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June 2009

To all of my fellow EWGA members and good friends,

Happy June! I hope the sun is shining brightly as you read this, and that you have a round of golf on your calendar to look forward to.

As you know, this newsletter is primarily focused on all of the fun things we have to offer within the Portland Chapter. I find that it's also helpful to periodically check out the benefits that are offered to you from EWGA, at the Association level. The easiest way to do this is to go to [www.ewga.com](http://www.ewga.com) and poke around.

When you do this, you'll find an almost overnight growth in the online networking opportunities that are available to communicate with other EWGA members. Go to "EWGA on the Net", from the home page and you'll find information about how to connect via Facebook, LinkedIn, W2WLink.com, and Twitter. There are also blogs that track the EWGA Championship series, Pam Swensen's point of view, and the EWGA Foundation. Whew....I can't even keep up with my e-mail!

All of this means that it has never been easier to connect with a huge international network of professional, golf-loving women. Whether it's to help with your job search, find a golf game while traveling, or just to keep up with your network of new friends, these tools are available to you.

What's my other favorite new feature on the EWGA website? Check out the "1 Minute Golf" video on the right side of the home page. It's Stephanie Jennings and Josie Artymovich providing quick game tips.

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2010 BOARD  
ELECTIONS COMING  
SOON

Golf season has just begun yet believe it or not it's time to start thinking about

Very fun!

Have a great month, and enjoy all of the benefits that your EWGA membership provides.

Sincerely,

Sue Plato  
Portland Chapter President

HELP FOR YOUR GAME COMING TO A CLINIC NEAR YOU!

**Getting Up and Down From the Ball Washer** - Heron Lakes/John Bowen. The impossible shot, made easy. Learn the trajectory and spin of the ball, distance control, the up and down from anywhere - even the ball washer! For those players wanting to lower their score, this is the class for you.

Wednesday, June 10  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Cost/Members: \$17  
Cost/Non-Members: \$22

**Summer Swing** - Glendoveer/Daran Dauble. Do all your shots seem to go the same distance? Not hitting it solid? Want to be more consistent? Spend a couple of hours working from the wedge to the driver in order to improve your game and have more fun when you play!

Wednesday, June 17  
6:30 - 8:30 PM  
Cost/Members: \$52  
Cost/Non-Members: \$57

**The Ball Is Not the Target!** - Red Tail/Marti Loeb. This 3-week clinic will focus on getting to the target, not hitting the ball. Through putting drills with and without a partner, swing videos, club throwing and even hitting a moving ball, you'll learn that the ball is not the target and certainly shouldn't be your obsession! You'll leave knowing how you can practice the methods learned in class with all parts of your game.

Wednesdays, June 17 - July 1  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Cost/Members: \$77  
Cost/Non-Members: \$82

**Bring On the Basics: An Introduction to Golf** - Lake Oswego Muni/Paula Ketchum. This is a terrific introduction series for beginning golfers! The clinic will review equipment needs and function, basic rules of the game, and etiquette, and even how to make a tee time and

nominations for the 2010 Portland Chapter board. Positions that are up for election are: President, Vice President and Treasurer. Begin thinking of women in the chapter that you feel can carry on the tradition of great leadership because the nomination forms will be coming out soon.

Linda Erickson, Leadership Chair will oversee the election committee and any questions you have can be directed to her at [leadership@ewgapdx.com](mailto:leadership@ewgapdx.com).

## Playing Through

By Martha P.

I have to tell you I haven't been out on the course as much as I'd like yet this year but looking out at the beautiful sunny skies today has got me thinking that I should challenge one of our local courses to a little one on one! Now if the course begins to win I can always enjoy the scenery, the weather and the idea that I can always come back a second time.

I did play in the first Member Scramble of the year at Charbonneau on Saturday the 9th - what a great day. The weather turned out perfect, playing partners were a lot of fun, the competition was

be prepared for your round. The class will also include pre-swing fundamentals, grip, stance, ball position, and alignment. Everything a newer golfer needs to get comfortable playing this great game!  
Saturdays, June 20 and June 27  
3:00 - 5:00 PM  
Cost/Members: \$50  
Cost/Non-Members: \$55

### **75/100: Improve 75% of Your Game By Using 100% of Your Clubs!**

- FUNdaMental Golf/Shanda Imlay. Improve your chipping and pitching by understanding both shot selection and club selection, as well as targeting landing zones. This totally new perspective on the short game will finally solve the "when and why" uncertainty in all of us.  
Sunday, June 28  
3:00 - 5:00 PM  
Cost/Members: \$32  
Cost/Non-Members: \$37

Registration: [www.ewgapdx.com](http://www.ewgapdx.com)

Questions? [education@ewgapdx.com](mailto:education@ewgapdx.com)

## "CREEK TOUR" HEATS UP

### **Join the "Creek Tour" for High Flying Fun and Adventure**

No need to go to "Q" school - everyone qualifies for this tour where fun reigns supreme!

#### **Stone Creek Golf Course, Oregon City, OR.**

Saturday, June 20 at 12pm with rolling tee times; Registration deadline June 12.

Stone Creek provides abundant scenic value and challenges for every caliber of golfer with stunning views of Mt. Hood, towering Doug firs, and yes, those dreaded lakes, creeks and wetlands along with 43 bunkers thrown in to amp up the adventure quotient! An optional handicap game will be offered to add to the fun.

Price: \$46 for 18 holes of golf.

#### **Indian Creek Golf Course, Hood River, OR.**

Saturday, June 27 with a 1:30pm Shotgun Start; Registration deadline June 19.

With spectacular views of the snow capped peaks of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams, the sheer beauty of this course will take your breath away. Indian Creek requires accuracy off the tee and the well-tended greens call for the soft touch of a LPGA pro. Three creeks come into play throughout and with extensive elevation changes and long distances between holes, you'll be glad to hear that a riding cart is included with

friendly, food and drink were provided and to top it off - prizes for all! I encourage all of you to sign up for the 2nd Member Scramble at Glendoveer on Sunday July 19th - you'll be in for a lot of fun thanks to the members of the Membership committee!

Don't forget to take a look at all the clinics that the Education committee has put together to help your game. I know a couple of members that have taken advantage of these that are dropping their handicaps like the ball in Times Square on New Years Eve. Look out Handicap Challenge participants!

And what about the "Creek Tour" put together by our Events committee - have you signed up yet for at least one leg of the tour? Did any of us ever realize there were so many courses with the word "creek" in them - probably not until the Events committee started the "tour". Get in on the action and plan your "tour" stop now!

With the nice weather upon us (hope I haven't jinxed it by saying that) and all the fun, challenging and rewarding opportunities that have been put out there I'm looking forward to a great golf season - if you haven't

this round. Just us afterwards in the clubhouse for food and refreshing beverages!

Price: \$52 for 18 holes of golf, outstanding views and shared cart.

**Riding Carts:** If you Plan to Ride, Let us Know!

Please use the "Notes to Tournament Director" field on the event sign-up page to let us know if you plan to use a riding cart so we can pair you up with another rider. If you do not tell us you want a cart, we will assume you are walking.

**A Quick Reminder about Weekend Event Policies**

Registrations are accepted only up to the deadline.

Cancellations with a full refund will be allowed up to the sign-up/cancellation deadline. After that date, it is the responsibility of the player to find their own replacement. You may check with the event coordinator to see if there is anyone on the waiting list.

After an event has filled, a waiting list will be started.

Members may bring guests to two EWGA events a year to introduce them to our organization. Online event registration is required for all guests.

## CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON UNDERWAY

All around the country, EWGA members are playing in local Chapter Championships. All in all, some 2700 women will play in the EWGA Championship - the largest amateur women's golf tournament in the United States! This year's Portland Chapter Championship will be held at Forest Hills Golf Course on Saturday, July 11th.

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous sponsor, every competitor in this year's Championship will receive a \$15 discount off of the registration fee making the cost only \$80 (includes golf, lunch and the banquet)! Those competitors who advanced to the 2008 semi-finals will receive a \$25 discount (total cost of only \$70)!

There's never been a better opportunity to give tournament play a try. With flights for all levels of golfers, players will be competing against other players of similar ability. Not sure you are ready for individual competition? Then give the Scramble Team division a try. Form a team with three of your buddies and join the excitement of tournament play.

Handicaps are required for the Championship and you must have posted at least two 18-hole scores (four 9-hole scores) in the 2009 posting season. If you are just establishing a handicap, you must post at least five 18-hole scores (or ten 9-hole scores) by June 23 at 5:00 p.m. in order to have a calculated Handicap Index.

yet, join in the fun! No matter what your level of play, there's always room for one more!

Not interested in playing, but want to be a part of the excitement? We will need volunteers for ball spotting, player registration, photography, banquet set-up and scoring. If you are interested in helping, contact Linda Erickson at [leadership@ewgapdx.com](mailto:leadership@ewgapdx.com).

All information, including the required registration form can be found on our web site at [www.ewgapdx.com](http://www.ewgapdx.com). Be sure to log-in first and then look under Events/Chapter Championship.

Questions should be sent to Jeanne Biggerstaff at [championship@ewgapdx.com](mailto:championship@ewgapdx.com)

## LET'S HELP THE KIDS! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

On August 5 - 7, the Western States Golf Association (WSGA) will be holding their 29th annual junior golf championships in Portland. The tournament, which will attract approximately 150 - 200 golfers ages 7 - 23, will be held at three venues: the Children's Course, Sah-Hah-Lee Golf Course, and Glendoveer Golf Course.

**Want to be part of the excitement?** Leisure Hour Junior Golf Program is the local club and host for the event, and they are looking for EWGA volunteers to participate as walking scorers, marshals, or at the scorers tables.

**Who is the WSGA?** They were formed in 1977 with the purpose to consolidate African-American golf clubs in the Western States under one umbrella. The organization has grown to 32 clubs in 7 western states, with a roster exceeding 1600 members. The last time this tournament was in Portland was in 2001.

If you have never heard of the Leisure Hour Junior Golf Program, you're not alone. Sue Plato recently visited with Debbie Moaning, LHJGP President (and EWGA member) at their site on NE Mallory. The Leisure Hour Golf Club was originally formed in 1947 to create an atmosphere for African-Americans to enjoy the game of golf. In 1978, the group shifted its focus to the youth and started the Leisure Hour Junior Golf Program. Today the program includes approximately 60 junior golfers, and consists of classroom instruction, clinics, and on-course instruction with mentors. Sue tells of how impressed she was with this program and what they're offering to the kids!

This is going to be a fun event, and worth taking a day off work. Volunteers are needed at all three courses, on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday (8/5 - 8/7). Sign up now at [www.ewgapdx.com](http://www.ewgapdx.com) and indicate which day(s) and at what course you could work.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Have you taken the time to review the area on the home page of the EWGA website just for members? It's called "Members" and it contains many tools to make it easy to take advantage of your EWGA benefits.

Ø The first link, My Profile, explains the different kinds of personal information that you can store in your membership record. With a quick link you can sign into the Members Only area and update your database record.

Ø Ready to renew online? Just select "Membership Renewal" and you can quickly login and enter your payment.

Ø Also under "My Profile" is a quick link to upcoming EWGA events. You can select each event for more details and registration information.

Ø "My Profile" is also where you can link to the numerous EWGA exclusive savings offers, the handicap service, and golf education programs.

Ø Become familiar with this portal for accessing your EWGA benefits - and include a reminder in your next Chapter newsletter to encourage your members to take their own personal tour of the public area of the EWGA website.

**EWGA Benefit of the Week:** Car Rentals - Are you planning a summer golf vacation or business trip? Be sure and take advantage of the EWGA discounts you can receive from Alamo, Avis or National Car Rental companies. For Alamo, visit [Alamo.com/offer/ewga09](http://Alamo.com/offer/ewga09) or call 800-GO-ALAMO and mention contract ID 7014666 and EWGA Coupon Code AD6612JDA. For Avis, visit [avis.com](http://avis.com) or call 800-331-1600 and provide the EWGA Code J097790. For National, visit [national-car.com/offer/ewga09](http://national-car.com/offer/ewga09) or call 800-CAR-RENT and mention contract ID 5027269 and EWGA Coupon Code NF2696JDO. EWGA saves you money in so many ways!

## JUNE - WOMEN'S GOLF MONTH

Coming in June is Women's Golf Month. Participating courses offer opportunities for EWGA members and friends to enjoy free golf instruction, skill clinics, reduced greens fees and share the company of

women golfers at our favorite local haunts. Below is a web site that provides details about the events listed below.

<http://www.playgolfamerica.com>

Scheduled activities include: (Please call ahead to reserve a space.)

Course	Date	Time
Rose City	Sat. June 6	2-3:30 pm

Free/Register  
Short Game & Putting clinic  
Contact: 503-253-4744

Stone Creek	Sun. June 7	5:30-9 pm
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\$10/Register  
9 holes of play after a free clinic  
Contact: 503-518-4653

Lake Oswego	Tues. June 9	6-8:00 pm
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Free/Register  
Distance, putting, and other skills clinic  
Contact: 503-636-8228

Camas Meadows	Sat. June 13	Noon - 2pm
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Free/Register  
Full swing & short game  
Contact: 360-833-2000 x 2

Langdon Farms	Sun. June 14	3-4:00 pm
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Free/Register  
Club fitting, rules and golf etiquette  
Contact: 503-678-4653

Pumpkin Ridge      Call for information  
503 647 9977

## **BREAST FRIENDS BENEFIT GOLF TOURNEY**

### **THINK PINK AND GIVE NEW MEANING TO YOUR SWING**

"Every woman in America will be touched by breast cancer in her lifetime. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. The other seven will know her. Our goal is to reach the seven in order to help the one." - Becky Olson and Sharon Henifin - Founders of Breast Friends

For nearly a decade Breast Friends founders Becky Olson and Sharon

Henifin have been helping women survive the trauma of breast cancer...one friend at a time. Join them, along with Portland EWGA chapter member, Lynda Bader, and MBank's Kimberly Wheeler, at their benefit golf tournament to help continue services for breast cancer patients.

Date: Friday, July 31

Where: Stone Creek Golf Club

Time: 7:30 Shotgun start

Format: 4 person scramble

Cost: \$100/person (includes continental breakfast, golf & lunch)  
\$35 lunch only

[Click here to download a registration form](#)

For more information about Breast Friends visit [www.breastfriends.com](http://www.breastfriends.com) or contact (503) 598-8048.

Space is limited so sign up today!

## HANDICAP TRIVIA

### DID YOU KNOW?

- That you will probably only play to your Handicap Index about 20-25% of the time. The Handicap Index is based on your potential ability, not your scoring average. If you are regularly "playing to your handicap", then something is amiss.
- The #1 Handicap hole is NOT the hardest hole on the course. The #1 handicap hole on any golf course is the hole on which the high-handicapper most needs extra strokes in competition with a low-handicapper.
- A female scratch golfer is an amateur player who can hit tee shots an average of 210 yards and can reach a 400 yard hole in two shots.
- A female bogey golfer has a Course Handicap of approximately 24. She can hit tee shots an average of 150 yards and can reach a 280 yard hole in two shots.
- Yardage is a significant challenge for all golfers to overcome and it is paramount to Course Rating.
- The primary and dominant indicator of difficulty of a course is

Course Rating, not Slope Rating. Course Rating is an indication of the playing difficulty of a course for scratch golfers under normal course and weather conditions, based on yardage and other obstacles. Slope Rating indicates the measurement of relative difficulty of a course for players who are not scratch golfers, compared to the Course Rating.

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We'd love to hear from you. Send your golf stories, accomplishments or questions to:  
[communications@ewgapdx.com](mailto:communications@ewgapdx.com)

**Sincerely,**

EWGA Portland Chapter Communications Committee  
Executive Women's Golf Association Portland Chapter



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**My name is Paul Welty, Architectural & Landscape Lighting Designer and owner of Innovative Nightscapes. I invite you to visit our new website at <http://innovativenightscapes.com/> and/or contact me directly (cell:503-807-6866) to hear about our specials offered only to EWGA members.**

**Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to meeting you on the golf course!"**

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