

Windy City Tee Times

July 2013 Newsletter



Gone Golfing.....

President's Message

Hi everyone. I hope you are like me and finding lots of opportunities to play golf this month! I'm having fun, accepting every tee time and on the road to courses all over the Chicago Metro Area. Playing with different ladies every weekend, lots of different courses and having lots of fun! This is what summer is all about. So my house is a little dusty.....that can wait for a rainy day.

So here's an update on our Chapter. Our goal this year is to have 343 ladies on our membership roster by the end of the season (that's one more than we ended 2012). Right now we have 323. There are 54 new members in that number – which is **TERRIFIC** – a big **WELCOME** to all of you! But - we need more and we need your help. We all own the work around recruiting ladies to this great organization, and of course the opportunity for everyone to **play more golf**.

Share Your Love of the Game

- Have you invited a friend to share your love of the game and join EWGA this year?
 - ❖ Invite a friend to join you/us in Bolingbrook on August 8th for a short game clinic and some wine & cheese afterwards. Check out the link on our site and sign up today!
[Golf Wine and Cheese](#)
 - ❖ Invite a friend to play one league night with you – non-members can play once during our league play to “check it out.” Maybe that experience will be just the boost they need to JOIN!
- By participating in EWGA's 2013 membership campaign sponsored by Nike Golf, you can positively impact a friend or colleague's career and personal life. AND, you will then be eligible to win great prizes at the same time!
- [Click here](#) for program details. There are great prizes – check it out.

Thanks for taking a minute to think about who YOU can bring into the EWGA this month.

See you on the course.....

Robin

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The Importance of the Short Game

Education Tip of the Month

By [Kelly Storm](#)

Most golfers emphasize the importance of ball striking over the short game. If one would ask a golf professional or tour player, which is most important for most golfers, they would quickly respond by saying that about 70% of your score is decided by how good you are with your short game shots! 70%!!! That number alone should motivate golfers to work more on their chipping, pitching and putting skills.

The average tour player is hitting 12 greens in regulation. That means that they are missing 6 greens in a typical round. If they make no birdies and fail to get up and down for par on any of the holes where they miss the green, then they have shot a very disappointing 78 (par is 72). However, if they get up and down 4 out of 6 times, and make 4 birdies, they now have shot a respectable -2 or 70! In the above example, even if you do not make the 4 birdies, you will have shot 74, instead of 78!

One can never get good enough with the short game. Kevin Na, PGA Tour player, told me several weeks ago, that when he went out on tour 6 years ago, he thought he was pretty good with the short game. He was astonished to see how proficient the tour players are. He worked hard on his short game and now he is always in the top 10 on tour in scrambling. If you want to get better, and lower your scores, look to improve your short game skills! At the end of the day you will be very happy you made the commitment.

If you are looking for a great opportunity to improve your short game, come join us at Bolingbrook Golf Course on August 8, 2013 at 6:00 pm. The EWGA is sponsoring a short game clinic followed by a wine and cheese reception. The cost is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. To register, visit the "Events" page on the website. If you have any questions about the clinic, feel free to email me at [Kelly Storm](#)

Keep Hitting them straight!

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
Happy Shopping!!!



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Member Services News

By [Cristine Marik](#)

How Do I Login to the EWGA.com Website?

Members call and email the EWGA HQ office every day when they are unable to login to the EWGA.com website to make a dues payment, post a score to the handicap system, or manage their EWGA account/profile.

Here is a helpful summary that you can keep near your computer for future reference:

EWGA.com Login Instructions

1. Go to <http://www.ewga.com/> and click on the big green SIGN IN button.
2. Use your email address as your USERNAME (this is the one in the database that is used for all EWGA communications).
3. Use Password1 as your PASSWORD the first time you login (this is the temporary password given to all new members)
4. If you are a current member and have forgotten your password, you can hit the button to reset it and will receive an email with a new temporary password. (If this doesn't work correctly for you, please send an email to membership@ewga.com and we will reset it for you.)
5. Once you get your new temporary password and go back to sign in, you'll be prompted to change your password.
6. Use Password1 (or the new temporary one provided to you by email) as your old password, then enter a new one.
7. You will now be in the EWGA Member Portal.
8. You can click on the orange HANDICAP box on the left side of the page to enter scores, on the MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL box to make dues payments, on the MY INFORMATION to make updates to your member information, or on the MEMBER CLUBHOUSE link.

REMEMBER: To register for local, Chicago Metro Chapter events, please visit www.ewgachicago.org. You do not need to enter a login name and/or password to register for Chapter events.

Is Your Member Profile Up To Date?

It's important that every member has the correct information in their online record in the EWGA database. On July 1, we launched a contest to encourage everyone to check their membership record and provide any necessary updates. AND, there will be weekly drawings for prizes for everyone who participates.

Here are two easy ways to update your member profile:

1. Go to www.ewga.com, click on the big green "Sign In" button, login to the member portal, and then click the orange "My Information" button on the left side of the page.
2. Call the EWGA toll free number at (800) 407-1477 x10 and provide your updates by phone.

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.



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Welcome to Our New Members!

Melanie Hirsch Mitzi Short
Kristin Nagy Karen Stika
Jennifer Roths Marilee Viola

Happy Anniversary!

5 Years **10 Years**
Patrice Al-Saden Karen Kadlec

We are so happy you are part of our Chapter!
If you have any questions please contact Cristine Marik, Member Services Director at
currentmembers@ewgachicago.com

GOLF EVENTS

By [Sue Miller](#)

Join us for the North – South Challenge on August 4th at Arrowhead Golf Course in Wheaton. Tee times start at Noon. For more info and registration: [North South Challenge](#)
Volunteers are needed for this event. If you are playing and want to assist in check-in prior to golf or scoring/raffle sales please register:

[North South Challenge Volunteer](#)

Start organizing your league scramble teams for the Fall Finale on Sept 22nd. The registration is open for this golf event that pits league scramble teams against each other in a friendly competition and also raise money for the American Cancer Society. For more info and registration:

[Fall Finale](#)

Volunteers are needed for this event. If you are playing and want to assist in check-in prior to golf or scoring/raffle sales please register: [Fall Finale Event Assistance-Volunteer](#)

Kate Connor of the Denver EWGA Chapter has invited any of our members traveling to Denver to cheer on the USA LPGA players against Europe in the SOLHEIM this Year to participate in their golf event. The Chapter will be playing at Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course in Castle Rock, CO on Wednesday August 14th. The course is very nice with beautiful views, and is only a short drive from Parker, where the Solheim Cup will be played. Pack your clubs and sign up at the link [Denver Chapter Solheim Event](#).

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