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November 2009

To all of my fellow EWGA members and good friends,

First of all, my hearty congratulations to Carlyne Lynch, who came in 3rd place low gross in the EWGA Championship. Anyone who has competed at that level knows how difficult it is to qualify for the Championship and then to make it through the 36-hole championship tournament. Also, congrats to Holly Danks for winning our Chapter Handicap Challenge. Great job, to both of you!

November 1 marks the end of my first year as President, and I've had a chance to reflect on the past year. Many of you know that I was never too keen on running for President. I've always been willing to volunteer, but was worried that being President would be too much work, too much time, and too much responsibility for someone who basically just wants to play more golf. When I retired from working, Terrie Marshall and Donna Severson twisted my arm and here I am.

With a year under my belt, I will tell you that being Chapter President is a far more rewarding experience than I ever imagined. Yes, it's hard work, but the workload is shared with the most amazing board members and volunteers. I am humbled by the creativity, smarts, and energy of the women in this organization. I've learned so much, and made some wonderful friends along the way.

I appreciate you all giving me the opportunity to serve for another year. The 2010 Board is already working on how to make next year even more fun, and I'm excited about being part of that process. We'll do our very best to keep our chapter an organization that you're proud to

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Enjoy the holiday season, and I hope to see you during the gray winter months!

Sincerely,

Sue

Sue Plato
Portland Chapter President

Welcome to Your 2010 Board

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2009 EWGA CHAMPIONSHIP BETTER THAN EVER!

The 2009 Championship season was capped off with a 36-hole competition at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie on Sept. 26 & 27. 205 players representing 102 Chapters from 37 states and Canada competed in five flights of individual stroke play and a scramble team division. Overall, there were more than 2,000 competitors in the Championship throughout the Association, earning the Championship the title of the largest amateur women's competition in the US!

Chapters throughout the Association began holding their Chapter Championships in May. The Portland Chapter Championship, held on July 11 at Forest Hills, had 24 stroke play competitors and 3 scramble teams for total of 36 competitors. Winners advanced to the Pacific Northwest Semi Final in Boise, ID. Portland was represented by Deb Johns and Carlyne Lynch in the First Flight, Sue Plato and Barbara Bones in the Second Flight, Suzi Off and June Hall in the Third Flight, Jeni Schlueter and Kathy De Domingo in the Fourth Flight and the Scramble Team of Donna Severson, Lisa Wallis, Virjean Hart and Syd Hagen. [Click here to see complete Chapter results.](#)

Earning the right to compete at the Finals were Carlyne Lynch, Kathy De Domingo and the Scramble Team of Donna Severson, Lisa Wallis, Virjean Hart and Terrie Marshall.

At Finals, Carlyne finished 3rd Low Gross in the First Flight! Kathy De Domingo finished in 7th place out of 24 competitors and the Scramble team finished 8th out of 15 teams.

The EWGA Championship is truly the premier event of the Association and we encourage all of our members to consider participating in this outstanding and unique event. If you've never competed in the Championship, now is the time to begin planning for the 2010 season.

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Upcoming Social Events

Watch for these
Upcoming
Social Events;

November 20
Blackjack and Bunko

December 10
Christmas Social

PLAYING THROUGH...

By Martha P.

As the 2009 Board transitions this coming weekend into the 2010 Board, I would like to offer up a big "Thank you" to those members that are stepping down, Laura Ticer, Lynn Coupland, Michelle Paris, Kip Wadden and Lindsay Braukman. Your enthusiasm, help and concern for this chapter has left us all better off. I've enjoyed working with each of

The Finals will be held at Geneva National Golf Club in beautiful Lake Geneva, WI on Oct. 1-2. The Pacific Northwest Semi-Final will be held on August 28 at Widgi Creek in Bend, OR! Stay tuned for the date and location for the Portland Chapter Championship in July 2010.

Interested in working on the Chapter Championship Committee? Contact Jeanne Biggerstaff at championship@ewgapdx.com.

HANDICAP CHALLENGE RESULTS

Twenty-six members entered this year's Handicap Challenge. The goal was to see who had the greatest percentage decrease in their handicap during the contest. The contest was divided into flights so the competition was between players of comparable abilities.

At the Year End event the winners were announced in each flight and are:

1st Flight

1st place:	Martha Peterson	2.17% decrease
2nd place:	Terrie Marshall	3.28% increase

2nd Flight

1st place:	Esther Moe	7.80% decrease
2nd place:	Marlene Billedeaux	3.70% decrease

3rd Flight

1st place:	Lane Mueller	18.18% decrease
2nd place:	Carol Hellebuyck	6.90% decrease

4th Flight

1st place:	Holly Danks	22.17% decrease
2nd place:	Sherrie Moomey	14.57% decrease

First place winners received a \$25 restaurant gift certificate and second place winners received a sleeve of balls. All participants received a pair of golf socks.

Holly Danks was announced as the overall winner of this year's Handicap Challenge. For her win, Holly received a new golf bag. During the course of the contest Holly reduced her handicap from 44.2 to 34.4, a reduction of 22.17%. The next day-with Sue Plato, Donna Severson and Dori Hamilton as witnesses, Holly scored her first ever **hole-in-one**. It came on the 3rd hole of The Reserve North course.

Holly attributes her improvement this year to several things; an

you and look forward to seeing you on the course in your much more laid back roll of 'Portland Chapter member'!

'Playing Through', like the Newsletter are going to take the Holidays off but we'll be back in January ready to kick off the New Year. We'll keep you informed of the 'goings on' through the next couple of months with some Blasts. Rest assured your 2010 Board is already working on some great 2010 offerings so stay tuned.

I'll leave you with this:

"Finding the key to a better game, means opening a lot of doors."

Continue opening those doors!

Happy Holidays!

improvement in her short game, playing more and her improvement in her general health with a regular exercise program and losing 75 pounds. Way to go, Holly!

Don't miss out on this fun season long challenge in 2010; established a handicap as of March 1, 2010 and sign up for the fun. More details will be announced in early 2010.

MR. CALLOWAY CLASSIC - THE CAT'S MEOW!

The first Annual Mr. Callaway Classic took place over the Labor Day weekend on September 5th at The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club. As the event was held in honor of Mr. Tyson Callaway, a handsome feline who used to call the hazard areas of The Reserve home, we felt it was only fitting to invite the Oregon Humane Society to take part. And while the day started out "raining cats and dogs," it quickly abated and we enjoyed sunshine for the rest of the day.

The sell-out event brought out fifty-two golfers from the Portland and Seattle chapters to play 18 holes on The Reserve's championship South Course - at least that's what they were suppose to be doing. Most told us that they were more interested in getting to the next hole to enjoy the next set of sponsor signs featuring full-color photos of people's pets. Cute and cuddly, some even wearing costumes or hats, and one goldfish (Larry DeRock) - you were sure to hear a lot of "ahhs" on the course throughout the day.

After golf, everyone headed in to "Yappy Hour" for games like a long drive contest using a marshmallow Peep, aptly named "Poke a Peep" and "Miss Cyndi's Saucer Lapping Contest" - fun, but messy affair. Event goers also enjoyed a delicious barbecue dinner and had a terrific selection of raffle packages to try for.

Two months prior to the event we sold hole sponsor signs for \$25 that displayed pet photos. This was our first attempt at this type of event and we set a goal of selling 50 signs. To our surprise we sold a whopping 78 signs and could have sold even more had our deadline for printing not gotten in the way!

The Oregon Humane Society brought in two dogs that were in need of a home: Precious and Pinocchio and we are happy to say that both have found good homes. Hooray!

After all was said and done we raised \$2,000 for the Oregon Humane Society! ! We want to thank all of the volunteers, donors and golfers for who helped make our first Mr. Callaway Classic such a success.

NOTE: We are already making plans for next year, so start taking those photos of your furry, feathered and finned kids!

2009 WEEKEND EVENTS DELIVERED FUN, VALUE, PERKS!

You really do get more out of your golf experience with a EWGA membership! This year, thanks to the hard-working Weekend Golf Events committee, we had more fun, more value and more extras with our golf outings. Where else would you have enjoyed:

- Golf at 2 Private Courses (Riverside Golf & Country Club, Michelbook Golf Club)
- Free Wine Tasting at 1 Event
- 5 Shotgun Starts
- Discounted Lodging at 2 Overnight Events
- Pro Shop Discounts at 3 Events
- Prizes Given Out at 9 Events
- Six Golf Events at \$50 and under
- Free Riding Cart included at 6 Events
- Discounted greens fees at 7 events

And 1 Event (Yappy Hour) that included a Long Drive Contest with a Marshmallow Peep and a Saucer Lapping Contest!

A special thanks to the hardworking committee members who made these events possible: Nell Brownell, Suzie Budeau, Linda Erickson, June Hall, Carol Hellebuyck, Margaret Joiner, Debbie Lambert, Michelle Mason, Karen Smith, Mary Pat Wlazik and Gina Whitehill-Baziuk.

So, what's on the leaderboard for 2010?

We've got a lot of new faces on the committee and they're bringing fresh ideas and lots of talent into planning your 2010 weekend golf events. And, you can be assured that we'll be bringing back our most popular features and expanding on them:

- More private golf courses!
- Overnight events at exciting new locations!
- More prizes from our valued sponsors!
- Discounted greens fees!

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

communications@ewgapdx.com

Sincerely,

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



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*Paul Welty Designer\Owner
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