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## Swap Meet at Annual Meeting

Saturday May 12, Dunham Hills GC, Hartland

By Inez M. Bridges

“SWAP (swäp) v. To trade one thing for another. – tr. To exchange.”

If you're like me, finding bargains is always a thrill, and swap meets are just the place for that, not to mention ridding your closets and basements of those unwanted items you've never (or almost never) used. There's that driver that wouldn't adapt to your swing, that putter that you couldn't see eye-to-eye with or the crock pot that just sits in the cabinet taking up space and waiting for a delicious stew. These are some of the "cast-off" items just waiting for a new home to become useful. Why wait until next Christmas to re-gift them?

Here's an idea! Why not gather together these "cast-asides" and bring them to the **MWGA Annual Meeting on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> for "Swap Meet 2007?"** Someone there will surely want

and need them. Not only that, but you will probably find items that you can't live without that you can trade for or purchase from another member. It doesn't necessarily have to be golf-related merchandise either. All wares from A-Z are welcome, whether new or slightly used. Just think of it as a mini estate sale. If you have a craft and want to display some sale samples, there will be space for you, also.

We'll set up tables where members can display their wares for barter or purchase. Make your own price signs or cards that include your name for a prospect to barter for or buy. The manner in which you conduct your merchandising is strictly up to you.

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

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## Great New 2007 Member Benefits and MWGA Changes

Look inside and on website for details

- 1) Members will be able to sign up and pay for events online.
- 2) Members will be able to sign up for multiple events with one check or credit card.
- 3) Games can be prepaid at the time of tournament entry.

In addition, for the 2007 season:

- 4) 4-Woman Scrambles handicapping and prize structure are changing.
- 5) We have a new Inclement Weather Policy.
- 6) We have established a "Tournament Office" to administer all MWGA tournaments.

## 2007 Michigan Golf Show Volunteers Needed

By Inez M. Bridges

Once again, volunteers are needed to staff the MWGA booth at the **2007 Michigan Golf Show March 9-11 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi**. The Michigan Golf Show is the largest golf show in the country, covering more than 200,000 sq. ft. and featuring over 400 exhibitors. You'll find the best golf deals in the Midwest from retailers, golf resorts and over 100 golf courses. In 2006, over 32,000 people attended the show. This year marks the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the show's existence. So, knock the snow off your clubs and gear up to greet the 2007 season. Help the MWGA increase awareness and membership and have some fun at the same time.

You'll meet and greet golfers and help drive the MWGA message to this captured golfing audience *and*, most importantly, to potential members. We'll distribute our

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## President's Corner *By Nancy Serra*



Happy New Year! This year is already promising to be a memorable and evolving year. Some time ago we had some members

request that we align our organization with a charity. As most of you know we took the opportunity to do this at our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and chose, after much investigation, the Rhonda Walker Foundation (RWF) as the charity which we thought was a good fit for us. After the celebration and all the dust had settled we were filled with a sense of real accomplishment with regard to the RWF. We were inspired to not let our association with the RWF die and felt this was just the first step in a continuing relationship.

## You have the right to be proud!

Sara Wold became aware of a program co-sponsored by the LPGA and USGA called the Girl's Golf Program. Sparing you all the details, we applied and qualified for a site which we set up on Belle Isle with the help of Pete Grimes, Director of First Tee, and Julia Baldwin, the golf pro who will run the program. Of course we had the Rhonda Walker girls in mind.

When we contacted Rhonda about our idea of involving her girls she couldn't have been more interested and thrilled. A member of her staff has been in contact with me and has revealed how impressed and elated their board is with the endeavor we've undertaken. She (Kim) and Rhonda couldn't have been more appreciative or more thrilled with us.

I'm trying to convey to you how much our organization has im-

pacted their foundation and vice-versa. I want you to experience how good it feels to know they are so willing to do whatever we ask of them and how much they have complemented our organization. I hope my words have created in you the enthusiasm I have and have received from everyone involved.

If you would like to be a part of this program, you are welcomed. Just let me know: 248-625-8705. The details of the golf school will follow in upcoming newsletters, and we'll be sure to keep you posted through the website ([mwgolf.org](http://mwgolf.org)). Right now were looking at six learning sessions and one golf experience for each girl with a mentor on the short course at Belle Isle. All will take place on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays during June, July and August. There are still details we are working on so stay tuned.

### Visit [www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org) often and regularly for:

- ⇒ News, updates and announcements
- ⇒ The *NEWSLINX*
- ⇒ 2007 Membership Application
- ⇒ 2007 Members — verification of receipt of your membership application
- ⇒ 2007 MWGA Event Schedule with maps and other links
- ⇒ 2007 GAM, USGA Event Schedule and deadlines
- ⇒ 2007 Handicap Posting dates and guidelines
- ⇒ MWGA Event Entry Form
- ⇒ MWGA Rules and Conditions of Play
- ⇒ MWGA Tournament Guidelines
- ⇒ MWGA Sponsors and Advertisers
- ⇒ Course Survey
- ⇒ Volunteer Sign-Up Form
- ⇒ Tournament Results
- ⇒ Hole-In-One achievements
- ⇒ Golf League information
- ⇒ An extensive Photo Gallery
- ⇒ A link to the USGA Rule of the Day

Currently:  
2007 Michigan Golf Show Schedule

## Match Play League

*By Pat Witek*

The MWGA Match Play League is open to all MWGA members in good standing. There are four flights; players are flighted according to their current USGA Handicap Index. Matches are one-on-one and hole-by-hole until a winner is determined. Each member plays six matches within her flight. The flight winners go on to play off for the overall league champion.

Members can set up their own matches at any time or place, but to facilitate completion of the matches before the end of the league season, group "play dates" have been established. The dates for the 2007 season are listed in the Tournament/Event Schedule on page 8 and on the MWGA website: [www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org). *Here are some important dates that need your immediate attention:*

**March 31** Registration/fee payment deadline for **returning 2006 members**

**April 1** **Open enrollment** for all MWGA members, with preference given to those already on the waiting list

**May 6** Kick-off meeting and first group play date (time and place TBD)

The membership fee for 2007 is \$50. Send your check (made out to MWGA) to Pat Witek, 9727 Bassett, Livonia 48150.

For questions or more information email [Witek@mwgolf.org](mailto:Witek@mwgolf.org) or call 248/417-1190.



Golfer: "Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake?"

Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down that long?"

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course."

Caddy: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."

Golfer: "Do you think my game is improving?"

Caddy: "Yes sir, you miss the ball much closer now."

## NEWS & UPDATES

### It's Time for Changes — Good Ones, We Think

By Cynthia Pinkard

At the conclusion of every season the MWGA Board takes a close look at what worked well that year and what needs improvement. Last year three things jumped out at us as issues we should address.

#### 1) Inclement Weather Policy

You will find the Inclement Weather Policy on page 14. After a couple of unusual weather situations last year, it became apparent that we needed a policy that is clear and fair to our members and that is consistently understood and abided by regardless of where we play.

#### 2) 4-Woman Scrambles Format

We are changing the way we handicap our 4-Woman Scrambles this

year. Handicap points will be assigned based on a player's handicap and we will be paying net places only. The Board has carefully reviewed this new structure and sincerely believes it is fair for all of our players. This new structure only impacts two of our 2007 events. We will be monitoring our 4-woman scrambles carefully and will want to hear from you at the conclusion of each event. See the article below.

#### 3) General administration and flow of our tournaments from signup to posting results and awarding prizes.

**There are two big changes:**

1. Members will be able to sign up for multiple events and

**prepay for tournaments and games online by credit card or by mailing in a check with a new multi-entry form. Watch our website and the next NEWSLINX for more information.**

2. We have created a virtual Tournament Office, one place where all tournament entries will go, one place where all flights and prizes for each event will be determined, and one place where all games will be setup and organized.

Our main objective is to provide good tournament experiences for our members and guests. We are constantly striving to that end.

### Four-Woman Scrambles — Changes to Improve Competition

By Cynthia Pinkard

In all handicap events we believe every player should have a fair chance to finish at or near the top of the field. When tournament after tournament we see the same players at the top of the leader board and the same players at the bottom, it sends a signal that something might be askew. We know that part of the solution is to offer more flights, but this is extremely difficult to do in four-person team events, paying gross and net prizes when you have less than 24 teams.

Several years ago, we committed to paying gross and net prizes in all of our events. This would ensure that we reward our better players for their accomplishments and still provide our higher handicap players a chance to compete and enjoy the benefits of competitive play. This format works well in our individual stroke play events and is fairly successful in our two-person team events. It has clearly not been very successful in our 4-Woman Scrambles. For the past several years we have noticed a disturbing pattern,

but have not been quite sure how to fix it.

The majority of articles written on scrambles and the successful scrambles events that we have seen run have required handicap limits for team members with maximum and minimum limits for total team handicaps. Our members and guests have repeatedly stressed the importance of being able to play with their friends in this social format and strongly opposed the restrictions of forming their teams based on handicap limits. We believe we have finally found a solution.

Each team member in our 4-Woman Scrambles will be given handicap points, based on her course handicap. The points for the four players will be totaled and used as the team handicap. When the numbers of entries and handicap distribution permits, teams will be flighted into 2 to 3 flights based on team handicap. There will be a minimum of 8 teams per flight. **Only net prizes will be awarded**, paying no less than

25% of the field, with the objective of paying 33% to 40%.

Handicap points will be assigned as follows:

Player's Course Handicap	Player's Points
0 - 4	-1
5 - 9	0
10 - 14	1
15 - 19	2
20 - 24	3
25 - 29	4
30 - 34	5
35 - 40+	6
MAX Team HDCP	20

All other MWGA Scramble Rules will remain unchanged. Let's give this new handicap system a fair try. It only involves two events this year, the Spring Scramble and the Fall Scramble. So, put your teams together and let's have fun.

If you have questions or comments, Alice Belcher, our Tournament Chair, will be happy to talk with you: 248-390-1596 or belcher@mwgolf.org.



#### DON'T FORGET — SAVE MONEY, SAVE TREES, READ YOUR NEWSLINX ONLINE

If you are willing to stop receiving your newsletter by mail and instead read the NEWSLINX online, **PLEASE** send an email to [mwga@mwgolf.org](mailto:mwga@mwgolf.org). We will notify you via email when the newsletter is posted on our website, [www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org) so you may read the current issue and/or download and print yourself if desired. To date, 53 members have "hugged a tree."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Rules Rock *By Linda Neff*

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

Where: St John's Golf Course,  
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.

If you haven't already, register for this Rules Clinic — you won't be disappointed. It will be presented by Tami Bealert, an MWGA member and PGA professional highly recom-

mended by some of our members. Tami has spent the last 10 years teaching and coaching golf.

Teams of four will have a designated amount of time to cover the fairways laid out with situations that address rules often abused or misinterpreted as well as any new rule changes in 2007.

A sheet listing all the rule situations will be provided before each team is sent onto the course. Plan to bring your USGA rulebook for reference. 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! To sign up, send your entry and check made payable to MWGA to: Linda Neff, 29694 Mayfair Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

Make up your foursome or sign up as an individual and we'll put you on a team. If you've put together a team, please note the members on your registration form.

Call me at 248-489-6523 if you have any questions.



### Instructional Beginners League *By Linda Neff*

Do you have friends who want to learn to play golf? Have you heard coworkers, family or friends say how frustrated and confused they get with the numerous tips from other golfers on how to hit the ball, how to line up, etc.?

MWGA is offering two instructional beginners leagues this year at Carl's Golfland at St John's Golf Course located in Plymouth.

Cost: \$170 (Plus \$20 for greens fees on golf days)

Date/Time:

\* League One: Friday, April 27 -  
June 29, 6PM (No golf May 25)

\* League Two: Friday, June 15 -  
August 10, 6PM (No golf week of  
July 4)

Format:

4 - 90 minute teaching sessions conducted by PGA professional Tami Bealert (734-354-9274) at Carl's that include all topics related to golf (club selection, grip, full

swing, short game—putting, chipping, pitching—and golf etiquette to name a few). Each golfer will be taped and receive an instructional CD of their swing compared to a LPGA pro. Practice range balls will be available at no additional charge. Lessons take place under the covered area — rain or shine — so will not be cancelled unless there is lightning present.

2 - Weeks of on-the-course golf with a Tami that will provide at-play tips as she circulates between the two foursomes.

2 - Weeks of tee times will be available at 6PM at twilight rates for the new golfers to golf with other students as they put into play their 6 weeks of education. These two weeks are set up as a pay-as-you-go format. Golfers must reserve the tee time for June 8 and 15 or August 3 and 10 so the course knows you plan to golf. (Greens fees are not included in the \$170 fee; however,

MWGA encourages each golfer to consistently play to build on those basics just taught.)

Each league is limited to 8 golfers to ensure everyone is able to finish before dark. *Slots will fill up fast.* Sign up by sending your \$170 check made out to MWGA to: Linda Neff, 29694 Mayfair Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48331. *Be sure to send your contact information* which includes phone number (cell, home and work), home address and email address. This information is necessary for me and Carl's to confirm your participation and to contact you if golf is cancelled due to inclement weather during the first 6 weeks. Also let me know which league you would prefer.

Call me at 248-489-6523 during the day or 248-661-0082 in the evening if you have questions. League participation is secured for the first 16 golfers once I have received your money.

#### 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!"



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2007 MWGA Annual Meeting, Swap Meet & Spring Scramble Saturday May 12, Dunham Hills GC, Hartland

By Alice K. Belcher

Ladies, it is time to start thinking GOLF!!! On May 12<sup>th</sup> we will host our Annual Meeting and Spring Scramble at Dunham Hills in Hartland. This is a great time to bring friends together to hear about our great MWGA organization at the Annual Meeting, as well as play a great golf course. I know the weather may be iffy at that time of year, but aren't you dying to play with all the golf toys you got for Christmas (my pink golf shoes, pink golf balls, Sky Caddie, etc.)?

The Annual Meeting will include lunch for everyone. At the meeting you will hear about our 2007

MWGA activities, meet the board members, shop for bargains (see Inez' article about the Swap Meet on page 1) and make plans with your friends for this year's tournaments! We will also be announcing the Player of the Year (POY), Golfer of the Year (GOY) and Most Improved Player for 2006. For those who do not want to golf, lunch and the meeting will be available for \$14.00 only (shopping is free).

After the meeting we will play a 4-Woman Scramble. The golf course is hilly, but set back away from subdivisions and traffic. This is a great time to bring some friends to play

with you and experience what an MWGA tournament is all about. Guests may enter at member rates: the Annual Meeting and Spring Scramble will be \$88.00 for members and non-members alike. This will include the meeting, lunch, golf, cart and range balls.

Registration for golf at the course will begin at 10am with the meeting and lunch starting at 11am and golf at 1pm — shotgun start. If you have any questions, please contact me at [belcher@mwgolf.org](mailto:belcher@mwgolf.org) or 248-447-5282. I look forward to seeing you all at Dunham Hills in May.

### 2-Person Best Ball *Mixed* Event, Northville Hills GC Saturday, May 26

2 Divisions — Mixed and Women's

By Inez M. Bridges

**Who:** You and a Partner!

**What:** 2-Person Best Ball (Mixed & Women's Div.)

18 Holes, Cart, Range Balls  
Gross & Net Prizes/Per Division  
Long Drive, Closest to Pin, Chip-ins  
\$70 Member & Spouse/\$90 Non-member

**Where:** Northville Hills Golf Course

15565 Bay Hill Dr.  
Northville 48167, 734-667-2904  
[www.northvillehills.com](http://www.northvillehills.com)

**When:** Saturday May 26, tee times begin @ 8 a.m.

**Why:** MWGA wants and needs YOU!



So early in our season, this should be great for reuniting with some of the people you haven't seen or golfed with in a while. And we're inviting the men to join us on this holiday weekend to show them how the game is really played. We'll have two divisions of competition – Mixed and Women's – with prizes for each. So, if you'd like to rekindle friendships, spend some time on the links with your spouse or significant other, or try out some of those winter lesson tips, grab a partner (male or female) and join us at beautiful Northville Hills Golf Course on Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>.

This 18-hole Arnold Palmer signature golf course is strategically situated among some of Northville's most luxurious estate homes. With mature native woodlands and complementing wide, lush fairways, Northville Hills was deliberately planned to be in perfect harmony with the native Michigan landscape. The natural wetland areas, the lakes and the rolling slopes of "Michigan heather" all add ambiance to this jewel of a course.

The Best Ball format is a "forgiving" one, allowing a golfer time to "regroup" after a not so "Tiger-like" hole and come back with a spectacular one. The best score from each

hole is used for the 2-person team total, and gross and net prizes will be awarded within each division – Mixed and Women's.

So talk it up and find a partner, or sign up as a single, and we'll pair you up with another player. Which ever way you do it, do it now so you'll be a part of the crowd at Northville Hills Golf Course on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. We'll be looking for your entry.

### President's Tournament Sunday, June 10 Fieldstone GC By Nancy Serra

**Get Ready, Get Set . . .**

The President's Stroke Play Tournament on MSBB is **GO**ing to be played at the challenging and beautiful **Fieldstone** Golf Course on **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**.

In addition to the tournament, I'm conducting a little contest. The first person entered in my tournament to call me with the correct phrase which corresponds to the above acronym **MSBB** will win a prize.

The first clue is: This has been a part of my family life for 42 years. There will be more info and clues in the next newsletter and on our website. So *get ready* . . .

## Handifacts

By Deb Pringle

Hello ladies. Well I hope that everyone is staying warm during this cold snap. Now who would have thought that golf was going on in Michigan in December and January? Actual stats: 3,500 rounds and the Majestic opened up for one week due to the conditions. Now it is minus 18 wind chill. Funny though, I met a family that just moved to my neck of the woods from Alaska. They think it's warm. Guess it is all a matter of perspective. Light jackets and sitting around ice fishing holes on seats in the elements.

Okay here is some good news. If you played after October 31<sup>st</sup> here it doesn't count. Second, spring is around the corner and third, for all of the folks that post online and have asked about being able to pull up the course that you played, you can now do it. Due to GAM using Handicomp as the sole supplier for handicaps this year, part of the package is adding that feature. So for all of the online posters, check out the new page and walk yourself through it. If you play from other tees than the reds and they are rated, then you will have that choice. If the course doesn't have the rating, then it needs to be done the old way. Yea, a move in the right direction, without the extra cost!

For those of you who might be getting the itch to go out of state and can find one that is warm enough or dry enough to play in and golf is in season (i.e. Cancun perhaps?), then you need to post those scores.

Everyone stay warm, and I look forward to a wonderful upcoming season. Dang how about that 2007 schedule? Looks like something for everyone.

### Golfer's Wife

The golfer's wife was furious. "If you ever spent a Sunday with me," she screamed, "I swear I would drop dead." The husband replied, "There's no point trying to bribe me because it isn't going to happen."



## Membership Snippets *By Jane Kersjes*

I attended Tami Bealert's Golf Kinetics class at Schoolcraft this fall. She taught many easy exercises that everyone really should be doing to keep limber both during the winter months and while golfing in prime season. Problem is, like every new venture, one must practice what one learns. Especially the older we get. I hope everyone is doing something positive to work toward this year's golf goal(s), be it bending the body or the mind (certainly not a club).

I'm looking forward to the upcoming events: The Golf Show, the Rules Clinic and all of our tourna-

ments. Hope to see you soon in prime shape.

Please help me welcome these new members since the last **NEWSLINX**:

Alexis McFarlane	Livonia
Deborah Soltesz	Harper Woods
Deb VanKuiken	Linden

Currently, we have 85 members with 5 sponsored males.

Senior	49 (6 new)
Regular	19 (8 new)
Junior	1 (1 new)
Board	16

Last year at this time we had 92 members and the year before 74 members.



### Women's Leagues

*Is your league listed on pages 10-11 and on our website? To list, we need: Course-League Name-Day-Time-Contact. I will update the master list each month. Women are always looking to join leagues; take advantage of this opportunity and list yours.*

### Swap Meet at Annual Meeting

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The meeting agenda begins at 11 a.m., so please plan to arrive earlier to set up your items for sales prior to the meeting, during lunch and after golf. To put a meaningful twist to this event, we are asking that sellers donate 10% of sales to our 2007 fundraising efforts for the Rhonda Walker Foundation, our charity of choice. This season, we will conduct a girl's golf program for Rhonda's girls at the First Tee of Michigan facilities on Belle Isle.

The more of us participating in the swap event, the better the odds

of finding something you want, so start talking it up now and collecting your "white-elephant" items for a fun-filled opening day on Sat. May 12th. With everyone's help, it will be fun and profitable for you and our fundraising efforts.

For planning purposes, please let me know if you would like to participate in this event or if you have questions or suggestions. Contact me, **Inez Bridges at 248-890-4461 or [imbridges@aol.com](mailto:imbridges@aol.com)**. Thanks in advance, and we'll all reunite on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>.

### 2007 Michigan Golf Show Volunteers Needed

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**NEWSLINX** magazine, membership applications and sell ball marker clips as we let show-goers know about our powerful organization of some of Michigan's best women golfers. We will try again to arrange for **FREE ADMISSION** and **FREE PARKING**, and when you're done, you're free to enjoy the show on your own. What more can you ask of a winter weekend in Michigan?

Show hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday,

9-8 p.m. Saturday and 10-5 p.m. Sunday. We're looking at 25 hours that we need to fill. You may select your preferred hours (minimum of two) and days. So check your schedule, and call today to reserve the time slots of your choice. Plan to join us and have fun at the 2007 Michigan Golf Show in March. For more information and to sign up, contact me, **Inez Bridges at 248-890-4461 or [imbridges@aol.com](mailto:imbridges@aol.com)**.

## The Positive Golfer *By Janina Parrott Jacobs*

Earlier today I had a curious thought. At St. Basil, the church where I am Music Director, we completed a three-day festival Sunday night – the February Frolic. Lots of fun, games, prizes, food and all the things churches are known for, including bingo and the rummage sale. As I was helping with the breakdown and cleanup of decorations and such, I walked into the room where remnants of the rummage sale were laid bare. There, all the stuff no one wanted remained, waiting to be boxed up and either carted off to the Goodwill, the Salvation Army or the dumpster if it was truly too far gone to be of any use.

I checked out the book table to see what people had tossed out or to see if I could find any wisdom laden golf books. (You'd be amazed at the number of great golf books one can find at a used book sale.) As I read through various titles of Readers Digest Condensed Books, Danielle Steele paperbacks and even Butterick patterns, I noticed two books screaming at me: The Arthritis Cure and The Good Health Book.

Those titles stopped me in my tracks. Now here is where the curious thought comes in: What if the answer and cure to arthritis truly was contained in that first book? Would we even recognize it? Or, could we really maintain good health by simply following the tenets listed in the other book? Would we have the stamina and discipline to follow the directions to the letter? Wouldn't we pay any price for that

wisdom? Instead, there it is, the cure to everything needed to maintain a pain free and glorious lifestyle, discarded on a table — free for the taking, or perhaps destined for the dumpster where no one will ever see it again.

The point here is that we do not know when or if everything we read is true or useful. As for what we *don't* read, well, I guess we will never know...and that includes golf information and instruction as well. We go into every new season full of hope for.....THE CURE. We listen to advice and watch TV and hungrily devour every morsel of coaching we can absorb only to be disappointed as soon as the love affair with a particular technique wears off. Then what?

However, if we don't take that leap of faith and at least try new things we hear or read about, we know for sure we will not improve.

This season, take a gamble. Try some new ideas. Be non-conforming. Go to a rummage sale and find an old golf book to see what worked back in the days of The Babe and Gene Sarazen. It may amaze you to find out that newer may not be 'better.' Technology is wonderful — sometimes — but human genius and innovation are much more interesting.

We go into every new season full of hope for.....THE CURE.

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## Rules R Us

*By Sara Wold*

### What is the Rule?

The cold and dreary winter months are a good time to study the golf rules. It is helpful, especially when you are in a rules situation, to be able to find the applicable rule in the rules book quickly. I take index cards and write the rule # on one side and the name of the rule on the other and then study them while I work out on the treadmill or go for a walk. Here is a little quiz to test your ability to identify the applicable rule.

1. Rather than playing his ball as it lies, the player improves the area of his intended swing by breaking branches and stepping down behind the ball.
2. The ball falls off the tee before making a stroke at it.
3. After making a stroke from through the green, a player's ball rolls onto the putting green and overhangs the lip of the hole.
4. When starting play of a hole, how must players determine the order of play?
5. Without his knowledge, a player's partner attends the flagstick for the player's bunker shot and his ball strikes the attended flagstick.
6. The shaft breaks while making a practice swing. Can the player replace the club?
7. While searching for his ball in the rough, the player causes his ball at rest to move.
8. In stroke play, a competitor's ball comes to rest in a muddy tire rut, thinking it should be marked as ground under repair he plays two balls, scoring 4 with both. He returns a score of 4 on the hole without consulting anyone.
9. A player's ball may be out of bounds, may he play a provisional ball?
10. A player's ball comes to rest in a water hazard, and he is uncertain about his options.
11. A player is uncertain if he should replace the ball or drop it.

Look for the answers on page 15.

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### MWGA Events (\$xx Member/\$xx Non-Member)

Entry Deadline 10 Days Prior to All Events Unless Noted

Mail **TOURNAMENT ENTRIES ONLY** to: **MWGA Tournament Office, 4158 Charing Cross Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104**

Date/Time	Event/Fee	Site/Location	Contact
4/21, Sat 9-10:30am	Rules Rock \$25/\$30	St. John's GC Plymouth 48170 734-453-1047	Linda Neff, 29694 Mayfair Rd., Farmington Hills 48331, 248-661-0082, neff@mwgolf.org
5/5, Sat	Skills Clinic <i>Watch for details</i>	Fox Hills GC Plymouth 48170 734-453-7272	Linda Neff, 29694 Mayfair Rd., Farmington Hills 48331, 248-661-0082, neff@mwgolf.org
5/6, Sun	Match Play Golf and Meeting	TBD	Pat Witek, 9727 Bassett, Livonia 48150, 734-591-6939, witek@mwgolf.org
5/12, 11am	Annual Meeting - \$14 <b>without golf</b>	Dunham Hills GC	Sonia Pysh-Denison, 586-726-9663, pyshdenison@mwgolf.org
5/12 Sat, 1:00p Shotgun	Spring Scramble (following Annual Meeting and Lunch) Member/Guest golf/cart/range \$88 members & guests	Dunham Hills GC Hartland 48353 248-887-9170	Alice Belcher 248-390-1596, belcher@mwgolf.org; Barbara Porter, porter@mwgolf.org; 71.3/118, 5326yds – women's forward, www.dunhamhills.com
5/20, Sun	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
5/26 Sat, 8am Tee Times	2-Person Best Ball – Mixed Event golf/cart/range 70/\$90	Northville Hills GC Northville 48167 734-667-2904	Inez Bridges, 248-552-9328, bridges@mwgolf.org, 69.5/122, 5019yds – women's forward, www.northvillehills.com
6/9, Sat	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
6/10 Sun, 11am Tee Times	President's Stroke Play Tournament golf/cart/range \$65/\$85	Fieldstone GC Auburn Hills 48326 248-370-9354	Nancy Serra, 248-625-8705, <a href="mailto:serra@mwgolf.org">serra@mwgolf.org</a> ; 70.4/123, 4932yds – women's forward, www.fieldstonegolfclub.com
6/16 Sat, 11:30am Tee Times	4-Woman Cha-Cha-Cha Stroke Play <b>NEW EVENT</b> – golf/cart \$67/\$87	Plum Brook GC Sterling Hts 48312 1-586-264-9411	Cynthia Pinkard, 248-227-8170, pinkard@mwgolf.org, 68.5/117, 5109yds – women's forward
7/8, Sun	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
7/14 Sat, 9am Shotgun	2-Woman Scramble golf/cart/range/continental breakfast \$64/\$84	Sugarbush GC Davison 48423 810-653-3326	Deb Horning, 248-642-7834, horning@mwgolf.org 70.3/127, 5034yds – women's forward
7/22, Sun	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
7/28, 7/29 Sat–Sun, 9:00am	2-Day State Championship golf/range/continental breakfast each day/lunch Sun. at awards ceremony \$140/\$160 cart w/meals \$125/\$145 to walk w/meals	Hunters Ridge GC Howell 48855 517-545-4653	Sonia Pysh-Denison, 586-726-9663 pyshdenison@mwgolf.org 72.4/127, 5557yds – women's middle, <a href="http://www.golfhuntersridge.com">www.golfhuntersridge.com</a> \$59.00 Juniors on Sun. w/meals
8/06 Mon, 8am Shotgun	2-Woman Best Ball golf/cart/range/luncheon \$66/\$86	Lakes of Taylor GC Taylor 48180 734-287-2100	Jane Kersjes, 734-420-0854, kersjes@mwgolf.org, 69.4/121, 5111yds – women's front, www.taylorgolf.com
8/12, Sun	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
8/18 Sat 9:00am Tee Times	2-Woman Best Ball golf/range/cart \$64/\$84	Heather Hills GC Romeo 48065 810-798-3971	Joyce Harlukowicz, 248-853-4047, harlukowicz@mwgolf.org, 69.3/118, 5089yds – women's forward www.heatherhills.net
8/25 Sat, 11:16am Split Tees	4-Woman "Trifecta" 6/Stroke Play, 6/Best 2 of 4, 6/Scramble and "War of the Leagues" <b>NEW EVENT</b> – golf/cart/range \$69 members & guests	Salem Hills GC Northville 48167 248-437-2152	Jackie McFarlane, 586-438-9602, mcfarlane@mwgolf.org, 68.5/113, 5000yds – women's front, www.salemhillsgolf-club.com
8/26, Sun	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
9/8 Sat, 12:00pm Tee Times	2-Woman Scramble Golf/cart/range \$62/\$82	Hawk Hollow Bath 48808 517-641-4295	Pam Kurtz, 989-723-8974, kurtz@mwgolf.org, 69.1/117, 4934yds – women's forward, www.hawkhollow.com
9/15, Sat	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
<b>9/29, 9/30 (New)</b> Sat am Tee Times Sun 9am Shotgun	2-Day/2-Person Best Ball golf/cart/range/Fri-Sat night lodging, Sat-Sun brkft., Sun lunch @ awards ceremony – \$250 members/male partners, \$270 non-members	Lakeview Hills Resort Lexington 48450 888-355-4004	Darci Stocker, 810-444-4914, stocker@mwgolf.org, North Course 71.8/131, 4995yds – women's forward, 70.2/131, 6148yds – men's back, www.lakeviewhills.com
10/6 Sat, 11am Split Tee or Modified Shotgun	4-Woman Fall Farewell Scramble golf/cart/range/lunch at awards ceremony \$78/\$98	Pine View GC Ypsilanti 48197 734-481-0500	Sara Wold, 734-668-8571, <a href="mailto:wold@mwgolf.org">wold@mwgolf.org</a> 70.2, 115, 5156yds – women's forward, www.pineviewgolf.com

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Date/Time	Event	Site/Location	Contact
<b>WAPL, GAM, USGA and Other Events</b>			
WAPL GAM	Women's Amateur Public Links Golf Association of Michigan	US or USGA	United States Golf Association
5/20 Sun	MI Hall of Fame Golf Outing and Induction Ceremony Dinner \$175 (Dinner only \$50)	Eagle Eye Golf Club, Bath, MI 48823, 517-641-4570	Loretta Larkin, 248-719-0650, llarkin@michigan-golf-foundation.com
5/21 Mon	US Women's Open Local Qualifier Entries close 5/2, Hdcp. limit 4.4	Heartland Crossing Golf Links Camby, IN	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
5/29 Tu	US WAPL Sectional, Detroit Metro Entries close 5/9, Hdcp. limit 18.4 www.usga.org	Salem Hills GC Northville 48167 248-437-2152	Sara Wold, 2050 Yorktown, Ann Arbor 48105, 734-668-8571, sara_wold@msn.com
5/31 Th	US WAPL Sectional, West Michigan Entries close 5/9, Hdcp. limit 18.4 www.usga.org	The Meadow GC at GVSU, Allendale 49401 616-895-1004	Lori Stinson, GVSU, 4645 W. Campus Dr., Allendale 49401, 616-331-3082, stinsonl@gvsu.edu
6/4-7 Mon-Th	GAM MI Women's Sr. Amateur Entries close 4/4, Hdcp. limit 20.4	Gaylord CC, Gaylord 49735 231-546-3376	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org 989-939-8911
6/11 Mon	US Women's Open Sectional Qualifier Hdcp. limit 4.4, Entries close 5/2	The Village Links @ Glen Ellyn	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
6/12-13 Tu-Wed	GAM Women's Mid-Amateur Entries close 5/23, Hdcp. limit 20.0, Age 25+	Edgewood CC, 248-363-7111 Commerce Twp 48382	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
6/18 (Tentative) Mon	Kensington Women's Championship \$26 golf, lunch \$9/cart	Kensington GC, Milford 48380, 248-685-9332	Harold Beardsley, 248-685-9332, 1-800-477-2757, Entries close 6/11
6/19-24 Tu-Sun	US WAPL Championship Qualifiers only, Entries close 5/9	Kearney Hill Golf Links Lexington, KY	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
6/20 Wed	US Girls Jr. Amateur Qualifier Entries close 6/6, Hdcp. limit 18.4	Great Oaks CC, Rochester 48307, 248-651-6566	Linda Lester, 313-886-6416 USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
6/23-24 (Tentative) 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 www.milesofgolf.com, Entries close 6/9
6/23-24 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, taxcheck@charter.net
6/25-27 Mon-Wed	GAM MI Girls Jr. State Amateur Entries close 6/6	Owosso CC, 989-723-2592 Owosso 48867	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
6/28-7/1 Th-Sat	US Women's Open Qualifiers only. Entries close 5/2	Pine Needles L&GC South Pines, NC	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
7/9 Mon	US Women's Amateur Qualifier Entries close 6/20, Hdcp. limit 5.4	Cincinnati CC Cincinnati, OH	USGA 908-234-2300, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
7/10-14 Tu-Sat	GAM MI Women's Amateur Entries close 6/20, Hdcp. limit 15.4	Egypt Valley CC, Ada 49301, 616-676-3989	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org MI residents only
7/14-15 Sati-Sun	Michigan PGA Women's Open Pro-Am	Crystal Mountain Resort Thompsonville 49683 231-378-2623	Lorraine Nordbeck, 800-968-7686, ext. 3354, lorrainenordbeck@crystallmountain.com
7/16-18 Mon-Wed	Michigan PGA Women's Open	Crystal Mountain Resort 231-378-2623	Michigan Section PGA, 517-641-7411, www.michigan.pga.com
7/19 Th	GAM 2-Person Net Team Qualifier Entries close 6/27, Hdcp. limit 36.4	Forest Akers GC—West E. Lansing 48910	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org 517-355-1635
7/23 Mon	GAM Net Team Qualifier Entries close 6/27, Hdcp. limit 36.4	Tanglewood GC, South Lyon 48178, 248-486-3355	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
7/23-28 Mon-Sat	US Girl's Jr. Championship Qualifiers only. Entries close 6/6	Tacoma GC & C Lakewood, WA	Linda Lester, 313-886-6416 USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
7/24 Tu	GAM Net Team Qualifier Entries close 6/27, Hdcp. Limit 36.4	Arbor Hills CC, Jackson 49201, 517-750-2290	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
7/26 Th	US Sr. Women's Qualifier Entries close 7/11, Hdcp. limit 18.4	Grosse Ile G&CC, Grosse Ile 48138, 734-676-1169	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
8/6-12 Mon-Sat	US Women's Amateur Qualifiers only. Entries close 6/20	Crooked Stick GC Carmel, IN	USGA 908-234-2300, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>

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Enter USGA and GAM events online. Visit their websites.

**"It may be monotonous, but I sure eat regular." Byron Nelson, Jr. during his streak of 11 straight victories in 1945.**

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### WAPL, GAM, USGA and Other Events

WAPL Women's Amateur Public Links GAM Golf Association of Michigan		US or USGA United States Golf Association	
Date/Time	Event	Site/Location	Contact
8/7 Tu	GAM MI Net Amateur Qualifier Entries close 7/18, 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>
8/10 Fri	GAM MI Net Amateur Qualifier Entries close 7/18, Hdcp. limit 34.4	Cascades GC, Jackson 49203 517-768-2916	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
8/13-14 Mon-Tu	GAM Women's Championship Entries close 7/25, Hdcp. Limit 15.4	Saginaw CC, Saginaw 48603 989-793-3461	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
8/16 Th	GAM MI Net Amateur Qualifier Entries close 7/18, Hdcp. Limit 34.4	Marysville GC, Marysville 48040, 810-364-4653	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
8/21 Tu	GAM MI Net Amateur Qualifier Entries close 7/18, Hdcp. Limit 34.4	Lakelands G&CC, Brighton 48116, 810-231-3010	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a>
8/23 Th	US Women's Mid-Amateur Qualifier Entries close 8/1, 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>
8/27-28 Mon-Tu	GAM Women's Senior Entries close 8/8, Hdcp. Limit 25.4	Grand Traverse Resort-Spruce Run, Acme 49610	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> 231-534-6470
9/1-6 Sat-Th	US Senior Women's Amateur Qualifiers only. Entries close 8/11	Sunriver Resort Sunriver, OR	USGA 908-234-2300, <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
9/4 Tu	GAM 2-Person Net Team Entries close 6/27, Hdcp. Limit 36.4	The Fortress, Frankenmuth 48734, 800-863-7999	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> 989-652-0460
9/9-10 Sun-Mon	GAM MI Net Amateur Entries close 7/18	Macatawa Legends G&CC Holland 49424	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> Qualifiers only, 616-212-2600
9/22-23 Sat-Sun	Atlas Cup Matches	The Medalist, Marshall 49068, 269-789-4653	GAM 248-478-9242, <a href="http://www.gam.org">www.gam.org</a> Cynthia Pinkard, Capt., Public Team
9/29-10/4 Sat-Th	US Women's Mid-Amateur Qualifiers only. Entries close 8/1	Desert Forest GC Carefree, AZ	USGA 908-234-2300 <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
10/1 Mon	GAM Chrysler Club Championship Entries close 9/12	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

## 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, with your help. I'd be interested if any of you have pursued calling these courses to discuss their leagues. Please let me know — drop me an email or send me a note — I'm listed in the Board of Directors column.

Course	League Name	City	Day	Time	Course/Contact Phone
Alpine Golf Club		Grand Rapids			(616)784-1064
Beech Woods		Southfield	Wed	5:30 PM	(248)796-4655
Beech Woods	SBC (& friends) Mixed League	Southfield	Thurs	5:30 PM	(248)796-4655
Brae Burn	Thursday Night Players	Salem	Thurs	6:00 PM	(248)349-3294
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
Downing Farms		Salem	Tues	8:30 AM	(248)437-8751
Farmington Hills	Commoner Golf League	Farmington Hills	Thurs	9:30 AM	(248)476-5910
Fieldstone		Auburn Hills	Tues	6:00 PM	(248)370-9354
Fieldstone	EWG	Auburn Hills	Thurs	5:36 PM	(248)370-9354
Fox Creek		Livonia	Mon	5:00 PM	(248)471-3400
Fox Creek	Fairway Ladies	Livonia	Mon	4:40 PM	(248)471-3400
Fox Hills Classic	EWG	Plymouth	Tues & Wed	6:00 PM	(734)453-7272
Glen Oaks	Oakland Ladies	Farmington Hills	Mon	8:00 AM	(248)539-3895
Golden Hawk		Casco Twp.	Tues		(586)727-4681

Course	League Name	City	Day	Time	Course/Contact Phone
Gowanie	Gowanie	Mt. Clemens			(586)468-1374
Hawk Meadows at Dama Farms		Howell	Tues	5:30 PM	(517)546-4635
Hickory Creek		Superior Twp	Tues	8:30 AM	(734)454-1850
Hickory Hollow		Macomb	Tues	8:30 AM	(586)949-9033
Hilltop	Fairway Foxes Golf League	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 www.ewgamd.com/league_list.htm
Lake Forest	in-house	Ann Arbor	Wed	6:00 PM	(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	5:12 PM	(734)994-1163
Liberty Golf		Clarkston	Tues	5:00 PM	(248)625-3731
Links of Novi		Novi	Tues	AM	(248)380-9595
Maple Lane	Triple Tee	Sterling Hts	Tues	5:30 PM	(587)979-4111
Maple Lane		Sterling Hts	Wed	9:00 AM	(586)795-4000
Maple Leaf		Linwood			
Mulberry Hills	Mixed	Oxford	Fri	4:30 PM	(248)628-2808
Pine Knob	EWG	Clarkston	Mon	5:50 PM	(248)625-4430, web address above
Pine View Golf Course		Ypsilanti	Mon	5:00 PM	(734)481-0500
Pine View Golf Course	St. Luke	Ypsilanti	Tues	6:00 PM	(734)481-0500
Pine View Golf Course		Ypsilanti	Thurs	5:00 PM	(734)481-0500, web address above
Plum Brook		Sterling Hts	Fri	8:15 AM	(586)264-9411
Pontiac CC		Waterford	Fri	AM	(248)682-6333
Pontiac Municipal Golf Course	EDS League	Pontiac	Mon	PM	(248)758-3967
Rackham	EWG	Huntington Woods	Wed	5:45 PM	(248)543-4040, web address above
Rackham	EWG	Huntington Woods	Wed	6:30 PM	(248)543-4040, web address above
Rackham		Huntington Woods	Thurs	6:08 PM	(248)543-4040
Rackham	Oxford Ladies	Huntington Woods	Fri	5:30 PM	(248)543-4040
Radrick Farms					(734)998-7040
Raisin Valley GC	Late Bloomers		Mon	5:30 PM	(517)423-2982
River Rouge			Thurs	5:15 PM	
Rouge Park	EWG	Detroit	Tues	6:00 PM	(313)837-5900, web address above
Salem Hills	SWIFT	Northville	Thurs	4:45 PM	pgolfw@aol.com
Sanctuary Lake	EWG	Troy	Mon	4:40 PM	(248)619-7671, web address above
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)619-7674, web address above
Tanglewood		South Lyon	Tues	9:00 AM	(248)486-3355
Tanglewood		South Lyon	Tues	8:00 AM	
Warren Valley	MichCon Women's	Dearborn Hts	Mon	5:30 PM	(313)561-1040
Warren Valley		Dearborn Hts	Tues	8:00 AM	(734)421-0490
Westwynd	EWG		Mon	5:30PM	(248)619-7671, web address above
Whispering Willows		Livonia			(248)476-4493
White Lake Oaks		White Lake	Mon	5:30 PM	(248)698-2700
Woodlands of Van Buren		Wayne	Tues	5:30 PM	(734)729-4477
Woodlands of Van Buren		Wayne	Wed	4:50 PM	(734)729-4477
Travel league	Huron Valley Women's Golf Club				Sheri Affolder; sla227@provide.net; (734)487-5707
Travel league	Women's Metropolitan Golf Assoc		Wed	8:00 AM	Judy Hamilton; jzylham@onemain.com; (810)640-1133
Travel league	Women's Suburban Golf Assoc		Fri	8:00 AM	Penny Irwin; pennyan-chors@yahoo.com,(734)453-4007



## 2007 MWGA Spring Trip April 5 – 8, 2007 Jacksonville, Florida

43 days until first tee off time at Eagle Harbor GC for the group heading to Jacksonville over Easter weekend. Linda Bradfield, Andrea Williams, Regina Love, Carol Shriver, Michelle Sroka, Monica Oliver, Shirley McClain, Lucile Battle, Cynthia Pinkard, Dorine Allen, Robyn Calardo, Nancy Serra, Denise Buechel, Pat Shelton, Barb Coury, Penny Irwin, Sue Merrick, Sonia Pysh-Denison, Yvette Gagnon and Deb Horning will also enjoy golfing at Cimarrone CC, The Gold Club at Fleming Island and Windsor Parke.

## 2007 MWGA Tournament Guidelines

### 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, except that net prizes only will be paid in four-woman scrambles.
- 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 or Net 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 on the following point system:

Player's Course Handicap	Player's Points
0 - 4	-1
5 - 9	0
10 - 14	1
15 - 19	2
20 - 24	3
25 - 29	4
30 - 34	5
35 - 40+	6
MAX Team HDCP	20

- 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.

### Tiger Woods' Mercedes

On a golf tour in Newfoundland, Tiger Woods drives his Mercedes Benz into a gas station in a remote part of the island. The attendant at the pump greets him in a typical Newfoundland manner, completely unaware of who he is. "Mornin' bye" says the attendant. Tiger nods a quick "hello" and bends forward to pick up the nozzle. As he does so, two tees fall out of his shirt pocket onto the ground. "What are dey der, son?" asks the attendant. "They're called tees," replies Tiger. "Well, what on de good earth are dey for?" inquires the Newfie. "They're for resting my balls on when I'm driving," says Tiger. "Boy, dem boys at Mercedes tink of everythin'," says the Newfie.

## MEMBERS & FRIENDS

### Noreen Delaney-LaJambe 1927—2007



Noreen and Lee Campbell at Indian River GC, 1992

It is with sadness we report that **Noreen LaJambe** has passed away. Those MWGA members who played in the 'Up North' WAPL qualifiers and scrambles fundraisers will remember what a fun-loving, fine lady she was. We're told she died peacefully, at home on

Tuesday, January 23 in her 80th year. Noreen earned the respect of all who knew her through her endless love for the game of golf, volunteer work and commitment to her faith and family.

Noreen qualified for the US Women's Amateur Public Links Championship in 1985, which was held in Steven's Pointe, WI. When she arrived at the tournament there were two flags flying — those of the USA and Wisconsin so the Host Committee put up another flagpole and flew the Canadian flag in Noreen's honor. Noreen was appointed to the USGA Women's Amateur Public Links Committee (WAPL) in 1994 and was tournament chair of the Northern Michigan Sectional Qualifying Round for the US Women's Amateur Public Links Championship through 1997, when ill health forced her to resign. She also was a USGA Rules Official at the Championships.

Noreen fostered good will between the Canadian and American women golfers by hosting a two-day scrambles WAPL fundraiser in Northern Michigan every Memorial Day Weekend from 1986 through 2004. In appreciation for all the work she did for women's golf, the Michigan Women's Golf Association made Noreen an Honorary Member in 2006 on their 20th Anniversary.

Noreen was a knowledgeable rules official and often officiated at USGA Sectional Qualifying Rounds in Michigan, Golf Association of Michigan Championships in Northern Michigan and the Canadian Tour Championships at Wild Bluff.

"Noreen was a dedicated volunteer for women's golf and a dear friend to all of us who knew her. Her enthusiasm, spirit and humor will be sorely missed. Eh!" said Sara Wold, Michigan Representative, USGA WAPL Committee and MWGA Board Member.

"I only knew Noreen for the last twenty years of her life," said Lee Campbell, a fellow Canadian golfer and friend of Noreen. "To say in that time frame she was involved in golf is very much an understatement! The only things that I ever saw keep her off the golf course were events involving her grandchildren."

"It seemed that Noreen knew everyone at every golf course from Elliot Lake to Detroit. I am sure there was not a week that went by during golf season that she didn't play in at least one tournament. Noreen also played in various local women's leagues over the years, often multiple leagues in a season.

"Noreen was certainly a mentor for women taking up the game of golf. She would play with golfers of any skill level without batting an eye or altering her game plan. Rather than criticize or complain, she would make suggestions, where they were welcome, to improve her fellow golfer's game. Of course, this advice was only given when it did not violate the rules of golf! She could deal with poor golf etiquette better than anyone I ever saw and without one pretentious glance. She was a very methodical player, and she never wavered from her routine. Noreen was never the fastest player, but few ever complained.

"In addition to the WAPL, many local charities benefited from Noreen's charity tournaments. She knew just who to call for everything she needed. Working with her, you knew there would be no stone left unturned and if you said you were going to do something, you darn well better have done it!

"Unfortunately, the last few years Noreen's health did not allow her to play golf as much as she would have liked. The last few years she stayed closer to home and played only occasionally. Although I didn't get to play the last round with her," said Lee, "I know if I had, two things were certain: She would have whomped me, but I would have still had a great day!"

## Congratulations

Former Detroit Free Press sports writer, Jack Berry, has been named this year's recipient of the PGA Lifetime Achievement Award in Journalism. Berry, elected to the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame in 2003, is a friend of MWGA and most deserving of this fine recognition.

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**Mulligan:** An American went to Scotland and played golf with a newly acquainted Scottish golfer. After a bad tee shot, he played a Mulligan, which was an extremely good one. He then asked the Scott, "What do you call a Mulligan in Scotland?" "We call it hitting 3."

## MWGA INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY Addendum to the Rules and Conditions of Play for MWGA Competitions

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

1. The golf course is deemed unplayable.
2. Lightning is present.
3. A 'dangerous situation' develops as defined by a majority vote of the MWGA Rules Officials, the MWGA Tournament Chair, any attending MWGA Tournament Committee Members along with the golf course management.
4. If it is a severely cold day, the wind temperature shall be checked 15 minutes in advance of the first tee time. If the temperature or wind chill is 40 degrees or less with no forecast of better conditions, play will be cancelled.

During competition, the host course or the MWGA will provide an "alarm" to notify players of suspension of play due to, but not limited to, any of the following circumstances:

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

**Once the alarm is sounded or players are notified by another means, players must mark their ball position, immediately cease playing and return to the clubhouse (or other noted area) to wait for further instructions.**

During competition, if play is suspended, the MWGA Rules

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

Here are the 2007 contestants and their picks. Remember, the member whose four players total the highest combined LPGA earnings as of October 8, 2007 will receive a free MWGA membership for 2008. Good luck to all!

	Member	Earnings	Pro Picks
1	Michelle Sroka		Sorenstam, Pressel, Davies, Beth Daniel
2	Ruth Wilson		Sorenstam, Pressel, Young Kim, Hetherington
3	Delores Hartwick		Sorenstam, Lincicome, Young Kim, Kane
4	Pat Shelton		Sorenstam, Gulbis, Diaz, M.-Lebouc
5	Pat DeMaire		Webb, Gulbis, Young Kim, Rankin
6	Nancy Serra		Webb, Prammanasudh, Young Kim, Kane
7	Judy Figa		Ochoa, Gulbis, Young Kim, Hetherington
8	Shelly Weiss		Ochoa, Gulbis, Christina Kim, Kane
9	Terry Deisler		Ochoa, Gulbis, Diaz, Pettersen
10	Linda Morton		Ochoa, G. Park, Diaz, Pettersen
11	Sara Wold		Ochoa, Pressel, Christina Kim, LeAnna Wicks
12	Pat Meyers		Ochoa, Miyazato, Young Kim, Song Hee Kim
13	Deb Horning		Ochoa, Lincicome, Joo Mi Kim, Hetherington

<b>A</b>		Diaz	
Ochoa		Christina Kim	
Sorenstam		Joo Mi Kim	
Webb		Young Kim	
<b>B</b>		<b>D</b>	
Gulbis		Daniel	
Lincicome		Hetherington	
Miyazato		Kane	
G. Park		M-Lebouc	
Pressel		Pettersen	
Prammanasudh		Rankin	
<b>C</b>		Song Hee Kim	
Davies		Wicks	



Officials, the MWGA Tournament Chair, any attending MWGA Tournament Committee Members along with the golf course management shall make the call as to when play will be resumed or cancelled.

During a suspension in play, The Tournament Chair will inform all players of the approximate time involved in any delay and keep players updated on the circumstances causing the delay.

**After a delay in play, if play is deemed to be continued, the committee shall give a minimum of**

**15 minutes advance notice for proper warm up before play is resumed.** MWGA cancellation of play either prior to play or after a suspension of play shall be determined by, but not limited to:

1. Combination of precipitation and cart path only
2. Temperature and wind chills detrimental to play

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

*As of 01/07*

### 2007 Skills Clinic

Plans are in the works for another great Skills Clinic at Fox Hills GC in Plymouth similar to last couple of years. Watch for details in the next *NEWSLINX* and at [www.mwggolf.org](http://www.mwggolf.org).

### USGA Rules Workshop

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).

## Your MWGA Entry Checklist



To enter events other than tournaments (skills, rules, leagues), please mail the following information to the chairperson, along with your check payable to MWGA. Include the same information for all team members.

1. Name and date of event
2. Your name and signature
3. Mailing address
4. E-mail address
5. Day, evening and cell phone numbers
1. Age (if requested in tournament article)
7. Food selection (if requested in tournament article)
8. Special requests (i.e., need partner, want to play with another team, skills wish to fine tune, etc.)

To enter a tournament:

If paying by check payable to MWGA, mail it and your entry information to:

MWGA Tournament Office  
4158 Charing Cross Rd.  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104

If paying by credit card, enter at [www.mwga.org](http://www.mwga.org).

9. Multiple tournaments may be entered and paid for in advance.
10. Members not posting with the MWGA and non-members must provide a copy of their current USGA handicap index sticker.
11. Entries **MUST BE RECEIVED a minimum of 10 days prior** to the event unless otherwise specified.



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

Answers to Rules Quiz on page 7:  
1. 13 2. 11 3. 16 4. 10 5. 17 6. 4 7.  
18 8. 3 9. 27 10. 26 11. 20

## 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
Macinkowicz, Susan	78	9	Oliver, Monica	58	9
Sroka, Michelle	76	12	MacPherson, Theresa	57	7
Gagnon, Yvette	74	12	Serra, Nancy	56	11
Pysh-Denison, Sonia	74	12	Montre, Mary Ann	55	8
Horning, Debra	73	12	Wilson, Ruth	52	8
Hill, Cindy	71	9	Porter, Barbara	51	10
Madej, Suzanne	66	8	Burdziak, Patricia	50	6
Pinkard, Cynthia	63	11	Vandeputte, Betty	49	6
Stocker, Darci	63	9	Pringle, Deb	47	11
Shelton, Pat	60	11	Coury, Barbara	43	10
Burns, Susie	59	8	Witek, Pat	42	6
Kersjes, Jane	58	10	Bishop, Lisa	41	4

Name	Points	Events
DeMaire, Patricia	41	8
Johnson, Yvette	39	6
Irwin, Penny	38	7
Bessette, Faye Jones	37	8
Masek, Betsy	37	5
Bridges, Inez	36	8
Cleland, Joan	36	8
Belcher, Alice	34	8
Cherry, Sue	34	4
Dorr, Sue	34	6
Hoenscheid, Deborah	34	6
Kreason, Patty	34	5
Shaw, Susan	34	5
Calardo, Robyn	33	4
Staub, Pam	32	5
Forrester, Laurie	31	5
Land, Debra	31	4

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 E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  **New Member**  **Renewal**

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

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES	Cost (check one)
<b>New</b>	\$30 _____
<b>Super Senior (age 70+)</b>	\$30 _____
<b>Senior (age 50 and over)</b>	\$55 _____
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<b>Associate (organization or business)</b>	\$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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- Yes, I play on a league (course, league name, day, time, contact): \_\_\_\_\_

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