



MWGA - A Driving Force In Women's Golf!

NEWSLINX

The purpose of the Michigan Women's Golf Association is to promote knowledge and enjoyment of the game of golf for amateur women golfers by conducting tournaments, educational clinics and other events for the benefit of its members and by actively supporting other events sponsored by organizations in which the Association is a member, such as the USGA and the GAM.

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MWGA Beginner League Planned for '06!

By Linda Neff

Do you have friends that want to learn how to play golf the right way? Have you listened to friends telling you how frustrated and confused they are when their husbands tell them how to play? Then this new league should be just the thing for them!

Where: Fox Hills on the Strategic Fox (par 3 course), Plymouth

Cost: \$150 \$160 (Revised to incl. adm. fee)

Dates: May 1 – June 5, 2006 **Time:** 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Format:

Two 90-minute clinics including full swing and short game topics; instructor to student ratio: 6:1.

Two weeks of play with an instructor per foursome.

Two weeks of play on your own building on the basics you have been taught.

The league will be limited to 12 players so we are sure everyone is able to finish the rounds of golf before it gets dark!

Slots will fill up fast! If you're interested, call me at 248-489-6523 Monday – Friday or 248-661-0082 during the evenings or weekends. This will be strictly first call, first in. Money must be received within 7 days of your phone call or your slot will be given to the next person. I will take standby names in case folks cancel or money is not received.

GAM Rules Seminar a Must

There are 111 changes to the "Decisions on the Rules of Golf" including 37 new decisions. we all realize that knowing the rules will save us strokes and help us avoid penalties. The MWGA is not sponsoring a rules program this year; however, the GAM has two excellent rules seminars. One will be held on Mon., Mar. 6th at Watermark Country Club in Grand Rapids and the other on Tues., Mar. 7th at either Prestwick Village in Highland or Lyon Oaks in Wixom. The seminars consist of a morning and afternoon session with a noted rules expert and a nice lunch. It will be an enjoyable and worthwhile day. Although details are not yet firmed up, please check www.gam.org and www.mwggolf.org for information and registration. If you are the least bit serious about your golf game, you must attend.

Golf Skills Clinic What Can I Do To Improve My Game?

Date: Saturday May 6, 2006

Location: Crystal Mountain Golf School @ Fox Hills Strategic Course, Plymouth

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Cost: \$110 per person

Number of students: Maximum of 40. The student-to-teacher ratio will be 8:1, with an additional staff member handling video analysis

November/December 2005

(Mailed January 2006)

MWGA is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2006. Special events are being planned. Watch for details! Volunteers needed – do your part.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Sara Wold

The Winding, Unwinding Road

For the past 20 years I have been traveling the long winding, unwinding road that unfolds before us as we take this journey together with the MWGA. 2005 marks my 20th anniversary with the USGA Women's Public Links Committee and 2006 will mark the 20th anniversary of the MWGA. It has been a fabulous journey — the challenges, the opportunities, the triumphs and the friendships have been unbelievably exciting and cherishing to me. The wealth of memories will be with me always. As I write this last President's

Corner, I want to sincerely thank each of you for your friendship and your part in the success of the MWGA. You are what make this organization great.

I will remain on the Board and I can assure you that the new President and Board will plan a great year in which we will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the MWGA. Please join in the celebration and do your part, as you always do, to make it fun and successful. I look forward to seeing you all next year.

A Note of Thanks

Once again we are indebted to the Tournament Chairs and golf courses for hosting the last 2 events. Deb Horning was Chair of the 4-Lady Fall Farewell Scramble at Blackheath Golf Course in Rochester Hills and Stonebridge Golf Club in Ann Arbor hosted the 2-Lady Best Ball Fundraiser, which I chaired.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with registration, posting scores and determining the results of the games and the golf. Our tournaments run smoothly and results are determined quickly because so many of our members pitch in and help out.

We want to thank those of you who did special tasks for us. Pat Meyers diligently reports in every newsletter

the results of the Pro Pick Contest. We are grateful to those who have contributed to the *NEWSLINX* — Janina Jacobs and Jackie Odom, and Kris Bennett. We sincerely appreciate all of our sponsors and advertisers, who support us in the many aspects of our service to our members and the golf community. I'm sure I have forgotten someone. Please forgive me.

I am deeply indebted to our dedicated Board members, who devote untold hours of their time and energy to make our events a success. Thanks also to everyone for participating in our events. It has been a very successful year.

Six Candidates Fill 2006 MWGA Board Positions

Remember those six excellent candidates who ran for election to the 2006 MWGA Board? Well, lucky for us the four incumbents (Deb Horning, Linda Neff, Nancy Serra and Susan Wedley) will serve new 3-year terms and the two new candidates (Inez Bridges and Sonia Pysh-Denison) will fill vacancies. Sonia will serve a 3-year term replacing Joan Cleland and Inez a 2-year term replacing Linda Zurek. Sincere thanks to both Joan and Linda for their time and contributions. In fact, we're happy to report that Joan has volunteered to co-chair our 20th anniversary events so we're not losing her help completely.

MATCH PLAY LEAGUE by Sonia Pysh-Denison

The Match Play League is planning on having another fantastic year in 2006. To join the league, all you have to do is complete an MWGA Entry Form at mwgolf.org and mail it with your check for \$50.00 payable to MWGA to

Sonia Pysh-Denison
52448 Southdown Rd.
Shelby Twp., MI 48316

The league consists of four flights with six people per flight, and all levels of play are welcome. This league has become very popular with limited space, so get your check in without delay. We will have a kick-off meeting, including golf, either April 30th or May 7th — to be determined. I will advise all Match Play members of details in advance. Flights will be established by the kick-off meeting, and you can plan on playing a match that day if you choose.

All MWGA members are welcome to join us on any of the scheduled outing days, as you do not have to be part of the league. We have one outing per month during the months of May, June, July and August. The season finale will be in September as an open match play event, where the league finalists will play to determine the Match Play League Champion.

During the season, matches can be played anywhere, any day, at any time, as long as you make arrangements with your match play opponent. You do not have to attend the monthly outing dates to be in the league.

Please feel free to call me at 586-212-6639 or email me at FinalTouchJewelry@comcast.net if you have questions or would like more information.

CLINICS & SEMINARS by Linda Neff

Golf Skills Clinic, Saturday, May 6

Crystal Mountain Golf School @ Fox Hills Strategic Course, Plymouth, MI

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Entry deadline: April 26

Mail registration and check payable to MWGA to:

Linda Neff, 29694 Mayfair Rd., Farmington Hills, MI
48331-2150

Questions: 248-489-6523 (W), 248-661-7053 (H), email
neffl@trinity-health.org

The clinic includes:

- 4 hours of instruction
- Video analysis with take home video tape
- Crystal Mountain Golf School instruction manual
- One round of golf, including cart on Crystal Mountain's Mountain Ridge course (This course is on the *Golf For Women* magazine's list of the Top 50 Golf Courses in the United States. Currently ranked 26th.)

- One round of golf, including cart on Fox Hill's Strategic Fox course, one of the nation's premier par three courses
- Gift package

Instruction will include four stations that each student attends:

1. Full swing with video analysis
2. Club fitting
3. Pitching
4. Chipping

Instructors will include Scott Wilson, PGA Director of Instruction, Brad Dean, PGA Director of Golf, and other PGA/LPGA staff of the Crystal Mountain Golf School. The certificates for golf are valid for the 2006 golf season during any day.

This clinic has been very popular so register early.

2005 TOURNAMENT ANALYSIS by Barbara Porter

The 2005 MWGA golf season can be summed up in one word, hot! The weather, that is. Remembering a rainy 2004 season, the warm temperatures of the summer followed by a balmy fall provided a pleasant venue for our golf events. Too bad the Sugarbush Tournament had to be cancelled due to rain. However, as I recall, most women played elsewhere that very afternoon.

The MWGA hosted seventeen days of golf in 2005 resulting in 753 rounds. If a member played in all our events, their entry expense for the season was \$1,143.00 or approximately \$67.25 per day of golf. (Please refer to our 2005 MWGA Tournament Guidelines published in the March/April 2005 *NEWSLINX* for an explanation of our entry fees.)

At the end of a round, players are asked to complete a course survey and your comments are a valuable tool used to establish criteria for future events. On the average, the courses played in 2005 were well received

by our players with some given very high accolades and only a few had certain aspects that were below our players expectations. By reading all the reviews, I feel our players are a pretty savvy bunch when it comes to golf. All like a good value, and it was interesting that players compared events in the surveys.

Nice clubhouse facilities with adequate bathrooms both in the clubhouse and on the course are important. It is truly a bewilderment to me how upscale courses with high green fees do not provide decent restroom facilities on the course and that seems to be the norm! Perhaps, that is where the budget was cut.

Having adequate space to relax, have a drink or eat after the event was mentioned frequently. I think women are a bit more social than men and like to spend some time after a round of golf interacting.

Our players have a particular attentiveness when it comes to the condition of the greens. Well maintained greens have precedence over the course layout, fairways or rough. Finally, slow play was mentioned quite a few times, and that it is not an acceptable manner of play for our members.

In a season of economic uncertainty, the MWGA fared pretty well. Thanks to all of you for entering our events and for taking the time to respond to the surveys. Your Board will be addressing all of the valid issues for the 2006 season.

Have a prosperous new year and I'll see you on the links next spring!



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RULES R US by Kris Bennett

USGA Revises Rules of Amateur Status for 2006

To understand the significance of what will change as of January 1, 2006, we need to know what the Rule was prior to January 1, 2006. We must also know what is meant by “Rules of Amateur Status” and the definition of an *amateur golfer*.

An *amateur golfer* is one who plays the game as a non-remunerative and non-profit-making sport, and who does not receive remuneration (money) for teaching golf or for other activities because of *golf skill or reputation*, except as provided in the Rules. The reference to Rules in this case refers to the “Rules of Amateur Status,” which you can find on pages 124 through 136 in the 2004-2005 Rules of Golf Book that the MWGA provided you with this past spring. Possessing *golf skill* is acquired by being an *amateur golfer* who has had competitive success at the local level or competes at the national level. *Golf reputation* is acquired through golf skill and does not include prominence for service to the game of golf as an administrator. The USGA has authority to determine whether or not an amateur golfer has golf skill or reputation.

Prior to January 1, 2006 an *amateur golfer* could not accept expenses, in money or otherwise, (excluding a junior golfer) from any source to play in a golf competition or exhibition or to improve golf skill except from a family member/legal guardian in which the money was acquired through their own resources. [NOTE: an *amateur golfer* was/is allowed to accept expenses for competing in several specific scenarios listed on pages 128 thru 133 in the Rules of Golf Book 2004-2005 (for example, competing as a member of an association or club competing against another association or club).

Beginning on January 1, 2006 players of all ages will be able to be reimbursed (by friends and non-family members) for expenses, including airfare, rental car, lodging, meals, tournament entry fee and caddie fees, incurred that are directly attributable to competing in golf tournaments provided that the reimbursement comes through the *amateur golfer’s* state or regional golf association.

Another major change is regarding accepting the prize for that miraculous Hole-in-One made during a golf outing (in which the stipulated round was 9 or 18 holes) in which the prize retailed for more than \$750.00. We all have a friend, or a friend of a friend, who got a Hole-In-One, accepted the automobile, and lost his/her amateur status — don’t we?

Prior to January 1, 2006 an *amateur golfer* who accepted a prize for more than \$750.00 could not play in any amateur golf competitions for net prizes for a minimum of one year, because he/she acted contrary to the “Rules of Amateur Status.” After the waiting period (determined by the USGA) he/she had to apply to the USGA to be reinstated as an *amateur golfer*.

Beginning on January 1, 2006 an *amateur golfer* will not be considered to be acting contrary to the “Rules of Amateur Status” by merely accepting a valuable prize for his/her miracle Hole-in-One made during a golf outing in which the stipulated round was 9 or 18 holes.

As exemplified here, both rules of golf governing bodies (USGA and R&A) continually attempt to make the Rules of Golf more concise, more consistent, and as user-friendly as possible.

GOLFER OF THE YEAR/PLAYER OF THE YEAR by Cynthia Pinkard

2005 GOY TOP 10

Standings through August 27

The Golfer of the Year receives the Sara Wold Trophy which is awarded to the member accumulating the most points by posting the overall lowest gross scores in our individual, two-person best ball and best 2 of 4 events.

Players with a gross score in the top 15 for the event will receive points. At the end of the season, the **five** best events for each player are tallied to determine the winner.

The following are the four best events of these players through August 27. You must wait until the Annual Meeting to know the winner.

Name	Points	Name	Points
Macinkowicz, Sue	1237.5	Waltman, Linda	762.5
Harlukowicz, Joyce	1000.0	Stocker, Darci	700.0
Horning, Deb	987.5	Hill, Cindy	600.0
Vandeputte, Betty	825.0	Kersjes, Jane	600.0
Sroka, Michelle	812.5	Kurtz, Pam	600.0

Note: The WAPL Qualifiers are no longer on the MWGA GOY and POY schedule of events at which points may be earned. The USGA has taken a more active involvement in the qualifiers. In 2005, participation was restricted to those with an 18.4 handicap index or lower. Also, the MWGA is no longer able to run the Age Group tournament within the WAPL Qualifier, and the USGA only allows players that do not belong to a private club to participate. For these

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reasons, all MWGA members are no longer eligible to participate in a qualifier so MWGA is no longer able to award points for participation.

**2005 POY TOP 6 by CLASS
Standings thru August 27**

The Player of the Year is awarded by class to the members who are most supportive of the MWGA by participating in our events and are the higher ranking competitors, by flight, in our tournaments.

This award is intended to recognize members of all skill levels who participate and finish competitively in our tournaments.

CLASS A - Index 9.9 and below	Points	#Events
Macinkowicz, Susan	81	9
Vandeputte, Betty	50	6
Harlukowicz, Joyce	47	6
Bennett, Kris	39	6
Stocker, Darci	32	4
Kurtz, Pam	26	5

CLASS B – Index 10.0 – 19.9		
Sroka, Michelle	78	11
Horning, Debra	71	10
Kersjes, Jane	68	9
Pysh-Denison, Sonia	63	9
Abbeg, Nancy	62	8
Witek, Pat	57	10
CLASS C – Index 20.0 to 29.9		
Pinkard, Cynthia	72	10
Shelton, Pat	60	10
Pringle, Deb	58	9
Pilon, Karen	57	8
Besette, Faye Jones	56	9
Porter, Barbara	56	8
CLASS D – Index 30.0 and above		
Stecher, Karen A.	25	5
Ziemann, Lynn	24	3
Allen, Dorine	19	3
Abdullah, Raida	17	3
Burdziak, Patricia	15	2
Conley, Gail	14	3
Brancheau, Gail	14	3

MEMBERSHIP SNIPPETS by Jane Kersjes

For 2005, we had membership numbers of:

- Senior 131 (17 new)
- Regular 81 (12 new)
- Junior 2 (1 new)
- Board 16

For a total of 231. Those joining after 9/15 are considered '06 members, which include:

- Senior 13 (1 new)
- Regular 11 (8 new)
- Junior 2 (1 new)
- Board 16

I'd like to extend a heartfelt welcome to these new '06 members:

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| Wendy Behnke | Ann Arbor |
| Carol Paprocki | Pinckney |
| Cindy Cook | Ann Arbor |
| Dana Randall | Romulus |
| Wendy Hollman | Novi |
| Kim Samelstad | Kalamazoo |
| Debra Land | Lowell |
| Louisa Shu | West Bloomfield |
| Shelly Manning | Novi |
| Chris Zeigler | Mt. Pleasant |

We are well on our way of matching the 30 new members seen in '05. Most of those were from the Golf Show in the spring where we hope to gain more

members this year. We continue with the \$30 new member discount and our 2 new member contests:

- 1) **\$50 gift certificate** for the member bringing in the most new members
- 2) **FREE '07 membership** from a drawing of all those bringing in new members

I hope everyone had peaceful and inspiring holidays. I look forward to seeing everyone in the spring and hopefully we all will have worked on the New Year's resolution of lowering our handicap!!

One Spot Open for Golf Getaway School

One fun and somewhat serious golfer needed to share a 2-bedroom condo at the Kendall/Janson Golf School at the PGA Village in Port St. Lucie, FL Feb. 22 – 25. Sara Wold, Linda Morton and Linda Behnke are attending a four-day, four-night golf school conducted by Dave Kendall of the Miles of Golf Kendall Academy and Michigan Hall of Famer from Egypt Valley, Lynn Janson. It includes the 2-bedroom condo at the PGA Village, 4 hours of golf instruction 3 mornings at the PGA Learning Center, 4 rounds of golf at the PGA Village or PGA Country Club, 4 breakfasts and 4 lunches. The fee is \$1900/person. A \$350 deposit is required and the remainder due 15 days prior to Feb. 22. Contact Sara at (734) 668-8571 or sara_wold@msn.com for more information.

MWGA
TENTATIVE 2006 TOURNAMENT/EVENT SCHEDULE

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MWGA Events (\$xx Member/\$xx Non-Member)		Entry Deadline 10 Days Prior to All Events Unless Noted	
Date/Time	Event/Fee	Site/Location	Contact
5/6 Sat, 9a – 1p	Golf Skills Clinic Crystal Mtn Golf School @ Fox Hills \$110	Fox Hills GC Plymouth 48170 734-453-7272	Linda Neff, 29694 Mayfair Dr., Farmington Hills 48331-2150, 248-661-0082, neffl@trinity-health.org
5/13 Sat, 11a	Annual Meeting and Lunch \$	Golden Fox GC Plymouth 48170 734-453-7272	Cynthia Pinkard, 26201 Castlestone Dr., Southfield 48076-4707, 248-557-8171, czpinkard@aol.com
5/13 Sat, 1:30p Shotgun	4-Woman Spring Scramble Member/Guest golf/cart/range	Golden Fox GC @ Fox Hills 734-453-7272	68.5/112, 5040 yds
TBD	Match Play Golf and Meeting	TBD	Sonia Pysh-Denison, 52448 Southdown, Shelby Twp 48316, 586-212-6639, finaltouchjewelry@comcast.net
5/20 Sat, 10a Tee Times	Best 2 of 4 golf/cart/range	Rattle Run St. Clair 48079 810-329-2070	69.5/117, 5031 yds
6/3, 6/4 Sat – Sun	2-Day 4-Woman Event golf/cart/range/extra amenities Sunday lunch	Lakewood Shores Oscoda 48750	Blackshire 67.5/109, 5323 yds (Women's Forward), Seradella 70.1/116, 5295 yds
6/17 Sat, 10a Tee times	President's Stroke Play Tournament golf/cart/range	Indian Springs Metro White Lake 48386 248-625-6639	Nancy Serra, 8520 Englewood Dr., Clarkston 48346-1161, 248-625-8705, nserra@comcast.net, 70.1/114, 5425 yds
7/8 Sat, 9a Shotgun	2-Woman Scramble golf/cart/range/continental breakfast	Sugarbush GC Davison 48423 810-653-3326	70.3/127, 5034yds
7/22, 7/23 Sat–Sun, 8a Tee Times	2-Day State Championship golf/range/continental brkfst each day Sunday luncheon/awards ceremony	Lake Forest GC Ann Arbor 48103 734-994-8580	71.9/124, 5413yds
7/30 Sun	SPECIAL EVENT 20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner	Washtenaw CC Ypsilanti 48197 734-434-2150	Nancy Serra, 248-625-8705, nserra@comcast.net Jane Kersjes, 734-420-0854 kersjesj@dteenergy.com
7/31 Mon 9a Shotgun	SPECIAL EVENT 20th Anniversary Celebration Scramble golf/cart/range/continental brkft/lunch	Washtenaw CC Ypsilanti 48197 734-434-2150	Sara Wold, 734-668-8571, sara_wold@msn.com; Barbara Porter, 248-624-2835, ultrablpl@aol.com 72.5/130, 5712 yds
8/12 Sat 8:30a Mod Shotgun	2-Woman Best Ball golf/range/cart	Farmington Hills GC Farm Hills 48335 248-476-5910	
8/21 Mon, 9a Shotgun	2-Woman Event golf/cart/range/luncheon	Huntmore Golf Club Brighton 48114 810-225-2477	71.3/124, 5269 yds
9/9 Sat, 9a Tee Times	Best 2 of 4 Golf/cart	Springfield Oaks GC Davisburg 48350 248-625-2540	68.1/114, 4911 yds
9/23, 9/24 Sat am T Times Sun 9a Shotgun	2-Day / 2-Person Best Ball golf/cart/range Sunday luncheon	The Fortress Frankenmuth 48734 Apple Mountain GC Freeland 48623	68.8/124, 4837 yds 69.6/127, 4966 yds
TBD	Match Play Championship	TBD	Sonia Pysh-Denison, 52448 Southdown, Shelby Twp 48316, 586-726-9663, finaltouchjewelry@comcast.net
9/30 Sat, 1:30p Shotgun	4-Woman Fall Farewell Scramble golf/cart/range	Boulder Pointe GC Oxford 48371 248-969-1500	71.4/127, 5354 yds

Junior (up to age 17) tournaments and tournaments with junior divisions are highlighted.

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WAPL Women's Amateur Public Links GAM Golf Association of Michigan		US or USGA United States Golf Association	
Date/Time	Event	Site/Location	Contact
5/15 Mon	US Women's Open Local Qualifier Entries close 5/3, Hdcp. limit 4.4	Chicago, IL	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
5/21 Sun	MI Hall of Fame Golf Outing and Induction Ceremony	Indianwood G&CC, Lake Orion 48361, 248-693-8049	Loretta Larkin, 248-719-0650, llarkin@michigan-golf-foundation.com
TBD	WAPL Sectional, West Michigan Entries close 5/10, Hdcp. limit 18.4 www.usga.org		Lori Stinson, GVSU, 4645 W. Campus Dr., Allendale 49401, 616-331-3082, stinsonl@gvsu.edu
5/30 Tu www.usga.org	WAPL Sectional, Detroit Metro Entries close 5/10, Hdcp. limit 18.4	Huron Meadows Metro Park, Brighton.48116	Sara Wold, 2050 Yorktown, Ann Arbor 48105, 734-668-8571, sara_wold@msn.com
6/5 Mon	US Women's OpenSectional Qualifier Hdcp. limit 4.4, Entries close 5/3	Knollwood CC W. Bloomfield 48322	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
6/5-8 Mon-Th	GAM MI Women's Sr. Amateur Entries close 5/17, Hdcp. limit 25.4	Michaywe, The Pines Gaylord 49735	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
6/13-14 Tu-Wed	GAM Women's Mid-Amateur Entries close 5/24, Hdcp. limit 20.0	Plum Hollow CC Southfield 48034	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
6/20-25 Tu-Sun	US WAPL Championship Qualifiers only, Entries close 5/10	Walking Stick GC Pueblo, CO	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
6/21 Wed	US Girls Jr. Amateur Qualifier Entries close 5/31, Hdcp. limit 18.4	Edgewood CC Commerce Twp 48382	Linda Lester, 313-886-6416 USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
6/24-25 Sat-Sun	Western MI Women's Best Ball cooknook@netonecom.net	Cadillac CC, Cadillac 49601, 231-775-9442	Jane Cook, 115 Kimel, Cadillac 49601, 231-779-1655
6/27-29 Tu-Th	GAM MI Jr. Girls Championship Entries close 6/7	Egypt Valley CC Ada 49301, 616-676-3989	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
6/29-7/2 Th-Sun	US Women's Open Qualifiers only. Entries close 5/3	Newport CC Newport, RI	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
7/10 Mon	US Women's Amateur Qualifier Entries close 6/21, Hdcp. limit 5.4	Cincinnati, OH	USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
7/10-14 Mon-Fri	GAM MI Women's Amateur Entries close 6/21, Hdcp. Limit 15.4	Barton Hills CC Ann Arbor 48105	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org MI residents only
7/12 Wed	GAM Net Team Chmshp Qualifier Entries close 6/28, Hdcp. Limit 36.4	Gowanie GC Mt. Clemens 48046	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
7/17-22 Mon-Sat	US Girls Jr. Amateur Qualifiers only, Entries close 5/31	Carmel CC Charlotte, NC	Linda Lester, 313-886-6416 USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
7/18 Tu	GAM Net Team Chmshp Qualifier Entries close 6/28, Hdcp. Limit 36.4	Arbor Hills CC Jackson 49201	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
7/24 Mon	GAM Net Team Chmshp Qualifier Entries close 6/28, Hdcp. Limit 36.4	Tanglewood GC South Lyon 48178	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
8/7 Mon	GAM MI Net Amateur Chmpshp Qualifier Entries close 7/19, Hdcp. limit 34.4	Salem Hills GC Northville 48167	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
8/7-13 Mon-Sun	US Women's Amateur Entries close 6/21, Hdcp. limit 5.4	Pumpkin Ridge GC North Plains, OR	USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org Qualifiers only
8/8 Tu	GAM MI Net Amateur Chmpshp Qualifier Entries close 7/19, Hdcp. limit 34.4	Greystone GC Romeo 48095	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
8/15-16 Tu-Wed	GAM Women's Championship Entries close 7/26, Hdcp. limit 15.4	Pine Lake CC Orchard Lake 48324	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
8/21 Mon	GAM MI Net Amateur Chmpshp Qualifier Entries close 7/19, Hdcp. limit 34.4	Gull Lake CC Richland 49083	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
8/28-29 Mon-Tu	GAM Women's Senior Entries close 8/9, Hdcp. limit 25.4	Treetops-Smith Tradition Gaylord 49735	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org Qualifiers only
9/5 Tu	GAM 2-Person Net Team Championship Entries close 6/28, Hdcp. limit 36.4	The Tribute, Otsego Club Gaylord 49735	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
9/7 Th	US Sr. Women's Qualifier Entries close 8/16, Hdcp. limit 18.4	Grosse Ile G&CC Grosse Ile 48138	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org

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WAPL, GAM, USGA and Other Events

WAPL Women's Amateur Public Links GAM Golf Association of Michigan	US or USGA United States Golf Association		
Date/Time	Event	Site/Location	Contact
9/12-13 Tu-Wed	GAM MI Net Amateur Championship Entries close 7/19	Great Oaks GC Rochester 48307	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org Qualifiers only
9/16-17 Sat-Sun	Atlas Cup Matches	Angels Crossing GC Vicksburg 49097	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
9/21 Th	US Women's Mid-Amateur Qualifier Entries close 8/23, Hdcp. limit 9.4	Barton Hills CC Ann Arbor 48105	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
10/2 Mon	GAM Chrysler Club Championship Entries close	Eagle Eye GC Hawk Hollow, Bath 48808	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org GAM Club Champions only
10/7-12 Sat-Th	US Women's Senior Amateur Qualifiers only, Entries close 8/16	Sea Island GC St. Simons Island, GA	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
10/21-26 Sat-Th	US Women's Mid-Amateur Qualifiers only, Entries close 8/23	Old Waverly GC West Point, MS	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org

Junior (up to age 17) tournaments and tournaments with junior divisions are highlighted.

TRAVEL by Sara Wold

No Rain in Spain

Packing your golf clubs on a trip to Spain is a must. Before I left, I checked out the golf courses in Spain in a *Golf Digest* supplement, *The World's Greatest Golf*, and on the web. I actually made a tee time for Valderrama Golf Club, which is among the top 100 in the world, #1 in Spain, host to the 1997 Ryder Cup and home of the Volvo Masters Championship. It is a RT Jones design. Before I could get a tee time, I had to fax them a record of my club membership and handicap. The maximum handicap for a woman was 34. It cost much more than I ever thought I would pay for a round of golf, but it was a once in a lifetime opportunity. It was a fabulous golf course and in impeccable condition. I played with two nice gentlemen from Ireland and we had a great time. I was inspired to play well. The distance was 4873 meters (add 10% more to figure yards) and the rating and slope were 73.2/133 for the forward tees.

I also played the #2 course in Spain, Sotogrande, also an RT Jones design. It cost about \$152 and was another wonderful course in great condition. As I, a single female player, walked up to the starter, he put a slow play tag on my cart. I guess if I didn't keep up, I would be invited off the course. The two gentlemen I was paired with were on the tee and, when they came off, they didn't even introduce themselves. One said, "I'm a two and he is a one," as if to imply maybe I should wait and play with someone else. Of course, that didn't deter me. I walked up to the forward tee and, thank goodness, hit a great shot right up the middle. I parred the hole; one man also got a par and the other a bogey. That sort of got their attention and they introduced themselves. I continued to play well, and at the third hole, one of them asked me what my handicap

was and I replied a 20 and he replied they must figure handicaps differently in the States! About the 5th hole, the ranger took the slow play tag off my cart; so guess I was finally accepted. The two gentlemen were from Great Britain and turned out to be nice after all and we had a lot of laughs and good conversation. The course played to 5147 meters and 72.1/125 from the forward tees.

I played Alhaurin Golf Course (\$108), which was on a mountaintop. It is a Seve Ballesteros design and I can't even imagine how it was constructed. The cart paths had speed bumps on them and once you hit a ball over the edge, you could hear it bounce all the way down. It had a fabulous 360 degree view and one could see for miles and miles. I played Marbella Country Club (\$146), which was hilly and had a lot of elevated tees and greens. I also played Los Olivos, a RT Jones course, which was a public course, and I played with 3 people from Norway. It cost about \$82 without a cart. Most players walked — even the mountain course.

I went to Spain with Soon Hartman, my Net Team partner, and a non-golfer, Carol Erb. We had a two-bedroom time share, with a kitchen and laundry, which was right on the Mediterranean Sea. We had an 8-hour layover in Paris and took a bus tour of the city. We flew into Malaga and stayed near Marbella. We took day tours of Seville, Grenada, Rond and Tangiers. We didn't miss much and had fun shopping, especially in the old town areas, and sampling different food and desserts. The weather was a perfect sunny 75 – 80 degrees every day. Southern Spain is a wonderful place to spend a vacation.

RESULTS

Four-Lady Fall Farewell Scramble at Blackheath, October 1

By Deb Horning

It was a beautiful fall afternoon as the sun was shining and the weather was perfect. A field of eighty-four strong had their carts loaded and ready to go for a 1:30 shotgun start on holes 1 through 12. But wait, the outing ahead of us was only on the 11th hole! The course graciously moved one of the foursomes from ahead of us so we could get started. Our apologies for a 3-hour first 9; however, after the outing finished, the course was ours. The group I was in had to move quickly the last nine holes in order to keep up. Talk about adjusting your pace of play.

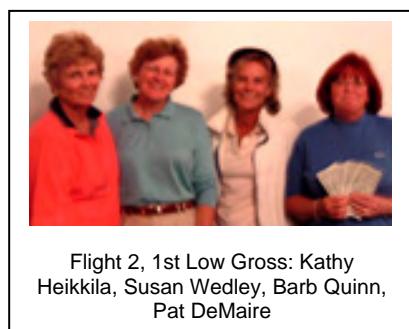
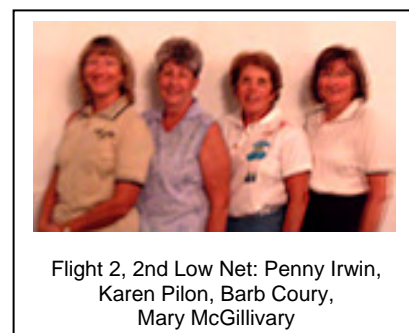
The chicken dinner afterwards was a hit — thank you Nancy Serra for organizing that. I'd also like to thank all the other volunteers including Susie Burns, Pat Shelton, Faye Bessette, Pat Kurtz, Penny Irwin, Karen Pilon, Barb Coury, Deb Pringle, Pat DeMaire and Cynthia Pinkard — and all those I forgot to mention.

We had 7 of the 13 guests take advantage of our membership special and become members that day. Full field results can be seen on our website at MWGOLF.org. Here are the winners:

		Gross	Net
First Flight			
1st low gross	Kris Bennett, Dee Klockow	63	56
	Susie Burns, Nancy Serra		
2nd low gross	Wendy Behnke, Judy Hamilton	66	59
	Linda Morton, Rebecca Byam		
1st low net	Diane Kurtz, Sue Madej	65	57
	Terry MacPherson, Rose Devine		
2nd low net	Sue Dorr, Deb Hoenscheid	66	57
	Shelly Manning, Wendy Hollman		
Second Flight			
1st low gross	Kathy Heikkila, Susan Wedley	69	59
	Barb Quinn, Gail Conley		
2nd low gross	Terry Deisler, Pat Meyers	71	61
	Carol Hanchett-Card, Pat DeMaire		
1st low net	Darla Matthews, Mary Eva	71	61
	Sharon Nolan, Kathy Brennan		
2nd low net	Karen Pilon, Mary McGillivray	75	61
	Barb Coury, Penny Irwin		

Contest Winners

- Closest to flag # 7 Judy Hamilton, Fran Wade, Lynn Ziemann
- Closest to flag #15 Kris Bennett, Terry MacPherson, Penny Irwin
- Longest drive #18 Sam Greaves, Lee Erfourth, Lu Stockton
- Chip-ins Dominie Wojtowicz, Wendy Hollman, Shelly Manning
Judy Hamilton, Wendy Behnke, Nancy Abbeg, Barb Quinn



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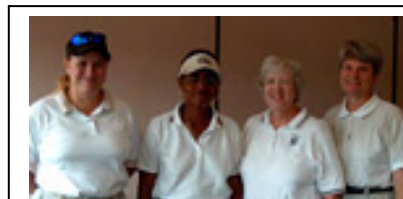
RESULTS

2-Lady Best Ball at Stonebridge, October 5

By Sara Wold

Wednesday, October 5th at Stonebridge was a perfect warm and sunny fall golf day. A delicious lunch was served following play, while the results were tabulated. I would like to thank everyone who helped with registration and scoring. We had a small, but competitive field. First place teams in both flights were:

Flight 1	1 LG	Michelle Sroka and Cynthia Pinkard	78
	1 LN	Terry Deisler and Pat Meyers	63
Flight 2	1 LG	Sonia Pysh-Denison and Pat Burdziak	88
	1 LN	Monica Oliver and Shirley Seymour	67



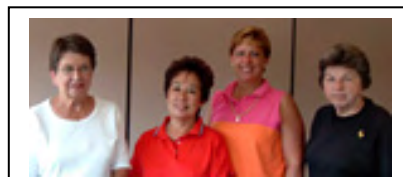
Flight 1, 1st LG: Michelle Sroka and Cynthia Pinkard; 1st LN: Pat Meyers and Terry Deisler

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Flight 2, 1st LN: Shirley Seymour and Monica Oliver; 1st LG: Sonia Pysh-Denison and Pat Burdziak

MWGA PICK-A-PRO CONTEST *by Pat Meyers*

Pick your team of four LPGA pro golfers from the following lists. Select one player from each of the four groups and enter her name in the space provided on your entry form. Teams will be ranked on combined tour earnings through October 16, 2006. Highest score wins. The winner will receive a free MWGA membership for year 2006. **Entries must be received by January 31, 2006.**

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|--|---|--|--|
| <p>A</p> <p>Annika Sorenstam
 Paula Creamer
 Cristie Kerr
 Lorena Ochoa
 Jeong Jang
 Natalie Gulbis
 Meena Lee
 Hee-Won Han
 Gloria Park
 Catriona Matthew
 Candie Kung
 Marisa Baena
 Birdie Kim</p> | <p>B</p> <p>Soo-Yun Kang
 Lorie Kane
 Heather Bowie
 Wendy Ward
 Pat Hurst
 Christina Kim
 Rosie Jones
 Carin Koch
 Liselotte Neumann
 Mi-Hyun Kim
 Juli Inkster
 Michele Redman
 Jennifer Rosales</p> | <p>C</p> <p>Karrie Webb
 Sophie Gustafson
 Young Kim
 Karine Icher
 Laura Davies
 Nicole Perrot
 Rachel Hetherington
 Grace Park
 Jill McGill
 Shi Hyun Ahn
 Stacy Prammanasudh
 Laura Diaz
 Jimin Kang</p> | <p>D</p> <p>Leta Lindley
 Karen Stupples
 Moira Dunn
 Sung Ah Yim
 Angela Stanford
 Kim Saiki
 Dorothy Delasin
 Young Jo
 Tina Barrett
 Beth Daniel
 Joo Mi Kim
 Maria Hjorth
 Other:</p> |
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Your team's progress will be tracked in the *NEWSLINX*. Leaders and winners will be based on the LPGA official events. So fill out your entry today. There is a \$5.00 fee for processing, handling and tracking entries. Funds not used for the contest will go to sponsor future MWGA events.

See the next page for the entry form.

MWGA PICK-A-PRO CONTEST by Pat Meyers

Final Results as of 10/17/05

Member	Earnings	Pro Picks
1 Shelly Weiss**	\$4,703,161	Sorenstam, Kung, Gloria Park, Gulbis
2 Pat Meyers	4,697,068	Sorenstam, Hurst, Davies, Creamer
3 Pat Shelton	4,339,444	Sorenstam, Matthew, Gloria Park, Bowie
4 Jane Cook	4,043,761	Sorenstam, Kane, Gloria Park, Young Kim
5 Nancy Serra	3,908,696	Sorenstam, Diaz, Gloria Park, Kang
6 Judy Figa	3,837,273	Sorenstam, Christina Kim, Gloria Park, Young Kim
7 Ruth Wilson	3,542,087	Sorenstam, Christina Kim, Ward, Delasin
8 Pat DeMaire	3,256,064	Ochoa, Ahn, Gloria Park, Gulbis
9 Deb O'Hara	3,046,711	Sorenstam, Hurst, Robbins, Delasin
10 Sara Wold	3,001,450	Sorenstam, Christina Kim, Prammanasudh, Jeon
11 Nancy Abbeg	2,399,272	Grace Park, Christina Kim, Song, Creamer

****2005 Winner**

A	Sorenstam	\$2,205,104
	Ochoa	1,180,432
	Grace Park	318,789
B	Kung	\$726,667
	Matthew	713,801
	Kane	644,431
	Hurst	599,084
	Christina Kim	437,943
	Diaz	334,671
	Ahn	304,242
C	Gloria Park	\$790,462
	Ward	656,517
	Davies	425,376
	Prammanasudh	329,996
	Song	175,036
	Robbins	0
D	Creamer	\$1,467,504
	Gulbis	980,928
	Bowie	630,077
	Kang	578,459
	Young Kim	403,764
	Delasin	242,523
	Jeon	28,407

FOLLOW THE LPGA AND SEND IN YOUR ENTRY TODAY!

Following are my team picks from the list on page 10:

A _____
 B _____
 C _____
 D _____

Tie Breaker

(Winner of U.S. Women's Open):

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Address _____

Only one entry per person.

Make checks payable to MWGA.

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This past October **Toni Tront** was named Volunteer of the Week in the *Detroit Free Press* for her work at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Other organizations Toni volunteers at include the Detroit Zoo, Detroit Historical Society, Red Cross and League of Women Voters. No wonder she received recognition! How does she find time for golf?
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Our deepest sympathy to **Sara Wold**; her brother David Illsley died suddenly on December 12 in California. We also extend our condolences to **Valerie Madill Gibbs** whose mother, Norma Madill, passed away on December 9.

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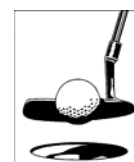
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