



Executive Links
A newsletter of the Executive Women's Golf Association – Seattle Chapter
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Three Chapter Golfers Qualify for EWGA Championship

The Seattle EWGA chapter was well-represented at the August 28 Pacific Northwest Semi-Final Tournament at the Bend, Oregon, Widgi Creek Golf Club, with several high finishers and three members qualifying for the EWGA Championship Finals.

Members qualifying for the EWGA Championship Finals were **Amber Cassidy**, Championship Flight low net; **Debbie Yee**, First Flight low net; and **Janet Young**, Third Flight low gross. This year's Championship Finals will be held October 1-2 at Geneva National Golf Club in Lake Geneva, WI.

Other Seattle EWGA chapter members among the top finishers at the Semi-Final were:

Championship Flight

3rd Place Low Net: Helene Michael

First Flight

2nd Place Low Net: Agueda Sanchez

Second Flight

2nd Place Low Gross : Ana Rimkus

2nd Place Low Net: Cheri Litson

Fourth Flight

3rd Place Low Net: Jeanne Ryan

Scramble Team, Third Place:

Cindy Merritt (Captain), Gaye Ishimaru, Helen Landicho and Jana Pauline Wilder

Congratulations to all the players who represented the Seattle EWGA chapter!!

Hole-In-One Celebration

Our very own Sheila Banks celebrated a hole-in-one on the train car hole at Lost Tracks Golf Club in Bend, Oregon, in August. Congratulations, Sheila.

Mark Your Calendars!

September 8
Board Meeting

September 18
Weekend Fun Play at
Snohomish

September 27
The Last Hurrah!
Monday Fun Play
at Chambers Bay

October 20
Year-End Banquet at
Seattle Tennis Club

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Celebrate with us at our Year-End Banquet!

By Ria Emsley, Social Chair

Mark your calendars and save the date! The Year-End Banquet has been set for Wednesday, October 20, at Seattle Tennis Club. Sign-ups will begin on September 15 and the sign-up deadline will be October 14.

It will be an evening filled with fun, games, contests and of course, our infamous "League Basket Drawing." Has your league started its basket?

We will also be having a EWGA Foundation Used Club Drive so clean your garage for those gently-used clubs you no longer use. Someone can use them and enjoy the game as much as we do!

If you are interested in helping with the Year-End Banquet, please contact Ria at social@ewgaseattle.org.

See you soon!

2010 Elections

A deep felt thanks to those of you who participated in the 2010 elections, whether you were on the Nominating Committee, ran for a position, or voted in our on-line process. Your participation is important to the success and vitality of our Chapter.

Look for the announcement of your 2011 officers shortly via email, and congratulate them in-person at our Year-End Banquet!

Weekend Events Round-Up!!

By Debby Andreson

The weather tested our faith, but 44 enthusiastic EWGA members and guests teed off for a spectacular show of the Blue Angels (and some great golf too!) at the top of Beacon Hill at Jefferson Golf Course on Seafair Sunday. Along with the great show, we had some winners for our Longest Drive (LD), Closest to the Pin (KP), and one of our more popular games, the Blue Ball Competition! Here are the winners:

1st place = Peg Dunner, David Dunner, Sharon Hall, Winston Hall

2nd place = Susan Lehr, Pat Buchanan, Ann Danieli, Margo Keller

3rd place = Marcia Bartlett, Connie Miller, Kathleen Steele, Carla Wigen

LDs = Kathy "Boom Boom" Anderson & Maricia Alforque

KPs = Sharon Hall & Sue Lawless

We have some fun events planned for the end of the season including:

Saturday, September 11, at Battlecreek Golf Course in Marysville. Just 30 minutes north of downtown Seattle, this course offers challenges to all golfers, from beginners to expert. Hole # 12, "The Rock" is worth the trip alone. Registration Deadline is tomorrow, September 2. [Registration available online.](#)

Saturday, September 18, at Snohomish Golf Course, a beautiful rural course that is very popular with our EWGA golfers - sign up today to be sure you have a spot. Deadline for registering is September 3. [Registration available online.](#)

MONDAY, September 27, Chambers Bay, show off your golf season improvements at this end of the golf season Monday fun play event at Chambers Bay - the future home of the 2015 U.S. Open! Take the day off and play this spectacular course - you won't be sorry you did. Deadline for registering is September 3. [Registration available online.](#)

See you on the links!

Leagues Update

By Marcia Bartlett and Cornelia Kromm

As you read this newsletter, league play has just ended or is about to end. It seems like summer has just arrived and now we prepare for the Year-End Banquet and the off season. Thanks to EWGA we will have opportunities to keep our game sharp with “winter golf” at an indoor facility and other events including some purely social gatherings. Look for upcoming announcements and registration information.

We will spend some time planning improvements for next year including adding a couple new course options. Please let us know if you have any suggestions at all for improving the league experience. It's a commitment on all our parts to get away from work and make the commute for league play so it's important to make it worth the time and expense to participate! It's always a challenge for our League Coordinators to schedule the weekly pairing's, think of fun games each week and trouble shoot any issues with the course or golfers. Take the time to thank your League Coordinator for her efforts. Better yet, get involved and offer to help! One way you can assist us now is to help your League Coordinator with the End of the Year Banquet baskets. This is a great fundraiser but takes a lot of effort and planning and I'm sure your help would be appreciated.

All the best for a happy and healthy off season!

I'd play golf every day if I could. It's cheaper than a shrink and there are no telephones on my golf cart.

- Brent Musburger

Welcome to Our New Handicap Chair

Amy Brightman, our new Handicap Chair, joined EWGA in August of 2006. She credits EWGA with not only improving her game, but providing many golf opportunities: from making many new golf-minded friends, traveling throughout the state to golf during the fun weekend trips, and playing in her first true tournament via the Chapter Championship. Amy has been golfing with the Nile league since she joined, and she served as their coordinator for two years. When Amy's not on the golf course, she's busy working in online training and readiness for corporate clients. She's currently an account manager in the industry but has a Masters in Education and has designed eLearning curriculum for all ages: from young preschool children to older, but young at heart corporate workers. Amy lives in Ballard with her husband, Brian, and their Golden Retriever, Cooper. She's excited to be giving back to the organization by helping others with their handicaps, both GHIN and those who use the EWGA system.

Welcome, Amy, and thanks and good luck to outgoing chair Cheri Straka as she moves on to her next chapter in Michigan.

Membership Matters

Member Recruitment “Bright Idea”: Keep a membership brochure in your golf bag!

Remember that popular phrase, “*don't leave home with it?*” That slogan could have been created for the EWGA membership brochure. You never know when you are going to meet someone who hasn't been introduced to EWGA. Just strike up a conversation in the bag drop area or on the 19th Hole – and you'll be glad that you have a brochure at your fingertips!

Contact Kathy Anderson, Membership Chair, at membership@ewgaseattle.org for a supply of brochures or pick some up at the Year-End Banquet on October 20.

Sponsorship Spotlight

Consolidating Retirement Accounts Can Pay Off — in Many Ways

Now that fall is here, squirrels gather nuts and put them together in one place. If you're nearing retirement, you, too, may want to consolidate some of your assets — in particular, your retirement accounts — as you prepare for a new era in your life.

If you have a variety of 401(k)s and IRAs with different providers, you can achieve some key advantages by consolidating these accounts.

For example, you'll find it easier to develop a single, unified investment strategy if you have all your retirement accounts at one place, possibly under the guidance of a single financial advisor.

You might also be able to reduce some fees by consolidating your accounts. Also, you may find it easier to calculate the distributions you will be required to take from your 401(k)s and traditional IRAs once you reach 70-1/2. Consider consolidating your retirement accounts soon — it may pay off in many ways. Please call Suzy Burke-Meyers at Edward Jones, (425) 867-5187, for a free review today!

GOLF SALE at Sturtevant's in Bellevue

Save 20-70%* on Nike, Tail, Sport Haley, Adidas, Lija, EP Pro, and Shi Golf. Please stop in and take a look, we look forward to seeing you. 1100 Bellevue Way NE. 425-454-6465. www.Sturtevants.com.

*Select items excluded.

2010 EWGA Calendar of Events

Your membership in EWGA includes access to several events outside the Seattle area and online. Upcoming events are summarized below. See ewga.com "events" section for more details.

August – September

Championship Semi-Finals to determine championship participants.

Seattle Chapter representatives participated in PacNW Section final on August 28 in Bend, OR.

September 21 (note date change)

EWGA Web Café Series – 9 a.m. Pacific time

Registration instructions will be available in early September on ewga.com

October 1 & 2

2010 EWGA Championship Finals

Geneva National Golf Club

Palmer & Trevino Courses

Lake Geneva, WI

October 3

Sunday Fun Day at the EWGA Championship

Geneva National Golf Club

Lake Geneva, WI

Registration deadline is September 17, 2010

October 7

EWGA Web Café Series with Rosie Jones – 9 a.m. Pacific time.

Registration instructions will be available in September on ewga.com

October 27

Ask the Industry Expert Webinar Series – 9 a.m. (PT)

Registration instructions will be available by mid-October

November 9

EWGA Web Café Series with Annika Sorenstam – 9 a.m. (PT)

Registration instructions will be available in October

November 15

EWGA Foundation Charity Tournament & Silent Auction Fundraiser to benefit LPGA-USGA Girls Golf

EWGA at TPC Sawgrass, PLAYERS Stadium Course

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Visit the Events area at ewga.com for details

Registration Deadline October 17, 2010

The EWGA's Web Café series of online presentations hosted by EWGA CEO Pam Swensen features successful, dynamic professionals who have made a name for themselves in business.

The EWGA's popular Ask the Industry Expert Series of personal enrichment webinars hosted by EWGA Director of Golf Programs Stephanie Jennings features experts from across the golf industry.

On Course with the EWGA events are innovative 2½ day golf experiences complemented by networking and resort-style luxury. Visit the Events area at www.ewga.com for more information.

Newsletter Article Ideas/Submissions

You may not be aware, but newsletter articles or ideas for articles can be submitted by any EWGA member. Your articles must be timely and relevant to the goals of our chapter. For consideration in the newsletter, articles must be received by the 20th day of the preceding month. Submit your articles to newsletter@ewgaseattle.org.

September President's Corner

By Dee Johnson

As I sit in my home office looking out at the pink clouds and blue mountains, it looks like fall. It's a sad realization, as I think most of us wonder where our summer went. As for me, that also means my term as President is soon coming to an end. I'm nostalgic about the events we sponsored and the challenges and goals we tried hard to accomplish. I am so very proud to have had the opportunity to work alongside some very dedicated and amazing women. We strived to make the events and leagues great opportunities for the members to network, develop friendships, and personally grow. Although it's been an exciting and fun ride as President, I'm so excited to see how much potential the next board members have to offer our group. I want to thank this year's board for all their hard work and support. I wish next year's President all the best, and look forward to another great year with EWGA as past president.

See everyone at the Year-End Banquet.

Dee

