



# DESERT DIVOTS

Executive Womens Golf Association, Palm Springs/Desert Cities, Calif., Chapter

**February 2010**

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Won't you volunteer to help the chapter that provides organized golf and social events for its members? The Chapter Board is a fun group that accomplishes a lot.

Call Theresa Miller today re these open positions: secretary, social events, education, public relations, sponsorships, leadership, mentoring, leagues and more. Contact Theresa , 760/485-4159, [president@ewgadesert.com](mailto:president@ewgadesert.com).

## *Chapter Championship at Indian Wells*

The Palm Springs/Desert Cities 2010 Chapter Championship will be held on the Indian Wells Resort Players course Sunday, May 2, 2010.

"We are excited that our annual Championship will be on this beautiful course for the first time," said Golf Events Chair Diane Ure. "The course underwent a major renovation recently, and it is challenging yet fair."

Before May 2, competitors will want to practice there. So, Diane has arranged tee times on the course on Saturday, April 24. Those who want to play for fun that day are welcome also. And, there will be "fun play" tee times on May 2.

All details of the Championship, including fees and tee times we're not final at press time. The Chapter will send out notices to members—with

all details—in plenty of time to register before the mid-April deadline.

In order to compete in the annual Championship, which is played in three levels (local, regional and national), a member must be in good standing and have a valid handicap index.

The tournament is flighted by handicap, and there is a scramble team component. "I encourage anyone who wants to field a scramble team to start organizing it now," Diane added.

Players advancing after the Chapter Championship will play in the semi-finals in Henderson, Nev., on July 10. The finals will be in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, in early October.

For more information, visit [www.ewga.com](http://www.ewga.com) and click on "Golf Programs," then "Championship."

## *Join Chapter Members in Pinehurst*

Chapter members have already registered for the EWGA 2010 Golfpalooza in Pinehurst, N.C., April 7-10. Won't you join in the fun?

"I went to the Annual Conference the last time it was in Pinehurst, and it was an incredible experience," said President Theresa Miller. "I encourage you to join us and play some golf on these storied golf courses."

There will be plenty of organized golf to choose from, giving members and guests a chance to play quite a few of the famous Pinehurst courses.

Other activities include a day dedicated to volunteers; breakfasts; lunches; speakers; instructors; golf demos; volunteer recognition; cocktail parties; and more. There will be time to make new friends...and Annika Sorenstam is coming! EWGA is presenting her with the 2009 Leadership Award on April 10.

So, register today! You can register at [www.ewga.com](http://www.ewga.com). There's information on the Home page, and you can follow the links to the whole schedule and registration instructions.

# News Briefs • News Briefs • News Briefs

## Welcome, New Members

Join us in extending a warm welcome to 14 new members who joined since November 1:

- Penny Bazuik, Palm Desert;
- Debi Bozanich, Palm Desert;
- Vickie Brown, Palm Desert;
- Juan Fernandez, Palm Desert;
- Elizabeth Grant, Rancho Mirage.
- Delores Hanke, Palm Desert;
- Nancy Harris, Palm Desert;
- Esper Henderson, Indio;
- Jeannette Janik, La Quinta;
- Tommi Jones, Rancho Mirage;
- Lynne LaCross, Palm Desert;
- Pat Moore, Palm Desert;
- Sandra Owen, La Quinta; and
- Neddy Thompson, Palm Desert.

Invite them to join you for an EWGA event. The member list is available at [www.ewga.com](http://www.ewga.com).

## Potluck/Wine Tasting

Vice President Karen Williamson has organized a "Potluck/Wine Tasting" party for EWGA members and their significant others. The festivities are at **6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 19.**

Couples are asked to bring a potluck dish and a bottle of wine.

Site is the home of Tom Doczi, 2 Varsity Circle, Rancho Mirage (in Ivy League Estates off of Bob Hope Dr.); home phone is 760/636-5363.

RSVP to Karen at [vicepresident@ewgadesert.com](mailto:vicepresident@ewgadesert.com).

## It's a Card Party!

Members Dori Smith & Diane Ure will host a **golf-themed card party at 6:30 p.m. on Mon., March 22.** At Dori's home in Palm Desert. Look for more information in late February.

Other ideas include bunko, line dancing, and bowling. Send an e-mail to Karen if you'd like to organize or host a social event; [vicepresident@ewgadesert.com](mailto:vicepresident@ewgadesert.com).

## Shopping & Golf Discounts

Two local golf retailers provide members with shopping discounts.

GolfSmith is a nationwide corpo-

rate sponsor of EWGA. Members get a 10-percent shopping discount at the store in Palm Desert (or online). Just be sure to take your EWGA membership card when you shop.

Golf Connection is a new sponsor; the store is near the corner of Jefferson & 50th Avenue in Indio. The owner gives a 20-percent discount to EWGA members.

Also, Rancho Mirage Country Club continues to offer greens-fee discounts to EWGA members. The rate is \$55 every day; and \$25 for twilight. Call the Pro Shop at 760/324-4711.



## Be Sure to Renew!

It will soon be time for many members to renew their membership. You'll receive a notice and instructions when it is time. So, please pay attention to e-mails from EWGA headquarters, and renew your membership when prompted; at [www.ewga.com](http://www.ewga.com).

## Hazel's Handicap Helper

Handicap Chair Hazel Kelly would like to work with any members who need to establish a USGA handicap.

Golf handicapping is a complex business but we make it easy for Chapter members. To obtain an official USGA handicap, you will need to collect twenty 18-hole attested scorecards. An unofficial handicap can be obtained with ten 18-hole attested scorecards.

For those who already have an established USGA handicap: as of Jan. 4, 2010, the new GHIN (Golf Handicap & Information Network) handicap system has been up and running, and you should be able to post scores on the computer at the golf course. Or go online to [www.ghin.com](http://www.ghin.com).

Also, on the GHIN home page you can create a personal profile in the eGolfer link; this will enable you to post scores online and allow GHIN to email your handicap update to you twice a month.

Please contact Hazel at [handicap@ewgadesert.com](mailto:handicap@ewgadesert.com) if you are having problems with the new GHIN system or need help establishing a USGA handicap.

## Give to EWGA Scholarship

The EWGA Scholarship has been renamed the Christy Bartlett Women on Par Scholarship fund in honor of Christy, a long-time member of the Portland, Ore., chapter.

The scholarship is for women who want to return to college. Last year, EWGA Foundation received more than 200 applications. Consider donating, which can be done at by downloading a form at [www.ewga.com](http://www.ewga.com) (click on the Home-page box about the scholarship).

Also, the Foundation is accepting applications for the 2010 scholarship now through March 15. The application and more info is available at [www.ewga.com](http://www.ewga.com).

## Mark Your Calendars Now -- Busy Golf Schedule!

Golf Events Chair Diane Ure has organized several months of golf for the Chapter. Note that more information is always on the Chapter Website at [www.ewgadesert.com](http://www.ewgadesert.com). Mark your calendars now:

- **Sun., Feb. 21**, 10 a.m. 18-hole shotgun, "Freeway Challenge," match-play event against L.A. Chapter. We need 16 players. Must have a valid handicap. Help us keep the trophy we earned last year! **Registration deadline is Feb. 8.** You can register and pay online at [www.ewgala/tournaments](http://www.ewgala/tournaments).

- **Sun., March 7**, noon, 18 holes, the Classic Club, Palm Desert.

- **Sat., March 20**, 2 p.m., PGA West Stadium Course; practice & fit-

ness clinics, 9 holes. Join PGA West Director of Golf Michael Ferguson and Tour Golf Fitness Instructor Steven Jacobson for an afternoon of golf practice and fitness tips designed to improve your game! Then we'll enjoy 9 holes on the Nicklaus course followed by Ernie's Bar & Grille in the clubhouse for some fun and cocktails.

- **Sun., April 11**, 12:55 p.m., 18 holes, Desert Willow Mountain View, Palm Desert.

- **Sat., April 17**, 1:30 p.m., 18 holes, Shadow Ridge, Palm Desert.

- **Sat., April 24**, 10:30 a.m., 18-hole practice round for Chapter Championship competitors, Indian Wells Resort, Players course. \$80 for members; \$85 guests. Fun play also.

- **Sun., May 2**, 8 a.m., 18-hole Chapter Championship, Indian Wells Players. Registration deadline is mid-April. All details coming soon, but mark your calendars. Fun play also.

- **Sat., May 15**, 11:30 a.m. shotgun, 18 holes on Palm Royale, an executive course in Palm Desert.

- **Sun., June 6**, time TBD, 18-hole match-play event against Orange County at East Valley Golf Course in Beaumont. Must have a valid handicap. Help us keep the trophy we earned last year!

- **Sat., July 10**, time TBD, Southern California/Desert Southwest semi-final tournament, Henderson, Nev. For those players who advanced in their flights at the Chapter Championship.



### Annual Kick-off: Golf, Contests & Reception/Speaker a Success

This year's Kick-off in January began with 32 people playing nine holes of golf at Rancho Las Palmas Resort. Low-gross foursome: Susan Ausman, Stephanie Dolch, Antonio Ibarra and Diane Ure. Low-net foursome: Lynne LaCross, Laurie Patton, Susan Rosenberg and Dori Smith.

After golf, more than 50 attended the reception in the Resort's bluEmber, and competed in two contests. Pat Doherty won the putting contest and Tina Van Doren won closest-to-the-pin.

Ann Kelly, who wrote and published "Feeling Naked on the First Tee," was the guest speaker. Shirley Spork attended the reception. She is one of 13 women who founded the Ladies Professional Golf Association in 1950. She lives in Palm Desert, and spoke at the Chapter's first kick-off.

At the event, six people joined EWGA and several more expressed interest in the Chapter.

"I have so many people to thank regarding this event," said Chapter President Theresa Miller. "The Board members who worked hard to ensure its success. Ann Kelly for speaking, and Shirley Spork for remaining involved and interested in our Chapter. Our sponsors—Rancho Las Palmas Resort and Sweet Spot Golf. Those who donated items for the silent auction and prizes. And...the folks who bought items in the auction."

Theresa noted that funds raised at the Kick-off will help the Chapter with its outreach to potential members and in subsidizing a future event for members.