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RULES ROCK *By Linda Neff*

A Rules Team Event with PGA Professional Tami Bealert

Have fun with your friends applying the rules to real golf situations!

When: Saturday, April 26

Time: Registration at 8:30AM

Clinic 9AM – 10:30AM

We will head to the first of 3-4 fairways to assess the situations promptly at 9AM

Where: The Inn at St John's

44045 Five Mile Road

Plymouth 48170

(734-453-1047)

Cost: \$40/MWGA and EWGA

members* - \$25/Juniors

Non-members add \$5

No refunds will be provided.

Tami has been 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 for this Rules Rock team event. Teams will have a designated amount of time to cover the fairways laid

out with situations that address rules often abused/misinterpreted and any new 2008 rule changes.

A USGA Rules of Golf book and a sheet listing all the rule situations will be provided before the teams are sent onto the course. Tami will be on hand to clarify any situations. At 10AM the group will go over the correct answers and the designated team captains will score their tests. A prize will be given to the team that has the most correct answers.

Give me a call at 248-489-6523 if you have any questions. **If you have a team, please note your team members** when you send your check made payable to MWGA to:

Linda Neff, 29694 Mayfair Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI 48331

*Participants (except juniors) will receive a \$10 MWGA certificate that can be used toward the cost of any 2008 MWGA event.

The Michigan Women's Golf Association is organized to operate exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes and to foster amateur sports competition . . . in particular to (1) educate amateur female golfers on the rules and values of the game of golf 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 and (2) provide golf instruction and programming to underprivileged and disadvantaged children and youth.

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

By Linda Neff

Date: Saturday, May 3

Location: Fox Hills Strategic Course

8768 North Territorial

Plymouth 48170

734-453-7272)

Time: 9AM – 1PM

Cost: \$115/Person, \$100/Juniors

Number of Students: Maximum of 40.

The student to teacher ratio will be 8:1 with an additional staff member handling video analysis.

The clinic includes:

- 4 hours of instruction.
- Video analysis with take-home video tape.
- One round of golf including cart on

Fox Hill's Strategic Fox course, one of the nation's premier par three courses.

- A Golden Fox round of golf with cart for an up-charge of \$25 per person based on available tee times.
- Gift package including tees, ball marker, ball mark repair tool and a two-ball pack of golf balls along with a clothing and shoe discount the day of the clinic for MWGA participants.
- Possibly one round of golf including cart on Crystal Mountain's Mountain Ridge course. This course is on the *Golf for Women* magazine's list of the Top 50 Golf Courses in the United States. Currently ranked 26th.

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President's Corner *By Nancy Serra*



First, the bad news: Two of our long-time board members resigned effective the end of 2007. Susan Wedley was the first to give notice.

Since she joined the board, she has been our savior as our Treasurer. During the past eight years she has maintained the most complete and accurate books we've had thus far. She has laid out bookkeeping plans, strategies and records that should serve us well into the future. Susan was the driving force demanding that we create and maintain an effective and balanced budget. Listen up Washington!!

Our Juniors Chair for eight years and for the last year our Publicity Chair, Joyce Harlukowicz, also has chosen to move on. Joyce put together the most comprehensive and successful juniors program we have ever had, bar none. It was indeed a rewarding program both for the young women attending and the professional women who mentored. Joyce taught us a lot about how to run this program that MWGA supported every year of its existence. As the Publicity Chair Joyce maintained regular contact with the media in an effort to promote our tournaments and organization.

We hope that Susan and Joyce will continue to support us behind the scenes and that they will find satisfaction on whatever path they choose to follow. Joyce – Susan, you will be missed.

The good news, as I have previously reported, is that we qualified for a 501(c)(3) federal tax status. This means we are recognized as a charitable organization and that means any contribution or gift you give to us is tax deductible. This status is retroactive to May 1, 2007. So, take advantage of the write-off on your taxes by donating, and revisit your wills and trusts, as I know some of you have done already. Upon receiving your contribution,

Good News, Bad News

we will provide you with the necessary documentation for your records.

The programs instrumental in helping us qualify for this status and which will be supported by donations are the rules and skills clinics and the LPGA/USGA Girls Golf School that we run. This year we plan to run the Girls Golf School at two sites, Belle Isle and another site soon to be chosen. Please keep in mind that we're looking for volunteers to help with this endeavor. Give me a call if you are interested.

As I look forward I see many changes we are making and, if you know me at all, you know I think change is good. Stagnate is not so good. Besides changing the aforementioned school to be bigger and more encompassing, we have changed our Pace of Play (POP) policy. This NEW POP is guaranteed to improve the time of tournament play. Two NEW tournament formats (more about them in upcoming issues of your *NEWSLINX*) are guaranteed to boost interest as well as fun. New additional online capabilities are put in place to reduce the

stress of applying and paying for tournaments and games. Our NEW off-season Whirly Ball game event is planned and guaranteed to entertain (See article on next page).

Last but not least is our NEW board member, Monica Oliver.



Monica has been a strong supporter and participant of MWGA for quite a few years. She has stepped up to the plate and agreed to take over the position of Treasurer. She has already familiarized herself with the

processes and has a positive attitude, as do I, about her ability and resolve to provide MWGA a competent service. We welcome Monica with great enthusiasm, a willingness to be her guide and a promise to give her assistance anytime, should she require it.

We look forward to a great NEW season, a host of NEW members, sharing NEWS with our long time golf buddies and participating in the NEW Driving Force in Women's Golf!

UPCOMING EVENTS

US Women's Amateur Public Links Championship Local Sectional Qualifiers May 27 & May 29

By Sara Wold

The 2008 US Women's Amateur Public Links Championship will be held at Erin Hills in Delafield, WS, north of Milwaukee June 16 – 21. Erin Hills was the first course to be awarded a USGA Championship prior to its opening. It has been touted as one of the best natural sites for a golf course in the US.

Last year in the WAPL Championship Stephany Fleet of EMU was the runner-up in a hotly contested 36-hole final match. Stephany had 10 birdies and Mina Hiragae, the Champion, had 11!

There are two Sectional Qualifying Rounds in Michigan. Lake Forest in Ann Arbor is hosting one on Tues., May 27th and The Meadows at Grand Valley State University in Allendale is hosting the other on Thurs., May 29th. The handicap limit is 18.4 and the entry deadline is May 7th. If you have a low handicap, please enter because the more players who enter, the more qualifying spots we get. To enter, please go online to www.usga.org.



MEMBER ALERT

Please remember to advise the MWGA if your mailing address, phone numbers or email address changes. You don't want to miss out on any of the great events being planned!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MWGA League for Beginning Golfers Coming in 08!

By Linda Neff

Do you have friends who want to learn how to play golf the right way? Have you listened to friends telling you how frustrated and confused they are getting with their husbands telling them how to play?

MWGA is setting up a league for new golfers at Fox Hills on the Strategic Fox (Par 3 course) located in Plymouth, MI 48170 (734-453-7272).

Dates: Wednesdays, April 30 – July 23 (12 weeks) Assumes no golf week of May 26th

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Cost: \$280 (Includes nine weeks of golf and instruction)

Format:

- *Week 1-3* one-hour group instruction with an 8:1 instructor ratio
- *Week 4-6* on course play with on course instruction
- *Week 7-12* on course play in a league format

Rain days: There is no issue if it is raining week 1-3 because Fox Hills has a learning center. If rain week 4-6, Fox Hills will extend the league. If heavy rain week 7-12, Fox Hills will extend the classes up to two weeks.

Fox Hills will provide the following to league members:

- 15% discount in the pro shop the first three weeks of golf
- Free 15-minute Learning Center Tune-up Coupon
- Free Club-Fitting Analysis Coupon
- 20% lesson continuation discount with Jordan Young for private lessons

This league will be limited to 12 participants so we are sure everyone is able to finish the round of golf before it gets dark!

Slots will fill up fast! If interested, call me at 248-489-6523 Monday – Friday or 248-661-0082 during the evenings or weekends.

Golf Skills Clinic

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The certificates for golf will be valid any day during the 2008 golf season.

Instructors include Jordan Young, Fox Hills Director of Instruction, Steve Kisner, Ann Gajda and Will Ellender, all PGA members and golf instructors. Instruction will include four stations that each student attends:

Station 1 – Putting Techniques

Station 2 – Chipping and Pitching

Station 3 – Bunker Play

Station 4 – On-Course Situations with video analysis

Give me a call at 248-489-6523 if you have any questions, but don't wait; sign up soon. Make checks made payable to MWGA and send to:

Linda Neff
29694 Mayfair Rd
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

MWGA WHIRLY BALL WINTER EVENT

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Looking for Some Fun This Winter?

By Sonia Pysh-Denison



Come join us on Sunday, March 9 for a fun-filled winter event. We will be playing Whirly Ball at Whirlyball Novi. For those that don't know exactly what Whirly Ball is, a brief description is basically basketball in a go-cart. It is a total blast! Each team will have 5 people with 10 new people on the court every 15 minutes for 2 hours. We will have sign-up sheets at the court for each new game.

Included in the \$34 pp price are the court time, referee, wine, draft beer, coffee, soda, appetizers, desserts, taxes and referee tip. The price is based on a minimum of 30 people, so if there are less than 30 we will take up a collection at the

court, but we fully expect that this *way-too-cool game* will be booked.

Whirlyball Novi also has their own bar and game room, too, open to all. Check out their website at www.whirlyballwest.com.

Come early, come all and come after the golf show! As perfect timing has it, the Novi Golf Show ends on March 9 at the Rock Financial Center and Whirlyball Novi is located just 2.4 miles SE of it; so hit the golf show first and then bring your friends, family or whomever you choose and join us in the afternoon. It will be awesome to see all our MWGA friends that we haven't seen since last year, and I'm really looking forward to it.

When: Sunday, March 9 (first day of daylight savings)

Court Time: 2:00 – 4:00 pm

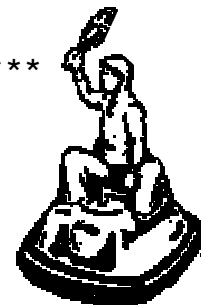
Where: Whirlyball Novi
248-788-8901
41550 Grand River Ave
Novi, MI 48375

Who: Members, non-members, spouses, better and other halves, friends and family

Price: \$34 per person (based on min. 30 people)

Payment Due: February 17. Send to: MWGA Tournament Office
4158 Charing Cross
Bloomfield Hills, MI
48304-3104

If you have any questions, contact me at 586-212-6639 or Pysh-Denison@mwgolf.org.



I say this without any reservations whatsoever: It is impossible to outplay an opponent you can't outthink.

NEWS & UPDATES

Your MWGA 2008 Sponsorship/Advertising Initiative

Inez M. Bridges - Sponsorship Chair

Happy 2008 MWGA members and friends! With a few 40+-degree days in January, it's official now; we will have a golfing season this year. Our minds turn to the driving range, warm weather jaunts and, perhaps, a winter lesson to knock the kinks off our hibernated games. Get ready, my friends. The season is nigh. And your MWGA board members are kicking it up a notch to make 2008 one of the best golfing seasons ever with new courses to play, new events and new efforts. One of these strategies is securing sponsors and advertisers for the organization and our charity efforts, including our charity of choice, The Rhonda Walker Foundation.

This is an effort in which **all** MWGA members can participate, as

it benefits the organization as a whole. We all know potential prospects for participation: your own business, your employer, your dentist, your accountant (The tax season is near.), your favorite golf course, the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker. Any retailer who would like to reach an upscale, golf-oriented female audience would be the ideal target for a sponsorship, whether monetary or in-kind, or advertising in the *NEWSLINX* or on our web site at www.mwgolf.org. We are a powerful purchasing group of women who make buying decisions for our households, purchasing the products and services they provide. Their ad on our web site or in *NEWSLINX* will give them top-of-mind awareness or call-to-action

responses with members and others.

As your sponsorship chair, I will coordinate these efforts and am available if you have leads or questions. I can make the contact for you or provide you with the information you need to make the contact yourself. We have media kits available for emailing or sending to potential sponsors and advertisers. Please don't hesitate to call. If each of us would make just one or two contacts, we can increase our efforts towards a more successful sponsorship program in 2008.

It's **our** organization. Let's all work towards its future enhancement. Together, we can make it happen. **Contact me at 248-552-9328 (H), 248-890-4461 (C) or imbridges@aol.com.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

2008 Match Play League

By Pat Witek

"Stop thinking about it, just do it."

It's gloomy and grey. Winter doesn't want to release its cold icy grip on us and you're depressed. But there's a bright side. Open your calendar and count the weeks until you can get out there and swing your clubs again. Not as bad as you thought, is it? And here's something else to get excited about, **there will be openings on the 2008 Match Play League!**

The 2007 league season was extremely successful. We had exciting matches, wonderful parties hosted by league members, lots of fun at the 19th hole and even a hole-in-one (congratulations again to Michelle Sroka). And we expect nothing less for 2008. Many of you have told me that you've been thinking about joining. *Stop thinking about it, just do it!*

The MWGA Match Play League is open to MWGA members in good

players divided into 4 flights. Players are flighted according to their USGA handicap index. Each member plays six matches within her flight and could advance on to the inter-flight playoffs and Championship matches. Matches are played one-on-one and hole-by-hole, with points awarded to the winner of the match. Matches can be played at any time and at any course, but to help facilitate completion of the matches before the start of the playoff rounds, six group play dates will be scheduled.

The cost to join the league is \$50. Returning members should make their commitment to the league by March 16th. After that, the league will be open to new members. There will be a league meeting in late April to discuss the rules,

regulations and strategies of match play. Group play dates are in the process of being scheduled and will be available soon.

Important Dates:

March 16: Commitment deadline for returning 2007 members

March 17: Open enrollment for all MWGA members

Late April: League meeting

Remit your \$50 league entry fee by check (made out to the MWGA) and mail to Pat Witek, 9727 Bassett, Livonia, MI 48150.

Visit the MWGA web site www.mwgolf.org to view the Match Play League standings and outing dates. For more information or to get your name on the waiting list for 2008, contact me, the League Coordinator, at pgolfw@aol.com or 248/417-1190).

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. We will notify you via email when the newsletter is posted on our website, www.mwgolf.org so you may read the current issue and/or download and print yourself if desired. To date, 102 members have "hugged a tree."

UPCOMING EVENTS

2008 MWGA Annual Meeting at The Golden Fox

By Barbara Porter

After taking a year off from your Board, I am now serving as VP — supposedly, a cushy position. We'll see. I sincerely hope this winter finds all our members in good spirits and health and itching to hit the links once this weather permits. This brings me to our Annual Meeting.

I wish to encourage all our members and potential members to attend the 2008 Annual Meeting to be held at Fox Hills, the Golden Fox facility at 11:30 AM on Saturday, May 10 even if you are not planning on golfing. The doors will open at 10 AM for the Swap Meet and other festivities. The cost for the meeting and luncheon (always very tasty) is \$22.00 and well worth the fare. This meeting is a plethora of information concerning the state of the MWGA. Isn't it good to know what's going on with *your* organization?

Besides hearing a brief rundown

from all the Board members on their activities and plans for 2008, we have a new 2008 Pace of Play Policy (POP) to be explained at this meeting. This POP policy will be enforced at all MWGA tournaments starting with the Spring Scramble. (See page 12 for the new POP; it's also on our website, www.mwggolf.org.)

Also, it is important that our members attend on May 10 to support the Player of the Year (POY) award winners given to the top players in each of the A, B, C and D handicap divisions. A lot of effort goes into keeping these statistics as well as the effort put forth by our winners. And, the Sara Wold Trophy recipient will be announced and presented to our Golfer of the Year (GOY) who represents the best overall low handicap golfer of the MWGA. Plus, we'll also announce our 2007 Most Improved Golfer. Now, aren't those honors worth applauding? We

need you in attendance to clap and whistle big time!

Besides the camaraderie afforded at the Annual Meeting, this is *your* chance to participate when the floor opens for questions. So, if you have something on your mind regarding the MWGA, this is your opportunity to have your voice heard. Oh, we may not be able to answer on the spot, but rest assured, you will receive an answer.

Your MWGA wishes to keep everyone informed. Besides reading our wonderful *NEWSLINX* and logging on to our fantastic website, why not attend the Annual Meeting to learn the latest developments firsthand? Also, you may find that special item at the Swap Meet or be given a message prior to the meeting — there is always something for everyone at the MWGA Annual Meeting. Mark the date and check our website for updates and to reserve your place.

Swap Meet at Annual Meeting! Saturday May 10 • Fox Hills' Golden Fox GC

By Inez M. Bridges

The fact that we are all still moving snow here in Michigan at this time does not preclude the more important fact that, come May, we **will** be moving golf balls on the links. Yes, ladies, pull 'em out, dust 'em off and prepare for a new golf season and the MWGA Annual Meeting and Spring Scramble on Saturday May 10th. It's time to rumble!

Due to a good response last year, we will hold another swap meet at this year's opening meeting and play. Although I wasn't able to be with you last year, I understand that it was well received. I'm sure you haven't ridded your basements, closets and storage bins of all of those cherished unused (or slightly used) items that you keep shifting around, so why not gather these "cast-asides" and bring them to the **MWGA Annual Meeting on Saturday May 10th for "Swap Meet 2008."** 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. Don't count on selling them at that garage sale you've thought about having for the past 10 years. It will never happen. I speak from experience, let me tell you.

The merchandise doesn't necessarily have to be golf-related either. All wares from A-Z are welcome, whether new or slightly used. Just think of it as an MWGA mini "estate sale." **Also, if you are one of the gifted people with a craft and want to display some sale samples, there will be space for you, too.** Don't hesitate to call me if you have questions. Everyone will be welcome to vend and buy.

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. The manner in which you conduct your merchandising is

strictly up to you. Registration begins at 10:00 am, and the luncheon/meeting starts at 11:30, so **please plan to arrive earlier to set up your items for sale prior to the meeting**, during lunch and after golf.

Once again, this year we will conduct an LPGA/USGA Girls Golf instruction program for the Rhonda Walker Foundation girls at the First Tee of Michigan facilities on Belle Isle plus a second site and are asking that sellers donate 10% of sales to our 2008 fundraising efforts for the Foundation and our other charitable efforts. **Now that the MWGA is a 501(c)(3) organization, these donations can be a tax advantage for you. Even if you don't plan on selling, this is a great time to contribute to a worthy cause and be able to deduct it from your taxes for 2008.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Swap Meet at Annual Meeting

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Let's make this year's event another fun-filled day of bartering, trading and golf. The more participating, the better the odds of finding something you want. So, talk it up, start collecting your wares and arrive early in order to get the items of your choice. With everyone's help, it will be fun, profitable for you and for our fundraising. For planning purposes, please let me know if you would like to participate, or if you have questions or suggestions. Contact me, **Inez Bridges at 248-552-9328, 248-890-4461 or email me at imbridges@aol.com**. Thanks in advance, and we'll all reunite on Saturday May 10th.



U.S. Women's Open *By Linda Lester, USGA Women's Committee*

The U.S. Women's Open will be at Interlachen Country Club in Edina, Minnesota, on June 26 - 29, 2008. **This year we will have a U.S. Women's Open Local Qualifier at Knollwood Country Club in West Bloomfield on May 19.**

The application for the U.S. Women's Open will be available to download from the USGA website, www.usga.org, the first week in March. Amateurs must have an

MWGA 4-Woman Member/Guest Spring Scramble Saturday May 10, Golden Fox, Plymouth

By Sonia Pysh-Denison

Golf season will be here before you know it, so brush the dust off your bag and shoes if you haven't used them in a while and get set for our first golf tournament of the year. The 2008 Spring Scramble will be held on May 10 at the Golden Fox in Plymouth. Bring your friends, recruit non-members and let them hear about our wonderful organization at the Annual Meeting in the morning as well as golf at a great course.

Directly after the meeting we will play a 4-Woman Member/Guest Scramble. 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: \$89.00 for the day. This is an all-inclusive price for the meeting, lunch, golf, cart, range balls and prizes. Remember,

you can enter and pay online at www.mwggolf.org beginning April 15 (after you've filed your taxes, of course). You can also mail your entry to the MWGA Tournament Office, 4158 Charing Cross Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104. Watch for an entry form in your membership packets and in the next *NEWSLINX*.

On May 10, registration and the Vendor/Swap Meet (see Inez's article on the preceding page) will begin at 10am with the meeting (Barb has the details in her article before Inez's) and lunch starting at 11:30am. We'll head to the course about 12:45-1pm for final instructions and a 1:30pm shotgun start.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Golden Fox at Fox Hills in May.

up-to-date USGA index of 4.4. If you do not have a current handicap and are a MWGA member, contact your handicap chair, Deb Pringle at (248) 391-4587. If you're not a MWGA member yet, you can visit the GAM website, www.gam.org, for information on how to register for handicaps or call GAM at (248) 478-9242.

Kimberly Kim, at the age of 14, qualified for the U.S. Women's Open at the Sectional hosted by Knollwood

CC in 2006. Kimberly had a very successful summer in 2006, qualifying for the Women's Open, placing as runner up at the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links and winning the U.S. Women's Amateur at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club. Maybe this year at the Local Qualifier we will witness one of Michigan's talented amateurs start her successful run on the national level.



MWGA Two-Person Best Ball, Saturday, May 24, Lake Forest GC, Ann Arbor

By Sonia Pysh-Denison

When: Saturday, May 24, 9:00am shotgun

Where: Lake Forest GC, 3110 W. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 734-994-8580

Fee: \$61 members and male partners/\$81 non-members

Includes: 18 holes golf, cart, gift certificate prizes for winners

Requirements: USGA index, soft spikes, proper golf attire

Entry Deadline: Wednesday, May 14

Entries to: MWGA Tournament Office, 4158 Charing Cross Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104

Find your favorite golf partner and sign up for this two-person best ball event at Lake Forest GC in Ann Arbor. Lake Forest is in a completely natural setting. The course design blends beautifully with the inherent natural landscape. Most holes are wrapped in native grasses, including wildflower areas, while tree-lined fairways, wetland areas and several large ponds surround many other holes.

Women will play from the women's forward tees @ 5413 yards, slope/rating: 71.9/124 and men

from the men's middle tees @ 5933 yards, slope/rating: 69.2/127.

Although the range is not included in our package, there is a full practice facility including a three-tier driving range with grass and mat hitting stations, two large putting greens, and chipping areas including sand bunkers.

If you need a partner, enter anyway and we will do our best to pair you with another nice person. Questions should be directed to me at 586-212-6639 or Pysh-Denison@mwggolf.org.

Handifacts

By Deb Pringle

Well, it is the start to a new year and golf season once again is not that far off, so here are some highlights from last season that you might find interesting.

The 2007 season has some interesting stats in it. First of all the total number of rounds played by our organization was 4,487 and our club's average handicap is 21.0, well below the national average for female amateur golfers. This tells me that for the size of our organization we do love our golf.

In going through the history of rounds shot I would like to acknowledge our top diehard golfers:

Cynthia Obermeyer — 100 rounds

Judy Lazzaro — 99 rounds

Lee Erfourth — 76 rounds

Ellen Howell — 75 rounds

Myra Cartwright and Cynthia

Pinkard — 73 rounds

The following folks also had 60+ rounds: Pat DeMaire 69, Theresa MacPherson 68, Grace Harrison 66, Sara Wold 65, Joan Garety 64, and Mary Ann Brauser 63. Pretty impressive, ladies.

The next stat pertains to the most improved player for the season. This year that honor goes to a member who improved her index by 25.9%. Now if you wish to know who this person is, then you will have to attend the annual meeting in the spring. In the runner-up position was Michele Weiss with a 23.2% improvement starting at a 9.4 and ending with a 6.8 and in third was Lauri Ponikiewski with a 20.3% improvement starting at a 7.7 and reducing that to a 5.1. Congratulations on a great season, ladies.

For those of you who are still playing in other states this winter, remember to post those scores. If you are not posting online, then send me any scores shot over the winter in other states.

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

Mark Twain

Membership Snippets *By Jane Kersjes*

Wow, tonight was the first time I've hit a golf ball since September. It really felt good. It's in the 40's and mild but will go below 20 degrees tomorrow. Yikes, Michigan. I was up north skiing this past weekend and had a wonderful time. My mind keeps flipping between skiing and golfing (or the preparation of) and the weather isn't helping. I figured if I waited long enough the bad kinks from last year's season will have worked its way out of my psych. Time will tell.

I'd like to welcome everyone to MWGA's '08 season and look forward to meeting and seeing everyone at our events. I especially would like to welcome our new members so far this year:

Carol Bradley	Novi
Glenda Byers	Rochester
Toni Cooper	Detroit

Pamela Harwood	Detroit
Helena Kim	Ann Arbor
Yong Kim	Ann Arbor
Michele LaFlora	Detroit
Norma Mahle	Farmington Hls
Sherry Wedemeyer	Oxford

Currently, we have:

Senior 44 (5 new)

Regular 17 (4 new)

Board 15

TOTAL 76

We're a little lower compared to last year at this time, but the majority of members renew in March and April.

Remember our two new member contests and don't forget to check the *eNEWLINX* on your membership form or I'll assume you want us to mail it to you. Some folks who checked it previously have not rechecked it.



Women's Leagues

Is your league listed on later pages 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.

You are cordially invited to the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame 2008 Golf Outing and Induction Ceremony

Potential inductees are nominated and voted upon by a selection committee that includes representatives from the formal golf organizations throughout the state, sports media and past inductees of the Hall of Fame. This year's class of recipients will be formally inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame on **Sunday, May 18**. The ceremony will be held at **Indianwood G&CC** in Lake Orion (248) 693-9100, and will include a golf outing, breakfast, lunch, cocktail reception, dinner and awards.

Schedule of Events:

12:00 - 12:45 pm	Registration
1:00 pm	Shotgun start on the Old Course
6:00 - 8:00 pm	Reception, Dinner and Induction Ceremony

Event Fee: \$175.00 per person
(\$50.00 without golf, \$25.00 under age 21)

2008 Inductees: To be announced in late February 2008

The individuals whom we recognize have made history. Through your participation and support, we can help preserve the honor.

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Michigan Golf Foundation
6801 North Meadows Way
Dexter, MI 48130
(248) 719-0650

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MWGA Events (\$xx Member/\$xx Non-Member)
Entry Deadline 10 Days Prior to All Events Unless Noted

ENTER TOURNAMENTS ONLINE at www.mwgolf.org or MAIL TOURNAMENT ENTRIES to: MWGA Tournament Office, 4158 Charing Cross Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-3104 - QUESTIONS: mwga@mwgolf.org or 248-557-8180

Date/Time	Event/Fee	Site/Location	Contact/Course Stats (women's forward tees unless noted otherwise)
4/26, Sat 8:30am register 9-10:30am clinic	Rules Rock \$40*/\$45*, Juniors \$25 *With \$10 MWGA certificate awarded	St. John's GC Plymouth 48170 734-453-1047	Linda Neff 29694 Mayfair Rd. Farmington Hills 48331 248-661-0082 H 248-478-6523 W neff@mwgolf.org
4/30-7/23, Wed 5:30-7:00pm	MWGA League for Beginning Golfers \$280 (12 wks. golf and instruction) Max. 12 participants	Fox Hills, Strategic Fox Plymouth 48170 734-453-7272	
5/3, Sat 9am-1pm	Golf Skills Clinic—see pg. 3 for details \$115, Juniors \$100 Max. 40; student-teacher ratio 8:1		
	Match Play Meeting and Golf	TBD	Pat Witek, 9727 Bassett, Livonia 48150, 734-591-6939, witek@mwgolf.org
5/10 Sat, 11am	Annual Meeting & Lunch Only --\$22 without golf	Fox Hills, Golden Fox Plymouth 48170 734-453-7272	
5/10 Sat, 1:30pm Shotgun	Member/Guest 4-Woman Spring Scramble and Lunch—ALL INCLUSIVE—lunch/golf/cart/range \$89 members & guests		70.4/123, 5040 yds
	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
5/24 Sat, 9am Shotgun	2-Person Best Ball – Mixed Event Golf/cart—\$61 members/male partners \$81 non-members	Lake Forest Ann Arbor 48103 734-994-8580	71.9/124/5413 yds 69.2/127/5933 yds—men's middle
	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
6/7 Sun, 8:30am Mod. shotgun	President's Stroke Play Tournament golf/cart/range \$71/\$91	Timber Trace Pinckney 48169 734-848-1800	68.9/120/5103 yds www.timbertracegc.com
6/17 Tu, 8am Mod. shotgun	2-Woman Scramble Golf/cart/deli buffet \$76/\$96	Shepherd's Hollow Clarkston 48348 248-922-0300	69.7/120/4906—women's front
	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
6/30 Mon, 9:30am Shotgun	2-Woman Best Ball Golf/cart/range/continental breakfast \$71/\$91	Greystone Romeo 48095 586-752-7030	69.7/125/4978 yds
7/12 Sat, 9am Shotgun	Best 2 of 4 Golf/cart/range \$66/\$86	Sugarbush GC Davison 48423 810-653-3326	70.8/126/5041 yds
	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
7/26, 7/27 Sat–Sun, 9am Mod. shotgun	2-Day State Championship Golf/range/lunch Sun. at awards ceremony \$163/\$183/\$48 Juniors walking on Sun.	Hawk Hollow Bath 48808 517-641-4295	69.7/120/5078 yds—women's forward 73.8/134/5789—women's middle www.hawkhollow.com
8/9 Sat, 9am Shotgun	Best 1,2,3 of 4 (Cha, Cha, Cha) Golf/cart/range \$64/\$84	Richmond Forest Lenox 48050 586-727-4741	69.1/116/4923 yds
	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
8/22 Fri, 9am Shotgun	2-Woman Best Ball golf/range/cart \$68/\$88	Stonebridge Ann Arbor 48108 734-429-8383	70.9/127/5176 yds
	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
9/6 Sat, 1:30pm Mod. shotgun	Stroke Play Golf/cart \$62/\$82	St. John's GC Plymouth 48170 734-453-1047	Mark/Luke 65.6/108/4900 yds
	Match Play	TBD	Pat Witek
9/27-28 Sat, 12pm Sun, 9am	2-Day/2-Person Eraser Golf/cart/range/Sun. buffet—\$172 mem- bers/male partners, \$192 non-members	Eagle Crest Ypsilanti 48197 734-487-2441	69.2/123/4944 yds—women's forward 69.6/131/6150 yds—men's middle
10/4 Sat, 8am tent. Shotgun	4-Woman Fall Farewell Scramble Golf/cart/range/chicken & rib lunch \$79/\$99	Fenton Farms Fenton 48430 810-629-1212	69.5/117/519 yds

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Date/Time	Event	Site/Location	Contact
WAPL, GAM, USGA and Other Events			
WAPL Women's Amateur Public Links GAM Golf Association of Michigan		US or USGA United States Golf Association	
5/18 Sun	MI Hall of Fame Golf Outing, Reception, Induction Ceremony Dinner \$175 (w/o golf \$50, Juniors \$25)	Indianwood G&CC (Old Course), Lake Orion 48361 248-693-8049	Loretta Larkin, 248-719-0650, llarkin@michigan-golf-foundation.com
5/19 Mon	US Women's Open Local Qualifier Entries close 4/30, Hdcp. limit 4.4	Knollwood CC, W. Bloomfield 48322, 248-855-0825	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
5/27 Tu	US WAPL Sectional, Detroit Metro Entries close 5/7, Hdcp. limit 18.4 www.usga.org	Lake Forest GC Ann Arbor 48103 734-994-8580	Sara Wold, 2050 Yorktown, Ann Arbor 48105, 734-668-8571, sara_wold@msn.com
5/29 Th	US WAPL Sectional, West Michigan Entries close 5/7, Hdcp. limit 18.4 www.usga.org	The Meadow GC at GVS Allendale 49401 616-895-1004	Lori Stinson, GVSU, 4645 W. Campus Dr., Allendale 49401, 616-331-3082, stinsonl@gvsu.edu
6/9-10 Mon-Tu	GAM Women's Mid-Amateur Entries close 5/21, Hdcp. limit 20.0, Age 25+	Midland CC, Midland 49651 989-832-3074	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
	Kensington Women's Championship Entries close	Kensington GC, Milford 48380, 248-685-9332	Harold Beardsley, 248-685-9332, 1-800-477-2757
6/16-21 Mon-Sat	US WAPL Championship Qualifiers only, Entries close 5/7	Erin Hills GC Erin, WS	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
6/21-22 tent. Sat-Sun	Western MI Women's Best Ball	Cadillac CC, Cadillac 49601 231-775-9442	Jane Cook, 115 Kimel, Cadillac 49601, 231-779-1655, taxcheck@charter.net
6/24 Tu	US Girls' Jr. Amateur Qualifier Entries close 6/4, Hdcp. limit	Midlothian CC Midlothian, IL	Linda Lester, 313-886-6416 USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
6/28-29 Sat-Sun	Ann Arbor Women's Championship Entries close 6/20	Leslie Park GC, Ann Arbor 48105, 734-994-1163	Leslie Park GC, 734-994-1193 www.milesofgolf.com
6/23-25 Mon-Wed	GAM MI Girls Jr. State Amateur Entries close 6/4,	Mt. Pleasant CC, Mt. Pleasant 48858, 989-772-1591	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
6/26 Th	GAM Junior 2-Person Team Entries close 6/4	Bay City CC, Bay City 48706 989-684-2611	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
6/26-29 Th-Sun	US Women's Open Qualifiers only. Entries close 4/30	Interlachen CC Edina, MN	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
7/2 Wed	US Girls' Jr. Amateur Qualifier Entries close 6/4, Hdcp. limit	Ohio Prestwick CC Uniontown, OH	Linda Lester, 313-886-6416 USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
7/7-11 Mon-Fri	GAM MI Women's Amateur Entries close 6/18, Hdcp. limit 15.4	Walnut Hills CC, East Lansing 48823, 517-332-8640	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org MI residents only
7/9 Mon	US Women's Amateur Qualifier Entries close 6/18, Hdcp. limit 5.4	Cincinnati CC Cincinnati, OH	USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
7/12 Sat	Michigan PGA Women's Open	Crystal Mountain Resort Thompsonville 49683 231-378-2623	Michigan Section PGA, 517-641-7421, www.michigan.pga.com
7/14-16 Mon-Wed	Michigan PGA Women's Open Pro-Am		Lorraine Nordbeck, 800-968-7686, ext. 3354, lorrainenordbeck@ crystalmountain.com
7/21 Mon	GAM Two-Person Net Team Qualifier Entries close 7/2, Hdcp. Limit 36.4	Tanglewood GC, South Lyon, MI 48178, 248-486-3355	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
7/21-26 Mon-Sat	US Girl's Jr. Amateur Qualifiers only. Entries close 6/4	The Hartford GC West Hartford, CT	Linda Lester, 313-886-6416 USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
7/22 Tu	GAM Two-Person Net Team Qualifier Entries close 7/2, Hdcp. Limit 36.4	Greystone GC, Romeo, MI 48095, 586-752-7030	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
7/28 Mon	GAM Two-Person Net Team Qualifier Entries close 7/2, Hdcp. Limit 36.4	Edgewood CC, Commerce Twp., MI, 248-363-7111	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
7/31 Th	GAM Two-Person Net Team Qualifier Entries close 7/2, Hdcp. Limit 36.4	Emerald at Maple Creek, St. Johns, MI, 989-224-6287	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
8/4-10 Mon-Sun	US Women's Amateur Qualifiers only. Entries close 6/18	Eugene CC Eugene, OR	USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
8/5-8 Tu-Fri	GAM MI Women's Sr. Amateur Entries close 7/16, Hdcp. limit 20.4	Arbor Hills GC, Jackson 49201 517-750-2290	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org 989-939-8911

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Enter USGA and GAM events online. Visit their websites.

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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
8/14 Th	US Women's Mid-Amateur Qualifier Entries close 7/23, Hdcp. limit	Barton Hills CC, Ann Arbor 48105, 734-662-4955	USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
8/19 Tu	US Sr. Women's Qualifier Entries close 7/30, Hdcp. limit 9.4	Walnut Creek CC, South Lyon 48178, 248-437-7470	USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
8/19-20 Tu-Wed	GAM Women's Championship Entries close 7/30, Hdcp. limit 15.4	U of M GC, Ann Arbor 48104 734-615-4653	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org
8/25-26 Mon-Tu	GAM Women's Senior Entries close 8/6, Hdcp. limit 25.4	Manistee Nat'l G& Resort, Ma- nistee 49660, 231-723-8874	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org 231-534-6470
9/2 Tu	GAM 2-Person Net Team Entries close 7/2, Hdcp. limit 36.4	Michaywe Pines GC, Gaylord 49735, 989-939-8911	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org 989-652-0460
9/6-11 Sat-Th	US Women's Mid-Amateur Qualifiers only. Entries close 7/23	Barton Hills CC, Ann Arbor 48105, 734-662-4955	USGA 908-234-2300 www.usga.org
9/13-14 Sat-Sun	GAM Atlas Cup Matches www.collegefields.net	College Fields GC, Okemos 48864, 517-332-8100	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org Cynthia Pinkard, Capt., Public Team
9/20-25 Sat-Th	US Senior Women's Amateur Qualifiers only. Entries close 7/30	Tulsa CC Tulsa, OK	USGA 908-234-2300, www.usga.org
9/23-24 Tu-Wed	GAM MI Net Amateur Entries close 7/23	Lakelands G&CC, Brighton 48116, 810-231-3010	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org Qualifiers only, 616-212-2600
9/30 Tu	GAM Chrysler Club Championship Entries close 9/17	Indianwood G&CC, Lake Orion 48361, 248-693-8049	GAM 248-478-9242, www.gam.org 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 Directory on page 15.

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 Hills	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	Fairway Ladies	Farmington Hills	Thurs	7:45 AM	(248)661-8737
Farmington Hills	Commoner Golf	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 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
Golden Hawk		Casco Twp.	Tues		(586)727-4681
Gowanie	Gowanie	Mt. Clemens			(586)468-1374
Hawk Meadows at Dama Farms		Howell	Tues	5:30 PM	(517)546-4635
Hickory Creek		Superior Twp	Tues	8:30 AM	734)454-1850
Hickory Hollow		Macomb	Tues	8:30 AM	(586)949-9033
Hilltop	Fairway Foxes	Plymouth	Mon	4:30 PM	(734)455-4120
Hudson Mills		Dexter	Tues	5:37 AM	(734)426-0466

Course	League Name	City	Day	Time	Course/Contact Phone
Huron Hills GC		Ann Arbor			(734)971-6840
Idylwyld	Par Tees	Livonia	Mon	5:50 PM	(734)612-9699
Island Hills		Centreville	Thurs	PM	(269)651-5546
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
Lakewood Shores		Oscoda	Tues	1:30 PM	(586)677-4184
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	B66A	Clarkston	Tues	5:00 PM	(248)625-3731
Links of Novi		Novi	Tues	AM	(248)380-9595
Lochmoor Club		Grosse Pte Woods	Thurs	8:30 AM	(586)792-7417
Maple Lane	Triple Tee	Sterling Hts	Tues	5:30 PM	(587)979-4111
Maple Lane		Sterling Hts	Wed	9:00 AM	(586)795-4000
Mulberry Hills	Mixed	Oxford	Fri	4:30 PM	(248)628-2808
Northville Hills		Northville	Mon	6:00 PM	(734)417-4528
Pine Knob	EWG	Clarkston	Mon	5:50 PM	(248)625-4430, web address above
Pine View Golf Course	Pineview Caldwell	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	5:30 PM	(248)758-3967
Rackham	Diamonds in the Rough	Huntington Woods	Wed	5:15 PM	(313)274-4287
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
Radrack Farms		Ann Arbor			(734)998-7040
Raisin Valley GC	Late Bloomers	Tecumseh	Mon	5:30 PM	(517)423-2982
Rouge Park	Bag Ladies	Detroit	Tues	5:34 PM	(313)862-5738
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
Shenandoah	Williams Intl Women's	West Bloomfield			(248)360-9948
Springdale GC		Birmingham	Mon	5:15 PM	(248)398-9884
St. Joe Valley		Sturgis	Tues	PM	(248)651-5546
St. John's		Plymouth	Tues	5:40 PM	(734)453-1047
St. John's		Plymouth	Wed	4:50 PM	(734)261-4685
Sunnybrook	Power Train	Sterling Hts	Tues	3:00 PM	(586)497-6116
Swartz Creek Municipal		Flint	Wed	3:30 PM	(810)239-5538
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	Ladies of the Lion	South Lyon	Tues	8:00 AM	(248)661-8737
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	Rochester Hills	Mon	5:30PM	(248)619-7671, web address above
White Lake Country Club	Twilight Ladies	White Lake	Mon	4:30 PM	(248)669-5119
White Lake Oaks		White Lake	Mon	5:30 PM	(248)698-2700
Woodlands of Van Buren		Wayne	Tues	5:30 PM	(734)729-4477

MWGA 2008 PACE OF PLAY — Policy, Procedure, Penalties, Appeals

The MWGA Pace of Play (POP) Policy has been adopted in accordance with the GAM and the USGA, placing the responsibility for maintaining pace of play with the players. Players are expected to play efficient golf and to keep up with the group in front of them. The GAM POP policy and the USGA POP recommendation have been incorporated into our policy and modified to address our starting formats (tee times, crossovers and shotguns) and limited resources (lack of marshals, officials, and atomic clocks).

I. Policy

Groups should play at an average of no more than:

- 16 minutes per hole
- 2 hours, 24 minutes for nine holes, including all breaks
- 4 hours, 48 minutes for eighteen holes, including the time required to get scorecards stamped at the scoring table at the conclusion of play

- A) **The team(s)/players in the lead group** are in breach of the MWGA POP policy if their scorecards are not time stamped at the scoring table by the expected time (4 hours, 48 minutes after their actual starting time).
- B) **All teams/players following the lead group** are in breach of the MWGA POP if their scorecards are not time stamped at the scoring table by the expected time (4 hours, 48 minutes after their actual starting time) **or within** twenty (20) minutes of the group in front of them.

II. Procedure

- A) Mark actual starting time on the official scorecard(s). Time starts when the first player in the group takes the tee.
- 1) For **tee time and crossover starts**, the starter, an official

or a member in each group will punch or mark the actual start time of the group on the official scorecard(s).

- 2) For **shotgun starts**, a member of each group will punch or mark the actual start time of the group on the official scorecard(s).
- B) If there are any unusual delays before the start of play or during the round, players should briefly note on the back of the scorecard(s). Players may be asked to explain in more detail following tournament play.
- C) **THERE WILL BE NO WARNINGS** regarding slow play or being out of position. Pace of play is the responsibility of the players.
- D) A player concerned about the slow play of others in her group should speak with the player(s) and encourage them to play more efficiently. If the slow play continues, the player may ask a rules official, if present, to monitor the group. If no rules officials are present, the players in the group should document the incident(s) and inform the Rules Committee of the situation at the conclusion of play. During the round, a player may also request that a marshal or pro-shop staff member report the situation to the MWGA Rules Committee.
- E) The official scorecard(s) must be taken to the scoring table **immediately** after play.
- The official scorecard(s) must be time stamped at the scoring table.
 - Scores should be verified and totaled by the players.
 - Scorecards must be signed and left at the scoring table.

III. Penalties

- A) When a group fails to comply with the MWGA Pace of Play Policy, the team(s)/players in the offending group will be subject to a penalty assessment of two (2) strokes.
- B) An additional 2-stroke penalty may be assessed for each additional 20 minutes the team(s)/players in the offending group take to have their scorecard time stamped at the scoring table behind the group in front of them.
- C) Once the Rules Committee has confirmed the penalty assessment, the scorecard will be returned to each team or player being assessed for their initials as acknowledgment of the assessment. The team or player must initial and return the scorecard to the scoring table for posting.

IV. Appeals

- A) There are only three (3) situations that are grounds for appeal:
- The group was delayed by the Committee.
 - The group was delayed by circumstances beyond their control.
 - The player or players were delayed by another player in the group, not on the player's team.
- B) Teams/Players that are subject to pace of play penalty assessments may appeal the ruling to the Rules Committee. The appeal must be made at the time the players are informed of the assessment and before any player initials and returns the scorecard. The decision of the Rules Committee will be final.

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Course	League Name	City	Day	Time	Course/Contact Phone
Woodlands of Van Buren		Wayne	Wed	4:50 PM	(734)729-4477
Woodlands of Van Buren		Wayne	Thurs	4:45 PM	(734)671-8686
Travel league	Huron Valley Women's Golf Club				Sheri Affolder; sla227@provide.net; (734)487-5707
Travel league	Shooters Tour				http://womens.shootersgolf.com
Travel league	Women's Met Golf Assoc		Wed	8:00 AM	Judy Hamilton; jzylham@one-main.com; (810)640-1133
Travel league	Women's Suburban Golf Assoc		Fri	8:00 AM	Penny Irwin; (734)453-4007 pennyanchors@yahoo.com

Rules R Us *By Sara Wold*

Notes and Exceptions

The USGA/PGA Rules School I am attending is in March, and I am diligently studying to get a good grade on the exam and to refresh my memory for the coming season. There are more than 10 rules that have notes and exceptions to them that are very important for you to know. I can't discuss them all, but will point out a few that are interesting. Please read the notes and exceptions in your Rules Book because it will save you strokes.

Rule 6-8d: Under Rule 20-3c, if the spot is undeterminable, the ball is usually **dropped** through the green or in a hazard. However, the note to 6-8d says when play is resumed after play has been discontinued, the ball **must be placed**.

Rule 10-2b: Rule 10 tells us the ball farthest from the hole is played first. An exception reveals that Rule 22 allows a player, who has been asked to lift his ball because it is interfering or assisting play, to play first.

Rule 13-4: An exception advises the player that he may take clubs (also things like an umbrella) into a hazard and may touch the ground in a hazard to prevent falling, remove an obstruction or lift or place a ball in the hazard as long as he doesn't test the condition or improve the lie of the ball. A second exception allows the player or his caddie to smooth sand or soil in the hazard if the ball is still in the hazard and nothing is done to improve the lie of the ball. Interestingly, other decisions tell us a player may remove loose impediments from a bunker that lies between his ball (which is not in the bunker) and the green. He may even go into the bunker (as long as his

ball is not in the bunker) to test it to see if he may putt through it as long as he doesn't improve the line of play. (13-2/28, 30 and 31)

14-5 and -6: 14-5 tells us a player must not make a stroke at his ball while it is moving. Exceptions are if a ball is struck while it is falling off the tee, the stroke counts but there is no penalty and the same for striking the ball more than once or playing a stroke at a ball moving in water.

Rule 21: Rule 21 tells us that we can't clean the ball when determining if it is unfit (5-3), to identify it (12-2), or lifting it because it is assisting or interfering with play (22). Decisions tell us we can't clean it if we are determining if it is embedded or in a burrowing animal hole. If it is embedded or in a burrowing animal hole, then it may be cleaned. Also, it advises us that there is no additional penalty for cleaning the ball if a penalty has been assessed for failing to act in accordance with Rules 5-3, 12-2, and 22; so clean away!

Rule 22-2: The note to 22-2 advises us that except on a putting green, a player may not lift his ball solely because he considers it might interfere with another ball. He must be asked to do so or he incurs a penalty of one stroke for moving his ball in play (Rule 18-22a).

Rule 3-3, 15-3, and 27-2: The rules regarding playing a second ball, a provisional ball and a wrong ball tell us that the strokes and pen-

alties made during the play of the ball that doesn't count are not included in the score for the hole. This is not quite true. Decision 20-7c/5 tells us that a breach of the Rules which might apply to either ball, such as a breach of the practice Rule (7-2) or the advice Rule (8-1), or playing a wrong ball Rule (15-3) for a provisional or second ball will cost the player those additional penalty strokes even if the breach occurred in playing the ball that doesn't count.

Rule 27-1: If a ball is lost or out of bounds, the player must play a ball, under penalty of one stroke as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played. Exceptions to this rule tell us that if the original ball is lost in a water hazard, the player must proceed under Rule 26-1 Water Hazards and can play a ball (not necessarily the original ball). If the ball may be lost in an obstruction or abnormal ground condition, the player proceeds under the applicable Rule. And he **must** play the original ball (if it is recoverable in a few seconds); otherwise, he may substitute a ball.

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THE POSITIVE GOLFER *By Janina Parrott Jacobs*

There are times when even The Positive Golfer might not be so positive. Things happen. When they do, you have to look anywhere you are able to find relief.

Last year there were three major events in my life that deeply affected my reflections on what I thought golf was all about and how it fit into my way of life.

One took place in early August when I somehow torqued my wrist while hashing out of the rough. I didn't seek help right away because 1) I didn't think it was that serious and 2) I was headed to Wales the following week to play at Celtic Manor, the site of the 2010 Ryder Cup (which you will read about right here later this year). Well, it is now January and I could not play golf if I wanted to. And, I have a renewed sympathy for Phil Mickelson and Michelle Wie and anyone else who is suffering with this awful, painful problem.

The second was the discovery of a thyroid deficiency that has affected me through undeserved weight gain, aching joints and muscles, and yes, even foggy thinking (you KNEW it didn't you!). I figured something was wrong when I was eating less than ever and exercising more, yet still packing on about 15 - 20 pounds. The sad thing is that it took a lot of digging - on my part - to find this out. I also discovered that this was one of the related reasons why my wrist wouldn't heal and why a simple round of golf would tire me out.

The third event was an even more painful one, emotionally. In October, I was 'let go' from my job as host of Michigan Golf Weekly, the show I

created prior to 2004, when it initially aired. The station decided that my co-host was more valuable to keep because of his radio connections. Apparently, my connections in the golf industry in Michigan that helped to launch the show were not deemed as important.

OK, now what? A dear friend and golf instructor, Bruce Weisberg, sent me this gem on a day when I was feeling especially down. Before you read it, go get yourself a cup of coffee to enjoy. You'll see why.....

A young woman went to her mother with complaints about her life and how things were so hard. She was tired of fighting and struggling and wanted to give up. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Mom took her to the kitchen, filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to a boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second, eggs; and in the last, ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil. 20 minutes later, she turned off the burners. She fished all three items out and placed them in separate bowls.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see?" "Carrots, eggs and coffee," she replied.

Her mother asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich flavor and asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: Boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after

being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which are you? Are you the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity wilt, become soft and lose strength?

Are you the egg that starts with a malleable heart but changes with the heat? Did you once have a fluid spirit, but after various hardships or some other trial, have become hardened and stiff? Does your shell look the same, but on the inside are you bitter and tough with a hardened heart?

Or are you like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the most of what comes their way. You can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

So, while we're doing that and waiting for the Michigan golf season to arrive again, coffee anyone?



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

Here are the 2008 contestants and their picks. Remember, the member whose four players total the highest combined LPGA earnings as of September 28, 2008, will receive a free MWGA membership for 2009. Good luck to all!

	Member	Earnings	Pro Picks
1	Sara Wold		Ochoa, Sorenstam, Granada, Yani Tseng
2	Shelly Weiss		Ochoa, Sorenstam, Gustafson, Keong Bae
3	Terry Deisler		Ochoa, Sorenstam, Hurst, Gloria Park
4	Claud Johnston		Ochoa, Sorenstam, Hurst, Momoko Ueda
5	Pat Meyers		Ochoa, Sorenstam, Matthew, Hee-Won Han
6	Pat Shelton		Ochoa, Sorenstam, Rankin, Birdie Kim
7	Deb Horning		Ochoa, Miyazato, Ahn, Nan On Min
8	Angie Cook		Ochoa, Pak, Gustafson, Birdie Kim
9	Judy Figa		Ochoa, Prammanasudh, Young Kim, Jimin Kang
10	Pam Staub		Pettersen, Sorenstam, Young Kim, Birdie Kim
11	Pat DeMaire		Pressel, Sorenstam, Rankin, Na On Min

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Ochoa	Sorenstam
Pettersen	Prammanasudh
Pressel	Pak
	Miyazato
C	D
Rankin	Birdie Kim
Young Kim	Gloria Park
Hurst	Jimin Kang
Gustafson	Na On Min
Ahn	Momoko Ueda
Granada	Yani Tseng
Matthew	Keong Bae
	Hee-Won Han



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Linda Lester from Grosse Pointe Woods (US Girl's Junior Committee) has been appointed to the USGA Women's Committee. The Women's Committee, a core group to the USGA, primarily oversees the administration of the USGA's women's championships and advises the USGA's Executive Committee on matters and policy to enhance the game as well as "supporting the development and promotion of women's golf."

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Samantha (Sam) Troyanovich, the GAM Junior Girl Player of the Year, was pictured in the Feb. 2nd issue of *Golfweek* magazine. She is one of four incoming freshman on the newly formed women's golf team at Tulane University in New Orleans. The team was disbanded after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and is just now reforming. We wish Sam and her teammates success in rebuilding a strong women's golf team.

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*Mary had a little putt,
She needed it for par . . .
Mary has a second putt,
The first one went too far!*

Lesson
*The honeymoon is over,
She thinks that he's a louse,
She should have known you
never take
Golf lessons from your spouse!*

Water Hazard
*The weekly golf league meets
today,
And if I needed proof,
I only have to listen to
The rain upon my roof!*
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