

The Clubhouse

Executive Women's Golf Association, Cleveland Chapter

President's Letter

Hello Everyone and Welcome to EWG Cleveland's 16th season!

We on the Cleveland Board would like to let you know that this winter WILL end and there WILL be a spring! And with that, the Board will once again host our Annual Kick-off event in April, and league play will begin! Promise!

And when the season starts, the fun starts. In addition to the Weekly League Play that begins in May we also have our five Annual Events and they are:

- **The Kick-Off** Mark your calendars for **Thursday, April 17th** as we return to Windows in the Powerhouse for an evening fun, food and 'family'.
- **Bring-a-Guest** Many of you have told us that you would like to bring spouses, significant others and friends to an EWG outing, so we are planning an event in June. A round of golf, a cookout, and a chance to share the fun of EWG with others.
- **Chapter Championship** The one 'true' tournament that we hold each year, this is the first leg of the National competition and is held in July. As always, I can't stress enough, that the format is designed so that **players of ANY skill level can compete and have a shot at winning.**
- **Course Challenge** This friendly competition between our Cleveland courses is a fun day in August. You get to visit with members who you ay not see at weekly league play and play in a team format, vying for bragging rights!
- **Year-End Outing** Even though the weather doesn't always agree with this event, after all, September in Cleveland does have its cold and rainy moments and each Year-End event creates great memories. It's the time to look back at all the new friends that you have made through EWG and start planning how you are going to 'bring that handicap down for next year!'

So, keep an eye on the website www.ewgcleveland.com, for information about these events. You will also get email updates from our Communications Committee with handy reminders!

One final item: These events don't happen in a vacuum. There is a set of dedicated women who meet regularly to coordinate the entire season, creating a golf league for you to enjoy. The volunteers of EWG Cleveland can use your help. Whether it's helping with League Play, Membership,

Communications, or Events, your skills could be put to good use helping to keep EGW Cleveland the wonderful organization that it's been for 16th years! If you are interested in more information regarding volunteer opportunities, just check out our website under the 'Who we are' section.



June Poole

So, hang on for spring and we'll see you at the Kick-Off!

-June Poole, President
EWGA Cleveland

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EWGA Member Awarded College Letter in Golf – Finally

Lori Spencer, EWGA member since 1998, was a student athlete for the University of Cincinnati Bearcats in the late 70's and early 80's. On December 1, 2007 Lori received her varsity letter in golf.

Thirty-five years after Title IX was enacted to promote parity between women's and men's sports, the University of Cincinnati and Xavier University used the annual Skyline Chili Cross-town Shootout between the Bearcat and Musketeer women's basketball teams to highlight the correction of a major oversight. Decades of female athletes were never awarded their varsity letters as the NCAA did not sanction women athletes until 1983. Lori and hundreds of other women were, at long last, recognized as student athletes.

The two Cincinnati schools hosted a banquet at the Duke Energy Convention Center following the game where over 100 women were recognized for their role as "pioneers for women's sports" from 1950-1982.

"It was awesome to meet and talk with the early athletes from decades before I attended UC. They had to sew their own uniforms and practice in the early morning hours when the men were not using the facilities. My team drove to matches in a broken down red van and even stayed at the houses of the coaches we were visiting back then to stretch a meager budget," Spencer remembers. "The schools put together an emotional video of local junior high to college female athletes thanking the old timers for their sacrifices. It was so rewarding to see how

far we've come, where you can actually watch the women's NCAA championships for volleyball, etc on ESPN in primetime. When we all reflected back on how it used to be, we were proud about being trailblazers and reveled in the success of the current and future women athletic stars. We've come a long way baby!"

Lori keeps in touch with her former coach and occasionally still

attends her golf clinics, "My golf coach, Carol Johnson, was there too.

She is a master teaching LPGA professional and in her mid 70's now. She still shoots her age. Carol gives clinics and is part of Golfari (a huge women's week) at Pine Needles every year. In

In the late 1940's, as a teenager, she was the women's club champ in Cincinnati and has been fighting for an active women's role in the golf world ever since. She's the one who told me, 'The only reason men golfers tell you to slow your swing down is so they can out drive you.' Carol is a wonderful role model for me and my generation and I think we have the responsibility to continue to provide a positive role models and encouragement in golf to the current generation."



- Diane M. Ward, Communications Chair

Do You Have a Story Idea?

In each issue of *The Clubhouse* we will highlight one or two of our Cleveland Chapter members. You can suggest the person and story perspective to me at ward@jcu.edu, subject line: Clubhouse Idea. Let me know if you would like to write it yourself or prefer we handle the writing.

If you would like to join the EWGA Cleveland Communications Committee, please contact me at ward@jcu.edu.

Diane Ward, Communications Chair

Our Most Improved Players!

Kudos to Barbara Rutigliano from Pine Ridge for winning the honor of Most Improved Player in 2007. The EWGA handicap system, GLMS, has the ability to produce a report that indicates the golfer that had the best percentage improvement of a handicap for those members that posted at least 10 18-hole round scores during 2007. Barbara lowered her handicap index from 35.2 to 26.1.

Other members deserving mention for their lowered handicap are Debora Orth, also from Pine Ridge, and Valerie Gubser from Berkshire.

We are only able to provide this information for members who posts scores to GLMS. We are not able to provide for members who use GHIN.

-Wendy V. Shick, Handicap Chair
Diane M. Ward, Communications Chair

eyespygolf.com

Eyespygolf is Google Earth's golf course directory with over 16,000 courses. The site allows users a bird's eye view of virtually every golf course in America via Google Earth. In addition to



Pine Ridge, Wickliffe, Ohio

the satellite view of the course you will also have the course address and telephone number, the current weather and the ability to map directions to the course.

Always Pick Women's Red

Our handicap chair, Wendy Shick, has confirmed for us that our home courses' slopes and ratings are now in agreement with GLMS and NOGA. This is important to the calculation of your handicap index.

Wendy offers a word of advice when playing other courses, "Remember, if there is a women's red and red listing, always pick women's red." Your handicap will be glad you did. (See the President's Letter regarding Chapter Championship to appreciate how your handicap levels the playing field in competition.)

Get the Most from Your EWGA Experience

Please remember EWGA Cleveland is **YOUR** golf league. By getting involved in the planning or staging of our events, you help create the welcoming, professional organization we strive to deliver. Volunteer opportunities exist to sit on committees or serve for individual events.

You can tell us your preferred area to volunteer from our web site:

<http://www.ewgcleveland.com/EWG07/WhoWeAre/Volunteer.html>. So jump in with both feet and get the most from your EWGA experience. Volunteer to make our Chapter the best it can be.

SAVE THE DATE !!!

The Kick Off

April 17, 2008

**Windows
ON THE RIVER**

**In the Powerhouse on the
West Bank of The Flats**

Considering Joining EWGA Cleveland?

New members can join EWGA at the national website, www.ewga.com. Classic membership is \$125.

Once you join you can expect to be contacted by our membership chair to say hello and determine your home course. You will also start receiving emails once or twice a month on upcoming opportunities.

For discounts from Pinehurst to Troon and great golf from Kiawah Island to The Greenbriar, be sure to read about the benefits of EWGA membership.

Renewing Your Membership

Renewals are processed by the national EWGA headquarters in Florida. Most of us renew the end of March. National will notify you of your renewal date.

www.ewgcleveland.com

**We also have a local phone number
216 373-PARS (7277)**

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Course Directors for 2008

We are pleased to announce our 2008 Course Directors:

Sue Williams	Berkshire, Chesterland
Linda Mondry	Grantwood, Solon
Carole Liedtke	Creekwood, Columbia Station
Lisa Ryan	Pine Hills, Hinckley
Patti Goodill	Pine Hills
Barb Rutigliano	Pine Ridge, Wickliffe
Andrea Shea	Pine Ridge
Kristen Boll	Sweetbriar, Avon
Gen Jankowski	Sweetbriar
Karen Zima	Ridgewood, Parma
Jackie Zima-Harper	Ridgewood

EVENTS

Kick Off	April 17
League Play Begins	First Week in May
Chapter Championship	TBA
Course Challenge	TBA
Great Lakes Sectional (Upper Mid-Eastern Area)	August 16
EWGA Championship (Aloha, Oregon)	September 26-27
Year End	TBA

2008 Board Members

Our officers and committee chairs for 2008 are:

June Poole	President & Webmaster
Eileen McCarthy	Immediate Past President
Donna Byrnes	Vice President
Gloria Merritt	Secretary
Clare Farris	Treasurer
Diane Ward	Communications, Email
Laurie Schroeder	Education
Amy Suleiman	Education
Michelle Kastan	Events
Allison Morrow	Events
Wendy Shick	Handicap
OPEN	Leadership
Elsa Arriola	Membership
Deb Solyan	Sponsorship
Pam Jezior	Sponsorship

If you are interested in filling the position of Leadership Chair, please contact our president June Poole at jpoole25@roadrunner.com.

Membership Directory

Our membership directory can be located online at www.ewga.com and following the Members Only Login. The directory is not intended for business use. Member networking is designed to be one-on-one. Remember your login is your Member ID.

Changes at Berkshire

Berkshire has quite a few changes to announce for the 2008 year due to a change in management at the course.

First, the night of play is changing from Fridays to Wednesdays. League play will be Wednesday, April 30, through Wednesday, August 27. EWGA Cleveland will have tee times at Berkshire from 5:44 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Second, the course will provide a ranger to assist in keeping up the speed of play, which will be 2 hours to 2 hours and 15 minutes per 9 holes.

Third, the course will provide a beverage cart during league play.

Fourth, the course has opened a grill downstairs in the clubhouse with food, including salads, full bar service, a pool table, and big screen TVs. Specials and discounts will be available for league groups.

- Sue Williams, Berkshire Course Director

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