



From the President's Desk...

Hi, I'm Arlene Sauer, your EWGA-QC President for 2009-2010 and I thought I'd tell you a little about myself. I'm an EWGA Quad Cities charter member, I joined in 1997 and I was Chapter treasurer for three years and Palmer League captain for two. I'm originally from Des Plaines, Ill., one of Chicago's northwest suburbs. I was born and raised there, got married and had two kids there before moving to Davenport for my husband's job. We've been here for 31 years now and Joel and I have been married for 37 years. We have two sons, Brian and Carl, both in their 30s - wow, I'm noticing a 30s pattern here! Brian lives in Des Moines and Carl lives in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. We have a dog (Brownie) and a parakeet (Oscar) and three "grand-dogs," Brackett, Ginger and Maggie. Joel retired in Dec. 2007 and I left my job at Wonder Bread in Jan. 2008 so that we could become snowbirds and hide out for the winter. To keep myself busy besides golf, I like to read, sew and travel.



I started golfing in my mid-thirties (there's that number again!) and joined the North Scott Women's Golf League in Eldridge. I played there for quite a few years, the same course, the same day of the week for about 10 years. Then one of my friends told me about a new golf organization forming in the Quad Cities - EWGA. I admit I was a bit skeptical and thought "OK, I'll try it for one year" - well, I've been a member ever since. WOW, THE OPPORTUNITIES - being able to

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DID YOU KNOW...?

- ...We have:**
- 22** Charter Members
- 35** Ten-Year Members
- 1** National EWGA Past President
- ...There are:**
- 13** Current or retired members from the Arsenal
- 8** Past Chapter Presidents that are still active members
- 16** Retired members
- 2** Members that are Master Gardeners
- 1** Member that chases ghosts

play in leagues at several different courses on different days of the week, playing at courses within an hour of the Quad-Cities, playing at country clubs, playing in golf events, this must be a golfer's dream! I joined the Palmer League my first year and played there for several years (ask Rod about the beer can tree). Then I moved on to the Byron Hills league and I've now added the Highland Springs morning league. I still substitute at Palmer (what a wild bunch!) and this year for the first time I substituted at Golfmohr - and yes, they all walk. I also golf with the Saturday Travel League-- another great opportunity. We've played courses in Dubuque, Burlington, Clinton, Iowa City, Muscatine, Geneseo and Galesburg just to name a few. I've been able to play local country clubs through some of our golf events, including Pinnacle, Short Hills, Oakwood, and Geneva in Muscatine. I've even traveled to Des Moines, Kansas City and Madison to play in EWGA events.

Now, throw in the EWGA-QC golf events - Chapter Championship, best ball, animal golf, President's Cup, glow-ball, eight-inch cup, Nine & Wine... Then there are the social events - Kickoff, Spring dinner, Fall dinner, holiday dinner, lunches and after-work get-togethers. And don't forget Education - brush up on golf rules at the Rules and Etiquette meeting (it's free!). You think you know all the rules? Well, think again!! Every time I attend one of these I learn something new. You could almost beat your playing partners by pointing out all the two-stroke penalties!

But probably the best thing I've gotten from being an EWGA member is all the friends I've made over the years - PRICELESS!!

OK, now down to business. We have a FANTASTIC board working hard, doing a lot of planning for the 2010 golf season. Golf event dates are being confirmed, education opportunities and dates are being confirmed, and new leagues are being added. We've even started talking about Kickoff, so save the date: Tuesday, March 23, 2010. You're thinking winter and we're already thinking spring!!!

Our EWGA Chapter is all about its members - that would be YOU!!!

I want you to get as much as you can out of your membership by participating in all the great opportunities that we offer. Get involved, join a league, attend a dinner, participate in a golf event or volunteer to help on one of the committees. Volunteering doesn't have to be a year-long commitment, just help with one golf event, help at Kickoff, help stuff envelopes. Do you have an idea for a golf event or a social event? Let me know, I'll point you in the right direction.

Sincerely,

Arlene Sauer

...That EWGA founder Nancy Oliver once faked being pregnant so she wouldn't miss her connecting flight?!

...That Barb Reiland's bra fits on Denise Ormsby's head?!

...That EWGA has a five-mile rule that we changed to a two-mile rule that states "you don't have to reveal anything that happens at an EWGA activity when two miles or more away from home"?!

Please feel free to submit any "Did You Knows" that you would like to share [by e-mail here](#).

OUR MEMBER SPONSORS

EWGA-QC would like to recognize our member sponsors. These are women who have joined our Chapter and have gone a step further by supporting our chapter by being sponsors. Many of the fantastic prizes that were awarded in 2009 would not have been possible without the support of these women and the companies they represent. Please let them know that their sponsorship is greatly appreciated by patronizing their businesses and products.

GLOW BALL... or SNOW BALL?!

Mother Nature doesn't always cooperate with golf event planners. No one knows that better than I. But honestly, it just wasn't that much of a stretch to expect relatively nice Autumn weather on October 10th! It's bad enough that an event planner has to worry about rain storms, high winds and such, but SNOW!!??! I simply couldn't believe what I was seeing out my kitchen window that morning!

Fortunately the snow stopped well before the event was to begin at dusk, but the unseasonably cold temperatures hung on. In spite of that, 20 hardy souls arrived at Glynn's Creek Golf Course to test their skills at night golf playing in the Glow Ball Event.

It was cold, and it was dark ~ I mean REALLY dark! There was supposed to be a moon out that night, but I guess I should have checked the time of moonrise. It actually did shine a light on things but not until about 9 pm ~ after we were finished! There were lots of stars - but funny thing - for being distant suns, stars don't really shed a lot of light.

For anyone planning any future glow ball events, here are the things you have to know: will it rain? what time does the sun set? will there be a moon to shine some light on the cart paths? what time will the moon rise? how cold is it going to get? will it be windy? is it going to snow on us? It's enough to give an event planner a serious migraine!

Winners of the mixed team division were **Arlene & Joel Sauer** and **Pam & Jeff Brammann**. Winners of the women's team division were **Deb Lassen, Tina Grove, Gina Nedelcoff, and Karen VandeWostine**. But honestly, everyone was a winner! We had a great time, the food was awesome, and everyone there at the end of the round received prizes and a badge declaring "**I SURVIVED GLOW BALL 2009!**"

2010 EWGA GOLF OPPORTUNITIES

We have some great golf opportunities lined up for the 2010 season!

First is the EWGA National Conference at Pinehurst, North Carolina, April 7 - 10. This is a fantastic chance to meet with EWGA members from across the country. It's four days packed with activities, including golf, food, seminars, food, lessons, food, entertainment, food, parties, food and even an opportunity to meet Annika! Golf activities are designed for all skill levels - stroke play, 4 person team play, two-person team play. If you are at all

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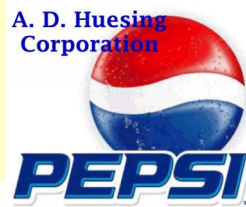
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2009 HANDICAP WRAP-UP

Winners of 25 Member Bucks for Most Improved Handicap for 2009 were:

Patti Angelici - Handicap over 40
Louise Sullivan - Handicap 30-40
Beverly Scranton - Handicap 20-30

interested in this trip, please [click here to e-mail Arlene.](#)

Second is the EWGA National Championship Finals in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. This is the final competition for everyone who played in their local Chapter championship event and advanced to their Sectional championship and then advanced to the National EWGA Championship. This event is especially exciting as it is being held in our area and EWGA members from all over the country will be competing. Both individual stroke play and team scramble formats will be featured, and awards are based on handicap. The first step is to establish your handicap, the second step is to compete in our Chapter Championship on July 17, 2010. If you win, you move on to the Upper Midwest Sectional in Janesville, Wisconsin on Aug. 27 and if you win there you move on to the National Championship in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 2010. It's not too early to start thinking about participating. Remember, a handicap service (Golf Life Management System, or GLMS) is included in your EWGA membership. If you have questions about establishing your handicap or using GLMS, please [click here to send an e-mail to our Handicap Chair, Virginia Mutters.](#)

Karen VanDeWostine won the random drawing (20 Member Bucks) among the 16 people consistently using Golf Life Management Systems (GLMS) all season (listed below).

Teresa Allen
Claudia Anderson
Patti Angelici
Amy Baker
Paula Dean
Diane Hindman
Julie Kirkpatrick
Michele Lowry
Virginia Mutters
Barb Reiland
Arlene Sauer
Beverly Scranton
Kim Simpson
Louise Sullivan
Karen VanDeWostine
Ruth Zumdahl

Let's have more people using GLMS next year-it's easy, painless and FREE.

Virginia Mutters
Handicap Chair