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EWGA Quad-Cities Chapter Newsletter

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From the President's Desk...

Fall is here. The leaves are turning colors and beginning to fall from the trees... signs that golf season will soon be over. Hopefully you have enjoyed this past year in EWGA. Even though the season is winding down, the planning for 2010 is just beginning.



Soon I will step down as your Chapter President and Arlene Sauer will become your 2010 EWGA Quad Cities Chapter President. I've enjoyed the past year, but look forward to seeing what Arlene and her board have planned for next year.

As I look back on the past year, I'm really proud of what our board has accomplished under less-than-perfect conditions. The economy took a nose dive which had an impact on number of members and sponsors for this past year. However, if you participated in this year's golf events you saw a lot of creative ideas on a tight budget. Social Events included lunches again which we haven't done for several years. Membership also tried a couple of new ideas this year including the mentor/mentee program. Then there was the I-80 bridge shutdown that caused a lot of headaches getting to leagues on the other side of the river in a timely manner. However, we found ways to get to our leagues on time. Even the weather was not the kindest to us this year as those who golfed in Solon early in the year can attest to.

Arlene and her board will start where this year's

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2-Club Continues to Grow through the 2009 Golf Season

Dating back as far as 2004 or before, members of the Quad Cities Chapter of EWGA started what is known as the 2-



Club.

To join the 2-Club, you must be playing with another 2-Club member when you

board left off. The entire board worked very hard and most of them will be serving again in 2010. Hopefully some of their new ideas from last year will carry on for many years to come. I'm sure they will continue to generate new ideas and work hard under Arlene's leadership next year.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your president this past year. As I have told many of you, many times, the time spent on our local chapter's board is "priceless." I have made so many friends and golfed with quite a few of you. It also has given me a chance to spread the benefits of EWGA to those who may not have realized all it has to offer. I hope to see you at the Fall Dinner on Oct. 7th and again at the Holiday Dinner on Dec. 9th!

Sincerely,

Karen VanDeWostine

8-INCH CUP ~ GLOW BALL EVENT

The Last Chapter Golf Event of the 2009 Season

Our Chapter will wind up the golf season with an event that will be pure fun. We are going to play in the dark of night! To help you sink your putts, the holes on the greens will be cut 8 inches across instead of the usual 4 inches. To help you find your way, both sides of the fairways will be marked with glow sticks at 200, 150, and 100 yards, with additional glow sticks marking the sides of the green, the flag stick and the hole. You will get to watch special glow-in-the-dark

balls streak across the night sky and bounce down the fairway. Oooops! Not in the fairway? Not a problem! Glow balls are SO easy to find in the weeds! Everyone will wear a glowing "necklace" so you can be spotted in the dark.

This very entertaining event will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009 at Glynn's Creek Golf Course. Registration check-in and dinner in the clubhouse will start at 5 p.m. Tee off at 6:30 p.m. when the sun goes down. A special nine-hole layout has been developed which features four par three, one par five, and four par four holes. Dinner will consist of a pulled pork BBQ sandwich, coleslaw, potato salad and chips.



score your 2. You must pay one dollar to each **2-Club** member you're playing with to join the club, signing your dollar and giving it to the other **2-Club** member(s). If you are playing with more than one **2-Club** member in your group, you owe each member a signed dollar.



After you pay your first dollar(s), you are entitled to collect one dollar each time you score a 2 from all **2-Club** members playing in your group. Once admitted to the **2-Club**, you are eligible to receive a **2-Club** pin from the Quad Cities Chapter as long as you are a member in good standing of EWGA and this Chapter. To obtain a **2-Club** pin, contact Karen VanDeWostine or Arlene Sauer.



New 2-Club Members in 2009 include: Denise Ormsby, Susan Krueger, Mary Gaetz-Scholtz, JoEllen Peace, Ginny Wilson-Peters, Kathy Lange, Linda Followwill, Carol Parker and Kim Simpson.

2009 EWGA CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS
Lake City, Minnesota

While the weather was lovely in the days before and after the tournament,

This event will be open to EWGA-QC members and their guests. Registration for members is **only \$39**, and non-members \$49. Fees include greens fee, cart, meal, prizes, and glow products for you and the course. This will be a team scramble event, so sign up as a foursome or individually and we will place you on a team. Prizes will be awarded for both mixed team and all women team. Since this is a "member-guest" event, feel free to bring friends, partners, or perhaps someone you would like to recruit as a new member. Your guest will have a great time and will be convinced (as we already know) that our Chapter is full of terrific, fun-loving people. Who *wouldn't* want to belong???

Granted, the event is on a night in early October, and the weather could be chilly. Long sleeves, long pants, and a light jacket ought to do the trick, but the long range forecast is predicting a continuing trend of warmer-than-normal weather for this time of year with daytime temperatures in the 70s! If it does turn out to be cool, by all means, fill a thermos with hot chocolate - or whatever keeps you warm! Let the party begin!

If you have never played golf in the dark it is an experience like no other! Registration closes Saturday Oct. 3. Check your e-mail for the event announcement and links to either on-line registration or a mail-in form.

PINNACLE COUNTRY CLUB OUTING

Fifty-two women and one brave man spent a gorgeous weekday afternoon golfing at Pinnacle Country Club on Sept. 17 as part of our Golf Events series. The weather was beautiful, the course challenging and the dinner was delicious.



Aaron Krueger, head PGA professional for the club, and his staff started the day off impressively by meeting golfers at their cars and transporting golf bags directly to pre-arranged carts, complete with rules, scorecards, etc. All the golfers needed to do was put on their golf shoes and head to the bar for some liquid "courage" for the shotgun start at 1 p.m.

The course was beautiful and the greens were like putting on a pool table!! After surviving 18 holes of individual stroke play and other golf and non-golf feats (if you ever need to know how to accidentally perform a 360 degree donut maneuver in a golf cart on a hillside, just ask), we returned to the clubhouse for a great dinner, tales of golf achievements and prize presentations.

the day of the EWGA semifinals, Aug. 29, was plagued by temperatures in the 50s and high winds from the north, gusting up to 30 miles per hour! Needless to say, the winds adversely affected nearly everyone's scores.

The Jewel Golf Course, designed by Hale Irwin, was indeed a jewel of a course. It sported a very nice layout that was challenging without being mean or tricky. The fairways were smooth and the greens were a delight to putt on. It did have an abundance of sand traps that wind-blown balls seemed to find all too often.

Only one individual stroke player from the EWGA's Quad Cities Chapter competed. Barb Reiland shot a 102 and won Third Place Low Net, Second Flight.

The Quad Cities Chapter scramble team, consisting of Stephanie Crompton, Leslie O'Melia, Jeannette Neeld and Lori Feik, shot an incredible 66 - five under par! Theirs was the lowest scramble team score of the event. However, because their team handicap factor was a zero (0) (meaning they neither added nor subtracted any strokes), and the Fox Cities/Green Bay Chapter team came in with a minus three (-3) handicap factor, their score of 68 resulted in a net 65 winning the scramble division by one stroke. The Green Bay team will move on to compete in the Championship Finals in Port St. Lucie, Florida at the end of this month.

Although our Chapter will send no one to the finals this year, there's always next year, ladies! Everyone is encouraged to play in the EWGA-QC Chapter Championship next July. It is the first step in the three-level Championship Series. Remember, the entire championship series places stroke players in one of five flights based upon your personal handicap index. That means you compete with women who are at a similar skill level. If you prefer, gather some friends and form a scramble team to compete, but both the stroke and team scramble divisions require an established

In all, 36 prizes were handed out to participants as both pin event prizes and random drawings, including one for the longest drive awarded to Lori Feik for a drive that we needed binoculars to locate!

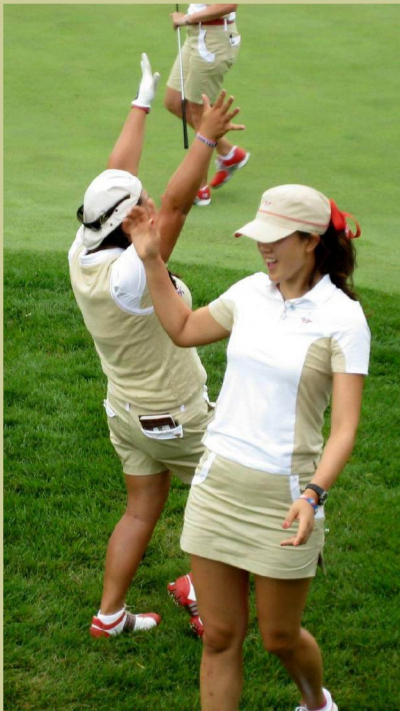
A special thank you goes to Susan Krueger (Aaron's mom and EWGA member) for arranging and running this outing and for obtaining so many fabulous prizes. Another thank you goes to Pinnacle Country Club for returning some of our fees in the form of pro shop certificates. We hope to be able to return for another event next year, most likely as a preferred ball event so we can regain some of our golfing egos.

See you all at our final Golf Events outing at Glynn's Creek on Saturday, Oct. 10 for the Glowball Event. Registration is open, so sign up now!

THE SOLHEIM CUP EXPERIENCE

by Barb Reiland

Jeanine Blevins and I attended four days of the Solheim Cup in Sugar Grove, Illinois August 20-23, 2009. We saw EWGA-QC members Julie Kirkpatrick, Amy Baker and Lois Ricketts there too. There may have been a lot more of our Chapter members present, that's just who I saw.



It was a totally AWESOME experience! We attended the last day of practice rounds on Thursday because that was the only time you could take pictures and easily get players' autographs. I got a few of each. I hope you enjoy these photos!

On Thursday, in addition to watching practice rounds, we watched a four-hole challenge between the USA and Europe that featured three competitors from each side of the "pond" who had competed in the Solheim Junior Cup a few days earlier. They were paired up with

handicap.

If you have never activated your account on the Golf Life Management System (GLMS) on the EWGA Web site to record your scores and establish a handicap, now would be a good time to do it. If you have score cards for rounds you have played this year, enter them now and get a head start on establishing your handicap for next year. The GLMS handicap service on the EWGA Web site is a valuable member benefit, but because we don't golf much around here in the winter months, it will shut down soon for the season, so you must hurry to get your 2009 scores logged in.

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three VERY famous LPGA legends in an alternate shot event. The legends playing were Patty Sheehan, Rosie Jones and Nancy Lopez. The first hole featured a 200-plus yard carry over a marsh to a dog-leg right fairway. It was incredible to see all of them not only clear the marsh, but land their balls in the middle of the fairway bouncing toward the green. One of the



junior player was only 14 years old!

For the Solheim Cup competition, the LPGA and European tour players did not disappoint either. I have never seen a level of accuracy so impressive! Those girls played some fantastic golf. The American players got the crowds charged up and the excitement was contagious. All over the golf course you could hear crowds chanting "USA All The Way" as spectators in the crowd became volunteer cheerleaders, organizing the chants and initiating waves around the greens.

It was a very patriotic and rewarding experience - and of course - our girls won!

