

# Windy City Tee Times December 2013 Newsletter



## President's Message: Stay Connected!

While the 2013 golf season in the Chicagoland area is officially closed that does not mean that the EWGA season is over. For me personally, it marks the beginning of my term as President of the Chicago Metro Chapter and I am really honored and excited to serve you all in this role. I have enjoyed my time helping out with golf events over the last four years and am really looking forward to this new challenge.

Currently your board members are busy working on plans for the 2014 golf season, including many ways to celebrate our 20th year anniversary. More will be revealed as the time gets closer. In the meantime, if you have any ideas that you would like to share or would like to get more involved in the planning and/or execution of the plans then please contact me or any member of the board. Click on this link for our contact information <http://www.myewga.com/ChicagoMetroILChapter/ContactUs1/Officers>. We would love to hear from you.

In addition to connecting women through golf, EWGA offers an array of volunteer, social and networking opportunities. Check our website (<http://www.ewgachicago.org>) periodically to check for updates on Chapter social and networking events and volunteer requests; like us on Facebook and stay connected with your fellow members; and consider giving back to the Chapter by donating some of your time. How much time will depend upon your individual circumstances but every little helps, and it is good for you. The benefits of volunteering include: networking by connecting with others; the promotion of personal growth and self-esteem; career advancement; and fun and fulfillment in your life.

As we say farewell to 2013 and welcome in the New Year, I would like to extend my best wishes to you and your family. What better way to do so than with the words made famous by a fellow Welsh countryman of mine:

*"Snow is falling all around me  
Children playing having fun  
It's the season of love and understanding  
Merry Christmas Everyone"*

In case you are not familiar with this song then check out this YouTube video:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PkUWkxGWj0>

Shirley Brown

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### Education Tip of the Month

By [Kelly Storm](#)

With the holiday season upon us, it is time to consider the things we are thankful for and the importance of the season. What season? Golf season of course! Here's a link to some of the best new golf equipment available in 2014 for women. Get those letters written to Santa to make sure that some of these clubs end up under your tree or as a New Year's present! Seasons Greetings!

<http://www.golfdigest.com/golf-digest-woman>

### Events, Events, and More Events

By [Sue Miller](#)

2013 was a good year for Chicago Metro golf events. 2014 will be even better, as this is the **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of our chapter and we are planning on celebrating the occasion throughout the golf events season. To help get this started we have some 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary insignia designs submitted by our members and you should be receiving an eblast within the next week or two to vote on which insignia best represents Chicago Metro.

I have been busy this fall scheduling 2014 golf events and you can view the dates/sites below. After being in my current position for a year I am looking for volunteers to help with running the golf events. Ideally, I need 5 different women, each to be a Golf Event Captain for one of the following events: Spring Fling, Meet a Member, North-South Challenge; Fall Finale; and Solheim w/ a Twist. I view it as being a League Site Captain for a day. So please view the schedule and duties and let me know if you can volunteer. Your duties would include:

1. Monitor event registration
2. Be primary contact with the golf course
3. Promote the event through communications to members via league site captains and e-blasts
4. Set up golf pairings
5. Email registrants with event details and tee times
6. On-course golf competitions and prizes

I am also looking forward to leading a group of 3-4 women to organize the 2014 Kick Off. With this being the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Board is looking forward to making this an extra special event.

If interested in volunteering, please contact me at [golfevents@EWGAChicago.com](mailto:golfevents@EWGAChicago.com)



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### 2014 Events Calendar: (Events in **BOLD TYPE** are confirmed.)

- **Kick Off: March 15 @ Ashton Place, Willowbrook**
- **EWGA Empower '14 Conference: April 6-8 @ San Antonio, TX**
- **Spring Fling: May 4<sup>th</sup> @ Chevy Chase. Tee times starting at 11:00am**
- **Chix w/ Stix: May 17-18<sup>th</sup> @ Swan Lake Resort.**  
**Cheryl Justak to host, Saturday 17th: joint event with Central Indiana and Fort Wayne Chapters; Match Play format organized by Swan Lake Resort**
- **May 25<sup>th</sup>: Rumble with Milwaukee @ Thunderhawk**
- **Meet a Member: June 8th @ Klein Creek. 1:00 Shotgun with meal to follow**
- **Just Golf: Calumet Country Club: June 22. Tee times start @ 11:00, Pat Golen to host**
- **Chapter Championship: July 20th @ Bartlett Hills**
- **North - South Challenge: Aug 3rd @ Old Oak Country Club.**  
**Tee times starting 10:45 from 1st and 10th tees**
- **EWGA Championship Semis: Minneapolis, MN: Aug 23 or 30th**
- **EWGA Cup Regionals: 6 Regionals on 3 different weekends in Sept.**  
**All Sat-Sun: 6-7; 13-14; & 20-21(Sites TBD)**
- **Fall Finale: Sept 28th Maple Meadows**
- **EWGA Championship Finals: Oct 10-11 (Fri-Sat) Nashville, TN**
- **Solheim w/ Recognition: Oct 19 @ Arrowhead: 11:00 tee times**
- **EWGA Cup Finals: North Troon, Scottsdale, AZ. Dec 7-8 (Sun-Mon), 2014**
- **Match Play Dates to be Announced**



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### *Just Golfers (& a little wine): A taste of EWGA From Cooper's Hawk in Wheeling*

What a wonderful event! In October, the Chapter hosted a casual night of light wine tasting for members and friends at four different locations! Thank you to Robin Natzke for enlightening us with a review of Jen Mueller's presentation at the Empower '13 EWGA National Conference entitled "Talk Sporty to Me!" Check out the link below to learn more...

<http://www.ewgachicago.com/newsletters/TalkSportyToMe.pdf>

## Member Services News

By [Cristine Marik](#)

### Is Your Contact Information Up to Date?

Have you recently moved or has your email address changed? Then, don't forget to update your EWGA member profile so you won't miss out on communications from us regarding upcoming events, Spring Kick-Off, etc.

To review and/or update your current profile information, visit [www.ewga.com](http://www.ewga.com), sign in and click on "My Information" to make any needed changes.

### Welcome & Congratulations!

We are excited to welcome some new members to our Chapter. In addition, congratulations are in order for members celebrating their anniversaries with the Chicago Metro Chapter this month.

#### Welcome to Our New Members!

Margie Wilhelmi

#### Happy Anniversary!

##### **5 Years**

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Amy Lillibridge

Karen Perlman

We are so happy you are part of our Chapter!



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## Member Benefits Update

### Golf Magazine Subscription

Beginning early 2013, **GOLF Magazine** was announced as a new corporate partner for EWGA, and all EWGA members now receive a one year (12 issues) subscription. If you have a change of address, please send your notice to: *GOLF Magazine*, Box 62426, Tampa, FL 33660-0001 or call (800) 876-7726.

### Real Savings for EWGA Members with GEICO

Your EWGA membership could save you up to 8% off already low insurance rates. Visit <http://www.geico.com/landingpage/go51.htm?logo=70387> to find your local GEICO representative, or call (800) 368-2734 for your free, no-obligation rate quote to see what you can save today. **When calling or visiting your local GEICO representative, be sure to mention your membership with EWGA.**

### Member Benefits at Golf Galaxy

Take advantage of our EWGA member benefits and shop at Golf Galaxy. This year's discount card is available electronically. Here's the link.

[http://www.ewgachicago.com/EWGA\\_Golf\\_Galaxy\\_discount\\_card.pdf](http://www.ewgachicago.com/EWGA_Golf_Galaxy_discount_card.pdf)

Happy Shopping!!!

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