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2006 Michigan Golf Show Volunteers Needed

By Inez M. Bridges

Calling all volunteers to help “woman” the MWGA booth at the **2006 Michigan Golf Show March 10-12 at the Rock Financial Expo Center in Novi**. The Michigan Golf Show is the largest golf show in the country, covering more than 200,000 square feet and featuring 450 exhibitors. In 2005, over 32,000 people attended the show.

With all that activity, boredom is not an option, folks. Meet, greet and help drive the MWGA’s message to this captured golfing audience *and*, most importantly, to potential members. We’ll distribute the *NEWSLINX*, membership applications, sell ball marker clips as well as

promote our 20th Anniversary events. This could be the perfect venue to pick up a couple of sponsors. **FREE ADMISSION, FREE PARKING and BUCKETS OF FUN!** When you’re done, you’re free to enjoy the show on your own. What more can you ask of a winter weekend in Michigan?

Calling all volunteers to help “woman” the MWGA booth at the 2006 Michigan Golf Show.

Show hours are 2pm – 9pm Friday, 9am – 8pm Saturday and 10am – 5pm Sunday. We’re looking at 25 hours that we

need volunteers for our booth. You may select your preferred hours (minimum of two) and days. So check your Franklin, your BlackBerry or your calendar and call today to reserve the time slot of your choice. They should go quickly! Plan to join us and have fun at the 2006 Michigan Golf Show in March.

For more information and to sign up, contact me,

Inez Bridges
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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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Looking for MWGA Memorabilia

By Dorine Allen

We are planning a display in celebration of MWGA’s 20th Anniversary. It will be set up at the July 30th dinner to be held at Washtenaw Country Club in

Ypsilanti. We are in need of pictures, articles, awards and other items of past events, achievements and previous anniversaries. If you have items to loan for this occasion or

know of someone who may have items of interest, please contact Dorine Allen @ Dorall52@aol.com. Thank you!

New Year, New Look

This issue of the *NEWSLINX* introduces a new style and page format implemented to make the newsletter more print, electronic and, hopefully, reader friendly. I’d love to hear what you think – plshelton@yahoo.com. We’re always open for suggestions.

Visit us at the Michigan Golf Show March 10-12 at the Rock Financial Expo Center in Novi. We’ll be set up in the Crystal Mountain space. Go to www.michigangolfshow.com for the location.

Special points of interest:

- *Golf Skills Clinic, new Beginner League and Match Play League all May events — pages 3 & 4*
- *Find additional leagues to play on this summer — pages 8 & 9*
- *The Sponsorship Committee needs your help — page 10*

Think Spring, Think Golf!

Decades Fly By

To serve again as your president is a responsibility I respect and embrace. With your help our organization will continue to develop and grow and offer what you're



looking for in the sport of golf. This is a particularly exciting time in our history as it is the 20th anniversary of the MWGA. We have big plans for this coming year and need all the volunteers we can get to pull it off. So don't be shy and don't wait, contact either Pat Shelton or Joan Cleland right away.

There has been a dramatic change in our organization since 1986, and I'm proud to say I was a

member that year and every year since. Among our achievements *Golf for Women* magazine voted MWGA the best women's golf organization in the United States! I would dare to say, if they ran another competition for that title, we would win again.

There has also been as much change in my golf game. I'm sure that without the influence of the MWGA my game wouldn't have progressed nearly as much as it has. Attending the skills and rules clinics and competing in match play and in tournaments has definitely had a positive influence. I can safely say, if a woman wants to improve her golf game, it would behoove her to join us. But you know that, so

now go tell all your friends.

Speaking of knowing that, often what you read in the *NEWSLINX* is repeated information. We can't forget that we are constantly acquiring new members who may be unaware of how we distribute prize money, for instance, or the way we calculate handicaps for our various competitions. Even the dress code we support bears repeating from time to time. So if you begin to read an article that to you is old news, skip it and go on to the next. We strive to keep everyone informed and still provide something for all.

Handifacts *by Deb Pringle*

In Michigan the golf season officially ended on October 31st. This means that if you played golf after this date in Michigan, those scores are not to be posted for handicap purposes. However, if you play any rounds in a state that the golf season is still active between November 1st 2005 and March 29th 2006 those scores should be posted for handicap purposes. If you are not posting over the internet then mail me those scores with dates and other required information along with the state in which you played. The scores will appear in your record at the start of next golf season.

For the most part last season score posting was done within the required time periods by our members, however, there are still a few

of you that need to get on top of posting your scores. The requirements are posting of rounds played in the specified posting period. If a player misses two consecutive posting periods then that player will play at 85% of the last known index, when playing in MWGA tournaments. The cards that are sent to you have dates on them and the dates for the posting periods are also on our website. If you have scores that you didn't post for this season please post them, or mail them to me for posting. Again they will not appear in your record until the beginning of next season.

Changes regarding handicaps for 2006 season. The USGA has mandated that each course/club that administers the handicap sys-

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tem must have at least one certified member by December 2005. If a course/club is not certified by December 2005, that course/club will no longer be authorized to administer the USGA Handicap System.

If you post through an organization other than the MWGA make sure that organization or club is certified. You can do this by going to the GAM website where it lists all certified organizations. The MWGA has been in compliance with this since 2003 and we have two certified members for our organization.

ADVERTISE IN THE NEWSLINX 2006 INSERTION RATES AND COPY DEADLINES

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Copy deadline 1st of the first month of issue in which ad is to appear. Advertise in all 6 issues and pay in advance to receive a 10% discount. Rates are for camera-ready ads. For an additional fee, we will design your ad, compose text, and/or add art.

Contact Pat Shelton 248.471.9030, plshelton@yahoo.com for details.

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.

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:

- Full swing with video analysis
- Club fitting
- Pitching
- 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.



MWGA Leagues

Beginner League *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: \$160 (Revised to include admin. fee)

Dates: May 1 – June 5, 2006

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Entry deadline: April 14

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

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.

Members & Friends

Congratulations to the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame inductees, four of whom were nominated by the MWGA: **Jeanne Myers**, USGA rules official, current and first female president of the GAM; **Raymond Bolo**, retired Western G&CC head pro; **Thomas Chisholm**, promoter of research, education and improvement of playing conditions; **John Grace**, decorated amateur golfer; **John Morse**, professional golfer. Induction ceremony will follow the golf outing May 21 at Indianwood G&CC.

Call 248-719-0650 to attend.

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Our sincere condolences to **Valerie Madill**, whose father James passed away in January shortly after her mother.

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We wish a speedy recuperation to **Nancy Abbeg**, **Sue Macinkowicz**, **Ann Burney** and **Faye Bessette's** husband, Greg.

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Congrats to **Debbie Williams-Hoak**, the new head pro at Lake Forest GC.

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Lori Stinson, GVSU Women's Golf Coach,

and **Sarah Brown**, a protégé of **Adrienne Danzeisen-Clor**, were inducted into the Tri-State U Hall of Fame. Lori coached the Tri-State Women's Golf Team to the Division III Championship and Sarah was named All-American that year.

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Becky Iverson won an exempt status in the LPGA at the final LPGA Q-School. Earning a non-exempt status were MSU players **Stacy Snider**, **Allison Fouch** and **Sarah Martin**.



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Match Play League *by Sonia Pysh-Denison*

The Match Play League will be having another fabulous year in 2006. To reserve your spot for the 2006 season, just follow the four-step process below. But don't delay or you could be missing out on an incredible opportunity.

- Complete MWGA Entry Form
- Mail a check for \$50.00 made out to MWGA to:
Sonia Pysh-Denison
52448 Southdown Rd.
Shelby Twp., MI 48316
- Confirm if you will be attending the May 7th Kick-Off
 - ⇒ Golf – Yes or No?
 - ⇒ Meeting – Yes or No?
- Wait in anticipation of the most awesome experience since the 2005 Match Play League!

The league format will be identical to the 2005 format. There will be 24 members, with the option to add in groups of four, one for each of the four flights. We welcome all levels of play. Last year there was a waiting list, so this year make sure

you sign up immediately to reserve your place on the league.

The kick-off meeting and golf will be on Sunday, May 7th at The Orchard's Golf Club in Washington. You will definitely want to mark your calendars and save the date. I was able to get a rate of \$40 for golf with cart which is next to impossi-

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ble at the Orchards, as the normal weekend season rate is \$85. Payment for golf and cart is to be made at the course. The meeting will start at 11:00 am in the clubhouse private meeting room. Orders for lunch will be taken and paid individually, but served all at the same time during the meeting. Tee times will follow beginning at 1:12 pm. Confirmation for golf is required. Flights

will be established by the kick-off meeting and you can plan on playing a match should you choose.

All MWGA members are welcome to join us on any of the outing days; you do not have to be part of the league. There will be one outing per month for May, June, July, August and September, not including the May 7th kick-off meeting and golf. The season finale will be on Sunday, September 10, 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 outing dates to be in the league.

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

2006 Season At-A-Glance *by Barbara Porter, Course Coordinator*

The 2006 MWGA Tournament Schedule begins with the Annual Meeting and Spring Member-Guest Scramble at the Golden Fox; always an enjoyable course with a hospitable staff. Other favorites on tap this season are Rattle Run, Indian Springs Metropark, Sugarbush, Springfield Oaks and Boulder Ponte.

With the assistance of Gilda Johnson at Lake Forest in Ann Arbor, the MWGA was able to "step up" our 2-Day State Championship and provide continental breakfast both days and hors d'oeuvres and dinner on Sunday along with the Awards Ceremony — Okay, so maybe not escargot, but something to satiate the appetite until the balance of the field completes their respective rounds. The State Championship is

MWGA's premier tournament, and we are proud that our players will have a first rate event at an affordable price.

New courses for some of our one-day events in 2006 are Farmington Hills Golf Course and the Huntmore Golf Club. With the completion of an additional nine holes, the City of Farmington Hills has a real gem of a course, extremely playable for women of all handicaps. The Huntmore Golf Club in Brighton has new management and is eager to please our gals. This may be the best value on our schedule and, with all the positive changes made to course, should prove to be a great day.

Our first 2-Day event of the season, the 2-Day 4-Woman, will find us in Oscoda at Lakewood Shores

Resort, a wonderful weekend with a most gracious staff that has been hoping for years to host the MWGA. With all the bonus activities planned, this is sure to be a winner!

In the fall, we will be playing The Fortress and Apple Mountain for our 2-Day 2-Person Best Ball. With those courses combined with your favorite male or female partner, how can you go wrong?

Watch for details on all these events in our upcoming *NEWSLINX*, at www.mwggolf.org or you can always contact me. So, mark the dates listed in the 2006 Tournament/Event Schedule on your calendar. The MWGA hopes to see a lot of you this coming golf season!



Believe It or Not!

Here's an item for the female athlete who has everything — including tan lines where her golf, tennis or running socks end: The Tootsie Tanner. It's a small tanning bed — it kind of looks like a George Foreman Grill — to use on feet and ankles for those times you switch to more fashionable shoes. It goes for about \$200.



Funny Things Happen on the Golf Course

- A woman walked up to Charles Howell II at Baltusrol Golf Club and said, “How do you pronounce your last name?” Howell said: “Howell. It’s a tough one.” Obviously, she thought he was somebody else but not sure who.
- At one of the major championships at Baltusrol, a fan arrived at the course with golf clubs early in tournament week. Asked what he thought he was doing, the man said, “Somebody gave me tickets to a practice round.”
- At the PGA Tour qualifying school a few years ago, a man shot over 100 in the first round. The PGA Tour, after an inquiry, refunded the man’s \$3,000 entry fee. The golfer thought he had signed up for a weeklong golf school, not realizing that qualifying school is for PGA Tour aspirants, not beginners.

8/14/05 *The Detroit News*, *Behind the Scenes*

Rules R Us *by Sara Wold*

New Rules May Impact Your Game

I've recently returned from the PGA/USGA Rules Workshop and have a renewed appreciation and knowledge of the Rules of Golf. There are 111 new and revised decisions this year. Some are related to situations that I hope you never find yourself facing, but some could have an impact on your game.

Decision 4-3/1 discusses the meaning of damage sustained in the “normal course of play.” This is important to know because it will determine if a damaged club can be repaired or replaced. If it is damaged other than in the normal course of play, for instance in anger, it must not be used or replaced during the round.

A club is unfit for play if it is substantially damaged such as the shaft is dented, significantly bent or broken into pieces, the clubhead becomes loose, detached or significantly deformed, or the grip becomes loose. A club is not unfit for

play solely because the club's lie or loft has been altered, or the club-head is scratched.

Examples of acts in the “normal course of play” are:

- Making a stroke, practice swing, or practice stroke
 - Removing or replacing a club in the bag
 - Using a club to search for or retrieve a ball
 - Leaning on a club while waiting to play, teeing a ball, or removing a ball from the hole
 - Accidentally dropping a club
- Examples of acts not in the “normal course of play”
- Throwing a club in anger or otherwise
 - Slamming a club into the bag
 - Intentionally striking something like the ground or a tree with the club other than during a stroke, practice swing or practice stroke

Here is a short rules quiz concerning clubs. The answers are on page 10.

1. A player leaves a putt about an inch short of the hole. In disgust, he hits his shoe with the head of the putter. The impact bends the neck of the putter, changing its playing characteristics. The player then holes the short putt with the putter. He is penalized two strokes. T or F
2. A player uses his club as a cane while climbing a hill and the shaft breaks. He replaces the club without penalty. T or F
3. A player who starts his round with 14 clubs lost his wedge and replaced it at the turn. He is not penalized. T or F
4. In stroke play, a competitor broke a club in anger and finished the round with 13 clubs. He was in a playoff and replaced his broken club without penalty. T or F



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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
5/7 Sun	Match Play 11a Meeting 1:12p Golf tee times \$40	The Orchards GC Washington 48094 586-786-7200	Sonia Pysh-Denison, 52448 Southdown, Shelby Twp 48316, 586-212-6639, finaltouchjewelry@comcast.net
5/13 Sat, 11a	Annual Meeting and Lunch	Golden Fox GC Plymouth 48170 734-453-7272	Cynthia Pinkard, 26201 Castleton 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	Jackie McFarlane, 35215 Richland St., Livonia 48150-2656, 586-438-9602, jmfarlane03@aol.com , 68.5/112, 5040 yds
5/20 Sat, 10a Tee Times	Best 2 of 4 golf/cart/range	Rattle Run St. Clair 48079 810-329-2070	Susan Wedley, PO Box 1549, Royal Oak 48068- 1549, 248-435-0190, susan@home.msen.com , 69.5/117, 5031 yds
5/27 Sat	Match Play	TBD	Sonia Pysh-Denison
6/3, 6/4 Sat – Sun	2-Day/4-Woman Event golf/cart/range/extra amenities Sunday lunch	Lakewood Shores Oscoda 48750	Barbara Porter, 1448C Hidden Meadows E, Walled Lake 48390-2546, 248-624-2835, ultrablp@aol.com , Blackshire 67.5/109, 5323 yds (Women's Fwd), Seradella 70.1/116, 5295 yds
6/11 Sun	Match Play	TBD	Sonia Pysh-Denison
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	Deb Horning, 4158 Charing Cross, Bloomfield Hills 48304-3104, 248-642-7834, club-chaser@comcast.net , 70.3/127, 5034yds
7/15 Sat	Match Play	TBD	Sonia Pysh-Denison
7/22, 7/23 Sat–Sun, 8a Tee Times	2-Day State Championship golf/range/continental breakfast each day Sunday luncheon/awards ceremony	Lake Forest GC Ann Arbor 48103 734-994-8580	Cynthia Pinkard, 26201 Castleton Dr., Southfield 48076-4707, 248-557-8171, czpinkard@aol.com , 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 kersjes@dteenergy.com
7/31 Mon 9a Shotgun	SPECIAL EVENT \$4,000 4-Woman 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, ultrablp@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	Sonia Pysh-Denison, 52448 Southdown, Shelby Twp 48316, 586-212-6639, finaltouchjewelry@comcast.net , 69.7/118, 5117yds
8/19 Sat	Match Play	TBD	Sonia Pysh-Denison
8/21 Mon, 9a Shotgun	2-Woman Event golf/cart/range/luncheon	Huntmore Golf Club Brighton 48114 810-225-2477	Inez Bridges, 17154 Jill Ave., Southfield 48075- 3480, 248-552-9328, imbridges@aol.com , 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	Jane Kersjes, 42155 Old Pond Cr., Plymouth 48170-2569, 734-420-0854, kersjes@dteenergy.com , 68.1/114, 4911 yds
9/10 Sun	Match Play Championship	TBD	Sonia Pysh-Denison
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	Pam Kurtz, 184 Six Mile Creek Rd., Henderson 48841, 989-723-8974, lifeisgoodgolf@direcway.com , Fortress: 68.8/124, 4837 yds Apple Mtn.: 69.6/127, 4966 yds

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

2006 Tournament/Event Schedule

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Entry Deadline 10 Days Prior to All Events Unless Noted

9/30 Sat, 1:30p Shotgun	4-Woman Fall Farewell Scramble golf/cart/range	Boulder Pointe GC Oxford 48371 248-969-1500	Sara Wold, 2050 Yorktown, Ann Arbor 48105, 734-668-8571, sara_wold@msn.com , 71.4/127, 5354 yds
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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
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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
5/24 Wed	WAPL Sectional, West Michigan Entries close 5/10, Hdcp. limit 18.4 www.usga.org	The Meadows at Grand Valley, Allendale 49401 616-895-1000	Lori Stinson, GVSU, 4645 W. Campus Dr., Allendale 49401, 616-331-3082, stinsonl@gvsu.edu
5/30 Tu	WAPL Sectional, Detroit Metro Entries close 5/10, Hdcp. limit 18.4 www.usga.org	Huron Meadows Metropark, Brighton 48116 810-231-4084	Sara Wold, 2050 Yorktown, Ann Arbor 48105, 734-668-8571, sara_wold@msn.com
6/5 Mon	US Women's Open Sectional 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 Championship Qualifier Entries close 6/28, Hdcp. Limit 36.4	Gowanie GC Mt. Clemens 48046	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
7/14-16 Fri-Sun	Michigan PGA Women's Open Pro-Am	Crystal Mountain Resort Thompsonville 49683 231-378-2623	Lorraine Nordbeck, 800-968-7686, ext 3354, lorrainenordbeck@crystallmountain.com
7/17-19 Mon-Wed	Michigan PGA Women's Open	Crystal Mountain Resort 231-378-2623	Michigan Section PGA, 517-641-7411, www.michigan.pga.com
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 Championship Qualifier Entries close 6/28, Hdcp. Limit 36.4	Arbor Hills CC Jackson 49201	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org

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

Enter USGA and GAM events on line. Visit their websites.

2006 Tournament/Event Schedule

Unless otherwise specified, all 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.

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
7/24 Mon	GAM Net Team Championship 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 Chimps 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 Championship 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 Championship 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
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

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League Information *by Jane Kersjes*

There have been a few additions since the last publication of this information. Please let the board know of any updates you can provide. We hope to make this listing more comprehensive throughout the year, with your help. I'd be interested if any of you have pursued calling these courses to discuss their leagues. Please let me know – drop me an email or send me a note – I'm listed in the Board of Directors column.

Course	League Name	City	Day	Time	Course/Contact Phone
Alpine Golf Club		Grand Rapids			(616)784-1064
Beech Woods		Southfield	Wed	5:30 PM	(248)796-4655
Beech Woods	SBC (& friends) Mixed League	Southfield	Thurs	5:30 PM	(248)796-4655
Cadillac Country Club		Cadillac			(231)775-9442
Chisholm Hills		Lansing	Wed	4:46 PM	(517)694-0169
Copper Creek	EWG	Farmington	Wed	5:15 PM	(248)489-1777
Copper Hills		Oxford	Thurs	PM	(248)969-9808
Corunna Hills		Corunna	Wed	4:00 PM	(989)743-4693
Dearborn hills		Dearborn			(313)563-4653
Fieldstone		Auburn Hills	Tues	6:00 PM	(248)370-9354
Fieldstone	EWG	Auburn Hills	Thurs	5:36 PM	(248)370-9354

Course	League Name	City	Day	Time	Course/Contact Phone
Fox Creek	Fairway Ladies	Livonia	Mon	4:40 PM	(248)471-3400
Fox Creek		Livonia	Mon	5:00 PM	(248)471-3400
Fox Hills Classic	EWG	Plymouth	Tues	6:00 PM	(734)453-7272
Fox Hills Classic	EWG	Plymouth	Wed	6:00 PM	(734)453-7272
Glenhurst	TGFG	Redford	Thurs	8:00 AM	(313)274-2171
Glen Oaks		Farmington Hills	Mon	8:00AM	(248)851-8356
Golden Hawk		Casco Twp.	Tues		(586)727-4681
Gowanie	Gowanie	Mt. Clemens			(586)468-1374
Hawk Meadows at Dama Farms		Howell	Tues	5:30 PM	(517)546-4635
Hickory Creek		Superior Twp	Tues	8:30 AM	(734)454-1850
Hickory Hollow		Macomb	Tues	8:30 AM	(586)949-9033
Hudson Mills		Dexter	Tues	5:37 AM	(734)426-0466
Huron Hills GC		Ann Arbor			(734)971-6840
Lake Forest	EWG	Ann Arbor	Wed	5:00 PM	(734)994-8580, www.ewgamd.com/league_list.htm
Lake Forest	in-house	Ann Arbor	Wed	6:00PM	(734)994-8580
Ledge Meadows		Grand Ledge			(517)627-7492
Ledge Meadows		Grand Ledge	Mon	4:45 PM	(517)627-7492
Leslie Golf Course		Ann Arbor	Tues	5:12PM	(734)994-1163
Liberty Golf		Clarkston			(248)625-3731
Links of Novi		Novi	Tues	AM	(248)380-9595
Maple Lane		Sterling Hts	Wed	9:00 AM	(586)795-4000
Mulberry Hills	Mixed	Oxford	Fri	4:30 PM	(248)628-2808
Pine Knob	EWG	Clarkston	Mon	5:50 PM	(248)625-4430
Pine View Golf Course		Ypsilanti	Mon	5:00 PM	(734)481-0500
Pine View Golf Course		Ypsilanti	Thurs	5:00 PM	(734)481-0500
Plum Brook		Sterling Hts	Fri	8:15 AM	(586)264-9411
Pontiac CC		Waterford	Fri	AM	(248)682-6333
Rackham	EWG	Huntington Woods	Wed	5:45 PM	(248)543-4040
Rackham	EWG	Huntington Woods	Wed	6:30 PM	(248)543-4040
Rackham		Huntington Woods	Thurs	6:08 PM	(248)543-4040
Rackham		Huntington Woods	Fri	5:30 PM	(248)543-4040
River Rouge			Thurs	5:15 PM	
Rouge Park	EWG	Detroit	Tues	6:00 PM	(313)837-5900
Salem Hills	SWIFT	Northville	Thurs	4:45 PM	(248)437-2152
Sanctuary Lake	EWG	Troy	Mon	4:40 PM	(248)619-7671
Selfridge GC		Selfridge ANGB	Thurs	8:15 AM	(586)307-4653
Shenandoah	EWG	West Bloomfield	Tues	5:48 PM	(248)682-4300
St. John's		Plymouth	Tues	5:40 PM	(734)453-1047
Sycamore Hills		Macomb			(586) 598-9500
Sylvan Glen	EWG	Troy	Tues	4:15 PM	(248)619-7671
Tanglewood		South Lyon	Tues	9:00 AM	(248)486-3355
Warren Valley	MichCon Women's	Dearborn Hts	Mon	5:30 PM	(734) 421-0490
Warren Valley		Dearborn Hts	Tues	8:00 AM	(734)421-0490
White Lake Oaks		White Lake	Mon	5:30 PM	(248)698-2700
Woodlands of Van Buren		Wayne	Tues	4:50 PM	(734)729-4477
Woodlands of Van Buren		Wayne	Wed	4:50 PM	(734)729-4477
Travel League	Huron Valley Women's GC				(734)487-5707, Sla227@provide.net
Travel League	Women's Met GC		Wed	8:00 AM	izylham@onemain.com , (810) 640-1133
Travel League	Women's Suburban GC		Fri	8:00 AM	pennanchors@yahoo.com , (734)453-4007

Answers to Rules Quiz

1. F, 4-3/4. He is disqualified.
2. T, 4-3/7. The club is considered to be damaged in the "normal course of play."
3. F, 4-3/10. A lost club has not become unfit for play in the normal course of play.
4. T, 4-3/12. The play-off constituted a new round – see definition of a Stipulated Round.

GAM Rules Seminars

The Golf Association of Michigan will conduct two rules seminars this spring. The first is Mon., Mar. 6th at Watermark Country Club in Grand Rapids and the second Tues., Mar. 7th at Lyon Oaks Golf Club in Wixom. The cost of the all-day program is \$50 and includes lunch and materials. Registration is at 8:30 AM. Contact the GAM for more information at (248) 478-9242. Send a check payable to GAM for \$50 to GAM, 24116 Research Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

An MWGA Call-To-Action!

Sponsors Needed for Our 20th Anniversary Celebration Events
By Inez Bridges



It's been 20 years in the making — the Michigan Women's Golf Association, that is. We're celebrating this milestone in 2006 all year long, but the highlight of the celebration will be a two-day event — the banquet dinner celebration on Sunday July 30th and the \$4,000 4-Woman Scramble on Monday July 31st, both at Washtenaw Country Club in Ypsilanti. We have designated The Rhonda Walker Foundation, founded by the local WDIV TV-4 television morning anchor of the same name, as our charity to sponsor.

Our goal is to secure sponsors to support our efforts in making this two-day event successful. Your 20th Anniversary Sponsorship Committee is diligently working on putting it all together, and we are seeking the help of all MWGA members in targeting potential sponsors either on your own or by supplying us with names and contact information. There are various sponsorship levels available from the \$2,500 Premier Sponsorship package to \$100 Hole Sponsorships to \$50 Door Prize Sponsorships. There are also "in-kind" sponsorships available and advertising opportunities in the event program. This is a great opportunity for a business or retailer to reach a large number of females in the market who are potential customers as well as support a growing organization, The

Rhonda Walker Foundation, that provides mentorship programs to help develop metropolitan teen girls into strong, successful and moral women of tomorrow. We're even exploring ways to introduce the girls to the sport of golf as a part of their program participation.

Here are some of the sponsor benefits tied into the packages (depending on package purchased):

- Banner Event Signage
 - Free Golf, Lunch at Scramble or Banquet Dinner
 - Free Advertisement in Event Program
 - Collateral Material at Luncheon or Banquet Dinner
 - Recognition in Event Program
 - MWGA Website Advertising with Sponsor Link
 - Sponsor Name in *NEWSLINX*
 - Range or Putting Signage
- A sponsorship brochure, listing all of the available sponsorship opportunities and accompanying benefits, will

be mailed to all members in March. Until then, please contact Sponsorship Chairs Joan Cleland or Inez Bridges for sponsor material and more information about the program. Every one of us knows or does business with someone who is a potential sponsor. So tap into their need to market their business or service and support the MWGA and a very worthy charitable organization, The Rhonda Walker Foundation. We want to make our 20th Anniversary one of our most successful endeavors! We're counting on you!

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MWGA Pick-A-Pro Contest <i>by Pat Meyers</i>	
2006 Contestants and Picks	
Member	Pro Picks
Pat Meyers	Sorenstam, Inkster, Webb, Miyazato
Pat Shelton	Sorenstam, Young, Young Kim, Delasin
Ruth Wilson	Sorenstam, Christina Kim, Davies, Delasin
Pat DeMaire	Sorenstam, Christina Kim, Webb, Pressel
Deb O'Hara	Creamer, Ward, Young Kim, Lindley
Sara Wold	Sorenstam, Christina Kim, Prammanasudh, Pressel
Dawn Abbeg	Creamer, Christina Kim, Webb, Delasin
Terry Deisler	Sorenstam, Neumann, Hetherington, Stupples
Pat Burdziak	Sorenstam, Christina Kim, Young Kim, Stupples
Carrol Sanchez	Sorenstam, Soo-Yun Kang, Young Kim, Pressel

Membership Snippets *by Jane Kersjes*

I went to the driving range the night before the Super Bowl. Needless to say, it was rather sparse, which is the way I like it at the driving range. I'm sure the winter weather advisory didn't have anything to do with it. It was very unique to see my balls sail into the night among beautiful snow flurries. As long as I'm not in a tournament with the like, I'm happy.

I have started inputting everyone's indexes into the database which is used to publish our directory. I noticed both ups and downs — I feel your pain if your index rose last year. Now is the time to start tuning both your body and your mental processes. Remember with golf, unlike life in general, if you do nothing, bad things usually result.

I'm very happy that '06 membership numbers are on par with '05. March and April usually bring big membership entries; I'm hoping the same will occur this year. Hopefully, membership numbers will again increase from the Michigan Golf Show in March. Currently, we have:

62 Seniors (6 new)
27 Regulars (10 new)
2 Juniors (1 new)
1 Course (Salem Hills)
16 Board
103 Total plus 8 sponsored males.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to these new members since the last **NEWSLINX**:

Arezell Brown	Detroit
Theresa Delcamp	Grand Blanc
Gloria Gostovich	New Baltimore
Barbara Kernien	Plymouth
Shirley McClain	Shelby Twp.
Linda VanSteenkiste	Chesterfield
Julie Walsh	Macomb

Of the 17 new members, 9 had names associated with them as to why they joined. These are very good odds for winning the contest for a free '07 membership to be drawn at the end of June. There's still time to bring in new members by the annual meeting too — a \$50 gift certificate will be awarded the member bringing in the most new members. Spread the word!!

The Positive Golfer

by Janina Parrott Jacobs and Dr. Jackie Odom, Ph.D.

Are you stressed out when you play golf?

When you begin your spring swing tuning, look at the other golfers around you. Is anyone having fun? If they are not, maybe YOU should. Set the tone for a great year and let your attitude become infectious.

Here's how:

When you begin to grouse about your golfer shortcomings, think about a glass of water. How heavy is it? 10 ounces? 20 ounces? 32 ounces? How tough would it be to hold it up at shoulder level? Actually, the weight is irrelevant. What really matters is how LONG you have to hold it up. A few seconds is no problem, maybe even a couple of minutes; try it for an hour or more

and you'll have an achy arm. A day? You'll need professional help!

Think of your golf course trials and tribulations in the same way. The longer you steam and stew over that 'heavy water,' the more mental aches and anguish you'll create and retain. If you carry the water around too long, little things become big and bigger things become monumental. Who needs the Rockies to climb over when a mogul will do?

You need to rest by the water's edge, not carry it with you. Let go of your stress. Throw that proverbial glass of water into a nearby flower bed where it will do some good; let it flow back underground and become 'water under the bridge.' Then, if you insist on staying upset, pick up the glass again. At least this time

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you'll be refreshed and the load will seem lighter. You'll see the problem in a different light and it most likely won't seem so tough the second time around.

2006 MWGA Membership Application

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ ST _____ Zip +4: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____
 E-mail Address: _____
 Birth Date: _____ Profession: _____

Check one: New Member Renewal

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

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

	Cost (check one)
New	\$30 _____
Senior (age 50 and over)	\$55 _____
Regular (age 18 - 49)	\$60 _____
Student (age 21 and under)	\$25 _____
Associate (organization or business)	\$60 _____

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

Do you have a USGA Index? _____ If yes, is it through MWGA? _____ If not, who do you post with? _____

GAM #: _____

A USGA index is NOT required to join MWGA. If you do not have an index, it can be established as a member through the MWGA.

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

Member Option:

A member may sponsor a male (spouse or friend) to obtain his USGA Index through the MWGA.

Sponsored Male (for GAM Hdcp. Service):

\$22 _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Make check payable to: **MWGA**

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Mail to:

Jane Kersjes, 42155 Old Pond Circle, Plymouth, MI 48170-2569
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I'd be willing to help the MWGA at events or on committees, etc.

I wish to receive MWGA communications via my e-mail address noted above.

Yes, I play on a league at _____

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