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## Reality Rules — Put Together Your Teams *By Linda Neff*

When: April 21, 2007  
 9AM - 10:30AM  
 Backup rain/snow date: April 28, 2007  
 9AM - 10:30AM

Where: The Inn at St John's, 44045  
 Five Mile, Plymouth 48170  
 (734-453-1047)

Cost: \$25.00 for MWGA and EWGA members  
 Non-Members add \$5.00  
**NOTE:** No refunds will be provided.

Our Reality Rules Clinic will be presented in 2007 by Tami Bealert, a PGA Professional for 16 years. She has spent the last 10 years teaching and coaching golf. Come see and learn the rules of golf as presented by Tami.

Make up your foursome or sign up as an individual and we'll put you on a team. On April 21 your team will have a designated amount of time to cover the fairways laid out with situations

that address rules often abused/misinterpreted and any new rule changes in 2007.

Bring your USGA rulebook for reference. A sheet listing all the rule situations will be provided before each team is sent onto the course. Tami will be on hand to clarify any questions, but not to give the answers. At 9:45AM the group will go over the correct answers, and the designated team captains will score their team tests. A prize will be given to the team that has the most correct answers.

Have fun with your friends and fellow members applying the rules to real golf experiences! Call me at 248-489-6523 if you have any questions.

Send check made payable to MWGA to: Linda Neff, 29694 Mayfair Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

If you've put together a team, please note the members on your registration form.

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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## Good News!

The Michigan Women's Senior Amateur Championship will be held at Gaylord Country Club in Gaylord Mon. - Thurs., June 4 - 7. Entries will be due April 4, 2007 before many of the senior women return to Michigan for the golf season. Entry forms and reminders will be sent out in March. For more details, see the article on page 3.

## 2007 USGA Rules Workshop Will be Held Locally

A 4-day Rules of Golf Workshop will be held at the Marriott in Ypsilanti March 18 - 21, 2007. Register online at [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org).

## President's Corner *By Nancy Serra*



Here we are at the end of another year. Looking back, my feeling is that it was a stupendous year, beginning with a terrific Skills Clinic at Fox Hills and ending with the

magnificent Farewell Scramble at Boulder Pointe. We had a few problems in between, which I can tell you your Board has taken steps to correct, but everything was a huge success. There were a lot of firsts, from the Charity 20th Anniversary Gala Events to a hole-in-one at that event by our own Darci Stocker. And it was for a relatively huge prize, also a first. I just can't stop bragging about how great the Celebration was. Everything from the pace of play to the organization of play is something of which we can be proud.

I think everyone knows that Diane Blum made the gorgeous flower arrangements but one person to whom I failed to give accolades was Judy Figa, who made the flags that were in the flower arrangements, with our 20th anniversary logo embroidered on them. Judy is always willing to help and I can't thank her enough. The next time you see her, will you please help me save face and acknowledge her contribution?

The New Year promises to bring some more firsts. Changes in scrambles handicapping, new formats and, internally, the way we will handle tournament entries, payments, cash games, etc. are in process of being redesigned. These will be presented, hopefully, this coming year. As a Board we are always trying to upgrade and streamline play for you. We don't want to become a stagnate organization and hope you will support our changes. After all, if it doesn't work it isn't written in stone so we can change it again . . . and again.

I'm excited about our new endeavors and, by the way, I'm pleased to again be serving as your President. President of the Michigan

Women's Golf Association – it sure does make me proud. I want you to know that anytime you have a question or concern, I will be happy to listen, help solve, change or do whatever needs to be done. With our changes, I am planning to be more available at tournaments to chat with you, get to know you better and be able to put faces with the names I know so well.

We will continue to support the Rhonda Walker Foundation in various ways that will be published. Any way you would like to become involved as the situations arise would be welcomed. So be sure to read every word of your *NEWSLINX* and check our website [mwgolf.org](http://mwgolf.org) frequently so you don't miss any opportunities, either for participating or for volunteering. I'm looking forward with extreme optimism for a better year than ever before. Last year is going to be hard one to beat, but we can do it!

Farewells and thanks for the memories are extended to Barbara Porter who is retiring from the MWGA Board of Directors. What are we going to do without her? I am in total denial that she is leaving, but I'm confident she will lend us a

hand whenever she can. Her role as Course Coordinator will not be easy shoes to fill. Barb not only secured all the courses for us to play, but she also helped put together the Tournament Guidelines Book and made sure everyone got a disk with all the necessary forms, instructions and paraphernalia we needed to run a tournament. She did much more, and I would attempt to mention everything, but since she did so much, I know I would forget most of it. Suffice to say she has been a very integral part of our association. Alice Belcher is the person we're relying on to pick up the ball and run with it and, knowing Alice, that's exactly what she'll do.

We regretfully say good-bye to Barb with the comforting thought in mind that she won't be far. We hope she'll be close enough for us to reach out and pull her back into the fold whenever the need arises. Thanks, Barb, for your seven years of service, golf expertise and friendship.

Happy Holidays to all and hope you bring in the New Year with a BANG!

Cheers!



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## NEWS & UPDATES

### Exciting News — MWGA Awarded LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Site

Sherry Greene, Program Manager for the LPGA, announced that the MWGA has been approved to conduct an LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Program in the Detroit area. The program is a developmental junior golf program for girls ages 7 – 17. It creates a network for girls to learn to play golf, build friendships and sample competition in a positive and supportive learning environment. It provides the opportunity to achieve success and improve self-esteem, learn the basics of the game and establish a life-long interest in golf. The LPGA and USGA provide learning materials and the USGA provides matching funds for instruction, course and driving range access, golf equipment and registration fees.

Sara Wold has been named Site Director and Julia Baldwin, a well-

known LPGA Golf Pro in the Detroit area, will develop the program and head up the day-to-day operation. Julia has been involved in the First Tee and PAL programs for many years. Nancy Serra, Inez Bridges, Pam Kurtz, Jackie McFarlane and Wendy Behnke are also involved in the planning. MWGA members can get involved as volunteers at the weekly sessions and the tournament.

The MWGA supported the Ronda Walker Foundation (RWF) during the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with a check for \$2,381 to send teenage girls to summer camp. The Board, as well as many members, felt the RWF was a good fit for our organization and decided to continue the relationship. In the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Program the MWGA will work primarily with girls from the RWF, but

will accept other girls interested in the program.

The program will be conducted at the First Tee facility on Belle Isle in Detroit. The First Tee has equipment, a driving range, a 5-hole short course, practice areas and classrooms. Julia plans to offer basic instruction in golf skills and etiquette. She also plans to incorporate mentors from the community and the MWGA to talk to the girls about health and career issues. The MWGA plans to hold a 9-hole tournament at the end of the program at the Strategic Fox in Plymouth with a member playing with each girl.

Ronda Walker is thrilled that her girls will have an opportunity to learn to play golf as well as learn the life lessons that golf teaches us. Sara Wold said, "We are very pleased to have been given this opportunity by the LPGA and the USGA to be a positive influence in the lives of young girls through the game of golf."

### GAM Approves Women's Senior Amateur Championship for 2007

This past summer the Michigan Women's Senior Amateur Championship was separated from the Michigan Women's Amateur Championship and was held at The Pines at Michaywe the first week in June. The field was very strong, but only 16 players participated. The senior women petitioned the GAM to hold the Championship in 2007 and 62 ladies promised to play in the event. A minimum of 32 players will be required to participate in order for the Championship to continue. The GAM will also require an early registration.

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There will be 18 holes of stroke play on Monday to determine the flights. The top 16 players will be

in the Championship Flight and get GAM Honor Roll Points. The remaining players will be in flights of 8. The first round of match play will be held on Tuesday, and a dinner will be held at the club Tuesday evening. The second round of match play will be held Wednesday. The semifinal round in the Championship Flight and the final round of match play in the other flights will be held Thursday morning. The final round in the Championship Flight will be held Thursday afternoon. The Champion will receive the Championship Trophy and prize and each flight winner will also receive a prize.

The strength of the senior women's field is growing, and it is important that this Championship is well attended and will be continued. Joan Garety is the defending champion and Deb Robert was the runner-up in 2006. Please call or email Sara Wold at (734) 668-8571 or [sara\\_wold@msn.com](mailto:sara_wold@msn.com) if you will be away and want your entry form sent to a different address.

### Still Looking for Recipes

*Did you forget?* We are looking for your recipes for easy-to-fix dishes, those that don't take too long so we have plenty of time on the golf course.

We would like to publish an *MWGA Cookbook for Busy Golfers* and need your help. Mail or email your recipes to **Penny Irwin, 288 N. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170** or [pennyanchors@yahoo.com](mailto:pennyanchors@yahoo.com).

*We know you have some favorites.* Once compiled, the cookbook will be offered for sale.

The MWGA is working with the USGA and LPGA to develop a junior golfer teaching program. Proceeds from sale of the cookbook could help defray costs for that endeavor as well as other projects.

### Sand bunker

A deep depression filled with sand filled with golfers in a deep depression.

## TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

### Yellow Fever Shot — \$55, Visa to Zimbabwe — \$65, Trip to Africa — Priceless

*By Sara Wold*

I had the opportunity to join Jeanne Myers and the USA Women's Team at the World Amateur Team Championship in South Africa in October as a Rules Official. I took advantage of the trip to play some golf, officiate the tournament, go on safari in Kenya and Tanzania, visit Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe and tour the London area on the way home. I was gone 6 weeks and had an incredible experience.

I played the WATC host courses – Stellenbosch Golf Club, which is over 100 years old and is rather straightforward with tree lined fairways and lovely mountains in the background, and De Zalze Golf Club, which has many water features, forced carries, lovely gardens and landscaping and mountains in the background. I walked and had wonderful caddies at each of these clubs. I played the round at Stellenbosch in 2.5 hours – I think I won the race!

I flew to George and played Pezula, Mosel Bay and the Links at Fancourt. Pezula and Mosel Bay are on the cliffs overlooking the Indian Ocean. Pezula had extreme elevation changes, forced carries and extraordinary scenery. I was paired with a young couple from Switzerland and on the first green, I marked my ball with a butterfly marker from Kapalua. Pia laughed because she had also marked her ball with a butterfly marker from Kapalua! What are the odds of that happening?! You could see the ocean from every hole at Mosel Bay. I was paired with the club champion and his brother who had come all the way across the country to play with him and the lady pro from America. I explained right away that I was no pro. We had a good time anyway, and they took me to see another course, which I'm positive you will be reading about soon, called Pinnacle Pointe that opened after I left. It was more spectacular than Pezula. I was privileged to play the Links of Fancourt, one of the best courses in the world. It is a

links course designed by Gary Player and my caddy caddied for Justin Rose when he played in Europe. He had little pink roses on his golf shoes. I played with a gentleman from Scotland, who had played all over the world and some of the courses I had played in the USA and Spain. From South Africa, he was going to Dubai to play. I was very jealous.

From there, I flew back to Cape Town to officiate the WATC. It was good to see Jeanne and our players and the small contingent from the USGA. I had several interesting holes to cover, but golfers all over the world get into the same kind of trouble! We were very well fed and entertained by the USGA, R & A and South African Golf Association. The women have their own golf association separate from the men's and they do not have slope ratings for the courses in South Africa. The opening and closing ceremonies were inspiring. There was native entertainment at both ceremonies and the teams marched in and raised their flags and later lowered their flags. I was very proud of our team and Jeanne.

I flew to Johannesburg and Nairobi and joined a girlfriend for a two-week safari in Kenya and Tanzania. It was a difficult trip, although we went first class (trust me that is the only way to go) and enjoyed comfortable rooms with mosquito nets and showers and good food. Neither of us got sick. We saw herds of all the animals, and we saw the poorest of the poor and the richest of the rich. In Sanburu we visited a native village. They live in huts made of dung and sticks and still circumcise young women who can be bought for 10 cows. Little babies were naked and sat in the mud and cried because they were cold and hungry. It breaks one's heart to see such poverty. I think all of us left every Kenya shilling we had in our pockets in that village to support their school and buy trinkets from the women. When we arrived, all the kids ran to the school and recited their ABCs and

counted to 20! The teacher, the chief's daughter, had an 8<sup>th</sup> grade education, a rarity, I'm sure. All the children were under 8 years of age because when they get older they have to herd the cows and goats. One little girl, the dirtiest child I have ever seen, ran up to me and held my hand and walked with me the whole time. She had the sweetest smile and seemed very happy. In stark contrast to the Sanburu village, when we were in London, we visited Queen Elizabeth's Windsor Castle, which is as opulent as the Vatican.

I was glad we took safari vans so we could see the countryside, although we drove over the roughest and dustiest roads (I hesitate to call them roads) I have ever seen. The highlands of both Kenya and Tanzania are fertile and many fruits, vegetables and grains are grown there and sheep and dairy cows are abundant. The Masai Mara and Serengeti is a vast arid landscape. We saw the migration of the Wildebeests — the hills were black with 1 – 2 million animals. I think they are going to take over the world. Apparently nobody likes to eat them.

We flew to Victoria Falls and were impressed by the beauty of the falls, which stretched for 2 miles. It was the low season but still remarkable. We felt some of the influence of English colonization as we languished over lunch on the veranda of the 102 year old Victoria Falls Hotel. From there we toured London (Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and the Tower of London), Warwick and Windsor Castles, Stratford on Avon, Oxford (much like Ann Arbor — all the students are on cell phones), Canterbury, Stonehenge and Bath. We had lunch at the Ritz, went to a play at the Old Vic Theater and shopped at Harrod's.

It's good to be back and I'm still absorbing all that I experienced. Of course, I'm already planning my next trip. The WATC will be in Australia in 2008.

## Handifacts

By Deb Pringle

Ladies, if you are lucky enough to play golf out of state where it is in season, remember, you are to post those scores or send them to me and I will post them at the appropriate time in April.

Another reminder: If you post through an organization other than MWGA, make sure you have posted any tournament scores shot in MWGA events from this past season. The only tournament scores I post are for members who post through MWGA.

Here are a few statistics about our 2006 members you might find interesting:

### Top Most Improved Players in 2006

|                      | % Improvement |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 3rd Raida Abdullah   | 16.2%         |
| 2nd Kathryn Janes    | 16.8%         |
| 1st To be announced* | 25.2%         |

\*The individual who achieved this honor will be announced at the annual meeting on May 12, 2007 at Dunham Hills GC.

Our club's average handicap was 21.1, well below the national average for women golfers. The USGA average, I believe, is still around 30.5.

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Rounds posted this year:  | 4,014 |
| Posted via Internet       | 3,229 |
| Posted via handicap chair | 785   |

Have a wonderful new year! See you in the spring.

**Stay tuned for details on a new 8-week Beginner Golf League at St. John Golf Course in 2007.**

## Membership Snippets By Jane Kersjes

Another year is almost upon us. New dreams, new goals, new aspirations. I hope everyone rejoins our organization, but given the Michigan economy, that may be wishful thinking. The Board is trying hard to make changes to retain our loyal members and entice new members to join. You'll read about these changes in upcoming issues of the *NEWSLINX*. I've enjoyed my three-year stint as Membership Chair and will try my best to continue to help move the organization forward. I've been retained as Membership Chair for this coming year with your votes for reelection to the Board. Besides inputting your membership data and making deposits, I attend board meetings, provide the league directory, run a tournament each year

work with the computer assistant to enhance the functionality of both membership and tournament data and reports. Please let me or any board member know of any concerns you may have. Also, please help welcome these new members for '07 since the last *NEWSLINX*:

Elisabeth Buchheister    Oakland  
Laurie Chase                Bloomfield Hills

Just want to let you know that Cynthia Pinkard, our webmaster, checks the database periodically and updates the website with the new 2007 member listing. Please check to make sure your name is there. You should also receive either an email or snail mail postcard from me with a confirmation.

Enjoy the new year!

## Women's Leagues

*PLEASE check to see if your league is listed on our website. So many applications don't list all the info needed: Course-League Name-Day-Time-Contact. I will update the master list for printing in the NEWSLINX after the first of the year. Women are always looking to join leagues; make yours known here.*

## Match Play League 2007 By Pat Witek

The MWGA Match Play League 2006 was a resounding success. Congratulations to 2-time repeat champion Alice Belcher and thanks to Sonia Pysh-Denison for her leadership over the past 3 years. Members and guests are still talking about how much fun they had during the golf outings and after play social gatherings hosted by several of the members. The Match Play League has gained so much popularity that there is actually a waiting list to join!

*What's new for 2007?* Leadership and, if possible, an expansion to 28 members. Yvette Gagnon and I will

share responsibility for running the league. Yvette will coordinate the outings and I will handle the administration duties. Most of the members from 2006 plan to return, and there is a waiting list to join, so the league will attempt to expand from 24 to 28 members.

You'll see more information about the 2007 Match Play League in upcoming issues of the *NEWSLINX*. For questions or to inquire about joining, you may contact me via email or telephone: [pgolfw@aol.com](mailto:pgolfw@aol.com) or 248/417-1190.

Returning members can reserve their spot *now* for the 2007 season by sending a check (made out to MWGA) for the \$50 membership fee to Pat Witek, 9727 Bassett, Livonia 48150.



### Lateral shot

Polite term for a shank, the only golf shot you can immediately master simply by watching someone hit one.

### Lag

The first quarter of a four-putt.

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## 2007 Tentative Tournament/Event Schedule

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

| <b>MWGA Events (\$xx Member/\$xx Non-Member)</b>         |   | <b>Entry Deadline 10 Days Prior to All Events Unless Noted</b> |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <b>Date/Time</b>   | <b>Event/Fee</b>  | <b>Site/Location</b>   | <b>Contact</b>   |
| 4/21, Sat<br>9-10:30am                                   | Reality Rules<br>\$25.00/\$30.00  | St. John's GC<br>Plymouth 48170<br>734-453-1047                | Linda Neff, 29694 Mayfair Rd, Farmington Hills 48331, 248-661-0082   |
| 5/5, Sat   | Skills Clinic   | Fox Hills GC<br>Plymouth 48170<br>734-453-7272                 | Linda Neff, 29694 Mayfair Rd, Farmington Hills 48331, 248-661-0082   |
| 5/12 11am  | Annual Meeting - \$00.00  | Dunham Hills GC  |  |
| 5/12<br>Sat, 1:00p<br>Shotgun                            | Spring Scramble (following Annual Meeting <i>and Lunch</i> ) Member/Guest golf/cart/range<br>\$00.00 members & guests   | Dunham Hills GC<br>Hartland 48353<br>248-887-9170              | 71.3/118, 5326yds – women's forward tees, www.dunhamhills.com  |
| 5/26<br>Sat, 8am<br>Tee Times                            | 2-Person BB – Mixed Event<br>golf/cart/range<br>\$00.00/\$00.00   | Northville Hills GC<br>Northville 48167<br>734-667-2904        | 69.5/122, 5019yds – women's forward tees, www.northvillehills.com  |
| 6/10<br>Sun, 11am<br>Tee Times                           | President's Stroke Play Tournament<br>golf/cart/range<br>\$00.00/\$00.00  | Fieldstone GC<br>Auburn Hills 48326<br>248-370-9354            | Nancy Serra, 248-625-8705,<br><a href="mailto:nserra@comcast.net">nserra@comcast.net</a> ; 70.4/123,<br>4932yds – women's forward tees<br>www.fieldstonegolfclub.com |
| 6/16<br>Sat, 11:30am<br>Tee Times                        | Best 2 of 4 (or 4-Woman Cha-Cha-Cha) golf/cart<br>\$00.00/\$00.00   | Plum Brook GC<br>Sterling Hts 48312<br>1-586-264-9411          | 68.5/117, 5109yds – women's forward tees   |
| 7/14<br>Sat, 9am<br>Shotgun                              | 2-Woman Scramble<br>golf/cart/range/continental breakfast<br>\$00.00/\$00.00  | Sugarbush GC<br>Davison 48423<br>810-653-3326                  | Deb Horning, 248-642-7834, <a href="mailto:club-chaser@comcast.net">club-chaser@comcast.net</a> ; 70.3/127,<br>5034yds – women's forward tees                        |
| 7/28, 7/29<br>Sat-Sun,<br>9:00am                         | 2-Day State Championship<br>golf/range/continental breakfast each day/lunch Sun. at awards ceremony<br>\$00.00/\$00.00 to walk w/meals<br>\$00.00 Juniors on Sun. w/meals     | Hunters Ridge GC<br>Howell 48855<br>517-545-4653               | Sonia Pysh-Denison, 586-726-9663<br>Sonia.pysh-denison@gte.com<br>72.4/127, 5557yds – Women's middle tees, www.golfhuntersridge.com                                  |
| 8/06<br>Mon, 8am<br>Shotgun                              | 2-Woman Best Ball ???<br>golf/cart/range/luncheon<br>\$00.00/\$00.00  | Lakes of Taylor GC<br>Taylor 48180<br>734-287-2100             | 69.4/121, 5111yds – women's front tees, www.taylorgolf.com   |
| 8/18<br>Sat 9:00am<br>Tee Times                          | 2-Woman Best Ball ???<br>golf/range/cart<br>\$00.00/\$00.00   | Heather Hills GC<br>Romeo 48065<br>810-798-3971                | 69.3/118, 5089yds – women's forward tees, www.heatherhills.net   |
| 8/25<br>11:16am<br>Split Tees                            | 4-Woman "Trifecta" NEW EVENT<br>6/Stroke Play, 6/Best 2 of 4,<br>6/Scramble – golf/cart/range<br>\$00.00/\$00.00  | Salem Hills GC<br>Northville 48167<br>248-437-2152             | 68.5/113, 5000yds – women's front tees, www.salemhillsgolf-club.com  |
| 9/8<br>Sat, 12:00pm<br>Tee Times                         | 2-Woman Scramble<br>Golf/cart/range<br>\$00.00/\$00.00  | Hawk Hollow<br>Bath 48808<br>517-641-4295                      | 69.1/117, 4934yds – women's forward tees, www.hawkhollow.com,  |
| 9/22, 9/23<br>Sat am<br>Tee Times<br>Sun 9am<br>Shotgun  | 2 Day/2 Person Best Ball<br>golf/cart/range/Fri & Sat night lodging, Sat & Sun brkft., Sun lunch at awards ceremony<br>\$00.00 members & male partners<br>\$00.00 non-members | Lakeview Hills Resort<br>Lexington 48450<br>888-355-4004       | North Course 71.8/131, 4995yds – women's forward, 70.2/131, 6148yds – men's back, www.lakeviewhills.com  |
| 10/6<br>Sat, 11am<br>Split Tee or<br>Modified<br>Shotgun | 4-Woman Fall Farewell Scramble<br>golf/cart/range/lunch at awards ceremony<br>\$00.00/\$00.00   | Pine View GC<br>Ypsilanti 48197<br>734-481-0500                | Sara Wold, 734-668-8571,<br><a href="mailto:sara_wold@msn.com">sara_wold@msn.com</a><br>70.2, 115, 5156yds – women's forward tees, www.pineviewgc.com                |

## We Came, We Played, Some Conquered (The 2006 Season Synopsis and a Peek at 2007)

*By Barbara Porter, Course Coordinator*

The beginning Scramble event of the MWGA 2006 season was not what one would call a Kodak moment. While preparing for my second shot, I saw ducks swimming in a stream on the first fairway of the Golden Fox. What made this scene so bizarre is, under normal circumstances, there is no stream on the first fairway at the Golden Fox. Yes, Mother Nature had decided to release a deluge of moisture on our valiant and hardy players. However, as the season progressed, things did get better, as we never succumbed to rain again until September 9 at Springfield Oaks.

The MWGA visited some other good friends, Rattle Run, Indian Springs, Sugarbush and Boulder Pointe and explored some new territories, Lakewood Shores, Farmington Hills and Huntmore. So, how many balls did you lose at Huntmore? Be honest! Oh, and then there is the ball I lost (abandoned) due to the snake. Okay, so it was an infant! A snake is a snake in my book. What we put up with when playing this game!

What truly amazes me and is a tribute to our membership is the loyalty to our organization. For most people in Michigan, 2006 was a difficult year financially. And, yet, our numbers were not down substantially. In fact, August came on like gangbusters! I consider it an honor that our members fit our events into their ever tightening budgets. The MWGA Course Coordinator, Tournament Committee and every Board member are committed in providing the best amateur events in the State of Michigan and we all appreciate the allegiance of our membership.

As you look at the 2007 Tentative Event Schedule, you will notice some new courses — our season starts at Dunham Hills, proceeds to Northville Hills and then onto Fieldstone — all great, challenging courses new to the MWGA schedule. I am very excited about our Monday event at Lakes of Taylor, a wonderful test of golf

thanks to Arthur Hills and the City of Taylor. And, I expect all our members living south of Ford Road to sign up in droves for this event as they have asked for an event in their "territory" for some time. Our 2007 schedule takes us to Plum Brook, Hunters Ridge, Heather Hills, Salem Hills, Hawk Hollow and Pine View, all courses we have not played in a couple of years but high on the list of MWGA favorites. What can I say about Sugarbush? Our membership loves Sugarbush and Sugarbush loves MWGA — it is, sort of, a clandestine "mutual admiration society" sacred only to our membership.

For 2007, we look forward to going to Lexington for our Fall 2-Day 2-Person Event. This certainly will be a fun event. Just park your car and check-in for an all inclusive weekend of golf, food and good friendship. Make sure you check our website for all the most recent updates on all 2007 events.

Remember the ducks? Just wanted our membership to know for 2007 the MWGA Board has passed an Inclement Weather Policy defining the weather conditions under which we will suspend or cancel play. Watch for it next year.

In closing, I would like all our members to welcome Alice Belcher as the 2007 Course Coordinator. Alice will now "take the torch" and her enthusiasm and knowledge will guarantee continued excellence in the MWGA Tournament Schedule. Me? I'm taking a sabbatical. It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve all of you by being a MWGA Board member for the last seven years. Have a Happy Holiday Season. See you on the links in 2007!

**Hold Saturday, May 5, 2007 open for a Skills Clinic at Fox Hills in Plymouth. Details to follow.**

## RESULTS

### Jeanne Myers Captains the USA Team at the World Amateur Team



Jeanne Myers, former Chairman of the USGA Women's Committee and current Assistant Director of Rules and Competitions at GAM, captained the USA team of Amanda Blumenherst, Kimberly Kim and Jennie Lee at the World Amateur Team Championship at the De Zalze Golf Club and Stellenbosch Golf Club in South Africa, Oct 18 -21. Kimberly, a 15 year old, who won the US Women's Amateur and was runner-up in the WAPL Championship, was our best performer and tied for 16<sup>th</sup> at even par over the 4 rounds. Amanda tied for 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 over and Jennie Lee, who was ill, played valiantly but was back in the pack. Amanda and Jennie play for Duke University. There were 42 teams from countries all over the world.

South Africa tied at -10 with Sweden, who won in 2004 in Puerto Rico. The tie was broken by the 3<sup>rd</sup> player in the second round and South Africa was declared the winner much to the pleasure of the home crowd. Columbia, with players who play for UCLA and Stanford, was 3<sup>rd</sup> at -9. France (-8), Germany and Japan (-7), New Zealand (-6), Spain (-4), USA (-2) and Chinese Tiepi (E) rounded out the top ten finishers.

The team had more excitement than they needed when they went for a sailboat ride in the harbor at Cape Town. Once they got out of the harbor, it was extremely windy and the boat almost capsized. Jeanne and the girls were shaken up and cold and wet, but thankfully OK.

The men's competition was the following week and the USA, who has won many times in a row, was second to Holland.

# RESULTS

## MWGA Fall Farewell Scramble September 30, Boulder Pointe

### Flight 1

1LG Betty Vandeputte 61  
Sue Macinkowicz  
Darci Stocker  
Pam Kurtz



Darci and Betty

### Flight 2

Deb Horning 68  
Yvette Gagnon  
Pat Shelton  
Faye Bessette



Yvette, Pat, Faye, Deb  
Awarded prize for "Best Dressed"

1LN Cindy Hill 60  
Ruth Wilson  
Amy Skogstrom  
Lisa Bishop



Lisa, Amy, Cindy, Ruth

Joyce Gibson 62  
Karen Stecher  
Pat Burdziak  
Mary Ann Montre



Karen, Mary Ann and Joyce

2LG Robyn Calardo 70  
Nancy Serra  
Pam Staub  
Dee Klockow



Pam and Robyn

Deb Pringle 72  
Nancy Abbeg  
Dawn Abbeg  
Connie Guyer



Deb, Connie, Nancy, Dawn

2LN Susan Wedley 61  
Kathy Heikkila  
Carol Card  
Barb Quinn



Carol, Susan and Kathy

Sue Merrick 63  
Barb Porter  
Barb Coury  
Diane Kurtz



Barb, Barbara and Sue

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR (POY)

Players with 30 or more points. Winners of each division will be acknowledged at the Annual Meeting. Points totals through Aug 21 at Huntmore.

| Name                   | Points | Events | Name                 | Points | Events | Name                | Points | Events |
|------------------------|--------|--------|----------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Macinkowicz, Susan     | 78     | 9      | Wilson, Ruth         | 52     | 8      | Cherry, Sue         | 34     | 4      |
| Sroka, Michelle        | 76     | 12     | Porter, Barbara      | 51     | 10     | Dorr, Sue           | 34     | 6      |
| Gagnon, Yvette         | 74     | 12     | Burdziak, Patricia   | 50     | 6      | Hoenscheid, Deborah | 34     | 6      |
| Pysh-Denison, Sonia    | 74     | 12     | Vandeputte, Betty    | 49     | 6      | Kreason, Patty      | 34     | 5      |
| Horning, Debra         | 73     | 12     | Pringle, Deb         | 47     | 11     | Shaw, Susan         | 34     | 5      |
| Hill, Cindy            | 71     | 9      | Coury, Barbara       | 43     | 10     | Calardo, Robyn      | 33     | 4      |
| Madej, Suzanne         | 66     | 8      | Witek, Pat           | 42     | 6      | Staub, Pam          | 32     | 5      |
| Pinkard, Cynthia       | 63     | 11     | Bishop, Lisa         | 41     | 4      | Forrester, Laurie   | 31     | 5      |
| Stocker, Darci         | 63     | 9      | DeMaire, Patricia    | 41     | 8      | Land, Debra         | 31     | 4      |
| Shelton, Pat           | 60     | 11     | Johnson, Yvette      | 39     | 6      |                     |        |        |
| Burns, Susie           | 59     | 8      | Irwin, Penny         | 38     | 7      |                     |        |        |
| Kersjes, Jane          | 58     | 10     | Bessette, Faye Jones | 37     | 8      |                     |        |        |
| Oliver, Monica         | 58     | 9      | Masek, Betsy         | 37     | 5      |                     |        |        |
| MacPherson, Theresa L. | 57     | 7      | Bridges, Inez        | 36     | 8      |                     |        |        |
| Serra, Nancy           | 56     | 11     | Cleland, Joan        | 36     | 8      |                     |        |        |
| Montre, Mary Ann       | 55     | 8      | Belcher, Alice       | 34     | 8      |                     |        |        |



**RESULTS****The Fortress at Frankenmuth, 2-Day 2-Person Best Ball, September 23 - 24**

| Place                   | Name               | Gross Sat | Gross Sun | TOTAL Gross | TOTAL Net | Place  | Name              | Gross Sat | Gross Sun | TOTAL Gross | TOTAL Net |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|--|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Women's Flight 1</b> |                    |           |           |             |           | <b>Mixed Flight 1</b>  |                   |           |           |             |           |
| 1LG                     | Pam Kurtz          | 72        | 76        | 148         |           | 1LG  | Dave Vandeputte*  | 66        | 71        | 137         |           |
|                         | Darlene Pumford    |           |           |             |           |  | Betty Vandeputte* |           |           |             |           |
| 1LN                     | Deb Horning        | 75        | 75        |             | 120       | 1LN  | Richard Cook      | 87        | 83        |             | 134       |
|                         | Yvette Gagnon      |           |           |             |           |  | Angie Cook        |           |           |             |           |
| 2LG                     | Darci Stocker      | 73        | 77        | 150         |           | 2LG  | Jeff Paprocki     | 74        | 80        | 154         |           |
|                         | Shirley Cole       |           |           |             |           |  | Carol Paprocki    |           |           |             |           |
| 2LN                     | Alice Belcher      | 86        | 82        |             | 124       | 2LN  | Sue Madej         | 84        | 85        |             | 134       |
|                         | Jackie Humphries   |           |           |             |           |  | Gerald Madej      |           |           |             |           |
| 3LG                     | Judy Lazzaro       | 77        | 80        | 157         |           | 3LG  | William Peet      | 83        | 88        | 171         |           |
|                         | Cindy Obermeyer    |           |           |             |           |  | Sharon Peet       |           |           |             |           |
| 3LN                     | Michelle Sroka     | 83        | 79        |             | 125       | 3LN  | Robert Burns      | 88        | 93        |             | 144       |
|                         | Monica Oliver      |           |           |             |           |  | Susie Burns       |           |           |             |           |
| 4LG                     | S. Pysh-Denison    | 81        | 83        | 164         |           | <b>Mixed Flight 2</b>  |                   |           |           |             |           |
|                         | Pat Witek          |           |           |             |           | 1LG  | Dick Irwin        | 87        | 89        | 176         |           |
| <b>Women's Flight 2</b> |                    |           |           |             |           |  | Penny Irwin       |           |           |             |           |
| 1LG                     | Pam Staub          | 82        | 84        | 166         |           | 1LN  | Faye Bessette     | 91        | 95        |             | 127       |
|                         | Robyn Calardo      |           |           |             |           |  | Greg Bessette     |           |           |             |           |
| 1LN                     | Lu Stockton        | 93        | 100       |             | 133       | 2LG  | Diane Kurtz       | 88        | 92        | 180         |           |
|                         | Linda Bermingham   |           |           |             |           |  | Stephen Kurtz     |           |           |             |           |
| 2LG                     | Jane Kersjes       | 88        | 92        | 180         |           | 2LN  | Gene Kronkowski   |           | 88        |             | 133       |
|                         | Cynthia Pinkard    |           |           |             |           |  | Karen Popchock    |           |           |             |           |
| 2LN                     | Barb Porter        | 90        | 104       |             | 134       | 3LG  | Nancy Serra       | 97        | 98        | 195         |           |
|                         | <b>Pat Shelton</b> |           |           |             |           |  | Bill Wright       |           |           |             |           |
| 3LG                     | Dawn Abbeg         | 92        | 93        | 185         |           | * Medalists and winners of the Team Trophy   |                   |           |           |             |           |
|                         | Nancy Abbeg        |           |           |             |           |  |                   |           |           |             |           |
| 3LN                     | Betsy Masek        | 91        | 96        |             | 138       |  |                   |           |           |             |           |
|                         | Laura Jocque       |           |           |             |           |  |                   |           |           |             |           |
| 4LG                     | Sharon Nolan       | 92        | 96        | 188         |           |  |                   |           |           |             |           |
|                         | Kathy Brennan      |           |           |             |           |  |                   |           |           |             |           |



Back row: Dave Vandeputte, Linda Bermingham, Pam Kurtz, Darlene Pumford, Gerald Madej, Deb Horning, Dick Irwin  
 Front row: Betty Vandeputte, Lu Stockton, Pam Staub, Robyn Calardo, Sue Madej, Yvette Gagnon, Penny Irwin

**CLUB CHAMPION/GOLFER OF THE YEAR**

Players with 200 or more points. The final tally will only include points from the players best 5 events. Results through August 21 at Huntmore.

| Name                | Points | Events | Name            | Points | Events | Name           | Points | Events |
|---------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|--------|----------------|--------|--------|
| Stocker, Darci      | 1337.5 | 4      | Gagnon, Yvette  | 417.5  | 4      | Weiss, Shelly  | 250.0  | 1      |
| Horning, Debra      | 1200.0 | 5      | Garety, Joan    | 325.0  | 1      | Madej, Suzanne | 247.5  | 3      |
| Bishop, Lisa        | 1025.0 | 4      | Kersjes, Jane   | 300.0  | 2      | Witek, Patty   | 240.8  | 2      |
| Macinkowicz, Susan  | 1400.0 | 6      | Massa, , Julie  | 300.0  | 1      | Houston, Liz   | 237.5  | 2      |
| Pysh-Denison, Sonia | 912.5  | 4      | Sroka, Michelle | 387.5  | 5      | Waltman, Linda | 237.5  | 1      |
| Hill, Cindy         | 762.5  | 4      | Shaw, Susan     | 287.5  | 1      | Burns, Susie   | 212.5  | 2      |
| Delcamp, Terry      | 612.5  | 2      | Robert, Debra   | 275.0  | 1      | Dorr, Sue      | 200.0  | 1      |
| Rogers, Lori        | 512.5  | 2      | Howell, Ellen   | 250.0  | 1      | Kreason, Patty | 200.0  | 1      |
| Vandeputte, Betty   | 425.0  | 2      |                 |        |        |                |        |        |

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

Pick your team of four LPGA pro golfers from the following lists. Select one player from each of the four groups and enter her name in the space provided on your entry form. Teams will be ranked on combined tour earnings through October 16, 2007. Highest score wins. The winner will receive a free MWGA membership for year 2007. **Entries must be received by January 31, 2007.**

|  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
| <p>A<br/>Lorena Ochoa<br/>Karrie Webb<br/>Annika Sorenstam<br/>Julieta Granada<br/>Cristie Kerr<br/>Mi Hyun Kim<br/>Juli Inkster<br/>Jeong Jang<br/>Hee-Won Han<br/>Pat Hurst<br/>Paula Creamer<br/>Seon Hwa Lee<br/>Se Ri Pak</p> | <p>B<br/>Brittany Lincicome<br/>Sherri Steinhauer<br/>Natalie Gulbis<br/>Sophie Gustafson<br/>Stacy Prammanasudh<br/>Meena Lee<br/>Jee Young Lee<br/>Brittany Lang<br/>Ai Miyazato<br/>Angela Stanford<br/>Morgan Pressel<br/>Gloria Park<br/>Shi Hyun Ahn</p> | <p>C<br/>Joo Mi Kim<br/>Young Kim<br/>Candie Kung<br/>Karine Icher<br/>Sung Ah Yim<br/>Wendy Ward<br/>Nichole Castrale<br/>Laura Davies<br/>Christina Kim<br/>Laura Diaz<br/>Il Mi Chung<br/>Diana D'Alessio<br/>Heather Young</p> | <p>D<br/>Rachel Hetherington<br/>Michele Redman<br/>Lorie Kane<br/>Patricia MeunierLebouc<br/>Maria Hjorth<br/>Lindsey Wright<br/>Suzann Pettersen<br/>Aree Song<br/>Keong Bae<br/>Karen Stupples<br/>Nancy Scranton<br/>Helen Alfredsson<br/>Other _____</p> |
|--|--|--|---|

Your team's progress will be tracked in the *NEWSLINX*. Leaders and winners will be based on the LPGA official events. So fill out your entry today. There is a \$5.00 fee for processing, handling and tracking entries. Funds not used for the contest will go to sponsor future MWGA events.

**FOLLOW THE LPGA AND SEND IN YOUR ENTRY TODAY!**

Following are my team picks:

A \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_

C \_\_\_\_\_

D \_\_\_\_\_

Tie Breaker  
(Winner of U.S. Women's Open):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Only one entry per person.  
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### MEMBERS & FRIENDS

#### Condolences

We extend sincere condolences to **Pat Burdziak** whose mother Anna died suddenly at age 90 on Thanksgiving Day. We hope time will ease her loss.

### RESULTS

#### Joan Garety Wins GAM Women's Senior Championship

The 10<sup>th</sup> GAM Women's Senior Championship was held Aug. 28 - 29 at The Tradition at Treetops in Gaylord. Joan Garety shot a 75-74 - 149 to win by an eight-stroke margin over defending champion Barbara Schmid. There were 91 players in the two-day tournament.

#### US Senior Women's Amateur Championship

For the second consecutive year, Diane Lang of Weston, FL won the US Senior Women's Amateur at the Seaside Course at Sea Island Golf Club on St. Simons Island, GA., Oct. 7 - 12. Cecilia Mourgue D'Algue was medalist at 145. Joan Garety shot a 149 to make match play and won her first match in 19 holes and lost her second match in 21 holes.

#### US Women's Mid-Amateur Championship

Meghan Bolger, women's golf coach at the U of Mississippi, won the US Women's Mid-Amateur Championship at Old Waverly Golf Club in West Point, Miss Oct. 21 - 26. Dawn Woodward was medalist at 142. Joan Garety shot a 161 to make match play and lost in the first round 8 and 7. Mary Jane Hiestand shot a 155 and lost in the first round 1 down.



## 2007 MWGA Spring Trip April 5 – 8, 2007 Jacksonville, Florida FOR A GOOD TIME, SIGN UP NOW!

112 days, 1 hour, 21 minutes and 50 second until tee off time. If you want to have some fun over the Easter holiday weekend, there's still a few spots open for the MWGA Spring Trip to Jacksonville, Florida.

*No more procrastinating. Pick up the phone or get online to make your*

*reservations before the January 27 deadline.*

Some members signed up to date include Michelle Sroka, Nancy Serra, Robyn Calardo, Monica Oliver, Denise Buechel, Cynthia Pinkard, Barb Coury and Penny Irwin.



|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Date             | Thu. Apr 5 – Sun. Apr 8   |
| Location         | Jacksonville, Florida   |
| Courses          | Thu. Apr 5 – Eagle Harbor Golf Club<br>Fri. Apr 6 – Cimarrone Country Club<br>Sat. Apr 7 – Golf Club at Fleming Island<br>Sun. Apr 8 - Windsor Parke Golf Club  |
| Lodging          | Comfort Inn Orange Park   |
| Cost             | Room and Golf — <b>Thu. – Sun. \$347, Fri. – Sun. \$312</b>   |
| Includes         | Accommodations (Std room/2 persons/2 beds), golf, cart  |
| Deposit          | \$75 by January 27, 2007 (balance due upon arrival)   |
| Reservations     | Call Susie Sherman, 800-327-0878 with credit card and Quote # 2006009151 - Sroka  |
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**Always test the rough.** When your ball comes to rest in some heavy rough, always take a practice swing that cuts through it. This way, you will learn what the rough will do to your club face when you hit the actual shot. You may need to grip the club more tightly or come into the ball from a steeper angle, depending on what you learn from your practice swing.

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Check one:  New Member  Renewal

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

| <u>MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES</u>                | <u>Cost (check one)</u> |
|---|-------------------------|
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Do you have a USGA Index? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, is it through MWGA? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, who do you post with? \_\_\_\_\_  
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