

Executive Women's Golf Association
Chicago Metro Chapter



Windy City Tee Times News

March Kickoff 2010

At 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 27, 2010 approximately 200 of our members, new and old, as well as guests came out for the opening event of the season, the March Kickoff at the Sara Lee building in Downers Grove. As the guests came in, they were given a goody bag and had the opportunity to buy raffle tickets for both the raffle prizes and the 50/50 raffle. At the same table they could find information on volunteer opportunities and the survey that will be coming out, upcoming social events and golf events, as well as membership information.

As the members and guests entered the event, they could shop at one of many vendors selling golf clothes and equipment, jewelry, food, and services available. They could also browse through the many items that were being raffled off later that morning: greens fees, equipment, jewelry, clothes, symphony tickets just to name a few of the items donated by generous sponsors. They could also sign up for their favorite leagues or get information on leagues from the site captains.

After a wonderful breakfast was served, the guests were welcomed by Kris Ward, Chapter President, who introduced the Board and Sponsors for the event. Jill Carlson, the weekend sports anchor and sports reporter at FOX Chicago News was the guest speaker. She spoke, tongue in cheek, about "Debunking The Myths in Women's Golf." More chapter information, the raffle drawings, and information on upcoming events followed our guest speaker.

All in all it was a great event that was enjoyed by all who attended! Thank you Veronica Birckhead and all of her committee for such a wonderful event!

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Chicago Metro
Chapter Logoed
Vests for Sale



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If you were at the Kick Off and we ran out of your size or if you weren't able to make the Kick Off and would like to have one of our new 2010 Chicago Metro Chapter logoed Vest, now's your opportunity. We will be placing an additional order on Monday April 12 with delivery expected in two to three weeks.

Clique brand vests are available in Off White and Black with our Chicago Metro chapter logo embroidered on the front left side. Follow this link to see what the vests look like and the sizing chart: <http://www.cbcorporat.com/corp/collections/product.asp?itemid=384966722338571&chap=384074727546318&csbsm=5&page=>

The \$62.00 price includes shipping directly to your home. Please note that returns are not possible since these are branded items. To order, go to the Events page and look for the "Chicago Metro Chapter Vest Ordering" under the Other Events section. Remember to include your color and size options when you place your order.

Contact Kris Ward at president@ewgachicago.org if you have any questions.



Golf Events

Check out the events section on the Chapter website for more information on this season's Chapter golf events. Registration is already open for the events scheduled for the first half of the season. Sign up early to be sure to join in the fun!

Date	Event	Description
April 25, 2010 Sunday	Spring Fling	The Chicago Metro Chapter golf season kicks off with this event at Oakbrook Country club. Time to dust off the cobwebs and connects with your golf buddies. Registration deadline is rapidly approaching: April 15, 2010.
May 23, 2010 Sunday	Meet A Member	Reserve the date for our new event at the Links at Carillon. Whether you are new to the chapter or have been a member for some time, this is a great opportunity to make new friends and share your golf experiences. Bring along a guest and enable them to experience what the EWGA is all about: fun and friendship! Everyone is a winner at this event, guaranteed!
June 13, 2010 Sunday	Stableford Tournament	Get your mental game in order and prepare for the Chapter Championship by participating in the Stableford Tournament at Klein Creek Golf Course. This event will appeal to your competitive side. Note that you will need to have a current handicap in order to participate.
July 18, 2010	Chapter Championship	Part of the world's largest golf tournament at Bartlett Hill Golf Club.
August 1, 2010 Sunday	North-South Challenge	This challenge will once again be held at Tamarack Golf Course. The Score is North 1— South 1.
August 23, 2010 Sunday	Soldheim with a Twist	We are holding a new event to commemorate the Soldheim Cup which was held in the Chicago-land area in 2009; it will be held at Silver Lake Country Club. Teams of two players will compete based upon the different formats used for the Soldheim Cup- best ball, alternate shot and stroke play.
September 19, 2010	Fall Finale	Maple Meadow will once again feature both fun and competitive scramble competitions. Put together a scramble team from your league and compete for bragging rights. This event normally marks the end of the golf season, but for this year plans are underway for an additional event with our EWGA neighbors in the Rock River Valley Chapter. Details for this joint event are still being finalized and will be posted on the website once they are complete—in the meantime pencil in Sunday September 26, 2010 at Whisper Creek Golf Course.

And finally, if anyone is interested in volunteering to help out at a particular golf event or on a golf committee then contact Eileen Zittnan—Leadership Chair or Shirley Brown—Golf Events Chair. Your help is welcome and appreciated.



Membership

Welcome to the latest new members of the EWGA Chicago Chapter! We hope to see you all on the golf course soon!

Beverly Abi Antoun	Jennifer Ashmore	Karen Belstra	Dee Burgess
Linda Cantwell	Margaret Celaya	Leann Chuboff	Victoria Condell
Kari Dabrowski	Lorraine Daly	Susan Deisinger	Danielle Dominski
Jean Gehrig	Mary Goracke	Vivian Gutraj	Cheryl Guzikowski
Angela Johnson	Susan Karr	Karen Kawashima	Valentina Kostich
Jennifer Lamp	Mary Linke	Deborah Maffesoli	Gloria McDonough
Norma Novak	DeAnn ODonovan	Cathy Porto	Alexis Rogala
Jean Skornicka	Jenny Spence	Jacqueline Stout	Elizabeth Weir
Christal Wilson	Janet Zuffa		

Spring Kickoff. The Kickoff event welcomed many of our new members, including 12 members who signed up at the kickoff! For those new members who could not attend kickoff, be sure to sign up for leagues and events through the EWGA Chicago website, and please do not hesitate to contact a Board member if you have any questions about EWGA or how things work!

New Member Recruiting continues. Through the end of March, we have 51 new members in the chapter this year! The Chicago chapter continues to be busy with new member recruiting activities before the golf season begins, including Golfsmith's Women's Night in March and the upcoming Golf Galaxy Women's Night on April 20, 2010. We may still need volunteers to cover the Vernon Hills, Gurnee, and Naperville Golf Galaxy stores-if you are interested in helping, please contact Robin Natzke at ewganatzke1@yahoo.com. Help us to reach our new member goal of 160 by encouraging your friends and colleagues to join EWGA-and take advantage of the Member-Get-A-Member campaign sponsored by Nike.

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Education Events

Registration is now open for several new programs which will be held in May and June. Mark your calendars and register today for the following:

Back by popular demand is the EWGA Short Game School at TopGolf. The first session of this program has been well received so we have decided to offer it again at a new time! **TopGolf will host this program on four consecutive Saturday mornings beginning May 29th from 8:30-10:00 a.m.** Get your weekend started on the right foot and join us for this program. The schedule and topics are outlined below:

May 29th—Putting—Basic setup fundamentals, putting stroke basics, reading greens, drills

June 5—Chipping/Pitching—Setup, Alignment, basic technique

June 12—Advanced Techniques—Flop Shots, Bump & Run, Back Spin

June 19—All Aspects—will include playing Top Pressure and Top Chip for prizes

We will also be offering a one day program, "Mastering the Sand" on Sunday, June 6, 2010 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Crane's Landing. Do not miss this one day clinic designed to help the participants improve their game in the sand. This session is appropriate for players of all levels.

Registration is now open for these new programs. Keep a close watch on the Education Page for more opportunities throughout the summer



Volunteer of the Year Award Program

The 2010 Volunteer of the Year Award Program is a way to incent EWGA members to get involved and be of service to this chapter. The program is designed to reward participation with points for various levels of participation. It is easy to score points...just see what you can do:

Chairperson of an Event	5 points
JustGolf Planner (set-up)	4 points
Event Planning Committee Member	3 points
JustGolf Host (coordinate tee times)	2 points
One Day Help (event, mailings, set-up)	1 point
Completing the on-line survey	1 point

The 2010 volunteer on-line survey is now available—you can score your first point by participating in this survey. It takes less than five minutes to complete. This information will be used by the board members to create working committees and help members get involved. You can find the survey at:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/EWGA2010Volunteer

Please complete the survey by April 30, 2010

For ongoing opportunities, please check the EWGA Chicago Metro website (www.ewgachicago.com) throughout the year by clicking on the Volunteer tab.

Thank you for your participation...it is greatly appreciated. For more information contact Eileen Zittnan, Leatership Chair at ewga-zittnan@att.net

Handicap Corner

With the roll out of the new handicap service GN21, there is no longer a GLMS. All future references for the handicap service will be GN21. We know there are a lot of questions on how to use some of the functions of the system. We thank you for your patience as we work through a few growing pains that will produce a more efficient handicap system and accessibility.

1. The home course that is seen when you log in is the Chapter home course and can only be changed by Golfnet when requested by your chapter. To change your personal home course, click on the ACCOUNT tab on the top of your GN21 home page, and then scroll down to default course and tee box; click on search course directory and then after finding the course you want, submit it. This will change your home course.
2. The Attest Button will be put up on the Post Score Page in a couple of days.
3. If you have completed your initial set up on the EWGA MEMBER site with your email address and password, and click on the box that says "Remember Me," you will never have to enter this information again. Logging into your handicap account will only be two clicks away... MEMBER LOGIN and HANDICAP on the left side.
4. Most of the course information has been updated, however if you find one that does not have the correct slope and rating, please see the "click here" to report missing or incorrect information to Golfnet, which is located directly beneath where you select your course. This will open up a screen where you can enter the information to be selected.
5. If you feel the font is too small simply click on the % tab in the lower right corner of your computer screen and you can increase the font to a larger size.



Congratulations to the following members who earned prizes in the Member-Get-A-Member Campaign: Elizabeth Crowley, Margaret Richard, Mary Ward, and Jacqueline Owens. These four women have recruited the minimum of two new members (or more) in the 2009 campaign.



A big thank you to Alice Davitt, Gwen Russell, Liz Tallman, Julie Suh, Karen Moretti, Kris Ward, Patrice Jordan, Mary Ogle, Dena Lamb Cris Marik, Amy Lilli-bridge, and Robin Natzke for volunteering at the Rosemont Golf Show.



Membership Continued

Pro-Get-A-Member Program. EWGA is offering a 2010 incentive program to encourage PGA and LPGA golf professionals to assist with EWGA member recruitment. For every five members that join as a result of their efforts, the golf professional will receive a \$50 American Express gift card. A special membership application is available for download on at the EWGA website under "Partner with EWGA". Please spread the word to your golf instructors and golf professionals in your area.

Reminder to current members. A majority of memberships expire in the spring—don't forget to renew your EWGA membership on time. You have a short grace period to renew; otherwise you will need to rejoin and pay the new member fee (\$25 higher) —so don't delay!

Spring is finally here! Maximize your EWGA membership by getting involved in as many EWGA Chicago events and leagues as you can! Join us for the Spring Fling on Sunday, April 25 at Oakbrook Golf Club or the Meet A Member golf event on May 23, 2010 at the Links at Carillon in Plainfield. Challenge yourself and your golf game by signing up for the Chapter Championship, or join the Biggest Handicap Loser Challenge 2010. No matter what level golfer you are, there are plenty of opportunities to play golf and have fun with EWGA!

Just Golf Events

What is it? Just that ...just golf!! We will reserve tee times at various courses throughout the Chicago Metro area. No prizes, no gimmicks...just golf!!! Guests are allowed, but limited to one per member per event.

How does it work? Go to the EWGA Chicago website. On the "Events" page, look for the "Just Golf" events. Register online, show up that day to play! Usually you will pay the golf course directly; in some cases advance payment will be required. You will be given your exact tee time and foursome one week prior to the event by the golf coordinator.

What's the catch? There will be a final deadline for cancellations. You must notify the golf coordinator to cancel. If you fail to cancel and do not show up, you will be required to reimburse EWGA for any fees if the course requires payment. You can find a substitute player using the Sub or Partner Message Board on our website.

Can I organize an event? Yes, anyone can organize a Just Golf event as a Golf Coordinator. You will need to contact the course to arrange the tee times (usually four to six foursomes), confirm the final number with the golf course, set up the foursomes, and send tee times out to the participants. Contact Julie Suh at juliesuh@aya.hale.edu to organize an event.

What events are planned for 2010? Registration is now open for the following events; additional events will become available throughout the season. Check out our websites often for updates!

Sunday, May 16 **Just Golf- Tamarack (N/S Rainchecks)**
An opportunity to use your rainchecks from the North-South Challenge last August. Space is limited to 16 players.

Sunday, May 30 **Just Golf—Thunderhawk CHI/MKE**
Join members from both Chicago and Milwaukee chapters at this fantastic RTJ course over Memorial Day weekend. Space is limited to 32 players. This event is sure to fill up fast so register soon!



More Pictures from Kickoff 2010



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Veronica Birckhead and Naomi Buerkle would like to thank all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make sure that we all had a great time at the Kickoff this year!

Thanks

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2010 Chicago Metro Social Events

Date	Event	Description
May 7, 2010 6:00 p.m. Friday	Meet & Greet	Get ready for the season by reconnecting and relaxing with other members over drinks and dinner. 6:00 p.m. Wine Tasting Optional Bowling and Bocce Ball games afterwards. ● Bowling—\$7 per game + \$4 shoe rental ● Bocce Ball—\$10 per person for 1 hour
May 18 @ Cantigny June 30 @ Deerfield July 22 @ Cantigny August 20 @ Chicago (TBD)	Wine & Nine	9-holes of golf with course pro followed by refreshments in the clubhouse. 4 Dates and Locations!
September 10-12 Galena, IL	Galena Weekend	Experience Galena's Ladies Weekend and enjoy a round of golf at Eagle Ridge Resort.
October	2010 Recognition	Celebrate the 2010 season and wish for more warm days of golfing fun! Come join us in thanking the 2010 Board for a wonderful season; meet the 2011 Board and recognize our 2010 Volunteer of the Year. Golf/ Dinner or Lunch/Recognition

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Share your golf stories and accomplishments with other EWGA Chicago Metro chapter members! Please include pictures whenever possible

Contact Julie McClure at julie.mcclure@yahoo.com with all submissions.

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