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## NEWSLINX VIA MAIL TO COST \$1.00 PER ISSUE BEGINNING IN 2011 *By Pat Shelton*

Due to increasing print and postage costs, a motion was made and passed by the MWGA Board to charge for **printed** newsletters distributed via US Mail. This charge will be \$6.00 per year beginning in 2011. This will not cover the entire cost of printing and mailing, but it will help to offset expenses.

A line has been added to the 2011 MWGA Membership Application under

Member Options. Please check it out. If you have already sent in your 2011 membership, remit an additional \$6.00 if you would like a printed newsletter mailed to you. Likewise, for those who need to complete a 2011 membership form, please check and add the \$6.00 to your appropriate membership dues if that's your desire.

Thank you for your understanding.

## It's Election Time Candidates for MWGA Board of Directors

*By Lu Stockton*

Members of the MWGA Board of Directors serve for three-year terms. Five positions are open for election to serve starting in January 2011 and you may vote for up to five candidates. If you are voting by mail, please complete and mail the ballot on page 11 before the November 7 deadline. If online, again please vote before the deadline. For those voting online, watch for the eBlast informing when you may vote.

This is your organization and the women on the MWGA Board of Directors represent you. Please vote. Three incumbents are running for re-election along with two other new running mates. In addition to voting for these candidates, you may vote for a write-in candidate if you get her permission to do so in advance of completing your ballot. Otherwise, if necessary, the President may appoint someone to fill any vacancies.



**DORINE ALLEN** "I have been a member of MWGA since 2003, when I first relocated here from Ohio. Every year I look forward to tournament and match league play. The

early spring golf trips are great fixes that ease the 'itch' after a long winter. I feel that in order for me to obtain my next

level, I must now give of myself. I want to help others enjoy the benefits of belonging to a great organization like MWGA. Thank you for your support!"



**KATHY BRENNAN** "I have been a member of the MWGA for a lot of years, joining sometime in the early to mid 90's. I was a previous Board member, so what am I doing running

again?! Back then I was the Membership Chair and with the help of Lori Rogers we created the initial Access database programs for the Membership. I have had several ideas lately that have perked some ears up, so I thought that I would consider being on the Board one more time, hopefully to help get more members to come out and have fun at some of the great tournaments we run. I want to ask all those ladies that read this article, but do not play in the tournaments to let me know why. Is it the course, the cost, the format, the rules, the company, your handicap, the 'I'll never win so why play' thoughts? I would love to see women's golf, specifically the MWGA tournaments, get a better turnout. It makes for more competition and more fun. As a member of the Board I will work to accomplish this.

The Michigan Women's Golf Association is organized . . . to foster amateur sports competitions . . . 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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## President's Corner *By Barbara Porter*



I can't believe the MWGA golf season has ended. It seems like only yesterday I was composing an article inviting all members to our Spring Scramble and Annual Meeting. And, I might ask, how did your golf game perform over the last six months? I can tell you, mine was not particularly stellar. I guess that's why there is a next year.

Speaking of next year, do you realize the MWGA will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2011? I need to say thanks to all our past and present wonderful members as well as Board members for making our organization what it is today – truly "A Driving Force in Women's Golf" in our glorious state. As a Board, we are planning on several small celebrations throughout the 2011 golfing season and will be enlisting the assistance of our membership to make this coming year truly special.

Heck, we've lasted longer than most marriages so it's worth celebrating!

Honestly, I can't remember how long I have been a member of MWGA. Not twenty-five, but I'm thinking nineteen. Nineteen years of playing golf with a tremendous assortment of women golfers. What a host of memories! To everyone's credit, the majority of the memories are pleasant. Oh, there are things I miss; like playing in Northern Michigan over Memorial Day with the women from Canada. It was usually cold and rainy, and I can distinctly still smell the damp clothing as it hung to dry in the motel room. I can visualize Nancy Serra and her sister Paula huddled in their cart cover with mittens and a heater. No wonder they smelled like charcoal... There are things I don't miss, too, like all the agonizing hours the event chair spent preparing for a tournament. One could hardly play golf as hands were crippled from all the

writing of scorecards, leader boards and numerous other necessary applications. Now, with the growth of technology, we have an efficient tournament program which maims no one.

In order to survive for the next twenty-five years, the MWGA needs to continue to evolve. And we need to challenge our members to be involved. We have two non-incumbent members currently running for positions on the Board of Directors, Kathy Brennan and Dorine Allen. I applaud their willingness to serve and make a difference. New blood is always a good thing.

Even though it is the end of the playing year, the Board is busy making plans for all of next year's events. We constantly evaluate our tournaments, locations, formats and so on to better serve our membership. Thanks for all your participation and support. Let's hope for fall golfing weather and a mild winter!

## Handicap News and Updates *By Cynthia Pinkard*

It's hard to believe this year's golf season is almost over, but it is. Sunday, November 7 is the last day you can post scores for rounds of golf played in Michigan for 2010. From November 8 through the end of March, 2011 is Michigan's inactive golf season. If you play in Michigan

during this period, you cannot post those scores. Scores from rounds played in other states, during those states active season, should still be posted.

GAM posting records may be inactivated at some time after December 1. If this happens, you must

rejoin MWGA or another GAM member club for 2011 to reactivate your records. If you have any questions or are experiencing any problems, please contact your MWGA Handicap Director at [handicap@mwgolf.org](mailto:handicap@mwgolf.org).



## Candidates for MWGA Board

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BARBARA PORTER, incumbent, "I have respectfully served on the MWGA Board of Directors for the past dozen or so years and have volunteered my time in many facets of the organization, such as publicity and course director. I am currently president. In order to grow, all organizations must actively plan for the future and learn to adjust with the times. During my tenure, I have witnessed and been an active part of several positive transformations to our association, not only in our amateur golf tournaments, but in our outreach to the community with our Girls Golf Pro-

gram. The Board and our members have created quite a momentum for women's golf in our community, and I would be proud to further women's golf by continuing to serve on the Board."



PAT SHELTON, incumbent, "I joined MWGA in 1992 and was first elected to the Board in 1994. I've been the *NEWSLINX* editor for most of those years in addition to taking several other assignments from time to time. I've been pleased to be involved in helping to grow and improve the organization and would be happy to continue for another term in whatever capacity would be most beneficial."



SARA WOLD, incumbent, "I have been the luckiest member of the MWGA to be associated for the last 24 years with the fabulous and talented group of women who love to play golf and who make up our membership. When I think back and remember where we started and what we have become today with high tech innovations and communications, it is astounding. Yet, the most important thing remains the same – to provide good golf programs and competitions in which the membership will be proud and happy to participate. I would like to see the MWGA through its first quarter century and as a Board Member help set the stage for the next 25 years."

## Match Play League *By Pat Witek*



Faye Bessette, 2010 runner-up; Smita Bhatt, 2010 champion; Pat Witek, league coordinator extraordinaire

Congratulations to **Smita Bhatt**, the 2010 MWGA Match Play League Champion. Her name will be the 17th engraved on the coveted MPL Trophy of Champions. She has been a member of the MPL for three years and is no stranger to the playoffs, having been at the top of her flight the last two years.

The final match was played on a warm and beautiful fall day at Hunters Ridge in Howell. Her opponent was **Faye Bessette**, MPL champion in 2001, who had made it through the three tiered playoffs before running into Smita. Both admit that they didn't sleep well the night before and were nervous at the start. Faye got off to an early lead, up 3 after 4 holes, but the match was tied going into the 10th hole. Then Smita put her game into a higher gear and closed it out on the 15th hole, 5 & 3. Word is Smita was so focused that on a few occasions, she left Faye standing in the fairway as she

rushed off in the cart to get to the green and finish the hole.

Leading up to the championship final match, eight participated in the inter-flight playoffs, flight champions **Laurie Ponikiewski**, **Cynthia Pinkard** (2004/2010 champion), **Cathy Mezo**, **Monica Oliver** and of course, Smita and Faye. Two wildcard spots were filled by **Jodie Chapa** (2009 champion) and **Carol Shiver**.

Barb Coury and Linda Berming-



**2010 Match Play League Flight Winners**  
Monica Oliver, Cathy Mezo, Smita Bhatt, Cynthia Pinkard, Faye Bessette

ham organized and hosted the Finals Championship and party at Hunters Ridge. The food was absolutely delicious and there were gifts and prizes for everyone. They did an outstanding job! The league also appreciates the hospitality extended by owners Janet and Mike Miesle and the staff at HRGC.

Thank you to the following league members who organized and hosted match play events during the season. Without their involvement, the

league would not have been so successful.

Pat Witek, 5/2 Glen Oaks  
Faye Bessette, 5/15 Faulkwood  
Gail O'Brien, 5/23 Leslie Park  
Monica Oliver, 6/6 Glenhurst  
Lu Stockton, 6/26 Pheasant Run  
Denise Buechel, 7/11 White Lake Oaks  
Pat Shelton, 7/31 Whispering Willows  
Nancy Serra, 8/15 quarterfinals,  
Springfield Oaks  
Jodie Chapa, 8/21 semifinals,  
Tanglewood

The Match Play League has become a very popular activity for MWGA members and there is a waiting list for 2011. If there is enough interest, the league will be expanded to 42 members and a 4th tier will be added to the inter-flight playoffs. Details will be released in future *NEWSLINX* issues. Don't wait; put your name on the waiting list now.

The final league standings can be viewed on the MWGA website ([www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org)). To put your name on the waiting list for the 2011 season contact me, the League Coordinator at [witek@mwgolf.org](mailto:witek@mwgolf.org) or 248/417-1190.

*Editor's Note: Pat Witek does a fantastic job running the MWGA Match Play League. League and board members can't thank her enough for all she does to make the league really enjoyable!*

## BECOME A VOLUNTEER

MWGA runs on the allegiance of its volunteers. We are always looking for new volunteers, ways to improve and fresh ideas. To find out about getting involved, please contact Lu Stockton at [Stockton@MWGolf.org](mailto:Stockton@MWGolf.org).

## Rules R Us *By Sara Wold*

Several recent rules situations have involved two balls lying close together either in the fairway or in a bunker. Rule 22 -2 tells us if a ball interferes with your ball when it is your turn to play, you should ask the other player to mark his ball and lift it. After you play your ball, repair or rake the area. The other player cannot lift his ball unless requested to do so, otherwise he has moved a ball in play and is penalized 1 stroke under Rule 18. He must mark his

ball and lift it. He must not clean it unless the ball is on the putting green. He must replace it. He may also play first rather than lift the ball.

Because there are lots of leaves in the fairways and rough during the fall, players need to be careful when searching for balls. If you run over your ball with your cart or kick it, you are penalized 1 stroke and must replace your ball. If your fellow-competitor, who is not driving your

cart, runs over it or kicks it, there are no penalties, but the ball must be replaced. Also, there is no penalty if, while searching for your ball in a hazard covered with leaves, in an obstruction, or in ground under repair, you cause your ball to move. The ball must be replaced. If it was covered by leaves, the leaves also must be replaced.



## The Positive Golfer *By Janina Parrott Jacobs*



### Weather Got You Down? Nonsense!

The weather was awful, the conditions difficult, and the mood was somber at the recently contested Ryder Cup in Newport, Wales. The European Team – used to UK weather – wouldn't see it that way, but then again, isn't perspective everything? The glass half empty or half full? If you can view things from a positive slant, you've already beaten a majority of the field in any golf event.

No one wants to play in rotten conditions; we always visualize playing golf on gorgeous sun-soaked days with gentle breezes cooling the slightest perspiration off our skin in 80 degree temps. Why do you think ads for Caribbean golf vacations consistently feature palm trees waving throughout bright green fairways framed by cobalt seas under bright blue skies? It is irresistible eye

candy, and we transport ourselves there.

So, wouldn't it be an ideal talent for us to create a mindset which takes us to better places during terribly inclement weather? The Europeans did it and so can we. Years ago, I played in the Ladies Invitational at the stunning Mid-Ocean Club in Bermuda with my golf partner Madeline Joell. Bermuda normally is quite temperate, but because it sits alone, unguarded, in the Atlantic Ocean, vicious winds and rains can pop up quickly wreaking havoc with anyone's golf game ... and comfort level. We sat in the locker room observing palm trees bent over 90 degrees, sheets of rain slamming the windows and listening to the rules officials telling us that because there was no lightning it was time to tee it up. Huh? Off we trudged. By the time we arrived at the first green, we were soaked, despite great rain

suits (unlike the Ryder boys!) and our club grips were beyond slippery. I don't know what it was, perhaps expecting Dorothy's house and Toto to come flying by, but we simply looked at each other's drowned rat appearance, started laughing, and couldn't stop. Of course our playing partners thought us crazy but we kept the attitude and managed to defeat the field by quite a margin – truly, mind over matter.

*Editor's Note: If you enjoy Janina's articles and want more, check out this new website: [www.theAPosition.com](http://www.theAPosition.com), which links to [www.janinajacobs.com](http://www.janinajacobs.com) for great golf and travel information. You'll see some MWGA information up soon, too. Contact Janina at [jacobs@mwgolf.org](mailto:jacobs@mwgolf.org) to submit info, announcements, etc. which could be included under What Do Women Want.*

## RESULTS

### O&E Women's Championship August 7, Whispering Willows, Livonia

#### Champion Flight

Place	Name	Gross	Net
1LG	Jennifer Pattison	<b>75</b>	67
2LG	<b>Deb Horning</b>	<b>80</b>	71
1LN	<b>Sue Madej</b>	81	<b>65</b>
2LN	<b>Sue Macinkowicz</b>	80	<b>70</b>
2LN	<b>Cindy Hill</b>	84	<b>70</b>
2LN	<b>Jane Kersjes</b>	84	<b>70</b>
	Whitney Drake		
	Jackie McFarlane		
	<b>Ellen Howell</b>		
	<b>Unha Murray</b>		
CTF	<b>Audrey Hopkins</b>		
	<b>Cynthia Pinkard</b>		
	<b>Pat Witek</b>		

#### First Flight

Place	Name	Gross	Net
<b>Champion</b>	<b>Alice Stanley</b>	<b>91</b>	70
1LG	Alice Stanley	<b>91</b>	70
2LG	Kathy Konkell	<b>93</b>	72
3LG	<b>Lu Stockton</b>	<b>94</b>	70
	Elaine Crawford		
	<b>Arlene Shields</b>		
	Chris Milsk		
	<b>Gail O'Brien</b>		
	<b>Joan Cleland</b>		
	Shellee Andrews		
	<b>Faye Bessette</b>		
	<b>Barb Coury</b>		
	Saundra Clancy-Koendarfer		
	<b>Denise Buechel</b>		
	<b>Pat Shelton</b>		
	Meghan Davis		
	<b>Monica Oliver</b>		
	<b>Joan Penoyer</b>		
	<b>Susan Merrick</b>		



Deb Horning & Jennifer Pattison

8 skins won in each flight



Alice Stanley & Lu Stockton

CTF

**MWGA members bolded**



Cindy Hill, Sue Madej, Sue Macinkowicz & Jane Kersjes

INTERESTED IN JOINING SOME FELLOW GOLFERS ON A TRIP TO MYRTLE BEACH NEXT APRIL? IF YES, CONTACT BARB COURY AT [BCOURY@COMCAST.NET](mailto:BCOURY@COMCAST.NET)

## RESULTS

## Don't Let Scores at "Cha-Cha-Cha for 3" Tournament at Devil's Ridge Fool You! Sunday, August 8 *By Inez Bridges*

You may have done a double take when you looked at the team scores from the Aug. 8 Devil's Ridge tournament, but you 'gotta' understand how the event was scored. In this format, the score of a single hole could be one of the following: record the lowest score, record the two lowest scores or record all three scores. From here, each hole's 'game score' is totaled for the 18-holes and equals the team's score. So, don't think the golfers succumbed to Devil's Ridge. In fact, it may have been the other way around.

In any event, it was a great round and a great roundup afterwards in the clubhouse. The field was on top

of pace-of-play, with all teams finishing within four hours and 20 minutes of the starting time. This was phenomenal, having most of the field coming off the course at the same time. There was a 15-minute time span between the first and last groups to finish, making it a 4:30 hr. to 4:45 hr. round for the event.

There were 18 teams of three players each in the field for the "Cha-Cha-Cha for 3" competition. The field was divided into two flights, and prizes were awarded to two places for both gross and net winners. There were the usual side games of closest-to-the-flagstick, chip-ins and team skins by flight. The 50/50 raffle

raised a total of \$182, with \$90 returned to lucky raffle winners. As you know, the money you give to the 50/50 raffle helps fund our junior golf program and other charitable endeavors that may be designated by the MWGA Board of Directors. To top off the drawings, Devil's Ridge donated four 18-hole rounds for two as separate raffle prizes to the group. Thank you, Brad Keast, for your generosity.

Devil's Ridge is not the easiest course, but it's a lot friendlier than it was 10+ years ago. Here's a recap of the day's top teams:

### Women's Flight 1 Division:

1<sup>st</sup> Low Gross: Sue Macinkowicz, Betty Vandeputte & Lori Rodgers (146)

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Angie Cook, Cindy Hill & Ruth Wilson (132)

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Gross: Sue Cherry, Terry MacPherson & Sue Madej (172)

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Marion, Mezo & Mills (139)

### Women's Flight 2 Division:

1<sup>st</sup> Low Gross: Jodie Chapa, Joan Cleland & Barb Coury (178)

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Faye Bessette, Jane Kersjes & Pat Shelton (132)

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Gross: Smita Bhatt, Monica Oliver & Mary Warnick (192)

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Claudette Jefferson, Shirley McClain & Carol Shiver (138)

Brad Keast, the GM at Devil's Ridge and his entire staff were on top of their jobs, making sure MWGA players enjoyed both the golf and the course during our visit. Thanks to all of them. Please add the course to your play schedule next season, and let them know who you are. Courses appreciate that. I'd like to thank all the volunteers who assisted that day. You continue to step up to the plate to make sure the work is done, and we appreciate it. In addition to our board members, the member volun-

teers were:

**Faye Bessette, Linda Bradfield, Angie Cook, Joan Cleland, Jane Kersjes, Sue Madej, Linda Morton and Karen**

**Strock.** Without your assistance, our tasks would be tremendous. Last, but not least, thanks to the golfers for making the day possi-



Flight 1, 2LG: Angie Cook, Ruth Wilson and Cindy Hill



Flight 1, 1LG & 1LN: Lori Rogers, Betty Vandeputte, Sue Madej, Sue Macinkowicz, Sue Cherry and Terry MacPherson

ble. We appreciate your participation and support of this and every MWGA event. We'll see you the next time.



Flight 2: Monica Oliver, Mary Warnick, Barb Coury, Joan Cleland, Jodie Chapa, Faye Bessette, Pat Shelton, Jane Kersjes, Claudette Jefferson and Shirley McClain



One happy tournament director, Inez Bridges



# RESULTS

## Shamble Format a Success PLUS Karen Popchock Aced Hole #14!

August 22 at Salem Hills GC *By Pat Shelton*

Teams were built based solely on indexes, pairing the lowest with the highest to make up A, B, C and D player teams. In several cases, members were golfing with each other for the first time, and by a show of hands, the vast majority enjoyed the format and had a good time. Scoring was relatively close, which indicates the teams were fairly well equally balanced. The format also contributed to a good pace of play as some

of us shorter hitters had the advantage of often starting each hole from a much longer drive.

**By far the biggest excitement of the day was the hole-in-one Karen Popchock made on the 122 yard Hole 14 par 3 with her 8 iron.** It was Karen's first ace and the shouts by her and her team could be heard throughout the golf course. How exciting and profitable, as it gave Karen a chip-in and a closest-to-

flagstick win plus a skin for her team. Of course, it also contributed to her team placing Second Low Net.

As usual, many members helped make the event run smoothly as did the course personnel, especially Jim Grant, the golf pro, and Mike Nye, the assistant golf pro. Thanks to all!

Prizes were awarded to First and Second Low Gross and Low Net. Full results can be viewed at [www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org).

Place	Team	Gross	Net	Chip-ins (10)
1LG	Jane Kersjes Yvette Gagnon Judy Petrere Ina Fernandez	149	103	Rosemary Evans 1 Fab Four Team 2 Deb Horning 1 Shirley Lewis 1
1LN	Audrey Hopkins Smita Bhatt Kathy Brennan Karen Stecher	156	107	Sue Merrick 1 Karen Popchock 1 Ruth Wilson 2 Pat Witek 1
2LG	Terry MacPherson Ruth Wilson Barbara Coury Gail O'Brien	150	109	
2LN	Ellen Howell Francine Pegues Faye Bessette Karen Popchock	157	108	

**Skins (8)**  
Howell, Pegues, Bessette, Popchock 1  
Hopkins, Bhatt, Brennan, Stecher 1  
Rogers, Chubb, Buechel, Evans 2  
Kersjes, Gagnon, Petrere, Fernandez 1  
Rudder, Witek, Merrick, Oliver 1  
MacPherson, Wilson, Coury, O'Brien 2

**Golf for 2 w/cart compliments of Salem Hills:** Shirley Lewis, Sue Madej, Unha Murray, Sue Merrick



Karen received a Hole-in-One plaque in honor of her achievement.



1LG: Yvette Gagnon, Judy Petrere, Ina Fernandez, Jane Kersjes

### Closest to The Flagstick

Hole	Yds	Flt Name	Distance
3	126	A Cindy Hill	7' 0"
		B Faye Bessette	55' 6"
14	122	A Cindy Hill	7' 4"
		B Karen Popchock	Hole In One
17	134	A Ellen Howell	19' 4"
		B Drawing: Barb Coury	

1LN:  
Smita Bhatt,  
Audrey Hopkins,  
Karen Stecher,  
Kathy Brennan



2LN:  
Francine Pegues,  
Karen Popchock,  
Ellen Howell,  
Faye Bessette



2LG:  
Terry MacPherson,  
Barb Coury,  
Ruth Wilson,  
Gail O'Brien



## RESULTS

## Atlas Trophy Matches, September 11-12, Candlestone Golf &amp; Resort

## Women's Public Team Wins 17 ½ to 6 ½

By Cynthia Pinkard, Public Team Captain

Candlestone Golf & Resort in Belding was the site of the 2010 Women's Atlas Trophy Matches. Accolades must be given to the Candlestone staff and to owner, Mike Husby, for doing everything in their power to make this event spectacular for the players, their families, the team captains and the GAM staff.

Invited to play in the Atlas Trophy Matches are 12 of the State's best female private club players to compete against 12 of the top female public course players in team and individual matches. This event is played much like the Solheim Cup. This year's victory went to the Public Team with 17 ½ points to the Private Team's 6 ½ points.

On Saturday, September 11, there were 6 four-ball matches in the morning and 6 foursomes matches (alternate shot) in the afternoon. On Sunday morning there were 12 individual matches. The winning team would have to take 12 ½ points of the 24 available to win the competition. The women's Public Team took a 3 ½ to 2 ½ lead in the Saturday four-ball team event. After a more than 4-hour rain delay, the Public Team won 5 of the 6 foursomes matches, where the matches were shorten to 9 holes due to weather and darkness. Then, the same as last year, the Public Team needed to win only 4 of the 12 singles matches on Sunday to claim an overall victory. On that day, the Public Team went on to win 9 of the 12 singles matches. For complete Atlas Trophy results and photos go to [www.mwgolf.org](http://www.mwgolf.org), click on All Events Programs Results, then click on Atlas Trophy History and Results or if online, click here => [www.mwgolf.org/2010Atlasphotos.htm](http://www.mwgolf.org/2010Atlasphotos.htm).

The MWGA had members on both teams. On the Public Team were Jeannette Fenner, Darci Stocker,



Front: Gabrielle Shipley, Kelsey Murphy, Hannah Pietila, Emmie Petila, Rosalie Shyu; Rear: Cynthia Pinkard (captain), Shelly Weiss, Darci Stocker, Sue Campbell, Jeanette Fenner, Enid Gage, Sherrie Glas; not pictured: Ashley Smith

Shelly Weiss and, me, Captain Cynthia Pinkard. On the Private Team MWGA members were Terry Delcamp, Cindy Obermeyer, Maureen Whitehead and Captain Jean Murray. The women competing in this event earn an invitation by their gross score performance in GAM and USGA events and the MWGA State Championship. Each player, both on the Public and Private Teams, put forth an outstanding performance in an effort to get the win for their team. These matches are top caliber, examples of match play at its finest.

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# RESULTS

## 2-Person, 2-Day Eraser The Medalist, Marshall, September 11-12

A good time was had by all despite an all-day rain Saturday. The course was in good condition and the staff couldn't have been more accommodating. The erasers were very active Sunday, producing some excellent 2-day winning scores.

Place	Gross	Net	Team Members
<b>Mixed Teams</b>			
1 LG	<b>167</b>	136	Mary Ann Brauser/Glenn Brauser
2 LG	<b>175</b>	152	Claud Johnston/Sara Wold
1 LN	168	<b>131</b>	Sue Madej/Gerard Madej
2 LN	180	<b>139</b>	Diane Kurtz/Stephen Kurtz
<b>Women's Teams</b>			
1 LG	<b>159</b>	130	Cindy Hill/Ruth Wilson
2 LG	<b>167</b>	138	Deb Horning/Yvette Gagnon
3 LG	<b>178</b>	143	Carol Rudder/Pat Witek
1 LN	166	<b>129</b>	Lori Rogers/Kathy Brennan
2 LN	182	<b>135</b>	Lu Stockton/Linda Birmingham
3 LN	179	<b>136</b>	Terry Snyder/Francine Pegues



The Brauser and Madej teams won 1LG & 1LN



The Kurtz team took 1LN and the Wold/Johnston team 2LG



1LG, Wilson/Hill & 1LN, Brennan/Rogers



2LG, Gagnon/Horning & 2LN, Birmingham/Stockton



3LN, Pegues/Snyder & 3LG, Rudder/Witek

**Sat. 9/11**

**Women's Skins**

- 3 Rogers/Brennan
- 1 Horning/Gagnon
- 9 Hill/Wilson
- 1 Besette/Shelton

**Chip-ins**

- Diane Kurtz
- Sue Merrick
- Carol Rudder
- Sue Madej
- Pat Shelton
- Bonnie Sroka

**Sun. 9/12**

- 2 Rogers/Brennan
- 1 Horning/Gagnon
- 3 Hill/Wilson
- 1 Rudder/Witek
- 1 Kersjes/Sroka, B.
- 1 Birmingham/Stockton
- 1 Coury/Cleland
- 1 Buechel/Oliver, M.

- Denise Buechel
- Linda Birmingham
- MacPherson/O'Brien
- Geno Kronkowski
- 50/50**
- Linda Birmingham
- Ruth Wilson
- Faye Besette

**Sat. 9/11**

**Mixed Skins**

- 1 Johnston/Wold
- 4 Brauser/Brauser
- 3 Madej/Madej
- 3 Kurtz/Kurtz

**CTF A Fit**

- #7 Deb Horning
- #12 Cindy Hill
- #17 Lori Rogers

**CTF B Fit**

- #7 Draw: Monica Oliver
- #12 Bonnie Sroka 20' 8"
- #17 Joan Cleland 43' 7"

**CTF Men**

- #7 Claud Johnston 31' 4"
- #12 Draw: Pete Land
- #17 Claud Johnston 9' 2"

**Sun. 9/12**

- 2 Johnston/Wold
- 4 Brauser/Brauser
- 4 Madej/Madej
- 2 Kurtz/Kurtz

**CTF A Fit**

- #7 Lori Rogers 9' 4"
- #12 Jane Kersjes 32' 9"
- #17 Ruth Wilson 15' 5"

**CTF B Fit**

- #7 Mary Ann Brauser 38' 4"
- #12 Kathy Brennan 41' 4"
- #17 Sue Madej 25' 1/2"

**CTF Men**

- #7 Geno Kronkowski 4' 5"
- #12 Glenn Brauser 6' 7"
- #17 Claud Johnston 45' 5"

# RESULTS

## 4-Woman Member/Guest Fall Scramble/War of the Leagues

Mystic Creek, Milford, September 26 *By Inez Bridges*

Fourteen teams teed it up this year for the MWGA Fall Scramble/War of the Leagues tournament on September 26<sup>th</sup> at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford. Perhaps it was a coincidence that we had favorable weather that day, but the tournament was scheduled a week earlier than previous years. It appeared to have made a difference. In any event, the Golf Gods provided players with a wonderful fall day for a fun fast-paced round of golf. Our scramble POP stats have improved tremendously over the past few years.

There was a single flight for competing teams, and prizes were awarded to three places for both gross and net winners. There were the usual side games of closest-to-the flagstick, chip-ins and team skins. The 50/50 raffle raised a total of \$187, with \$94 claimed by lucky raffle ticket holders. In addition to the prize and raffle monies awarded, Mystic Creek's GM/PGA professional, Mark Stevenson, donated two 18-hole rounds for four as separate raffle prizes for the event. Thank you, Mark, for your generosity.

were close, there were six winning teams. Congratulations are in order for them.

I'd like to thank my supporting board members and the member volunteers who assisted in making the Mystic Creek tournament a success. **Sincere thanks are in order for member volunteers Kathy Brennan, Yvette Gagnon, Terry MacPherson, Deb Pringle and Pat Witek.** You don't know how much we appreciate your time and efforts. Thanks to Mark Stevenson and his great course and clubhouse crew for hosting the MWGA again. What a great group. I saved the best for last: Thank you, golfers! Without you, we wouldn't have a tournament. We appreciate your participation and support of this and every MWGA event.

Place	Team	Gross	Net
1LG	Betty Vandeputte Sue Macinkowicz Lori Rogers Shelly Manning	59	54
1LN	Mary Warnick Denise Buechel Monica Oliver Geri Lowman	70	53
2LG	Lisa Bishop Debra Horning Cindy Hill Yvette Gagnon	62	59
2LN	Darla Matthews Lu Stockton Linda Bermingham Lois Heikkinen	66	54
3LG	Unha Murray Jane Kersjes Inez Bridges Dorine Allen	67	56
3LN	Suzanne Madej Terry MacPherson Faye Bessette Pat Shelton	69	55

Finally, the meat and potatoes of the tournament: the Winning Teams. Although the final scores

### Chip-ins

#1 Woods	Geri Lowman Monica Oliver Team Madej
#2 Woods	Jan McCarthy
#2 Lakes	Team Madej Lori Rogers
#5 Lakes	Deb Horning Mary Warnick Team Madej
#6 Woods	Pat Witek
#7 Lakes	Carol Rudder

### Closest to the Flagstick

Hole	Yds	Flt	Name	Distance
L-4	126	A	Cynthia Pinkard	2' 3"
		B	Cathy Mezo	6' 3"
L-6	111	A	Judy Lazzaro	8' 7"
		B	no winner	
W-7	136	A	Kris Bennett	30' 6"
		B	Anne Wells	27' 8"

### 50/50

Yvette Gagnon & Cynthia Pinkard



Net place winners: Monica Oliver, Geri Lowman, Lois Heikkinen, Mary Warnick, Linda Bermingham, Denise Buechel (front), Darla Matthews, Lu Stockton, Sue Madej (front), Terry MacPherson (front), Pat Shelton & Faye Bessette



Gross place winners: Lisa Bishop, Cindy Hill, Deb Horning, Unha Murray, Yvette Gagnon (front), Inez Bridges, Dorine Allen (front), Jane Kersjes, Lori Rogers, Shelly Manning & Betty Vandeputte



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## MWGA Player of the Year (POY) as of 9/12/2010

Be sure to attend the Annual Meeting next spring to learn who the final POY winners are as well as our Golfer of the Year and Most Improved Golfer for 2010.

*Denise Buechel*



Horning	Debra	79	Oliver	Monica	60	Cleland	Joan	52
Stockton	Lu	79	Madej	Suzanne	59	Vandeputte	Betty	42
Hill	Cindy	78	Shelton	Pat	58	Witek	Pat	45
Rogers	Lori	68	Coury	Barbara	64	Macinkowicz	Susan	41
Gagnon	Yvette	66	Pegues	Francine	66	Birmingham	Linda	41
MacPherson	Theresa	67	Wilson	Ruth	63	Buechel	Denise	39
Brennan	Kathy	71	Kersjes	Jane	50	Allen	Dorine	40
Pinkard	Cynthia	67	Serra	Nancy	51	Rudder	Carol	40
Bessette	Faye	62						

## Members & Friends

The World Deaf Golf Championships is renowned as the premier international deaf amateur golfing championship held over 72 holes. The event is run under the auspices of the World Deaf Golf Federation, which has links with The Royal & Ancient at St. Andrews. The 8th World Deaf Golf Championships were held August in St. Andrews, Scotland for the first time, a fitting venue as the historic birthplace of the sport. MWGA member, **Lauri Ponikiewski** earned a berth in the Ladies Championship and was one of five women representing the United States to place in the top fifteen. Lauri scored 383 for the four rounds, placing a respectable 8<sup>th</sup>. Melissa Stockton of the US was champion with a 363. Other players in the top 15 represented New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, Canada, South Africa and Japan.

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It is with regret we report the death of Walter "Wally" Blome, the father of MWGA president, **Barbara Porter**. Mr. Blome succumbed to bladder cancer on September 14 at the age of 89.

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In case you missed it, former LPGA golfer and graduate of Mercy High School, **Meg Mallon**, was recently inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. Mallon won 18 times on the tour, including two U.S. Women's Opens, and in 1991 was named the Female Player of the Year by the Golf Writers Association. Quoting Steve Leshner, chairman of the MSHOF board, "All inductees have inspired someone's life through their participation in athletics."

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