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To all of my fellow EWGA members and good friends,

The season is finally here!

I'd like to welcome all of our new members to the Portland Chapter. We're here to help you play more golf, meet great women, and (most of all) HAVE FUN! I look forward to getting to know all of you as the year progresses.

I hope that you had a wonderful time at the Kickoff, and that you are as excited as I am about all of the offerings for 2010. Leagues start in May, but there are plenty of April educational opportunities to tune up that swing, learn about the rules of golf, or get a better understanding of handicaps. We have a member orientation scheduled this month, which is a fun way to learn about everything that EWGA has to offer. Our orientations are open to everyone (new and existing members), so this is the chance to get your questions answered about how EWGA works, the website, our events and leagues, etc. The Children's Course has planned an event for us in April called "Let's Be Girls Again", to raise money for Junior Girls Golf and to give us an opportunity to learn golf the way the kids do. So - there are lots of reasons to dust off those clubs and get ready for a wonderful golf season.

In early April I'll be attending the EWGA annual conference "Golfpalooza", in Pinehurst, North Carolina. I am thrilled to say that there are 9 women from the Portland Chapter who will be making the trip. We'll have an opportunity to network with other chapter leaders and find out what they're doing, learn from some great speakers

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Let's Be Girls Again!

Golf is a wonderful game, but certainly not an easy one to learn and master. How in the world would you teach kids to play?

On Sunday, April 25, 3 - 5 PM, the staff at The Children's Course is going to let us be girls again and learn the way that kids do. They'll show us some of their tools and techniques to learn the game and have fun in the process. You'll be impressed with the variety of programs that they offer to kids and you might improve your game at the same time!

The afternoon won't be a total throwback to your childhood, as we'll be tasting adult beverages (wine!) and enjoying hors d'oeuvres. The cost for the event is \$30, and the proceeds will benefit the LPGA/USGA Girls Golf Program at The Children's Course. To register, sign up on The Children's

(Annika Sorenstam!!!), and play golf at historic Pinehurst. I'm sure it will be a fabulous experience, and I'll tell you about some of the high points in the May newsletter.

Happy Spring to all of you!

Sincerely,

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Sue Plato
Portland Chapter President

WEEKEND EVENTS - BIG VALUE & VARIETY

If variety is the spice of life, then this year's weekend golf events schedule will send you over the moon! And, don't worry, we still have plenty of your old favorites on the schedule, but we've added several new events to the lineup to tempt you.

Here's a sampling of what's on the schedule for this year, but we also suggest you check out the entire line-up at www.ewgapdx.com. We expect some events will sell out quickly this year.

Mark Saturday, May 22nd on your calendar for a fabulous **Member/Guest Scramble at Langdon Farms Golf Club**. This course is known for their exceptional greens, drainage and landscaping. It's pretty everywhere you look, but don't let that lull you into complacency, cuz there's plenty of challenge all around. The festivities will carry over from the golf course into the clubhouse.

The Bend Triple Treat will have us visiting three highly acclaimed and scenic courses over the weekend of July 25 - 27: Juniper, Widgi Creek and Lost Tracks. Each event can be registered for individually, so you can pick and choose what best fits your schedule.

Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club has invited us back for a special Wine and Nine event that they're putting together just for Portland EWGA. The event begins in the late afternoon with a little casual wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a 6pm shotgun start for nine holes of outstanding golf. Wine, snacks, great friends and outstanding golf. Ahhh... life's good.

EWGA Weekend golf events deliver more fun, more golf and more value for your membership.

If we break it down by the numbers, you'll see that we offer so much more than just 18 holes of great golf. We've got:

Course [website](#)

Adult guests are welcome!

Member-Get-A-Member

Congratulations! The EWGA Portland, OR Chapter has the following member(s) who earned prizes for recruiting a minimum of 2 (or more!) new members in the 2009 Member-Get-A-Member (MGAM) Campaign:

Deb Dalenberg
Michelle Franceschi
Jennifer Schlueter
Holly Danks
Jennifer Davidson
Donna Severson
Terri Marshall
Terri Stevens

Prizes have already been shipped to all MGAM recruiters and they will be received in the next few days, however we wanted to provide you with the list of your winner(s) so that you can recognize them in your newsletter or at a future event.

We know that EWGA continues to thrive because members reach out and invite other women into the game of golf and introduce them to the fun, friendships, and networking available to EWGA members.

Thank you for your Chapter's continuing efforts in growing EWGA!

- 4 events at private golf courses
- 8 events with full meals or hors d'oeuvres included
- 10+ events with prizes
- 7 events with shotgun starts
- 9 events with riding cart included
- 2 overnight events in Bend

MATCH PLAY LADDER CHALLENGE COMING

This year, we are offering a **Match Play Ladder Challenge** during the months of June, July and August.

In match play, each hole is a separate competition. The player with the fewest strokes on an individual hole wins that hole; the player winning the most holes wins the match. All match play scores will be calculated based on net scores, so whether you're a beginner or experienced golfer with a lower handicap your opportunities for winning are equalized

Participants receive points for playing both 9 and 18-hole matches in the Challenge. You get more points if you win and if you play 18-hole matches. The more points you accumulate, the further up the ladder you move.

You may play at any course with a USGA slope and rating. Matches can be played at league, weekend events or non-EWGA games.

Just challenge anyone in the ladder to a game of golf.

More details will be included in the May newsletter. If you have any questions, contact handicap@ewgapdx.com.

EWGA CHAMPIONSHIP TURNS 15!

This is the 15th Anniversary of the EWGA Championship that held its first Championship Finals event at the Pointe Hilton Golf Club (now Arizona Grand Resort) in Phoenix, AZ. The Championship has definitely come a long way since 1995 and has earned the prestigious honor as the "Premiere Event" of the EWGA. Callaway Golf returns as the presenting sponsor marking its third year with the Championship.

Those who have competed in the past know what a unique opportunity it is to participate in the largest organized amateur women's championship in the world. For those who haven't, this is a great year

to give it a try!

What's that you say? Think you're "not good enough" for competitive golf? One of the best things about the Championship is the inclusion of all levels of golfers. All players are placed in flights based on their Handicap so you are only competing with those of similar ability. For those who still aren't sure about individual competition, there's the Team Scramble division. It's truly a competition for all.

There's no better way to try competitive golf than with your EWGA friends! Our Chapter Championship will be held on Sunday, July 18th and Lewis River Golf Course in Woodland, WA. Our Weekend Events Committee has scheduled a stop at Lewis River in June so you will have an opportunity to play the course and participate in an optional Mock Championship - a "try before you buy" if you like.

You can find more information about the EWGA Championship and register to play on our web site at www.ewgapdx.com. If you have questions, contact championship@ewgapdx.com.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

Welcome to the 2010 season. We are very excited about the different opportunities that are available to our members for developing and improving your golf game. We hope that what you expressed in the surveys you completed last fall have been fairly represented, so that not only are you developing technical skills of the game, but are able to take advantage of classes that get the other skills of the game.

With that said, here are just a few of the classes we'll be offering this year. Our calendar starts on April 13 with a Getting Started class for beginners and ends of July 31 with an on the course class to get you ready for that next competitive match (tournament play or just competing with your friends). We are offering classes in all 4 directions of the Metro area, from Meriwether in Hillsboro to FUNdaMental Golf in Oregon City, and from Heron Lakes in NE Portland to Tualatin Island Greens in Tualatin, not to mention Glendoveer in East Portland and Red Tail in SW Portland. All told, we've got 21 classes covering 55 sessions, with plenty to choose from for all levels of golfers.

FUNdaMental Golf: Shanda Imlay will present:

A Practical Approach to the Rules of Golf Sunday, April 18
Improve 75% of Your Game Using 100% of Your Clubs on May 15.

Glendoveer: Daran Dauble and Jim Chianello will present:

Spring Tune Up, a 4 session class starting April 27

Get Ready Golf (for beginners), a 5 session class starting May 5
Breaking 100, a 6 session class starting May 25
Short Game Clinic on Saturday, June 19

Heron Lakes: John Bowen is back with his short game series that filled up every session last year:

Chip the Rock on May 6
Roll the Rock on May 20
Getting Up and Down on June 9
Master the Terror of the Sand on June 23

Lake Oswego Municipal: Tom Mueller and Paula Ketchum will present:

Building Your Mojo on the Course, a 4 session class starting May 20
Rules in Action on Tuesday, June 22

Meriwether: Jordan Bury will present:

SKILLS Challenge, an EWGA developed series to improve your short game handicap, starting May 29
The Next Big Match - Are You Ready?, on Saturday July 31

Red Tail: Ruth Ann Boston, Cindy Lincoln, Marti Loeb will present:

Getting Started, beginning on April 13
Putting & Chipping on Saturday, May 8
Pitching on Saturday, May 22
How to Practice, a 4 session series starting on May 1
The Ball is Not the Target, a 4 session series starting on June 5

Tualatin Island Greens: Craig Griswold will present:

Build Your Swing for Consistency & Drive, a series starting May 6
How to be a Golf Buddy, a no clubs required lesson, on June 24

We hope to see you at a few of the offerings.
Your Golf Education and Player Development Committee
Kathy de Domingo, Marilyn Williamson and Carol Hellebuyck

2010 HANDICAP CHALLENGE

In 2009 Holly Danks won the overall 2009 Handicap Challenge by improving her handicap more than 22%. Do you want to try to improve this much in your handicap or, just improve 5%? Either way, sign up for the **2010 Portland Chapter Handicap Challenge** and measure your improvement against other members!

This competition will challenge you to see how much you can improve your handicap over the posting season. The Challenge will have 5 flights with prizes awarded in each flight. You must have had an established Handicap Index on March 1, 2010 to participate.

Cost: \$5.00/person

Registration Deadline: Monday, May 31

Start Date: March 1, 2010

End Date: October 5, 2010

Flights:

Handicap Index	Flight
0.0 - 12.0	Championship
12.1 - 19.0	First Flight
19.1 - 25.0	Second Flight
25.1 - 32.0	Third Flight
32.1 and above	Fourth Flight

Determination of winners: The person with the largest percentage decrease in their **Handicap Index™** from the start date to the end date will be the overall Handicap Champion. First and Second place winners in each flight will also be determined by the same method.

To enter, go to the Events area on the website. If you have any questions, contact handicap@ewgapdx.com.

LEAGUE PLAY SHAPING UP

2010 Summer Weekly League Play is shaping up for a wonderful season. Courses will include: Camas Meadows, Charbonneau, Eastmoreland and Glendoveer, Heron Lakes, Lake Oswego, Red Tail, The Reserve and Stone Creek.

By popular request via the survey: **New this year:** Friday afternoon at Camas Meadows: 9 and 18 hole option and Sunday late morning at Stone Creek for 18 holes

Also **new this year:** 2 week or 4 week registration option!!!! Be aware...this adds some required, direct communication between you, the player and our valued League Coordinators.

Check out listings now on our [website](#). Registration begins 3/31 for the season - remember you must Log-in and registration closes the 25th of prior month 8PM so mark your summer calendars!

EVENING WITH THE POPS

One of our more popular events last year was "Evening with the Pops" and it's back. Join us for an encore performance.

Jeanne Biggerstaff will help people to answer the following questions: Why do people want to give me "pops" on the golf course? Why do people ask "What's your handicap?" What the heck is a Course Rating? Why do they call it Slope?

Answers to these burning questions and more will be revealed. Whether you are new to golf handicapping, want to learn more about using yours, or, even if you attended last year, we promise you will not be disappointed. Join us for fun, games & prizes!!

When: Monday, April 19th

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

Where: The John Ross Amenities Room, 2nd Floor

3801 SW River Parkway

Portland, OR 97239

Cost: \$5 (light refreshments provided)

Sign up on the EWGA website.

Registration deadline is Friday, April 16th. If you have questions, contact handicap@ewgapdx.com.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST SPONSOR



**New Portland EWGA Double Eagle Sponsor
Jan Giunta, Innova Mortgage Services, a member of the American Pacific Mortgage Corporation family.**

The EWGA Portland Chapter is pleased to announce that Jan Giunta, a mortgage consultant with Innova Mortgage Services has signed on as a Double Eagle Sponsor.

With over 15 years in residential and commercial lending and a total of

30 years of combined experience in the real estate industry, Jan brings a high level of expertise to every transaction. As an independent lender, she works for her clients, not a bank or lending institution. This means that Jan is able to provide unbiased recommendations and the most competitive mortgage loans from a variety of different sources.

An avid golfer herself, Jan is looking forward to getting out on the course more this year and already has plans to sponsor some of our weekend golf events. Please give Jan a warm Portland EWGA welcome when you meet her!

Experience DOES make a difference.

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We'd love to hear from you. Send your golf stories, accomplishments or questions to:

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Sincerely,

EWGA Portland Chapter Communications Committee
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Get the Total Picture: [Conduct a Personal Property Inventory](#)

No one wants to experience the misfortune of having personal property stolen or lost in a fire. But if you do, having the

necessary documentation on hand can make the insurance claim process go much more smoothly. That's why Liberty Mutual has developed a tool that will take you step-by-step through the home property documentation process regardless of who your insurer is.

This free guide answers frequently asked questions about conducting a home inventory and offers crime prevention tips. Most important, it contains a worksheet where you can list common household items located in each room of your home, with additional space for your unique possessions. Once you have your copy of our Home Personal Property Inventory guide, just grab a pen, a video or regular camera - even a disposable will do - and begin.

While we hope that you'll never need it, the time that you invest right now will be well worth it if you ever do.

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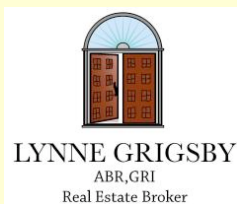


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Hello!

Spring has sprung in a big way earlier than usual. Of course that means our golf season will be in "full swing" soon, if you haven't been out already. This is also a great time and market (yes, really) to sell or to buy a home. Contrary to what you read or hear, our Portland market is a busy one. Granted, prices have dropped, but a great house that has been properly prepared and priced right SELLS. As a buyer, you will have an incredible selection to choose from. If you would like a market analysis done for your home or have any questions about buying or selling a home, please feel free to contact me. I have been in the real estate

business for thirteen years and know our Portland metro area well, in addition to East Multnomah county, Clackamas and Yamhill counties and the sunset corridor. I certainly look forward to getting to know you through the EWGA activities and on the golf course. Happy spring!

Best Regards,
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