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## Calling All Vendors!

For the MWGA Annual Meeting/Lunch/Scramble

Saturday, May 13 at Golden Fox

By Inez M. Bridges



Meet ... Eat ... Play! Welcome back, MWGA members and guests. Plans for the 2006 Annual Meeting that includes lunch and a scramble are underway even as you dust off those clubs. That is, unless you've been lucky enough to grab a getaway to warmer weather to catch some rays. If not, hit the gym, the yoga room or the practice range and prepare to meet your golf gods or demons on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Fox Golf Course at Fox Hills in Plymouth.

The plans are to include vendors that day to display

and sell merchandise. We'd like to have a variety of merchants with varied products. If you own a business, sell a product or if you're talented and make items for a hobby and would like everyone to know, get in touch with me to be a part of the fun and profits. If you said no to all of the above, but you know of someone who would like to participate, please pass the information on and put him or her in touch with me. The more, the better, the merrier! So, start talking it up now for a fun-filled opening day. With everyone's

help, it will be great. Also, if you have any other ideas that you think would be good for the meeting, please let me know. There are some great minds out there, I'm sure. Contact me, Inez Bridges at 248-552-9328 or email me at [inezbridges@aol.com](mailto:inezbridges@aol.com) to let me know. I'm always open for suggestions. Thanks in advance, and we'll see you on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Sell your wares at the Annual Meeting.

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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## May – June Events

**Golf Skills Clinic**  
Saturday, May 6  
FOX HILLS GC, Plymouth

**Match Play Golf & Meeting**  
Sunday, May 7  
THE ORCHARDS GC, Washington

**4-Woman Spring Member/Guest Scramble & Annual Meeting**  
Saturday, May 13  
GOLDEN FOX GC, Plymouth

**Best 2 of 4**  
Saturday, May 20  
RATTLE RUN, St. Clair

**MI Hall of Fame Golf Outing & Induction Ceremony**  
Sunday, May 21  
INDIANWOOD G&CC, Lake Orion

**WAPL Sectional, West Michigan**  
Wednesday, May 24  
THE MEADOWS, Allendale

**WAPL Sectional, Detroit Metro**  
Tuesday, May 30  
HURON MEADOWS, Brighton

**US Women's Open Sectional Qualifier**  
Monday, June 5  
KNOLLWOOD CC, W. Bloomfield

**GAM MI Women's Sr. Amateur**  
Monday-Thurs., June 5-8  
MICHAYWE, Gaylord

**Match Play Golf**  
Sunday, June 11  
TBD

**GAM Women's Mid-Amateur**  
Tuesday-Wed., June 13-14  
PLUM HOLLOW CC, Southfield

**President's Stroke Play**  
Saturday, June 17  
INDIAN SPRINGS, White Lake



## Still Looking for MWGA Memorabilia

If you haven't yet, do contact Dorine Allen to loan your MWGA memorabilia for display at the MWGA 20th Anniversary dinner July 30th at Washenaw Country Club in Ypsilanti. We are interested in pictures, articles, awards and other items of past events, achievements and previous anniversaries. We'll take good care of it and return it promptly after the dinner.

Dorine Allen @  
[Dorall52@aol.com](mailto:Dorall52@aol.com)  
734-728-1994

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## Clinics & Seminars *By Linda Neff*

### Golf Skills Clinic — What Can I Do To Improve My Game? *Deadline Fast Approaching*

Time is running out to get in on this great skills clinic. The entry deadline is April 26. Don't delay; mail your entry today.

**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), 248-661-0082 (H), email [neffl@trinity-health.org](mailto: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

- 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

The certificates for golf are valid for the 2006 golf season during any day.

## MWGA Leagues

### Beginner League *By Linda Neff* *Sign Up Now!*

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

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

**Dates:** Mondays, May 1 – June 5

**Time:** 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**Entry deadline: April 27—NEW**

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**Questions:** 248-489-6523 (W), 248-

661-0082 (H), email [neffl@trinity-health.org](mailto: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 are filling up.

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.

## Upcoming Events

### Annual Meeting and Member/Guest 4-Woman Spring Scramble Saturday, May 13 *By Jackie McFarlane*

The MWGA is kicking off the 2006 season on Saturday, May 13 at The Golden Fox at Fox Hills in Plymouth. Our Annual Meeting and luncheon will begin at 12 noon followed by the 4-Woman Member/Guest Spring Scramble, with a 1:30pm shotgun start. Merchandise and services provided by members and friends will be on display and available for purchase before the meeting begins. Our guest speaker will be Rhonda Walker, WDIV TV 4 morning news

anchor and founder of The Rhonda Walker Foundation, who will share with us some of the wonderful successes of her foundation.

At the Annual Meeting members have an opportunity to gather, meet the MWGA Board and learn firsthand about plans and changes for the upcoming season. You will have a chance to provide your input, opinions and suggestions on how to improve our association, vote on proposed changes to our by-laws and

constitution and applaud fellow members for their accomplishments in receiving Player of the Year, MWGA Club Champion (former Golfer of the Year) and Most Improved Golfer Awards.

The scramble is a great way to start the season and to introduce your friends to the MWGA. If you don't have a full team, you can sign up as a single or with one or two other players and we will complete your team for you.



**What:** Annual Meeting and Member/Guest 4-Lady Scramble

**When:** Saturday, May 13

**Times:**

10:30 - 11:45am Registration, vendor merchandise  
12:00 - 1:00pm Annual Meeting, lunch  
1:30pm 4-Woman Scramble shotgun start

**Where:** Fox Hills Golden Fox GC,

8768 N. Territorial, Plymouth, 734-453-7272

**Course:** 70.4/123 rating/slope, 5,040 yards

**Fee:** \$88 includes Annual Meeting, lunch, golf, cart, range balls, prizes

**Requirements:** USGA index, soft spikes, proper attire

**Entry due:** Wednesday, May 3

**Games:** Cash games will be available for all flights

**Entries to:** Jackie McFarlane, 35215 Richland St, Livonia 48150-2656

**Questions:** 586-438-9602, [jmcfarlane03@aol.com](mailto:jmcfarlane03@aol.com)

Plan extra time to allow for construction on M-14.

## Best 2 of 4, Rattle Run, St. Clair, Saturday, May 20

*By Susan Wedley*

**When:** Tee times begin 12 noon

**Course:** 5,031 yds; rating/slope: 69.5/117

**Requirements:** Soft spikes; proper golf attire

**Entry Fee:** Member \$64, Non-Member \$84

**Includes:** 18 holes; cart; prizes (team gross and net)

**Games:** Closest to Flag, Long Drive, Chip-ins, Skins

**Deadline:** May 10

**To:** Susan Wedley, PO Box 1549, Royal Oak MI 48068

**Questions:** 248-435-0190, [Susanw@home.msen.com](mailto:Susanw@home.msen.com)

This is an interesting tournament to play in which an individual

does not have to score well on every hole — your 3 teammates can “bail” you out. With only two players’ scores counting, a team can excel if only two people score well on each hole.

Experience an “up north” golf course (including elevation changes) with the convenience of a metro Detroit location. Rattle Run is located west of St. Clair and just west of I-94. A few years ago, *Golf Digest* ranked Rattle Run as one of the top 75 courses in the United States. Check out their website: [www.rattle.run.com](http://www.rattle.run.com). At the bottom of their “home page,” click on Front 9 and Back 9 for a graphic and descrip-

tion of each hole. The course will be a fair yet challenging test of your golf game!

Bring a team of 4, or sign up with fewer and I will try to match you up with other enthusiastic golfers.

See you May 20 for another great day of golf!

**Note:** For this tournament, if your handicap record does not show scores posted after August 30, 2005, you will be playing at 85% of the index shown with GAM. If you posted a score in April 2006, it will be posted in time with GAM for you to play at full handicap.

## 2-Day/4-Woman Team Challenge

Saturday-Sunday, June 3-4, Lakewood Shores Resort, Oscoda

*By Barbara Porter*

Clear your calendars for the first weekend in June and join the MWGA in our travels to the “Sunrise” side of our state for two days of golf hosted by Lakewood Shores Resort in Oscoda. Saturday’s format will consist of “Irish Four Ball” — teams of four golfers each playing her own ball throughout — in which scoring is determined based on the type of hole being played. On par 3 holes, two low balls; on par 4 holes, three low balls; and on par 5 holes, all four scores. Sunday’s format will be a Scramble followed by the awards ceremony and lunch.

Your entry fee also includes unlimited use of the Wee Links, an

18-hole pitch and putt course, 10% discount on pro shop merchandise and Saturday night lodging at the Lake Trail Motel (based on double occupancy). For those who would like to arrive on Friday at the Lake Trail, the room rate will be \$80.00 per room plus tax (based on double occupancy) for room only.

In summary:

**Where:** Lakewood Shores Resort, 7751 Cedar Lake Road, Oscoda, MI 48750, 800-882-2493/  
[www.lakewoodshores.com](http://www.lakewoodshores.com)

**When:** Saturday, June 3, Tee times starting at 11:01 AM, The Seradella Course/18 holes/cart/range  
Sunday, June 4, Shotgun start at

8:50 AM, Blackshire Course/18 holes/cart /range

**Price:** \$204 Members/\$224 Guests

**Requirements:** USGA Index or play at scratch. Proper attire requested.

**Entry deadline:** Wed., May 24

**Information or inquiries:**

Barbara Porter  
1448C Hidden Meadows East  
Walled Lake, MI 48390  
248-624-2835, 248-231-4221  
[UltraBLP@aol.com](mailto:UltraBLP@aol.com)

Enter as a team, twosome, threesome or single and I will try to match up the 4-woman teams.

It is always a great way to spend a weekend when you can get away with your favorite golfing buddies!

## Upcoming Events

### Jeanne Myers to be Inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame Sunday, May 21, Indianwood G&CC, Lake Orion

Jeanne Myers, President of the GAM and former Chairman of the USGA Women's Committee, will be inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame on Sunday, May 21 at Indianwood Golf and Country Club. Other inductees will be Ray Bolo, fine senior pro and head professional at Western Golf and Country Club, Tom Chisholm, former GAM

President and USGA Executive Committee Member, and John Grace and John Morse, who have outstanding amateur and professional records.

The day will begin with breakfast and a shambles on the New Course followed by a reception, dinner and the induction ceremony. The fee for golf and dinner is \$175 and for din-

ner only \$50. Contact Loretta Larkin at [larkin@michigan-golf-foundation.com](mailto:larkin@michigan-golf-foundation.com) or (734)424-0337.

The MWGA has been a sponsor of the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame from the beginning to assure that our fine women golfers and contributors to the game receive the recognition and honors they deserve.

### Entries Due May 3rd for US Women's Open Championship

The 61<sup>st</sup> U.S. Women's Open will be held at Newport Country Club in RI June 29 – July 2. Amateur golfers must have a handicap of 4.4 or less and qualify at an 18-hole Local Qualifying Site. The closest ones are May 16 in St. Louis and May 18 in Pittsburgh. Qualifiers go to a 36-hole Sectional and the closest one is June 5 at Knollwood CC in West Bloomfield. The entry fee is \$150 and must be received by Wednesday, May 3 at 5 PM at the USGA Office. For more information and to enter online with a credit card, contact [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org). Entries can be mailed in with a check payable to the USGA.

### The Meadows and Huron Meadows Metropark Host WAPL Sectionals May 24 and May 30

The 30<sup>th</sup> U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship will be held June 20 – 25 at Walking Stick Golf Course in Pueblo, Colorado. Amateur female golfers who are bona fide public course players with a handicap index of 18.4 or less are eligible to enter and play in either the Sectional Qualifying Round at The Meadows at Grand Valley State University on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> or at Huron Meadows Metropark in Brighton on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$50 and entries are sent directly to the USGA via mail or email. The deadline is Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM at the USGA office.

The Sectionals are 18 holes of stroke play and the lowest scores

qualify and the number of qualifiers is dependent on the number of entries. It is a thrill to attend the Championship as many of our players can attest. Many of the WAPL

*Entry deadline is Wednesday,  
May 10 at 5pm  
at the USGA office.*

Champions play in the LPGA and the most notable current players are Michelle Wie and Danielle Ammaccapane. The USGA and the host course will roll out the red carpet for the players, their guests and the officials.

Players must walk both the Sectional Course and the Champion-

ship Course but may take non-motorized carts or caddies. The Championship is two 18-hole rounds of stroke play followed by the lowest 64 scores going into single elimination match play. The Championship Match is 36 holes. For more information and to enter online with a credit card, contact [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org). Entries can be mailed in with a check payable to the USGA. For information about the Sectional at The Meadows, contact Lori Stinson at [stinson@gvsu.edu](mailto:stinson@gvsu.edu) or (616)331-3082. To obtain information regarding the Sectional at Huron Meadows Metropark, contact Sara Wold at [sara\\_wold@msn.com](mailto:sara_wold@msn.com) or (734)668-8571.





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## Senior Women Have Separate GAM Michigan Amateur Championship Monday-Thursday, June 5-8, The Pines at Michaywe, Gaylord

For the first time in the five-year history of the Michigan Women's Senior Amateur Championship, the Seniors have a separate venue. We are hoping for a good turnout so the Championship will continue. The Championship, presented by the GAM, will be held Mon. - Thurs., June 5 - 8 at The Pines at Michaywe in Gaylord. There will be 18 holes of stroke play on Mon. to determine the flights for match play. A complimentary dinner will be held Monday evening for all the contestants. The lowest 16 scores will go into the Championship Flight. The next 8 lowest will comprise Flight A, the next 8 lowest,

Flight B, etc. Match play will begin on Tuesday. Everyone is guaranteed at least 2 rounds of golf. The quarter finals for the Championship Flight and the semifinals for the other flights will take place Wednesday morning and the semifinals for the Championship Flight will take place Wednesday afternoon. The final matches in all the Flights will take place Thursday morning. Prizes will be awarded the winner and runner-up in the Championship Flight and the winners of the other Flights.

Players must be 50 years old by June 5<sup>th</sup> and have a handicap index of 20.4 or lower. The entry fee is \$120 for GAM Members and \$150 for

Non-Members. Motorized carts are mandatory and the cost of carts for Mon. and Tues. are included in the fee as well as the Monday night dinner. Pairings, lodging and rates, and other pertinent information will be in the player's memo issued after the deadline.

Players may enter online at [www.gam.org](http://www.gam.org) or call the office at (248)478-9242 for an entry form. The entry deadline is Wednesday, May 17 at 5 PM at the GAM office. For more information, call the GAM Office or Sara Wold, chairman, at (734)668-8571.



## GAM Women's Mid-Am at Plum Hollow CC Tuesday-Wednesday, June 13-14, Plum Hollow CC, Southfield

The women in the GAM Women's Mid-Am Championship are privileged to have an opportunity to play the Plum Hollow Country Club. It is one of the finest courses in Michigan and has a lovely clubhouse. The Championship will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, June 13 - 14.

Women who are GAM members, have reached their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday by

June 12<sup>th</sup> and have a handicap index of 20.0 or less may enter. The fee is \$105 and the deadline is Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM in the GAM office.

There will be two 18-hole rounds of stroke play to determine the Champion. Players will be divided into three flights and low gross and low net prizes will be given in each flight. The overall winner will be de-

clared the Champion.

Players may enter online at [www.gam.org](http://www.gam.org) or call the office at (248)478-9242 for an entry form. The entry deadline is Wednesday, May 17 at 5 PM at the GAM office. For more information, call the GAM Office or Pat DeMaire, chairman, at (586)939-4685.

## 2006 President's Tournament

June 17, Indian Springs Metropark *By Nancy Serra*

The beautiful and playable Indian Springs Metropark is waiting for you and you're "A" game! The date of June 17<sup>th</sup> will be here sooner than you think, so sharpen your pencil along with your swing and mark your calendar to save the

Details on the tournament will appear in the next issue of the *NEWSLINX*. It's one of our stroke play events. Tee times will begin at 10am, and for golf, cart and range balls the entry fee will be \$62 for members, \$82 non-members.

## Western Michigan Women's Two-Person Best Ball June 24-25, Cadillac CC, Cadillac *By Jane Cook*

Wow, what a name and what a fun golf tournament! Two days in Cadillac at the Cadillac Country Club for \$135 per person. This includes two breakfasts, lunch at the turn on June 24, an awards dinner June 25, two days of golf with cart, individual awards and gifts as well

as a traveling team trophy for flight winners. The low gross champion team is also awarded. All teams receive prizes.

For more information, call me at 231-779-1655 or email [cooknook@iglide.net](mailto:cooknook@iglide.net). Hope to see you there. See you in the north country!

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## Upcoming Events

### 2-Woman Scramble, Saturday, July 8, Sugarbush GC, Davison

*By Deb Horning*

**When:** Saturday, July 8, 9:00 am shotgun

**Where:** Sugarbush Golf Club, Davison, 810.653.3326

**Course:** 70.3 rating, 127 slope, 5034 yards

**Fee:** \$64 members, \$84 non-members

**Includes:** 18 holes golf, cart, range, continental breakfast, gift certificate prizes for the winners

**Requirements:** USGA index, soft spikes, proper golf attire

**Entry deadline:** Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

**Entries to:** Deb Horning, 4158

Charing Cross Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104

**Phone:** 248.642.7834 **E-mail:** [Club-chaser@Comcast.net](mailto:Club-chaser@Comcast.net)

Grab your favorite golf partner for the "fireworks" at an MWGA favorite stop, Sugarbush. Last year the fireworks were thunder, lightning and torrential rain causing the only 2005 tournament cancellation. What will Sugarbush have in store for us this year?

The sloping hills, elevated greens and blind tee shots into the rolling fairways of the front nine contrast with the more intimate fairways

that force the golfer into more thinking on the back nine. The greens are always inviting and golfers are rewarded for iron shots that zero in on the flagstick. This 2-woman scramble format is just the ticket for a day of big fun.

If you need a partner, enter anyway and I will do my best to pair you with someone nice. If you are a new member or someone who has never played a tournament with the MWGA, give me a call and I'll let you know what to do.

Hope to see everyone at the Sugarbush "fireworks!"

## The MWGA State Championship — Open to All Members and Friends July 22-23, Lake Forest Golf Course, Ann Arbor

*By Cynthia Pinkard*



The MWGA State Championship draws a wide range of female players. The participants in this event

range from the most accomplished players in the State to the most novice tournament players, from the most senior players to the most junior, from public course players to players belonging to the most prestigious private clubs. Whether your handicap is 0 or 40, whether you are 12 years old or 82, you will be able to test your tournament savvy against players of your own skill level and age group.

The first MWGA State Championship was actually held a year before the MWGA was officially incorporated. The visionaries that sponsored the first Championship back in 1985 saw the need for a competition where women golfers without a private club to provide them competitive play, could formidably compete against other women of their skill level. Twenty-one years ago public course players were rarely invited to participate in amateur competitions regardless of their skills. Today, there are several very good golf tournaments for both public and private course players. The

MWGA has been a "driving force" in this growth of competitive venues and we welcome all public and private course players, regardless of age or skill level.

For the third year, the two-day MWGA State Championship will be held at Lake Forest Golf Course in Ann Arbor. Tee-times will begin at 8:30 AM on Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23. Juniors will only play on Sunday. The women's divisions are flighted by age and handicap with gross and net prizes awarded. Combined scores from both days will be used to determine the final result. GAM Honor Roll points (visit [www.gam.org](http://www.gam.org) for information on honor roll points) will be awarded to the best gross finishers in each division. The overall medalist, if a member of the MWGA, will also be eligible to represent us at The GAM Chrysler Club Championship on October 2 to be held at The Eagle Eye and Hawk Hollow Golf Clubs in Lansing.

The entry fee, \$120 for members and \$140 for non-members, includes green fees, range balls, continental breakfast both days, lunch on Sunday, awards and prizes. Carts are available through the course for \$9 a day. Juniors will

pay \$55 for their one-day event. Lake Forest is located at 3110 W. Ellsworth in Ann Arbor, 48103. Call 734-994-8580 and mention the MWGA State Championship, to reserve tee-times for your practice round.

Lake Forest Golf Course was the site of the Bank of Ann Arbor Futures Tour from 2001 to 2005. You may visit their website at: [www.LakeForestGC.com](http://www.LakeForestGC.com).

Send your entry to Cynthia Pinkard, 26201 Castleton Dr, Southfield, MI 48076-4707. If you need to contact me, I can be reached at (248) 227-8170 or by email at [czpinkard@aol.com](mailto:czpinkard@aol.com). Please monitor the website at [www.mwggolf.org](http://www.mwggolf.org) for updates, changes and additional information.



### Setting Goals

Many golfers set goals of breaking 100, 90 or 80. Instead of thinking in terms of scores, set your goals around such things as number of fairways hit from the tee, number of greens in regulation, number of sand saves and number of putts. As you practice to make yourself better in these categories, your score will improve without any thought of it.

*Bill Kroen's Golf Tip-A-Day*

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary “Celebration” Dinner Sunday, July 30, Washtenaw Country Club, Ypsilanti

Be part of the gala celebration! Join with other MWGA members and friends at the MWGA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary “Celebration” Dinner. Festivities begin 5:30 p.m. with hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar. A buffet dinner will follow at 6:15 p.m.

The evening’s keynote speaker is Joyce Kazmierski, a former LPGA tournament player. Joyce currently promotes golf through recreation and education as a teaching professional at Eagle Creek Golf Club in Indiana. She plans to briefly speak about the history of women in the game of golf — a welcome topic since we

hear so much about the renowned men golfers.

As part of our celebration, memorabilia from our first 20 years will be on display as well as a video about our fine organization. Also, some of our very own MWGA “gang” will perform a short skit — definitely pertaining to the topic of golf.

To top off the evening, MWGA will present a check to the Rhonda Walker Foundation. A portion of the proceeds from MWGA’s July 31<sup>st</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary \$4,000 4-Woman Scramble will be donated to the Foundation. Rhonda Walker, WDIV Channel 4 morning news

anchor, will accept the check for the Foundation’s *Girls into Women* program.

The Foundation targets at-risk girls in grades 7 through 12. Their goal is to empower inner city teen girls to become strong, successful and moral future leaders.

We invite you to join with other MWGA members as our toastmistress Janina Jacobs leads us through a fun and uplifting evening. The cost is only \$35 for members and guests alike.

**Watch for your formal invitation with registration information in your mail in June.**

## \$4,000 4-Woman Scramble, Monday, July 31, Washtenaw CC, Ypsilanti By Sara Wold

The MWGA is calling upon all woman golfers to help us celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by participating in a most *spectacular* scrambles event! The \$4000 4-Woman Scramble is the MWGA’s most ambitious effort and will benefit the Rhonda Walker Foundation and the “Girls to Women” program, dedicated to empowering inner city teen girls towards becoming strong, confident, successful and moral future leaders.

There will be four \$1,000 team prizes, payable in gift certificates — one for Low Gross and one for Low Net in two divisions. In addition, we will have four Hole-in-One Contests — the longest Par 3 for \$20,000, and the others for a 7-Day Cruise, a Set of Golf Clubs and Golf Shop Credit. This is your chance to have a fabulous day, win some big bucks, and, most notably, support a worthy cause.

Washtenaw Country Club in Ypsilanti is hosting the scrambles on Monday, July 31. The Club is a familiar and popular site, hosting several MWGA events and US WAPL Sectionals in the past four years. This beautiful, historic course is always in impeccable condition and plays to 5712 yards with slick, undulating greens — perfect for a scrambles! The club-

house amenities are lovely and let’s not forget about the food, which is always delicious and elegantly served.

Now for the details — the standard MWGA format and eligibility requirements will be in effect. You need not be an MWGA member to enter. Teams will consist of 4 amateur women golfers, each of whom will have a current USGA/GAM Handicap Index or will play at scratch. Handicap Indexes will be confirmed by the Tournament Committee. The Team Handicap will be determined by using 20% of the lowest index, 15% of the second lowest, 10% of the third lowest and 5% of the highest. Teams will be divided into two divisions determined by team handicap. Play will be governed by the 2006 “Rules and Conditions of Play for MWGA Competitions,” the “MWGA \$4,000.00 Scrambles Rules” and modified USGA Rules. Conforming balls and clubs must be used and legal range finders are acceptable. Three drives must be used from each team member. Soft spikes must be worn and players must adhere to the MWGA dress code. Monitors will be in place on each hole to assure correct team scores and to observe the Hole-In-One contests. Ties for the Low Gross and Low Net prizes in

each division will be decided by a sudden-death playoff starting on Hole # 1. Prizes will be awarded for a Long Drive Contest by handicap. A 50/50 drawing will be held with the proceeds going to the Rhonda Walker Foundation.

The scrambles will have a 9:00 A.M. shotgun start. The \$125 per player (\$500 per team) fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, range, continental breakfast, lunch, gifts and awards ceremony. A check will be presented to the Rhonda Walker Foundation. This is a fantastic price for a pleasurable day at a beautiful private club for a worthy cause. Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area hotel information will be included with the confirmation letter sent to each player prior to the event.

Entry deadline is Monday, July 17. Send checks payable to MWGA and entry form with handicap indexes to: MWGA, c/o Event Treasurer, 4158 Charing Cross Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. For information and entry forms, contact either Co-Chair — Sara Wold at [sara\\_wold@msn.com](mailto:sara_wold@msn.com) or (734) 668-8571 or Barb Porter at [ul-trablp@aol.com](mailto:ul-trablp@aol.com) or (248)624-2835. For the latest news and updates, check out our website at [www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org).



## MWGA Club Champion Formerly Known as Golfer of The Year (GOY)

*By Cynthia Pinkard*

The MWGA Golfer of the Year (GOY) has historically been awarded to the golfer who has accumulated the most points by consistently posting the lowest gross scores in selected MWGA competitions. We have never named a Club Champion, however, every year we have attempted to identify a player to represent the MWGA at the GAM tournament for club champions. In the past, the player we named was the low gross winner of the MWGA State Championship. The State Championship is an open event and very often the winner is not a member of the MWGA. Just as often, if the winner is a member, the State Championship is the only event the member participates in.

After careful thought and consideration, the Board decided that the MWGA Club Champion should be a member actively participating in MWGA events and who has distinguished herself by accumulating the most points by posting the best (lowest gross) scores) throughout the season in MWGA competitions. We are currently discussing with the GAM the acceptability of this procedure for selecting the member to represent us at the GAM Chrysler Club Championship. Thus, we are renaming the MWGA Golfer of the Year Award to the MWGA Club Champion.

### MWGA Club Champion

The MWGA Club Champion 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.

**Purpose:** Recognize accomplished golfers who 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 as noted in the chart below. At the end of the season, the five best events for each player are tallied to determine the winner.

**Events:** MWGA Stroke Play events (President's Tournament, State Championship, etc.) and all 2-Woman/Person Best Ball events and the Best 2 of 4 event.

**Scores:** Players MUST report a score on each hole. The score reported should preferably be the actual score or if the player picks up, she must report her most likely score and that score must be indicated with an x.



OVERALL GROSS FINISH IN QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS	MWGA STATE TOURNAMENT	PRESIDENT'S TOURNAMENT	OTHERS
1	400	375	350
2	350	325	300
3	325	300	275
4	300	275	250
5	275	250	225
6	250	225	200
7	225	200	175
8	200	175	150
9	175	150	125
10	150	125	100
11	125	100	75
12	100	75	50
13	75	50	25
14	50	25	15
15	25	15	10

## MWGA Player of the Year (POY)

*By Cynthia Pinkard*

Each year the MWGA identifies and acknowledges our most active and awarded players. For this purpose we have established the Player of the Year award. These awards are presented each year at the annual meeting. You can be a winner. Look at the criteria for this award, then set your goals.

### Player of the Year

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.

**Purpose:** To recognize and award members of all skill levels, by flight, who participate and finish competitively in our tournaments.

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

**Points:** Points will be awarded to all members participating in MWGA events. Points are awarded on a player's highest gross or net finish. Members will get 2 points for participation in rules seminars, skills clinics, the annual meeting, the match play tournament, the match play and beginner leagues, and any other events run by the MWGA.

CLASS DIVISIONS BY INDEX	
CLASS	INDEX
A	9.9 and under
B	10.0 - 19.9
C	20.0 - 29.9
D	30.0 and higher

POINTS AWARDED FOR GROSS AND NET PLACES	
PLACE	POINTS
1 <sup>st</sup>	10
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8
4 <sup>th</sup>	7
5 <sup>th</sup>	6
6 <sup>th</sup> and below	2



## 2006 MWGA Tournament Guidelines (No changes from 2005)

### 1) Fees.

- A) The entry fee for each tournament will be the greens fees plus \$21 for four-person tournaments and \$18 for two-person and individual tournaments. \$15 and \$12, respectively, of this additional amount will be paid back in prizes. If food 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.).
- 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 refunds will be given after the entry deadline date.

### 2) Flights.

All tournaments will have a minimum of two flights.

### 3) Prizes.

- A) A minimum of one fourth of the field will receive prizes.
- B) There will be an equal number of gross and net prizes.
- C) In order to be eligible for net prizes, a player must have a current, official USGA handicap index.
- D) Each flight will get back a percentage of the prize money based on the percentage of entries.

### 4) Contests.

Players will pay an additional fee for contests if they want to enter them. All money paid will be returned to the winners. Longest Drive \$1, (2) Closest to the Flagstick \$2, Chip-ins \$2 and Gross Skins \$5 will be available at all tournaments. The tournament committee will run all contests. NOTE: Player's ball must be in the fairway and lying one to claim Longest Drive. Player's ball must be lying one and on the green to claim Closest to the Flagstick.

### 5) Individual tournaments.

- A) Fees. See paragraph 1) above.
- B) Prizes. In individual stroke tournaments, the recommended payout for first place is \$65. The number of entries will determine the number and amount of additional places paid. All prize money collected will be returned to players in prizes.
- C) Flighting and Handicap. For flight position and handicap, a player's tournament handicap will be equal to 100% of the player's course handicap.

### 6) Two-person team tournaments.

- A) Fees. See paragraph 1) above.
- B) Prizes. In two-person events, the recommended payout for first place is \$55 (per person). The number of entries will determine the number and amount of additional places paid. All prize money collected will be returned to players in prizes.
- C) 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.
- D) A two-person scramble team will be required to use each player's drive 6 times.

### 7) Four-person team tournaments.

- A) Fees. See paragraph 1) above.
- B) Prizes. In four-person events, the recommended payout for first place is a range of \$40-\$50 (per person). The number of entries will determine the number and amount of additional places paid. All prize money collected will be returned to players in prizes.
- C) Flighting and Handicap.
  - i) For flight position and handicap, a four-person scramble 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.
  - ii) 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.
- D) A four-person scramble team will be required to use each player's drive 3 times.

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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, <a href="mailto:neffl@trinity-health.org">neffl@trinity-health.org</a>
5/7 Sun, 11a 1:12p Tee Times	Match Play Meeting Golf \$40	The Orchards GC Washington 48094 586-786-7200	Sonia Pysh-Denison, 52448 Southdown, Shelby Twp 48316, 586-212-6639, <a href="mailto:finaltouchjewelry@comcast.net">finaltouchjewelry@comcast.net</a>
5/13, Sat, 11a 1:30p Shotgun	Annual Meeting, Lunch 4-Woman Spring Scramble Member/Guest golf/cart/range, \$88 members & guests	Golden Fox GC Plymouth 48170 734-453-7272	Jackie McFarlane, 35215 Richland St., Livonia 48150-2656, 586-438-9602, <a href="mailto:jmcfarlane03@aol.com">jmcfarlane03@aol.com</a> , 70.4/123, 5040 yds
5/20 Sat, 12 noon Tee Times	Best 2 of 4 golf/cart/range \$64/\$84	Rattle Run St. Clair 48079 810-329-2070	Susan Wedley, PO Box 1549, Royal Oak 48068- 1549, 248-435-0190, <a href="mailto:susan@home.msen.com">susan@home.msen.com</a> , 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/ <b>extra amenities</b> \$204/\$224 incl. 1 night's stay and Sunday lunch	Lakewood Shores Oscoda 48750	Barbara Porter, 1448C Hidden Meadows E, Walled Lake 48390-2546, 248-624-2835, <a href="mailto:ultrablp@aol.com">ultrablp@aol.com</a> , 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 \$62/\$82	Indian Springs Metro White Lake 48386 248-625-6639	Nancy Serra, 8520 Englewood Dr., Clarkston 48346-1161, 248-625-8705, <a href="mailto:nserra@comcast.net">nserra@comcast.net</a> , 70.1/114, 5425 yds
7/8 Sat, 9a Shotgun	2-Woman Scramble golf/cart/range/continental breakfast \$64/\$84	Sugarbush GC Davison 48423 810-653-3326	Deb Horning, 4158 Charing Cross, Bloomfield Hills 48304-3104, 248-642-7834, <a href="mailto:club-chaser@comcast.net">club-chaser@comcast.net</a> , 70.3/127, 5034 yds
7/15 Sat	Match Play	TBD	Sonia Pysh-Denison
7/22, 7/23 Sat–Sun, 8:30a Tee Times with Crossover	2-Day State Championship – golf/range/ continental breakfast each day/Sunday luncheon/awards ceremony – \$120/\$140; \$55/Junior Sun. w/meals (carts \$9/da)	Lake Forest GC Ann Arbor 48103 734-994-8580	Cynthia Pinkard, 26201 Castleton Dr., Southfield 48076-4707, 248-227-8170, <a href="mailto:czpinkard@aol.com">czpinkard@aol.com</a> , 71.9/124, 5413 yds
7/30 Sun 5:30p	<b>SPECIAL EVENT</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner</b> \$35	Washtenaw CC Ypsilanti 48197 734-434-2150	Nancy Serra, 248-625-8705, <a href="mailto:nserra@comcast.net">nserra@comcast.net</a> Jane Kersjes, 734-420-0854 <a href="mailto:kersjes@dteenergy.com">kersjes@dteenergy.com</a>
7/31 Mon 9a Shotgun	<b>SPECIAL EVENT</b> <b>\$4,000 4-Woman Scramble</b> – golf/cart/ range/continental brkft/lunch – \$125	Washtenaw CC Ypsilanti 48197 734-434-2150	Sara Wold, 734-668-8571, <a href="mailto:sara_wold@msn.com">sara_wold@msn.com</a> ; Barbara Porter, 248-624-2835, <a href="mailto:ultrablp@aol.com">ultrablp@aol.com</a> 72.5/130, 5712 yds
8/12 Sat 8:30a Mod Shotgun	2-Woman Best Ball golf/range/cart \$72/\$92	Farmington Hills GC Farm Hills 48335 248-476-5910	Sonia Pysh-Denison, 52448 Southdown, Shelby Twp 48316, 586-212-6639, <a href="mailto:finaltouchjewelry@comcast.net">finaltouchjewelry@comcast.net</a> , 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 \$66/\$86	Huntmore Golf Club Brighton 48114 810-225-2477	Inez Bridges, 17154 Jill Ave., Southfield 48075- 3480, 248-552-9328, <a href="mailto:imbridges@aol.com">imbridges@aol.com</a> , 71.3/124, 5269 yds
9/9 Sat, 9a Tee Times	Best 2 of 4 Golf/cart \$63/\$83	Springfield Oaks GC Davisburg 48350 248-625-2540	Jane Kersjes, 42155 Old Pond Cr., Plymouth 48170-2569, 734-420-0854, <a href="mailto:kersjes@dteenergy.com">kersjes@dteenergy.com</a> , 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 (no lodging) Sunday luncheon \$162 members & male partners \$182 non-members	The Fortress Frankenmuth 48734 Apple Mountain GC Freeland 48623	Pam Kurtz, 184 Six Mile Creek Rd., Henderson 48841, 989-723-8974, <a href="mailto:lifeisgoodgolf@direcway.com">lifeisgoodgolf@direcway.com</a> , Fortress: 68.8/124, 4837 yds Apple Mtn.: 69.6/127, 4966 yds

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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 \$66/\$86	Boulder Pointe GC Oxford 48371 248-969-1500	Sara Wold, 2050 Yorktown, Ann Arbor 48105, <a href="mailto:sara_wold@msn.com">sara_wold@msn.com</a> , 734-668-8571, 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 <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
5/21 Sun	MI Hall of Fame Golf Outing and Induction Ceremony Dinner \$175 (Dinner only \$50)	Indianwood G&CC, Lake Orion 48361, 248-693-8049	Loretta Larkin, 248-719-0650, <a href="mailto:llarkin@michigan-golf-foundation.com">llarkin@michigan-golf-foundation.com</a>
5/24 Wed	WAPL Sectional, West Michigan Entries close 5/10, Hdcp. limit 18.4 <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>	The Meadows at Grand Valley, Allendale 49401 616-895-1000	Lori Stinson, GVSU, 4645 W. Campus Dr., Allendale 49401, 616-331-3082, <a href="mailto:stinsonl@gvsu.edu">stinsonl@gvsu.edu</a>
5/30 Tu	WAPL Sectional, Detroit Metro Entries close 5/10, Hdcp. limit 18.4 <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>	Huron Meadows Metropark, Brighton 48116 810-231-4084	Sara Wold, 2050 Yorktown, Ann Arbor 48105, 734-668-8571, <a href="mailto:sara_wold@msn.com">sara_wold@msn.com</a>
6/5 Mon	US Women's Open Sectional Qualifier Hdcp. limit 4.4, Entries close 5/3	Knollwood CC, W. Bloomfield 48322, 248-855-0825	USGA 908-234-2300 <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
6/5-8 Mon-Th	GAM MI Women's Sr. Amateur Entries close 5/17, Hdcp. limit 20.4	Michaywe, The Pines Gaylord 49735	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> 989-939-8911
6/13-14 Tu-Wed	GAM Women's Mid-Amateur Entries close 5/24, Hdcp. limit 20.0, Age 25+	Plum Hollow CC, Southfield 48034, 248-353-3553	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
6/19 Mon	Kensington Women's Championship \$26 golf, lunch \$9/cart	Kensington GC, Milford 48380 248-685-9332	Harold Beardsley, 248-685-9332 Entries close 6/11
6/20-25 Tu-Sun	US WAPL Championship Qualifiers only, Entries close 5/10	Walking Stick GC Pueblo, CO	USGA 908-234-2300 <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
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, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
6/24-25 Sat-Sun	Ann Arbor Women's Championship \$85/Resident/\$90 Non-Resident, \$15 lunch	Leslie Park GC, Ann Arbor 48105, 734-994-1163	Leslie Park GC, 734-994-1193 <a href="http://www.milesofgolf.com">www.milesofgolf.com</a> , Entries close 6/9
6/24-25 Sat-Sun	Western MI Women's Best Ball \$135	Cadillac CC, Cadillac 49601 231-775-9442	Jane Cook, 115 Kimel, Cadillac 49601, 231-779-1655, <a href="mailto:cooknook@iglide.net">cooknook@iglide.net</a>
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, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
6/29-7/2 Th-Sun	US Women's Open Qualifiers only. Entries close 5/3	Newport CC Newport, RI	USGA 908-234-2300 <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
7/10 Mon	US Women's Amateur Qualifier Entries close 6/21, Hdcp. limit 5.4	Cincinnati, OH	USGA 908-234-2300, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
7/10-14 Mon-Fri	GAM MI Women's Amateur Entries close 6/21, Hdcp. limit 15.4	Barton Hills CC, Ann Arbor 48105, 734-662-4955	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> MI residents only
7/12 Wed	GAM Net Team Championship Qualifier Entries close 6/28, Hdcp. limit 36.4	Gowanee GC, Mt. Clemens 48046, 586-468-1374	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
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, <a href="mailto:lornainordbeck@crystallmountain.com">lornainordbeck@crystallmountain.com</a>
7/17-19 Mon-Wed	Michigan PGA Women's Open	Crystal Mountain Resort 231-378-2623	Michigan Section PGA, 517-641-7411, <a href="http://www.michigan.pga.com">www.michigan.pga.com</a>
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, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
7/18 Tu	GAM Net Team Championship Qualifier Entries close 6/28, Hdcp. Limit 36.4	Arbor Hills CC, Jackson 49201 517-750-2290	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
7/24 Mon	GAM Net Team Championship Qualifier Entries close 6/28, Hdcp. limit 36.4	Tanglewood GC, South Lyon 48178, 248-486-3355	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
8/7 Mon	GAM MI Net Amateur Championship Qualifier Entries close 7/19, Hdcp. limit 34.4	Salem Hills GC, Northville 48167, 248-437-2152	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
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, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a> Qualifiers only

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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
8/8 Tu	GAM MI Net Amateur Championship Qualifier Entries close 7/19, Hdcp. limit 34.4	Greystone GC, Romeo 48095 586-752-7030	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
8/15-16 Tu-Wed	GAM Women's Championship Entries close 7/26, Hdcp. limit 15.4	Pine Lake CC, Orchard Lake 48324, 248-682-2121	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
8/21 Mon	GAM MI Net Amateur Championship Qualifier Entries close 7/19, Hdcp. limit 34.4	Gull Lake CC, Richland 49083 269-629-9311	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
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, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
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, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> 800-752-5510
9/7 Th	US Sr. Women's Qualifier Entries close 8/16, Hdcp. limit 18.4	Grosse Ile G&CC, Grosse Ile 48138, 734-676-1169	USGA 908-234-2300 <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
9/12-13 Tu-Wed	GAM MI Net Amateur Championship Entries close 7/19	Great Oaks CC, Rochester 48307, 248-651-6566	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> Qualifiers only
9/16-17 Sat-Sun	Atlas Cup Matches	Angels Crossing GC Vicksburg 49097	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
9/21 Th	US Women's Mid-Amateur Qualifier Entries close 8/23, Hdcp. limit 9.4	Barton Hills CC, Ann Arbor 48105, 734-662-4955	USGA 908-234-2300 <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
10/2 Mon	GAM Chrysler Club Championship Entries close	Eagle Eye GC, Hawk Hollow, Bath 48808, 517-641-4295	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> GAM Club Champions only
10/7-12 Sat-Th	US Women's Senior Amateur Entries close 8/16, Hdcp. Limit 20.4	Sea Island GC St. Simons Island, GA	USGA 908-234-2300, Qualifiers only <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
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 <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>

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

## League Information *By Jane Kersjes*

There have been a few additions since the last publication of this women's league information. Please let the board know of any updates you can provide. We hope to make this listing more comprehensive throughout the year,

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
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

Course	League Name	City	Day	Time	Course/Contact Phone
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
Hilltop	Fairway Foxes	Plymouth	Mon	4:30 PM	(734)455-4120
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, <a href="http://www.ewgamd.com/league_list.htm">www.ewgamd.com/league_list.htm</a>
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
Maple Leaf		Linwood			(989)697-3531
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
Pontiac Municipal GC	EDS League	Pontiac	Mon	PM	(248)753-3967
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
Radrick Farms					(734)998-7040
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	<a href="mailto:jzylham@onemain.com">jzylham@onemain.com</a> , (810) 640-1133
Travel League	Women's Suburban GC		Fri	8:00 AM	<a href="mailto:pennyanchors@yahoo.com">pennyanchors@yahoo.com</a> , (734)453-4007

## Juniors

### U.S. Girls' Junior Championship, Carmel Country Club in Charlotte, NC

July 17-22, 2006 *By Linda Lester*

It is spring and time to be thinking of your summer golf schedules. This summer the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship will be hosted by Carmel Country Club in Charlotte, NC on July 17-22.

The Michigan qualifier will be held at Edgewood Country Club in Commerce Township on Wednesday, June 21. We are excited to be returning to Edgewood because it is a fair golf course, especially for women, with fair greens and level fairways.

Last year we had three girls

qualify from our Michigan site; Laura Kueny for the second year, Stephanie Koske and Jennifer Kirby for the first time. Jennifer qualified for match play with a score of 149.

All girls are eligible who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on or by July 23, 2006 and have a USGA Index of no more than 18.4. Application may be made this year online with a credit card at the USGA website: [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org) under the championship heading. The deadline for entries is May 31 at 5pm in the USGA office.

This is also the time of year to establish your handicaps, either at your home course or have your high school team register for a handicap with the GAM. The GAM is offering free handicaps to high school teams who will be registered as clubs without real estate in a new program offered by the GAM. Please contact Tonia Branch at the GAM for more information, (248) 478-9242.

If you have any questions regarding the U. S. Girls' Qualifier or handicaps please contact Linda Lester, (313) 886-6416 or [LTLeester@aol.com](mailto:LTLeester@aol.com).

## News & Updates

### MWGA Takes the Show! — The Michigan Golf Show, That Is

*By Inez M. Bridges*



Jane Kersjes, Darci Stocker, Sam Greaves, Linda Bradfield

MWGA board members and member volunteers rock! I'd like to thank all 15 volunteers for a very successful event at the 2006 Michigan Golf Show. Here's a shout-out to member volunteers **Linda Bradfield, Joan Cleland, Barb Coury, Sonia Pysh-Denison, Sam Greaves, Penny Irwin, Jane Kersjes, Pam Kurtz, Jackie McFarlane, Cynthia Pinkard, Barb Porter, Nancy Serra, Michelle Sroka, Darci Stocker and Sara Wold** for an outstanding job. Everyone was there ready, willing and able to tackle the task at hand that weekend, and they did it in grand style and with **NO** glitches!

If you didn't make it to the show, you missed a great experience at the event's new venue — the Rock

Financial Showplace in Novi. This year, Crystal Mountain's Brad Dean was generous enough to allow us to share a portion of their booth. We had a good location at a corner front of their space across from their lessons area. All the volunteers had a great time bonding with each other, promoting the MWGA to show-goers and identifying potential sponsors for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events in July. Booth staffers presented the MWGA message to interested women golfers (and some men) while distributing the *NEWSLINX*, 2006 tournament schedules, *Golfer's Guide* magazine, our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sponsorship Opportunities form and \$4,000 4-Woman Scramble flyer. In addition, the crew sold 100 magnetic visor and hat ball marker clips! What a great sales crew!

As promotional give-a-ways, we raffled off a free MWGA membership and a full set of ladies RAM G-Force golf clubs that included putter, cart bag and head covers, provided by Carl's Golfland. We do extend a gracious thank-you to Carl Rose and Neal Feldman for this generous donation.

These are the efforts that help promote MWGA and also help in

garnering new members for future growth. *Whether it's at public events such as the Michigan Golf Show or within smaller groups, all of us are ambassadors for attracting other women golfers to the organization.* I believe we'll realize a positive return from our efforts that weekend, and *we need to keep the momentum rolling. "Each One - Reach One!" should be our mantra.* I'm sure we see a few of the women golfers from the golf show in the near future.

Again, thanks everyone for your assistance in making it all happen. If you didn't get a chance to volunteer this year, we'll see you next year. Have a great golfing season.



Lots of interest and potential members!

*A "gimme" can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers — neither of whom can putt very well.*

## MWGA Pick-A-Pro Contest *By Pat Meyers*

2006 Results as of 02/27/06

	Member	Earnings	Pro Picks
1	Sara Wold	\$83,748	Sorenstam, Christina Kim, Prammanasudh, Pressel
2	Terry Deisler	81,758	Sorenstam, Neumann, Hetherington, Stupples
3	Pat Burdziak	79,893	Sorenstam, Christina Kim, Young Kim, Stupples
4	Pat DeMaire	78,688	Sorenstam, Christina Kim, Webb, Pressel
5	Carrol Sanchez	70,225	Sorenstam, Soo-Yun Kang, Young Kim, Pressel
6	Deb O'Hara	63,425	Creamer, Ward, Young Kim, Lindley
7	Dawn Abbeg	60,254	Creamer, Christina Kim, Webb, Delasin
8	Pat Meyers	50,552	Sorenstam, Inkster, Webb, Miyazato
9	Sue Macinkowicz	30,889	Sorenstam, Christina Kim, Young Kim, Lindley
10	Pat Shelton	27,107	Sorenstam, Young, Young Kim, Delasin
11	Ruth Wilson	18,510	Sorenstam, Christina Kim, Davies, Delasin

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Creamer	\$29,950	Prammanasudh	\$16,854
Sorenstam	0	Hetherington	15,229
B		Webb	11,794
Inkster	\$25,243	Young Kim	9,489
Ward	18,720	Davies	0
Christina Kim	16,134	D	
Young (nee Bowie)	15,242	Stupples	\$54,270
Neumann	12,269	Pressel	50,760
Soo-Yun Kang	9,976	Miyazato	13,515
		Lindley	5,266
		Delasin	2,376



## Handifacts *By Deb Pringle*

Welcome ladies to another season of golf. For those of you who are new to our organization, let's address the basic issues. Posting of golf scores begins April 1<sup>st</sup>. That means any rounds played in Michigan, be it 9-hole or 18-hole rounds, are to be posted during the posting period for which the rounds were played in. You will be receiving a packet from the MWGA, and in this packet are postcards with 'send by' dates. Fill out these cards with the information requested and mail them by the indicated date. If you played any rounds over the winter in a state where golf was in season, please send me those scores now.

For those of you who do not have an index yet, you will need to send me five 18-hole rounds or ten 9-hole rounds to establish an index. All members who plan on playing in tournaments with the MWGA need to have an index established before playing or the player will play at 0 handicap. If you are planning on playing in a tournament, please do

not wait until you enter to send me scores to establish an index. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [golfcentral@123access.net](mailto:golfcentral@123access.net), or by phone 248-391-4587. By phone I am available after 6pm Monday-Thursday and any-time Friday-Sunday, unless I'm on the golf course.

For those of you who are returning members, it's basically the same as last year. Internet posting remains the same. If you miss 2 posting periods and enter a tournament, you will play at 85% of your last known index.

### Most Improved Player

Each year the USGA gives recognition to the most improved player from the prior year. Every year, for the most part, it is a very close race as to who receives this honor. We have found it necessary this year to place the following policy into effect.

If playing in a 2-person best ball or best 2-of-4 event, you are required to fill out the scorecard completely. If you pick up on a hole, put

## Our Album

Remember this one? Four-Lady Fall Farewell Scramble at Blackheath, October 2, 2006



First Flight, 1st Low Gross Winners, front Dee Klockow and Kris Bennett, back Susie Burns and Nancy Serra

*"If profanity had an influence on the flight of the ball, the game would be played far better than it is."*

Horace Hutchinson, 1886

*"He who has fastest golf cart never have bad lie."*

Mickey Mantle, 1962

down what you think you would have scored with an 'x' next to it. Anyone not completing the scorecards in these types of tournament will automatically be ineligible for Most Improved Player.

These MWGA tournaments are events that are posted. 95% of participating ladies correctly complete their scorecards. Unfortunately a small percentage still does not comply with what is required.

Hopefully everyone has some great spring rounds, and I hope to see everyone soon on the golf course.

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*"Like life, golf can be humbling. However, little good comes from brooding about mistakes we've made. The next shot, in golf or in life, is the big one."*

Grantland Rice



## Travel Destinations

### Serious and Fun Golfers Take Note — Golf School Extraordinaire

By Wendy Behnke

Imagine 80 degree weather...sun every day, unlimited range balls, a practice facility the size of 4 football fields and the opportunity to play and practice in Florida with two professional golfers from Michigan



Wendy, Sara, Dave Kendall and Linda

in the heart of the winter...for 4 days!

*If this sounds interesting to you, please read on to find out more...*

This past February Linda Morton, Sara Wold and I went to Florida

to the Dave Kendall Academy Golf School <http://www.milesogolf.com/kendall.html>. The golf school was located in Port

St. Lucie on the east coast of Florida and was a wonderful opportunity to learn about your swing, improve and perfect your game.

Dave Kendall and Lynn Jansen are two professional golfers. Dave is a pro at Miles of Golf in Ann Arbor and runs the Kendall Academy and Lynn Jansen is a pro at Egypt Valley in Grand Rapids. The golf school is 4 days long at the PGA Village with a wonderful practice facility open 7 days a week from 8AM to 10PM. As Linda says, the practice facility is "Disneyland for Golfers" with every different kind of sand you could imagine in the bunkers, 2 large driving ranges with lights to hit at night, a pitching green, a chipping green, 2 large putting areas, uneven lie areas and the best is unlimited Titleist NXT practice balls. They have 3 beautiful golf

courses. To visit the PGA Village website see [www.pgavillage.com](http://www.pgavillage.com). The golf school is tailored to meet the players' individual needs and interests.

Each morning pros Dave and Lynn would observe the players' swings, videotape and develop a lesson plan for the day based on their observations. Designated teaching pods were reserved for long game and a separate area was reserved to practice the short game, including sand and difficult lies. The afternoon was reserved for on-course play. The courses were challenging and beautifully maintained.

If you are interested in additional information, please contact either Wendy Behnke @ [wbehnke@umich.edu](mailto:wbehnke@umich.edu), Linda Morton @ [lmortonsport@msn.com](mailto:lmortonsport@msn.com), or Sara Wold @ [Sara\\_wold@msn.com](mailto:Sara_wold@msn.com).

## Publicity Report By Jackie McFarlane

2006 will be a very busy year for the MWGA. This being the 20th anniversary, we have a great opportunity to showcase what we have done and to share our vision for the future. Beginning in March, we have launched a media and publicity campaign that includes:

- 4-color ad in the 2006 Issue 1 of the *Michigan Golfer's Guide*
- 4-color ad in the *Michigan Links* magazine Course Directory issue, 2006

- Press release to all major media contacts

The 20th Anniversary Celebration dinner and golf tournament is the theme of many of the ads we have placed so far, but as the year progresses, the theme for the press releases will showcase other activities that this organization can offer to both members and to the community.

### Answers to Rules Quiz on page 18.

1. T 14-3 c. (iii)
2. F 14-3/4
3. F 8-1/2
4. T 8-1/13
5. F 8-1/16 A's advice could influence B in determining his play. It is considered advice and not information on the rules.
6. T 8-1/18

## Members & Friends

Our sincere condolences to **Carol Hanchett-Card** whose mother, Margaret "Mugs" Hanchett passed away on March 16 at the age of 86 after an extended illness.

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Congratulations to **Linda Lester** for scoring a 98 on the USGA/PGA Rules Exam!

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# HOLE IN 1!

Wow — number 6! Some people go a lifetime without a hole-in-one and then there are people like **Kris Bennett**, who just scored her sixth ace. It was March 12 at Green Meadows in Monroe; Kris hit her 3+ metal wood 169 yards on the 15th hole. In her words, "It was a beauti-

ful riser with a draw right toward the flagstick. It took one hop and disappeared." She couldn't tell if it hit and went over the green or if it went into the hole until she walked to the hole. She was golfing alone, but fortunately a player on the 18th fairway witnessed the shot and verified it for Kris by signing her scorecard.

Way to go!



## From Our Guests

### Range Finders — technology newly approved by USGA provides golfers with exact distance information and hopefully increased speed of play

*By Adrienne Danzeisen-Clor*

Hopefully, you will spend less time waiting for the group in front of you to look for sprinkler heads, scratch their heads trying to figure out how far away the pin is from their buried lie in the trees on the right. Hopefully, they will know the new rules change and have a new laser measuring device to exactly calculate the distance for their shot. Range finders can answer golfers' most important question: How far away am I?

Last September, the sport's governing bodies, the United States Golf Association and the Scotland-based R&A (Royal and Ancient), ruled that effective in 2006, distance-measuring devices can be used by "Local Rule" --- that is, at the discretion of local golfing venues and tournament committees. Only laser range finders and GPS-based systems that measure distance are

legal; gadgets that adjust for slope and others said to be in the works that factor in wind and any other conditions will not be allowed. The USGA says it is permitting the change in an effort to make already-available information more accessible.

Originally developed for surveyors and for hunters scoping game, the handheld devices come in two flavors, laser or GPS, and a number of companies offer various models. The market leader among PGA Tour professionals is Bushnell. Its top model is the PinSeeker 1500, which is available with or without slope (the latter is still barred for tournament play). Other top designs include Nikon's Laser 500, a nicely compact unit; Leica's PinMaster 40530; and Newcon Optik's LRM 1200. The Laser link requires that flagsticks be equipped with special

reflectors; you aim at the stick to get a reading. About 800 courses currently have these reflectors. The advantage of Bushnell, Nikon et al. is that you can put them in your bag and use them anywhere. Costs currently range from \$275 - \$350. The GPS instruments — using technology common to golf carts — are somewhat less precise, and prone to interference from atmospheric conditions, including clouds. On the upside, devices such as the SkyGolf GPS SG2 can store information, including course maps and scores.

Although purists may initially resist getting one of these new devices, I imagine their kind was the same that thought the TV remote control was not necessary when you could get up and change the channel manually. Everyone has a remote control; whether or not we know how to use it, that remains a question.

#### A Million To One Shot

A guy stood over his tee shot for what seemed an eternity; looking up, looking down, measuring the distance, figuring the wind direction and speed. He was driving his partner nuts. Finally his exasperated partner asked: "What's taking so long? Hit the blasted ball!"

The guy answers, "My wife is up there watching me from the clubhouse. I want to make this a perfect shot."

"Forget it, man. You don't stand a snowball's chance in hell of hitting her from here!"

#### Truer Words Were Never Spoken

If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball.

~Jack Lemmon

It's good sportsmanship to not pick up lost golf balls while they are still rolling.

~Mark Twain

Golf and sex are the only things you can enjoy without being good at them.

~Jimmy Demaret

The difference in golf and government is that in golf you can't improve your lie.

~George Deukmejian

Golf is a game invented by the same people who think music comes out of a bagpipe.

~Author Unknown

"n golf you've got two continuously merciless competitors: yourself and the course.

~Tommy Armour, 1959

#### Think BIG

A Texas millionaire had fallen ill, but the doctors couldn't understand what ailed him. The millionaire let it be known that any doctor who could heal him could have whatever he desired. Finally, a country doctor was able to cure him and as the doctor was leaving after a week's stay, the Texan said: "Doc, I am a man of my word. You name it and if it is humanly possible I'll get it for you."

"Well, said the doctor, "I love to play golf, so if I could have a matching set of golf clubs that would be fine." Some months later, the millionaire finally called back and said he had that new matching set of golf clubs. "Doc, I bet you thought that I had gone back on my word. The reason it took so long is that two of them didn't have swimming pools and I didn't think they were good enough for ya. So I had pools installed and they're all ready for you now!"

#### Another Golf Mishap

One fine day, Jim and Bob are playing golf when Jim slices it deep into a wooded ravine. He grabs an 8-iron and proceeds down the embankment in search of his ball. The brush is quite thick, but Jim searches diligently and suddenly he spots something shiny. As he gets closer, he realizes that the shiny object is in fact an 8-iron in the hands of a skeleton lying near an old golf ball. Jim excitedly calls out to his golfing partner. "Hey Bob, come here, I got trouble down here." Bob comes running over to the edge of the ravine and calls out: "What 's the matter Jim?" Jim shouts back in a nervous voice: "Throw me my 7-iron! You can't get out of here with an 8-iron."

#### Rules of Golf

- \* A ball you can see in the rough 50 yards away is not yours.
- \* The less skilled a player is, the more likely he is to share his golf swing.
- \* If you really want to get better at golf, take it up at an earlier age.
- \* A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck.



## Rules R Us *By Sara Wold*

### MWGA Adopts Local Rule to Allow Distance Measuring Devices and Specifies Allowable Cell Phone Use

A new Local Rule will go into effect for the MWGA '06 season. "A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his 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."

Decision 14-3/0.5. Without the above local rule, GPS systems and handheld measuring devices would not be legal, and players using them would be disqualified.

In addition, the USGA has revised Decision 8-1/2 to allow that the distance between any objects, including golf balls, is considered to be a matter of public information and therefore not advice. Such information may be shared without restriction. Players may share such a device and any measured yardage with another player. The USGA will not adopt the Local Rule for its Championships and the GAM is adopting the Local Rule but that could change if it delays play; so be sure to check before you start your round in a GAM Championship.

#### Cell Phone Use

Decision 14-3/16 has been revised to clarify the use of cell phones, handheld computers, calculators, televisions, and radios. Players should ensure that any electronic devices taken onto the course does not distract other players. The use of such electronic devices is not a breach of the rules, if they are used for matters unrelated to golf (to call home), to access information previously published (electronic yardage book, swing tips), or to call the club to obtain information related to the competition (check the leader board).

However, the player would be disqualified if he used the device to watch or listen to a broadcast of the competition being played, to ask advice in breach of Rule 8-1 (call a swing coach), or to access information on advice-related matters that were not published prior to the start of his round (analysis of strokes made during the round). GAM is not allowing cell phones in their Championships. Be sure to leave it in your car if playing in a GAM event. If playing in an MWGA event, you may carry a cell phone but must abide by the RULES & CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR MWGA TOURNAMENTS 2006 distributed at all tournaments and posted on the MWGA website, [www.mwggolf.org](http://www.mwggolf.org).

(See related article below regarding 2006 additions to the Rules & Conditions of Competition.)

#### Quiz Relating to Artificial Devices and Advice (answers are on page 16):

1. A player may wrap a towel or handkerchief around the grip in wet weather without penalty. T or F
2. A player may use a compass to determine where the lake is in regards to a green without penalty. T or F
3. The local rule 14-3/0.5 is not in effect and a player asks his fellow-competitor how far he thinks his ball is from the hole. He is penalized two strokes. T or F
4. After a player skulls his chip shot across the green, his fellow-competitor shows him how to execute the shot. The fellow-competitor is penalized two strokes. T or F
5. B's ball was in a bad lie and A advised him to take an unplayable. A was giving advice on the rules and was not penalized. T or F
6. A player about to start his round may ask a fellow competitor who has finished his round what club he used on the 4<sup>th</sup> hole without penalty. T or F

## Tournament Topics *By Barbara Porter*

### 2006 Additions to the Rules & Conditions of Competition for MWGA Tournaments

Your MWGA Board does not modify or add to our Rules & Conditions of Competition for MWGA Tournaments without good reason. Times change and when issues need to be addressed that will benefit the quality of our events for all involved, the Tournament Committee takes their recommendation to the Board for further discussion, motion and a vote. Consequently,

for 2006 the MWGA has adopted a new local rule (addressed by Sara Wold in her Rules article above) and two new conditions of competition stated in this article.

First, all of us are familiar with the phrase 'can you hear me now?' However, on the golf course, that is not a good thing, especially in the middle of your backswing. We realize we are playing an ancient game

in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and that lifestyles have evolved. On the other hand, golf is still a game of courtesy amongst your fellow players. So, if you elect to carry a cell phone during any MWGA competition, phones (1) must be on an inaudible alert; (2) used only when necessary and away from fellow players to avoid any interference with play; and (3) usage must not delay play. If a

player fails to comply with the proper use of a cell phone, that player will receive a warning. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event. Please note the MWGA condition is different from the GAM 2006 cell phone policy.

Second, the MWGA has voted to add a **Dress Code** as a condition of play. Our dress code is the same as GAM and is as follows:

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 during a competition. The MWGA will adhere to any more specific dress codes required by the host facility. So, in doubt, bring a change of clothing.

Thank you for your continuing support in making the MWGA the premier women's golf organization in Michigan.

*"Golf is a two-handed affair. The clubhead and the hands, wrists and arms should be considered as parts of the club, all working together as one piece of machinery."*  
Harry Vardon

## Membership Snippets *By Jane Kersjes*

Wow, what every board member dreams about is getting rid of the "stuff" in the basement acquired while doing the every day tasks for the position. I've attained the goal over the last few years of trying to "remove from" rather than "add to" whatever is in my condo. I used to keep the records of all my utility bills since I moved to Detroit, all major receipts, all medical bills, bank statements, etc. The paper shredder is a great invention! I toss out all my golf cards from the previous year. Do you? Or are you one of those people who collect them. Do you analyze your golf statistics, what club you used on what hole, how long the carries were, the obstacles, etc. Or, are you like me where if I remember the holes played the week before, I'm doing well.

Now is the time to set your sights for this year's game. Time to remove that which hindered and keep what worked. Coordinating the mind with the body is the hardest part. Have we all done our weight training to perfect that Annika blast off the tee? I'm glad you are making

strides in enhancing your golf game by joining and participating in our events. We have a great lineup and I look forward to seeing you all again. We're at 151 members now, which is down about 17 from this time last year. I hope to get an influx during April. Our membership includes:

89 Senior (7 new)  
43 Regular (16 new)  
2 Junior (1 new)  
16 Board  
1 Course

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

Diane Borovich	Beverly Hills
(Lokar)	Bloomfield Hills
T. Jann Caison	Livonia
Rosemary Gross	Southfield
Elizabeth Houston	West Bloomfield
Regina Love	Troy
Lorine Mays	

For those bringing in new members, please have them put your name on the membership form as the referral. This allows you to be entered for the drawing for an '07 membership.

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*"When you fall in love with golf, you seldom fall easy.  
It's obsession at first sight."  
Thomas Boswell, 1990*



## 2006 MWGA Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip +4: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HomePhone: \_\_\_\_\_ BusinessPhone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  New Member  Renewal

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

<u>MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES</u>	<u>Cost (check one)</u>
<b>New</b>	\$30 _____
<b>Senior</b> (age 50 and over)	\$55 _____
<b>Regular</b> (age 18 – 49)	\$60 _____
<b>Student</b> (age 21 and under)	\$25 _____
<b>Associate</b> (organization or business)	\$60 _____

Membership includes discounted rates at MWGA tournaments, six NEWSLINX, 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 (Course, league name, day, time, contact): \_\_\_\_\_

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