsilanti, MI**

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The Michigan Women’s AM was held at St. Clair River CC July 26 – 30 with 84 of our finest amateurs teeing it up on Mon-Tues for 32 spots in match play. Liz Nagel (MSU) was the medalist with a 5 under par 70-69/139 and Britney Hamilton (WMU), last year’s Champion, and Natalie Brehm (MWG) were runners-up with 2 under par, 142. Darcy Stocker (MWGA) and Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll, MSU Women’s Golf Coach, tied for 12th at 153. There was a playoff at 160 for 3 spots with Sarah Hoffman (GVSU) getting the last spot.

Sarah, #32, defeated Liz, #1, in the first round and went to the quarterfinals before falling to Christine Meier. Darci lost in the first round to Alainna Stefan on the 19th hole. Stacy lost in the second round and Maddi Massa, with Julie on the bag, went to the quarterfinals.

In match play, Christine Meier defeated her sister Amy (OSU) and Natalie Brehm defeated Lindsay Lammers, incoming freshman at U of D, in the semifinals. It was an all green and white final as Natalie, a senior at MSU, and Christine, an incoming freshman at MSU, battled for the title. Natalie won 4 and 3.

Natalie Brehm Wins Michigan Women’s Amateur Championship  
By Sara Wold

20 July/August 2010
GAM News
By Lu Stockton

GAM Championships — June Results

The GAM Women’s Player of the Decade is picking up where she left off. Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll won the 12th GAM Women’s Mid-Amateur at Walnut Hills CC, June 1-2. Bill Zylstra, a four-time GAM Senior Player of the Year, also kept his hot streak going, winning the 2nd GAM Senior Match Play at Forest Lake CC, June 7-10. Claud Johnson took honors in the Super Seniors Division. At the 9th Michigan Women’s Senior Amateur at Gull Lake CC, June 27-29, Susan Campbell (Kalamazoo) defeated Cathy Netter (Monroe) 6 and 4 in match play. Lindsey Lammers (Milan) had her first experience with match play at the 32nd GAM Girls Junior State Amateur at Burning Tree G&CC in late June. She emerged as the 2010 champion, defeating Kelly Hartigan (Clinton Twp.) 1 up. Rosalie Shyu (Rochester Hills) won the stroke-play title in a one-hole playoff over Lammers.

Save the Date:
GAM Member Relations Day at The Wyndgate for Sept. 15

Bring a foursome from your club for a fun day at The Wyndgate in Rochester Hills Sept. 15. The cost per team is $600. Go to www.gam.org for details, or call (248) 478-9242, ext. 10. The day includes lunch, golf, and dinner, plus a silent auction and raffle to benefit the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation and The Evans Scholars Foundation.

ONLY A TRUE GOLFER WILL UNDERSTAND THIS...
Don’t buy a putter until you’ve had a chance to throw it.

When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.

Members & Friends

Here is great story.

Lauri Ponikiewski played in the Ann Arbor Women Championship at Leslie Park June 26-27. She won 1st flight champion for the first time! On Saturday, she got lost and couldn’t find the course, for real! She panicked because she thought she’d missed her tee time and be DQed! She finally stopped at gas station and looked at a map showing where the golf course was. Meanwhile, her mom called the clubhouse and explained what happened. When Lauri arrived at the course, Doug Kelly, the Director of Golf, was waiting for her in the parking lot. She had to catch up with her group on 2nd hole and take a 2 stroke penalty on the 1st hole for being late. She was a nervous wreck! If she had been a few more minutes late, she would have been disqualified.

Sunday, Janice Margulies and Lauri were tied for 1st place for 1st flight. Lauri enjoyed competing with Janice. They had a great time. They were neck and neck with each other for sometime, but eventually Lauri won by four strokes. She said they had crazy weather with rain, sun and clouds both Saturday and Sunday. There was a downpour for maybe 3 minutes on Sunday, but luckily, they all finished play before the sky really opened up. What a weekend! LOL!


CONGRATULATIONS also to Judy Figa and Sally Keys, Gold Medal winners in the Michigan Senior Olympics! Their wins entitle them to advance to the Nationals next June in Houston, TX. Judy won her metal in golf for the 70 thru 74 age group. She attended Nationals in San Francisco last year too. Sally and her teammates, the Michigan Motion, won their Gold in volleyball for the 60 thru 64 age group. Way to go ladies!

Several of our members have been placing in the GAM Golf Days this year, even me (Pat Shelton) with a high index. They award gross and net prizes. Michelle Sroka and Sue Merrick have won at more than one event. I believe there are still a few days open. Enter and maybe you’ll be a winner too!

Bell Receives Inaugural Lumpkin Award

By LPGA, July 20, 2010

Daytona Beach, Fla. – Past USGA president Judy Bell has been named the recipient of the inaugural Sherry G. Lumpkin Founders Award. The award is named in honor of Sherry Lumpkin, mother to LPGA-USGA Girls Golf founder and renowned golf teacher Sandy LaBauve.

“I am honored to present the Sherry G. Lumpkin Founders Award to Judy Bell,” said LaBauve, pointing out that Bell initiated the USGA’s support of the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf program in the early 1990s. “Sherry and Judy share the same passion for bringing young girls into the game through fun, camaraderie and teaching life skills. Girls all over the country are thankful for her contributions. Judy is truly a shining star in the growth of girls golf and the perfect recipient for the first Founders Award.”

Established in 2009 – the 20th anniversary of the Girls Golf program – the Sherry G. Lumpkin Founders Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates incredible passion, ongoing commitment and extraordinary dedication to securing the game’s future by cultivating interest among girls in the game of golf.

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Love this story about Phil Mickelson

Editor’s Note: I received this story from a friend who had received it from someone else. We tried to find out who wrote it so that I could give proper credit, but without success. So, to whoever originally wrote this, my apologies for not crediting you. This was so poignant that I wanted to share it with everybody who reads the NEWSLINX. Besides, it’s about my favorite Lefty.

For the past few days, while I tried to enjoy one of the greatest golf tournaments in the world, all I was entertained with was the Tiger Woods show. As soon as one golfer would hit a tee shot or make a putt, it seemed that the next view would be that of Tiger Woods. Tiger Woods just missing a putt that would have put him in contention with the other golfers. Tiger Woods hooking his drive which showed how his time off had hurt his game. Tiger trying to “respect” the game. How it seemed that Tiger was able to put his past transgressions behind him and was able to concentrate on the job at hand. It just kept going on and on about Tiger this and Tiger that.

On the other hand, a little miracle was occurring at the Masters; one golfer just kept smiling. He smiled if he made a good drive, or if he made a bad drive. He smiled if he made a 50 foot putt or missed a 5 foot putt. As he walked between holes, he smiled and shook hands with the crowd. He never cursed a bad stoke or blamed another person for a miss. All he did was smile.

Why would Phil Mickelson be smiling? Here was a man whose wife has breast cancer. Here was a man whose mother has breast cancer. Here is a man who, rather than allow his wife and mother to fight this battle by themselves, took time off from the PGA tour to be with them. Here was a man who returned to the game he loved when his wife ordered him to. Here was a man, who was so glad for the miracle that was happening as his wife moved closer to a cure, that he rewarded her oncologist by allowing him to be his guest caddy at last week’s golf tournament. This move, which could have cost Mickelson thousands of dollars in purse money, was his gift to a man he knew he could never thank enough for what he had given to him.

During the last round today, Phil’s wife was staying in their hotel room since she was still weak from the chemo treatments she is receiving. Phil did not know as he walked up to the 18th tee that his wife would be there. All Phil did was smile. He smiled to the crowds, he smiled to the TV audience, he smiled to God. After his last putt found the bottom of the hole, he hugged his caddy and others and walked to the scorer’s shack. He then gave the biggest smile of the whole four days. He saw his wife, and even in the midst of thousands of people, it seemed that only two were there.

Tomorrow I am going to smile. I am going to smile if it is nice weather or bad. I am going to smile at the driver who honks his horn at me, or the driver who cuts me off. I am going to smile if I get the order or not. And when the day is done, I am going to save my biggest smile for the person who makes me complete. Then I am going to look to the heavens and give thanks for being able to smile.

Thanks Phil! God bless you and your family. And keep on smiling!

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The deadline to enter is 5p.m., August 18, 2010.

To apply and to find a qualifying site near you, please visit www.usga.org.

October 9-14, 2010
2010 USGA Senior Women’s Amateur Championship
Fiddlersick Country Club, Ft. Myers, Fl.
Golf For Old Timers

Four old men went into the pro shop after playing 18 holes of golf. The pro asked, 'Did you guys have a good game today?'

The first old guy said, 'Yes, I had three riders today.'

The second old guy said, 'I had the most riders ever. I had five.'

The third old guy said, 'I had 7 riders, the same as last time.'

The last old man said, 'I beat my old record. I had 12 riders today.'

After they went into the locker room, another golfer who had heard the old guys talking about their game went to the pro and said, 'I've been playing golf for a long time and thought I knew all the terminology of the game, but what's a rider?'

The pro said, 'A rider is when you hit the ball far enough to get in the golf cart and ride to it.'

These greens are so fast I have to hold my putter over the ball and hit it with the shadow. ~ Sam Snead

You can talk to a fade but a hook won't listen. ~ Lee Trevino

The only sure rule in golf is – he who has the fastest cart never has to play the bad lie. ~ Mickey Mantle

The ball retriever is not long enough to get my putter out of the tree. ~ Brian Weis

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Student (age 21 and under, in high school or college) $25 ___
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