



Executive Links

A newsletter of the Executive Women's Golf Association – Seattle Chapter
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Please Join Us at the Spring Tee-Off
By Ria Emsley, Social Chair

Join the fun at our Annual Spring Tee-Off Brunch on Saturday, April 3, at the Bear Creek Golf and Country Club in Woodinville. The event will run from 9:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. It is the beginning of our golf season and a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet some new golfing buddies! We will have a lovely brunch, a great fashion show, valuable prize drawings, terrific Grand Prize donated by Stellar Travel, a vendor expo and lots of fun! Guests and new members are always welcome. The cost for the brunch is \$45.00. Sign up by March 13 and you will receive a ticket for our grand prize drawing!

Golf after the Tee-Off at The Golf Club at Redmond Ridge! For only \$56.00 you get 18 holes with a cart and range balls. All participants must register for the Tee-Off Brunch to be able to golf. Hurry and sign up now at www.ewgaseattle.org. We hope to see you there!

2010 Seattle EWGA Weekend Events Preview
By Tammy Curtis, Events Chair

Your 2010 Weekend Golf Events team has been very busy setting up the 2010 non-league golf events for you this year and we have a fun-filled calendar planned!

Sign-up for the first event on April 3 is live on the EWGA Seattle website and the remainder of the year's events will be live for sign-up by mid-March.

The first few events include:

- Sat, April 3, 1:30 p.m. - After Tee-Off Golf at Redmond Ridge. All golfers must also attend the Tee-Off Brunch at Bear Creek Country Club – this is our official start of the season! Sign up is live on the website, so sign up today.
- Sat, April 17, 10 a.m. – New Member Mixer/Fun Play at Mount Si Golf Course. A perfect opportunity to meet new members and catch up with old friends, this event mixes old and new members for a fun day of golf at a beautiful course.

Mark Your Calendars!

March 10
Board Meeting

March 15
Education Clinic: "How to Create a Handicap"
Swing Doctors,
Kirkland

April 3
Spring Tee Off Brunch
Bear Creek, Woodinville

April 3
Spring Tee Off Golf
Redmond Ridge,
Redmond

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- Fri, April 23 - Sun, April 25, “Spring Training.” Our annual 3-day weekend golf event in the Wenatchee area. Along with some awesome golf courses (Moses Pointe, Highlander, Desert Canyon) this year will include a bit of wine tasting as well!
- Sun, May 2, 10 a.m. – Pink Ball fun tourney at Legion Memorial in Everett. If you haven’t tried this format, now is your time. More info online in a few weeks – all levels of skill are encouraged to participate!

Highlights for the rest of the year include:

Seafair Golf – Golf at a local course while the Blue Angels fly overhead!

- Member/New Member Scramble tournament working with our “Fairway Friends” program (formerly known as S.W.I.N.G.).
- 4-day weekend golf event in the Spokane area (hosted by the Spokane EWGA Chapter)--Palouse Ridge, Circling Raven, Creek at Qualchan and Downriver Muni.
- “Tournament 101” Tournament at Lynnwood Muni (formerly known as “the Mentor Tournament”) – this event is set up for those of you wanting a little guidance prior to entering a real live tournament.
- The Stars and Stripes Tournament at Kayak – a fun tourney set up to celebrate the red, white & blue!
- The Chapter Championship on July 31
- 3-day weekend member/spouse/guest golf weekend on the Olympic Peninsula at 3 fabulous courses (Port Ludlow, Dungeness and White Horse).

And if that’s not enough to get you excited about the 2010 golf season, we also have 10 other weekend tee times interspersed among these events, all at different courses in the Seattle area.

Please reference the following weekend events schedule and be on the lookout for an email in mid-March announcing the opening of online signup for all events!

Education Events

By Paula Bachtold, Education Chair

Total Fitness Program Extended through April

Brian Wehner from “Total Fitness” personal training studios in Renton/Newcastle and Woodinville is extending his complimentary pre-season golf specific 3-session package through April. If you would like to take advantage of this complimentary offer please contact Brian @ 425-228-0614. For more specific details on this offer visit the Education section of our website

Education Event on March 15 “How to Create a Handicap”

Ladies, have you ever wanted to establish a handicap but have no idea how to go about it or why you should have one? If so, we have an offer especially for you. Mark your calendars for Monday March 15th from 6-8 p.m. at Swing Doctors in Kirkland. Mike and Joe from Swing Doctors will go over the purpose of having a handicap and the handicap system that is provided free to you as an EWGA member. Having a handicap is a good way to track your progress without having to pay extra dollars and to make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling players of different abilities to compete on an equitable basis. Please come and join us at Swing Doctors and check out their facility, have a glass of wine and light snacks and enjoy in the fun. The cost for this event is \$15.00. Sign up at is available online at www.ewgaseattle.org.

“Breaking 100” Clinic Starting

Attention beginners and intermediate golfers. The Seattle EWGA Chapter is offering an education program called “Breaking 100” which consists of 7 clinics scheduled throughout the greater Seattle area. These clinics are designed

for the group of golfers who are trying to score around or just above bogey golf on a regular basis. The seven clinics are:

1. Keys to Consistency
2. Equipment Can Work for You
3. Strategies for the 1st Tee
4. Getting to the Green in Fewer Shots
5. Simple Shots around the Green
6. Making Sand a Day at the Beach
7. Putting Made Simple

**Welcome New
Members!**

**Cindy Darracott
Virginia Wei**

The first two clinics “Keys to Consistency” and “Equipment Can Work for You” will be held as one session on Saturday April 10 from 10:00 to 12:00 at Puetz Golf Center located on Aurora. The cost for this event is \$60. The instructor for this clinic is our own EWGA member and golf professional Val Patrick. This two-hour session will include how to hold the club (grip), understanding good setup and posture, and aligning the clubface and body to the target and understanding pre-shot routines. Val will also discuss the basics of choosing clubs and understanding the variables available in clubs (such as shafts, weight, length, lie) and how to choose clubs that are for you. And, with the Puetz Golf Center adjacent to its golf store, you can immediately apply what you learn. Sign up at is available online at www.ewgaseattle.org.

Questions can be directed to education@ewgaseattle.org or chat with us at the Spring Tee-off.

More information to follow in the coming months on the other 5 clinics.

Leagues Are Available for Sign-Ups!

By Marcia Bartlett and Cornelia Kromm, League Coordinators

It's hard to believe, but league play is just around the corner! Clean off your clubs and get ready for the 2010 league play season. Cornelia Kromm and I, Marcia Bartlett, are the new League Chairs and we are very excited about the upcoming season. We have fantastic league coordinators in place and are ready to get started. The Spring Tee Off is April 3rd and we encourage all of you to attend. It's a good chance to catch up with friends and meet some new ones too! Please make a point to introduce yourself to a new member or guest. The golf following the event will be good practice for league play.

We are golfing at the same courses as last year. On Mondays we'll be at Mount Si, Willows and Nile; Tuesdays will be Redmond Ridge and Maplewood; Wednesdays will be Heron Links (Par 3 course) and Fosters; and Thursday's golf is at West Seattle/Jefferson and Bellevue Municipal. We are hoping to add a league at Interbay later in the year. You can sign up now for league play on the EWGA website.

EWGA League Play is a 9-hole league that is played weekly after work and is held at golf courses throughout the Seattle area on various nights of the week. Each league is under the direction of one or more League Coordinators and all league play is pre-arranged in 5-week sessions. The session charge varies depending on the course and its specific greens fees. The Wednesday par-3 league at Heron Links provides the opportunity for new players to gain confidence and experienced players to work on their short game.

I look forward to seeing you at the Tee-Off Brunch on April 3rd! I'd like to end each article with my favorite golf quote. Here's the first:

The reason the pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing. ~Phyllis Diller

Marcia and Cornelia

Seattle Golf Show Wrap Up **By Kathy Anderson, Membership Chair**

When we learned the dates for the show would be 4 weeks earlier than in years past, I have to admit, there was concern about attendance, especially with competition from the Olympics, President's Day, mid-winter break for schools, and Valentine's Day, all happening that same weekend.

Even with the competition, our EWGA booth saw a good amount of traffic throughout the weekend, giving away lots of information about membership and the upcoming season. Congratulations to our Golf Show 2010 free EWGA membership: Laura Cirves. Welcome to our chapter.

I want to send a great, big thank you to all the volunteers who worked throughout the golf show as well as our EWGA booth:

Mariana Ancira, Debby Andresen, Paula Bachtold, Marcia Bartlett, Donna Becker, Steve Becker, Louise Bell, Nancy Bennett Evans, Vicki Bertero, Carol Bittner, Michele Bracelin, Suzy Burke, Yvette Dubee, Tom Dubee, Ria Emsley, Susan Gilpin, Kara Harmala, Devlin Harmala, Cherie Litson, Judy McFadden, Jan Nelson, Rachel Owen, Lori Pitman, Pam Priseman, Connie Spooner, Lynne Uyehara

Also, thank you to the chapter members attending the show that came by and said hello. It was great to see you there.

Next year's show dates are already set; February 11-13, 2011, at Qwest Field Events Center, so mark your calendars.

Change to Fees for Dual Members and Transfers

Beginning in 2010, the fee to join a secondary Chapter is **\$30** (rather than \$25 as it has been in past years) and the fee to transfer Chapters has also been changed to \$30 rather than \$25. If you want to add a second Chapter, transfer to a different Chapter, or change your member level – you will need to contact the EWGA HQ office to make the change before you can complete their transaction online. If you spend a lot of time traveling to another city, a secondary chapter membership offers a great way to connect with EWGA in each city.

Sponsor's Corner: Stellar Travel Update **By Susan Bluhm, Co-President**

I am excited to announce the details of Stellar Travel's Grand Prize donation for the Spring Tee-Off on April 3, 2010!

The winner will receive a "grand" golf vacation for two at **The Grand Del Mar**, San Diego, California. The package for two includes roundtrip airfare, coach class, Seattle to San Diego; transfers to/from airport to hotel; two (2) nights stay, double accommodation, at the luxurious **The Grand Del Mar** in a Fairway King Guestroom; and 2 rounds of golf at The Grand Golf Club with cart and forecaddie. www.thegranddelmar.com

This elegant resort is rated as one of "The World's Best Places to Stay" by *Conde Nast Traveller* and is preferred by our *Virtuoso* "Best of the Best Guide to the World's Best Hotel Experiences." I hope you will all give generously to our EWGA chapter and charities by purchasing drawing tickets for a chance to win this prize. (And, if you are not the winner, you can contact me for your own fabulous golf getaway at The Grand Del Mar. By booking with Stellar Travel, you'll receive valuable complimentary amenities and room upgrade.) www.stellartravel.com

President's Corner **By Dee Johnson**

Hi Ladies!

The tulips and daffodils are starting to come up – do you know what that means? Yep, our season-opening Tee-Off is just around the corner! I am so excited about our upcoming Tee-Off brunch and golf outing that I have to share a

recent experience. After our last board meeting, Ria sent out the invitations to this year's Tee-Off. I assume all of you have received your invitation; if not, please go to our website and take a look. We are in for a great day!

Anyway, when I received my invitation, I thought, "This year, I'm going to invite some friends, colleagues and family to participate." So I went through my Outlook database, LinkedIn, Plaxo, and Facebook friends and sent out an email inviting everyone that I thought would be interested. Let me tell you, I had no idea how many people I know that golf or are interested in getting started or restarted in the game. It was wonderful to hear back with enthusiasm from so many people that I haven't kept in touch with. Not all are able to attend, but a fair share are very interested in attending. Some are even considering joining so they can participate in one of our leagues. The additional benefit from doing this was I got an opportunity to catch up with some many people that I think of often, just never take the time to reach out to.

o ladies, I would strongly suggest that you too take advantage of this opportunity to reach out to your collection of friends, colleagues and family members. As always, feel free to contact anyone of us on the board should you have an interest in helping out with the event in any capacity. We thoroughly appreciate any help and look forward to getting to know you better. I look forward to seeing everyone soon at Bear Creek.



