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May 2009

Greetings!

I hope everyone had as much fun as I did at our Kickoff. Many, many people helped to make it a success, but the person who pulled it all together was our Vice President, Jeanne Biggerstaff. Fabulous job Jeanne!

While at the Kickoff, I had a conversation with several of our Chapter's ex-Presidents, all of whom remembered the days when we were thrilled to have 50 or 60 people attend. They spoke about how much things have grown and improved in the 16 years that the Portland Chapter has been in existence. Every season is built on the successes and failures of the past, so we have the combined experience of prior years to guide us. That's how we've evolved - by taking what each previous board has accomplished and making it, in some way, a little better.

April 27 - May 1 is National Volunteers Week, and I'd like to dedicate my column this month to all of our board members and volunteers, current and past. Each one has brought her special talents and passion for the game and, in some unique way, helped shape our organization.

Thank you -- we wouldn't be here without you.

Happy golfing,

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Beverly Howard  
Esther Moe  
Anne Bletcher  
Nancy Freeland  
Diane McAllister  
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Katherine Drew  
Mandy Dyck  
Cyndi Farrell  
Brenda Henderson  
Marlane Hope

## WEEKEND EVENTS OFF TO RED HOT START!

We've got a sizzling line-up for weekend golf events this year, with several filling quickly! So if you want to get in on the fun, make sure to register for your favorites early on at [www.ewgapdx.com](http://www.ewgapdx.com).

### **MAY GOLF EVENTS**

#### **OGA Golf Course, Woodburn, OR**

Sunday, May 17 - 10am (Registration deadline May 8) One of Oregon's top 8 public courses, this well-tended, but demanding tract features lush rolling fairways lined with towering trees, bordered by pristine wetlands. **New Lower Price:** \$46 for 18 holes of golf and range balls.

THIS EVENT IS FILLING QUICKLY:

#### **Riverside Golf & Country Club, Portland, OR**

Friday, May 29 - 1pm Shotgun Start (Registration deadline May 22) Lush fairways and some of the best greens in the Northwest await at Riverside Golf and Country Club. Relatively flat and walk-able, this course offers plenty of challenges to test your shot-making skills. Prizes awarded after golf - stay tuned for more details. Price: \$75 for 18 holes of golf on a premier private golf course.

**NEW** - Optional dinner added to Riverside event! (Registration deadline May 22) Following our round, join us for a delicious meal in our private club house room overlooking the picturesque 18th green. You have four enticing entrees to choose from: Peppered Salmon BLT, Chinese Chicken Salad, Chicken Mornay and Wild Mushroom Stuffed Ravioli. Price: \$17 per person, including gratuity. Beverages extra. To make your dinner reservation and meal selection, go to the "Riverside Meal" event on the website.

#### **Cross Creek Golf Course, Dallas, OR**

Sunday, May 31 - 10am (Registration deadline May 20) Set in a picturesque area west of Salem, this little-known gem of a course offers generous fairways with plenty of mounding, creeks, lakes and sand bunkers to keep things interesting for every level of player. Price: \$32 for 18 holes of golf.

### **SOUTHERN OREGON ESCAPE**

Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14. If outstanding course layouts, picturesque vistas and high-rolling evening entertainment are your idea of a winning jackpot, you'll want to join us in beautiful Southern Oregon, just south of Roseburg.

Marcie Kessel  
Rebecca Kun  
Kerin Larson  
Allison Lindsay  
Carolyn Lockard-  
Pendergraft  
Mandy Lopez  
Laurie Lum  
Patricia Martenelli  
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Nancy Nueman  
Keri Olson  
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Audrey Schumacher  
Sally Sullivan  
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Kathleen Wall  
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Sharon House

## EWGA MEMBERS GIVE INSIGHT

"What color do you like best?"

"What do you look for in a golf bag?"

"How much are you influenced by what the women professionals wear?"

"Would you buy this?"

Those were just a few of the questions Nike asked at a Consumer Insight Study conducted on April 9 on the Nike campus. 24 EWGA members were recruited at the Kickoff to spend a morning with Nike and tell them what we think.

Participants were split

Discounted Group Lodging @ Seven Feathers Resort & Casino, Canyonville, OR. Book your hotel room by May 12 to get \$30/night discount. Call 1-800-548-8461 and tell them you are with the EWGA. We'll be staying in the hotel's new wing. All rooms have two queen beds, mini-refrigerators, in-room hair dryer and cable TV. Hotel amenities include concierge service, valet parking, sauna, fitness center, indoor heated pool and spas. Price: \$89 + tax per room

### ADDITIONAL TEE TIMES ADDED:

#### **Myrtle Creek Golf Course, Myrtle Creek, OR**

Saturday, June 13 - 10am (Registration deadline May 29) On Saturday we're betting on scenic Myrtle Creek Golf Course to tickle your fancy with beautiful views of the surrounding countryside and a fantastic course layout that features rolling terrain, mounded fairways, well-bunkered greens and elevation changes. Price: \$37 for 18 holes of golf, riding cart, range balls and 20% discount on apparel, hats, gloves and bags in the Pro Shop.

#### **Diamond Woods Golf Course, Monroe, OR**

Sunday, June 14 - 11am (Registration deadline May 29) On Sunday, we'll let it ride a short way up I-5 to Diamond Woods Golf Course where you'll feel like you've been dealt a winning hand with this championship-caliber course. Price: \$51.50 for 18 holes of golf, riding cart, range token and 10% Pro Shop Discount.

### **SANDPINES LODGING UPDATE**

For those playing Sandpines Golf Links on August 8th, discounted group lodging has been arranged at the new Three Rivers Casino and Hotel in Florence, Oregon. The property is 4 1/2 miles from the golf course and offers 90 deluxe, non-smoking rooms and five onsite restaurants. How to book a room: Rooms are booked through the EWGA website. For room rates and to select your lodging option, go to event name "Sandpines Lodging @ 3 Rivers Casino and Hotel, Aug 7 & 8" on the EWGA Portland Chapter website. Registration deadline is July 27. Normally we would have you call the hotel and make your own reservations, but running it this way means you get a much better deal on the room!

### **A Couple of important Weekend Golf Events reminders:**

Parings Requests: We will try to honor pairings requests, however providing everyone with a quality golf experience by ensuring acceptable pace of play is our first priority when assigning foresomes. Besides, playing with new people is a fun way to expand your social and professional network. We thank you for your understanding.

into three groups and rotated between the golf bag, apparel, and shoe teams. After looking at new product lines, there were lively discussions about price, performance, color, features, and all of things that we look for when shopping. Participants were also treated to a visit to the Employee Store.

It was great fun - thank you to Nike for asking and we look forward to seeing those new items in the stores!

## THE KOR

Welcome to our new Sponsor, The Kor, Physical Therapy and Athletic Wellness (503-597-0035). One stop shop for rehabilitation, injury prevention and performance training! Hopefully you had an opportunity to stop by their table at the Kickoff for a visit and a hello to Donn Dimond and his staff.

The Kor is located at:  
735 SW 158th Avenue,  
Suite 102, Beaverton,  
OR 97006.

We are excited to have a Sponsor that will be able to fix our aches

Riding Carts: If you plan to ride, let us know! Please use the notes field on the event sign-up page to let us know if you plan to use a riding cart so we can pair you with another "rider". If a cart is not included in the cost of the round, contact the pro shop directly to reserve a cart.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Fifty six new members in the first four months of 2009 - WOW. 33 of these new members joined at our Kick Off at the Nike Tiger Woods Center. Jeanne Biggerstaff and her committee did an excellent job making everyone feel welcome and excited for the 2009 golf season.

Saturday, April 18, was our first of three New Member Orientation sessions. The 20 new/returning members who attended had the opportunity to ask the board members questions regarding Leagues, Education, Volunteering and Weekend Events. Those members who had website questions were shown how easy it was to navigate the website, find the master calendar and choose an event that fit into their schedule. Tiffany Helleson, who joined April 2008, said joining EWGA has been a great experience and she is looking forward to the 2009 season. In fact, Tiffany wanted to know if anyone was interested in playing 18 holes on Sunday. Within five minutes Tiffany had been asked to play at Redtail for an early afternoon tee time.

The Membership Committee encourages all of you, whether a new member or one who has been with our organization for the last year or two, to sign up for our next New Member orientation on Thursday, June 18. It is a great venue to get all your questions asked in a non-threatening environment.

Time Is Running Out - Don't Forget - **May 9 is our Member Scramble** at Charbonneau, the first golf outing for the year. The cost is \$26 and that includes 9 holes of golf, lunch and prizes. It's going to be a fun event and a great venue to have fun and get acquainted with other EWGA

## LEAGUES UNDERWAY

We have a great season of league play lined up for you! Those of you signed up for May are already out there enjoying our wonderful spring weather. Those of you holding out until June, a reminder that the deadline for June leagues is MAY 25th. League play at Stone Creek starts in June on a new night and our two newest leagues get started in June as well.

Join us on Tuesday evenings starting June 2 at Lake Oswego Municipal Golf Course and play our Short Game Challenge League,

and pains from dusting off our golf swing this spring!"

guaranteed to be a lot of fun. Lake Oswego Municipal Golf Course is easy to get to off of Stafford Road and is a great way to get in a quick 9 holes before your favorite prime time shows.

Keep your Friday's open for the start on June 12 at Eastmoreland Golf Course, Oregon's second oldest course of the Fridays 9 at 5 League. Centrally located off McLoughlin Boulevard near Reed College, you'll enjoy a great start to your weekend on this beautiful course. Don't forget dinner after in the clubhouse!

Visit our website, [www.ewgapdx.com](http://www.ewgapdx.com), for more details and to sign up. See you on the course!

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

## IMPROVE YOUR GAME

### DID YOUR GAME WEATHER THE WEATHER THIS WINTER?

If not, no worries. We currently have eight clinics open for registration that focus on specific aspects of the game to help you play better, relax over the ball, and have more fun on the course this season. The clinics will be taught at six different facilities throughout the Portland metro area, and they have been scheduled to fit into your active lifestyle. With affordability always in mind, we've negotiated rates from \$15-\$26 per hour. From Novice through Intermediate and Advanced, we've got you covered!

How Low Can You Go?	Red Tail / Cindy Lincoln
Pitching and Full Swing Clinic 4U By U	Tualatin Island Greens/Craig Griswold FUNdaMental Golf/Shanda Imlay
Sharpen Your Short Game	Glendoveer/Jim Chianello
Spring Tune-Up	Glendoveer/Daran Dauble
Roll the Rock	Heron Lakes/John Bowen
Fix Your Head	Glendoveer/Daran Dauble
What's the Ruling?	Meriwether/Jordan Bury

For more details, read the Blast and visit Education at [www.ewgapdx.com](http://www.ewgapdx.com) .  
Space is limited, so register early to reserve your spot!

## PRESIDENT'S CUP TOURNAMENT

**Announcing the 3rd Annual President's Cup!  
The "I've Never Played in a Tournament" Tournament**

**Sunday, June 7, 2009**

**First tee time: 10:00 am**

**Meriwether National Golf Club - Executive Course, 9 holes**

**Cost: \$30.00 (includes greens fee & tee prizes)**

**Deadline to register: Sunday, May 31st**

Thinking about playing in the Chapter Championship, but have never played in a tournament before? Then the President's Cup is for you! This event is designed to be an introduction to tournament play, using handicaps. You do not need to have a handicap to participate - we can give you a handicap based on your average scores.

Everyone will be placed into flights according to their handicap and prizes will be awarded for Low Gross and Low Net in each flight. On-course contests include Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Straightest Drive. Of course, the person with the lowest gross score of the entire field wins the coveted President's Cup!

Feeling dizzy from all the terms? Not to worry, this event is your chance to learn what they all mean and find out how much fun it can be to compete. Grab a friend and give it a try! Guests are welcome.

[Click here to register!](#)

Questions? E-mail Jeanne Biggerstaff at [prezcup@ewgapdx.com](mailto:prezcup@ewgapdx.com)

## **2009 HANDICAP CHALLENGE**

You're going to the driving range to practice, you've taken lessons to improve your game, you have a handicap to measure the progress in your game. What's the next step? The **2009 Portland Chapter Handicap Challenge!**

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 effective on March 1st, 2009 to participate.

Cost: \$5.00/person

Registration Deadline: Monday, May 25th

Start Date: March 1, 2009  
End Date: September 15, 2009  
Flights:

Handicap Index	Flight
0.0 - 8.0	Championship
8.1 - 16.0	First Flight
16.1 - 24.0	Second Flight
24.1 - 32.0	Third Flight
32.1 and above	Fourth Flight

Determine 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 at [ewgapdx.com](http://ewgapdx.com).

Questions - contact [handicap@ewgapdx.com](mailto:handicap@ewgapdx.com).

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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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