



# TEE TIMES

EWGA Quad-Cities Chapter Newsletter

MAY ~ JUNE 2010

From the President's Desk...

## IT'S CRUNCH TIME !

...Which means trying to pack as much as we possibly can into May, June, July and August.

Actually my crunch time started with Kickoff in March. It was fantastic seeing everyone again and a special THANK YOU to event sponsor **Body Balance for Performance** and all the other vendors that participated. Also, THANK YOU to the Kickoff Committee, **Karen VanDeWostine, Jane McDonnell, Patti Angelici, Mary Gaetz-Scholtz, Gina Nedelcoff, Diane Hindman** and all of their helpers as well as the board members who put so much time and effort into pulling an event like Kickoff together!



## EWGA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

In April I attended my first National EWGA Conference. It was held in Pinehurst, NC at the Carolina. What an experience! Four hundred EWGA members from across the USA and Canada were in attendance. I truly wish that each of you could attend a national conference at least once to experience the enthusiasm that belonging to EWGA creates. You do not need to be a board member to attend the conference; it is open to all EWGA members. Next April it will be held at Amelia Island in Florida. Just make sure you are well rested before you go as the schedule doesn't allow for a lot of down time. It was pretty awesome talking to the girls who got to play nine holes of golf with Annika and having Annika attend the outdoor dinner that evening. The guest speakers were so interesting that you didn't want them to stop talking. And of course, don't forget the golf and sitting in the

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## A BIG WELCOME...

to our newest EWGA-QC Chapter Members!

white wooden rocking chairs overlooking Pinehurst #2 course where Payne Stewart won the U.S. Open. But probably what surprised me the most was having Vickie Harvey find me and give me a big hug. I know - you're asking "who is Vickie Harvey?" She joined the Quad Cities EWGA Chapter in 2002 but left in 2004 for Oklahoma due to her husband's job transfer with Deere. Even though they move about every two years, she has kept up her EWGA membership throughout their transfers to Oklahoma, Europe, Fargo, ND and now Raleigh, NC chapter. But she still talks about the great time she had as a Quad Cities EWGA member and hopes to one day return to the area.

#### **APRIL - MAY - JUNE ACTIVITIES**

April continued on with our League Captains' meeting, Rules and Etiquette meeting and a board meeting, then onto the Spring Dinner, the Pink Ribbon Classic Silent Auction and the start of Session I for New Golfers at Red Hawk. Brant McGivern showed us the way of rules and etiquette and we discovered to beware when golfing with our significant others as they tend to make up the rules as they go along! At the Spring Dinner, Todd Fowler from the Arsenal Golf Club gave us some great tips on golf equipment as well as keeping us amused with some of his personal golf experiences. He also donated two rounds of golf-for-four as door prizes.

The last week of April was the start of most of our leagues. I know the Rustic Ridge league got off to a great start with dinner after golf at Azteca (they plan their meals a week in advance). And that Palmer hit the ground running-- running to keep away from the gnats!

May has the rest of the leagues starting, as well as the first Saturday travel league making a trip to Cambridge, IL on May 15. Then the first golf event of the season at Highland Springs on Saturday, May 22 followed by the Nine & Wine Event on Friday, June 4 at Palmer Hills.

Make sure you check our website calendar for all the upcoming events and outings.

Sincerely,  
*Arlene Sauer*

### **EWGA 2010 GOLFPALOOZA (formerly known as the EWGA Conference)**

**Submitted by Jane McDonnell, EWGA-QC Vice President**

There were so many wonderful events going on that week, it's hard to know where to start, so I'll start with the food-- it was fabulous! They served us breakfast, lunch and dinner every day of the conference. The non-alcoholic beverages were free and the desserts were to-die-for. We ate very well-- you could not go away hungry.

Then there were the speakers throughout the week. My favorite was Jan Hargrave; she gave tips on reading body language. I now know the undeniable sign of a man who is interested. That little tidbit sure would have been useful 30 years ago! She was so interesting I bought two of her

**Christine Bachelder**

**Barbara Nielsen**

**Linda Shields**

**Amy Stockwell**

**Sue Martin**

**Ellie Larson**

**Diane Brown**

**Jennifer Nicke**

**Paula Moroney**

**Lisa Heinisch**

**Tami Ruppel**

**Jamie Matthews**

**Mary Jo Rus**

**Julie DePorter**

**Lisa Corcoran**

**Jennifer Pethoud**

**Denise Harder**

**Denise Vastine**

**Marika Jones**

You should have received your new member packets by now and we hope you will take advantage of all EWGA has to offer by participating in leagues, golf education, golf events and social events.

Please contact Louise Link if you have any questions regarding any of our activities.

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INTERNATIONAL  
PINK RIBBON  
CLASSIC 2010**

autographed books. Another great speaker was Zandra Bell, a comedian. When she came on stage she had on the most hideous outfit you have ever seen; you would never have thought she would be as funny as she was. She had everyone laughing so hard some were crying. The only joke I can vaguely remember was the one about how men keep their tools dry. I'll let you think on that one...

Of course the main attraction was Annika Sorenstam. Four lucky ladies got to golf nine holes with her. The reception that evening was on the west lawn where Annika was presented with EWGA's Leadership Award. She is such a gracious person, she stayed for pictures and was as nice as could be. I was able to get within a few feet of her and got a great photo. There were also several well known golf instructors in attendance. One that I especially liked was Dana Rader who is also the president of the LPGA. She gave a great presentation on putting. I used her tips that week and I was a putting machine!

The entire conference was first class all the way. Everyone gets a goody bag filled with all kinds of stuff, then there were the give-a-ways throughout the week that were unbelievable. There was one lady who won a trip to Ireland; another won a Norwegian Cruise for two in an outside cabin. They gave away so many prizes I can't list them all.

EWGA is an international organization with chapters in Europe and Canada as well as the U.S. I don't think we realize how much of an impact EWGA as an organization has helped improve the role women play in the golf environment. EWGA is our voice in the golf world and the PGA and others are sitting up and taking notice. You can see it in the types of golf equipment that is out there now for women. The golf courses are becoming more women-friendly. There are support development programs for young girls. EWGA is so much more than our chapter and EWGA means different things to different people. Some just want to play golf on a league; some want to meet new friends and network. With EWGA you can golf and meet people from all over the country. Like many things in life, you get out of it what you put in. Attending an EWGA conference at least once is truly a great experience you will never forget.

Arlene and I met two very nice ladies from the Omaha Chapter the first night there. We shared some good times with Dell and Sharee that week. We've all exchanged e-mails and plan on keeping in touch. Maybe we will see them again next year at the conference at Amelia Island, FL. EWGA held a previous conference at Amelia Island about three years ago. Several of us attended that year. Ask Barb Reiland, Teresa Allen or Michele Lowry to share with you some of their stories about that week. That was also a week to remember. Put it on your to-do list!

## GOLF EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Session II of the **New Golfer Program** (Getting Started) starts **June 1** at Red Hawk Golf Course (home of the First Tee program) Tuesday evenings.

This lesson/league format is for those who have never played and want to learn or those who have been away from golf and want to come back. Five

Help us celebrate 10 years of the PRC!

[Visit the PRC Web page for all the details!](#)

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Where To Find Recorded Copies of EWGA Webinar Presentations

Did you catch the latest EWGA Web Café series presentation featuring **Ty Votaw**, EVP Communications & International Affairs for the PGA TOUR or this month's **Ask the Industry Expert** with Suzy Whaley? If you missed the live sessions, or simply wish to treat yourself to an encore presentation at your convenience, 24/7, just sign in to the Member Clubhouse area of [EWGA national website](#) and click on the Events tab. From the drop down menu, click on the 'Member Webinars' tab to view the recorded webinar archive. Links to the recorded webinars are typically posted within 24-48 hours of the live session.

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1-1/2 hour lessons include full swing, pitching, chipping, putting, etiquette and rules. This is followed by three weeks of league play mentored by experienced golfers, then three weeks playing on your own with fellow students. Also included is a round of golf with dinner following in our President's Cup Tournament for new golfers.

New Golfer Program (Getting Started) - Brant McGivern - Red Hawk, Davenport

- i Session II Lessons ~ Tuesdays, June 1 - June 29 ~ 7 - 8:30 p.m.
  - o League ~ Tuesdays, July 6 - Aug. 10 ~ 5:30 - dark
  - o Includes President's Cup Event ~ Saturday, Aug. 21 at Saukie, Rock Island

#### **More golf education opportunities...**

Driving School - Andy Stoterau - TPC at Deere Run ~ Wednesday, June 9 ~ 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Putting Clinic - Andy Stoterau - TPC at Deere Run ~ Thursday, June 24 ~ 6 - 7 p.m. ~ FREE

Reinforcement/Refresher Clinic - Jon Waddell - Palmer Hills ~ 2 weeks ~ Tuesdays, July 27 & August 3 ~ 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

[\*\*Click here to register for golf education events\*\*](#)

#### **2010 GOLF EVENTS -- MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Our second event will be the Nine & Wine at Palmer Hills Golf Course on **Friday, June 4**. This is a nine-hole event with wine and snacks after golf. Registration fee for this event is \$45 and includes golf, wine, cart, snacks and fun!!

Information on the remaining golf events will follow as dates approach, but mark your calendars now so you won't miss any of our great events. Also please note that we have TWO country club events planned this year so be sure to check your schedules and ask for the afternoons off for these special events.

As always, you are welcome to invite guests, friends, spouses etc. to many of our events. Guest pricing and sign-up can also be done on-line or by mail-in form.

[Click here for online registration](#)

#### **~ Golf Events for 2010 ~**

<b>Nine and Wine</b>	<b>Fri., June 4</b>	<b>Palmer Hills Golf Course</b>
<b>Pink Ribbon Classic</b>	<b>Fri., June 18</b>	<b>Byron Hills Golf Course</b>
<b>Chapter Championship</b>	<b>Sat., July 17</b>	<b>Glynn's Creek Golf Course</b>
<b>Oakwood Country Club</b>	<b>Thurs., Aug. 5</b>	<b>Oakwood Country Club</b>
<b>President's Cup</b>	<b>Sat., Aug. 21</b>	<b>Saukie Golf Course</b>
<b>Pinnacle Country Club</b>	<b>Thurs., Sept. 16</b>	<b>Pinnacle Country Club</b>

As in past years we offer great golfing events at reasonable prices, so sign up, invite a friend to join you and make it a point to enjoy the

2010 golf events!

EWGA QUAD CITIES CHAPTER 2010 GOLF SEASON  
KICKOFF EVENT

Congratulations, EWGA-QC members for another successful Kick-off event this year. Our Chapter president, Arlene Sauer, flew back from Florida just so she could be here for the event. Again this year our **Supporting Sponsor, i wireless Center**, provided us with the room, tables with set-up and take-down support. **Body Balance for Performance** was our **Diamond Sponsor** for the event. **Body Balance** gave a short presentation on what they are all about focusing on how they can help improve your golf game through proper stretching and balance. We hope you took the opportunity to sign up to hear more about what they have to offer. We are trying to get them to come back to the Quad Cities to present one of their clinics.

We had 17 vendors at Kickoff this year. Hopefully you were able to get around to visit all of our vendors. Most had a gift basket that they gave away to some lucky member. Everyone had a score card to take to each vendor and get it stamped. If you were able to get all the vendors to stamp your score card, your card was put in a box for a special drawing.

Our "Leagues Table" was very busy. We added four new leagues this year. We also had several members sign up for our Education opportunities. You can still take advantage of the EWGA-QC Education sessions. Go to our web page for more information.

We had 11 new or previous members sign up at Kickoff!

Please welcome:

**Sue Martin      Mary Rus      Denise Vastine**

**Diane Brown      Brenda Nolting      Amy Stockwell**

**Denise Harder      Tami Ruppel      Barbara Nielsen**

**Lisa Corcoran      Paula Moroney**

As I looked out over the room, I saw ladies enjoying the hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and the great company. We ended the night with the vendors each giving away a basket filled with goodies to some lucky ladies. The special score card drawing was a gift certificate to the Highland Springs Golf Event on May 22. The winners were **Susan Krueger Michele Lowry and Andee Ossowski**

The Kickoff Committee did a great job. Hope you all enjoyed the evening.

Have a great golf season -- see you on the links!