

Executive Women's Golf Association
Chicago Metro Chapter



Windy City Tee Times News

President's Message

Well...it's snowing again so all we can do is dream about golfing unless you can get to warmer climates to actually do it! Right now the board and the Social Committee (under Veronica Birckhead, 2010 Social Events chair) are hard at work getting ready for the Kick Off on March 27. So, it's a good thing we don't have any golf courses calling our names!

The last weekend of February several of us spent time at the Chicago Golf Show working the EWGA booth. Kudo's to Robin Natzke, our 2010 Membership Chair, for negotiating free booth space for us! And, thanks to all the members who signed up and worked the event.

If you're like me, you are starting to think about taking lessons before the season gets going so you can get rid of all the bad habits you picked up during 2009. Make sure you take a look at the Education and Leagues page on our web site. Amy Lillibridge, our 2010 Education Chair, and her committee have been working hard to organize sessions that will help get you back in the swing of things.

Don't forget to check out the Leagues page before the Kick Off to see what's going on with your favorite league. Janice Pacilio, our 2010 Leagues Chair, and all the site captains have been busily organizing our 2010 league dates. Remember, members who attend the Kick Off get first priority signup for all of the leagues.

One last pitch - we're still looking for help organizing the sponsorship information. If you can run an Excel spreadsheet and need something to do for the next few weeks, contact Karen Perlman, our 2010 Sponsorship Chair. She'd love to hear from you.

Keep dreaming about those fairways and greens!

Kris Ward



Kris Ward
Chicago Metro Chapter President

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March Kickoff



Jill Carlson,
FOX Chicago News

With area courses blanketed in snow, it seems hard to imagine that we'll ever see greens again, but spring is just around the corner!

Join us on **Saturday, March 27**, as we gather at the Esplanade Lakes in Downers Grove to reconnect with golfing buddies, hear from an inspiring speaker, and get ready for golf season's return to Chicagoland.

Our Very Special Guest Speaker: Jill Carlson is the weekend sports anchor and sports reporter at FOX Chicago News. She is also a contributor to Fox Kickoff Live which airs Sunday morning's at 10 during the NFL season, and the Final Word.

If you have any questions please contact
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Date: March 27, 2010
Time: 8:30 am—New Member Registration and Orientation
9:30 am—Open Registration
Location: Esplanade Lakes, 3500 Lacey Road,
Downers Grove, IL (Sara Lee building)



January 2010 Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

What do you do on a Saturday when the weather is only 30 degrees? Well if you're a mover and shaker with EWGA you celebrate with friends at the golf course. That is exactly what happened on January 30, 2010. Over forty volunteers, site captains and board members attended a recognition luncheon at White Pines Golf and Banquet Center.

The day started with bright smiles and a warm welcome from Jackie Owens and Kathy Burns at the registration desk. Then Liz Crowley and Harriet Fram made lots of new friends as they offered raffle tickets for spectacular prizes and a 50/50 cash drawing. At the other end of the room Naomi Buerkle, Terese Krafcheck and Carol DeMarco cheered the crowd as two putting contests took place.

Everyone enjoyed a nice lunch of Chicken Vesuvio or Pasta Primavera. Then it was last call for tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Half the proceeds of the basket were dedicated to Lana's Hope. The winner of the other half, Naomi Buerkle donated her winnings to Lana also. We all learned that Lana is currently in Germany undergoing a new treatment plan. Our hearts go out to Lana and her family during this difficult time.

Then it was show time. Liz and Harriet drew for the raffle prizes. The EWGA Gift Bag went to Pam Watkins. The \$50.00 Ultimate Golf gift card went to Julie Clausing.

Past President Dena Lamb had words of appreciation to everyone for their support over the last year. She recognized the out-going board for their teamwork and the site captains for their commitment to making the leagues fun and enjoyable for all. Dena was excited and proud to announce that the Chicago Chapter of EWGA placed in the National Championship 4th Flight thanks to Carol Gouty's great day on the course. She was also pleased to announce that Jane Austen was named the Volunteer of the Year. Great job Jane; you are an inspiration to us all.

President Kris Ward then took the floor and recognized incoming 2010 board members. Kris and the board have set aggressive goals to encourage growth in the Chicago Chapter this year. Kris also had the pleasure to announce that over \$310 dollars was raised for Lana's Hope in the 50/50 raffle.

The luncheon ended with congratulations and a gift bags to Dorothy McElligott, Sue Miller and Pam Watkins for the longest putt contest. These ladies made a 20 ft. putt look easy! Nice job ladies.

After the luncheon, several members visited the Golf Dome to "get some of the kinks out of their swing."

This wonderful event could not have taken place without the hard work and coordination from Social Chair Veronica Birckhead and her team of volunteers. Thanks Veronica, Judy, Marianne, Andrea, Jackie, Kathy, Liz, Harriet, Naomi, Teresa and Carol.

2010 EWGA Foundation Women On Par® Scholarship

The EWGA Foundation's Women On Par® scholarship program was established to provide financial assistance to nontraditional female students - women at least 30 years of age - who need assistance bolstering their education to allow them to 'get on par' with their peers and to advance themselves, whether professionally or personally.

The Deadline to apply for the EWGA Foundation's 2010 Women On Par Scholarship is fast approaching (applications must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2010 for consideration). Additional details and instructions on how to apply for this scholarship is posted online at ewga.com. Click on 'Learn More About EWGA', then the EWGA Foundation tab, 'Women On Par® Scholarship' to learn more.

Any questions send an email to: Susan_Naugle@ewga.com



Membership

Welcome to the following new members of the EWGA Chicago Chapter! We are so happy to have you join us.

Susan Beyers	Peggy Gebhardt	Theresa Bussert
Joann Kraft	Stephanie Clinch	Megan McBee
Dale Delude	Annemarie Tarara	Micky Gallas

Golf Season is around the corner! As we look forward to the end of winter and the beginning of golf season, the Chicago chapter is busy with new member recruiting activities, including the EWGA booth at the Chicago Golf Show in February, sending mailers to prospective members, and the upcoming Golfsmith Golf Galaxy Women's Nights (spring 2010). If you know of other recruiting opportunities, please contact Robin Natzke at ewganatzke1@yahoo.com

The more the merrier! Encourage your friends and colleagues to join EWGA. Take advantage of the Member-Get-A-Member campaign sponsored by Nike to win prizes while helping our chapter to reach our membership goals. For more information see the February 2010 newsletter.

Don't forget! It is that time of year—a reminder to current members to renew your EWGA membership. You should receive a reminder email from EWGA with renewal instructions.

Make the most of your EWGA membership! The Kickoff meeting on Saturday, March 27, 2010 will be an excellent opportunity to welcome new members, meet other members, sign up for leagues, and learn more about the season's events. Make 2010 the year you become more active with EWGA and HAVE MORE FUN!

Save the date! The Meet A Member golf event (formerly know as "Member-Guest") is scheduled for Sunday, May 23, 2010 at the Links at Carillon in Plainfield. Open to both current and prospective members, it will be an excellent opportunity to meet others in the Chicago chapter.

EWGA Chicago Metro

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Education Events

Spring Education Programs:

EWGA Short Game School

Series of four classes designed to help EWGA members enhance their short game. This is one of the easiest ways to shave strokes off your handicap! This class will run for 90 minutes on four dates. The program will be hosted at TopGolf in Wood Dale and will be led by PGA Professional Matt Vinge.

Class Schedule - All classes will be held from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

April 6 - Putting - Basic setup fundamentals, putting stroke basics, reading greens, drills

April 13 - Chipping/Pitching - Setup, Alignment, basic technique

April 20 - Advanced Techniques - Flop Shots, Bump & Run, Back Spin

April 27 - All Aspects -will include playing Top Pressure and Top Chip for prizes

Member Price: \$90 for four sessions

Sign up to participate today as space is limited! Register by clicking here: <http://www.ewgachicago.org/educationList.php>. Watch for more educational opportunities in the coming weeks!

We hope to see you as we kick off a great year of education!



2010 Chicago Metro Social Events

Date	Event	Description
March 27, 2010 Sara Lee, Downers Grove	2010 Kick Off	Tee-up for the season at the 2010 Kick-Off. Sign up early for leagues, raffles, fantasy golf, and other program favorites!
April/May Pinstripes, Hoffman Estates	Meet & Greet	Get ready for the season by reconnecting and relaxing with other members over drinks and dinner. Optional Bowling and Bocce ball games afterwards.
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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