



President's Message: 'Six More Weeks'

Groundhog Day: Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow and thus has forecasted six more weeks of winter ☹️. Here's hoping that like many weather forecasters he is wrong, and the only white stuff we see is that of golf balls!

In March we will be gathering for our annual kick-off which means that our golf season is just around the corner. Thank you to all of the ladies who have been busy preparing for the golf season organizing events, leagues, education programs, membership, sponsors and donations. Your time is much appreciated.

I thought I would share Today's joke of the day (courtesy of ahajokes.com) to help lighten the mood:

The amazing golf ball

A golfer, playing a round by himself, is about to tee off, and a greasy little salesman runs up to him, and yells, "Wait! Before you tee off, I have something really amazing to show you!"

The golfer, annoyed, says, "What is it?"

"It's a special golf ball," says the salesman. "You can never lose it!"

"Whattaya mean," scoffs the golfer, "you can never lose it? What if you hit it into the water?"

"No problem," says the salesman. "It floats, it detects where the shore is, and spins towards it."

"Well, what if you hit it into the woods?"

"Easy," says the salesman. "It emits a beeping sound, and you can find it with your eyes closed."

"Okay," says the golfer, impressed. "But what if your round goes late and it gets dark?"

"No problem, sir, this golf ball glows in the dark! I'm telling you, you can never lose this golf ball!"

The golfer buys it at once. "Just one question," he says to the salesman. "Where did you get it?"

"I found it."

See you all in six more weeks.

Shirley



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Drinks and Links!

By [Kelly Storm](#)

Join us for a two-hour clinic at Links and Tees!

Links and Tees

Addison Links and Tees

880 W Lake Street, Addison IL

On Two more nights from 7:00-9:00pm:

February 19, 2014

March 19, 2014

Only 25.00 dollars!

(pay directly to Links and Tees on the night of the event)

- Unlimited golf balls!
- Use of short game area!
- PGA instruction!
- Beer/wine with light appetizers!

Buying New Clubs?

Submitted By [Kelly Storm](#)

Thinking about buying new clubs, this is a great article for you! Enjoy!

Why should all golfers be professionally fitted for their golf clubs?

By [James Achenbach](#)

<http://golfweek.com/news/2011/jun/19/club-fitting-series-importance-being-fitted/>



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Events, Events, and More Events

By [Sue Miller](#)

Don't Miss Out on this one!

20th Anniversary Kick Off

You are invited to the 20th Chicago Metro Kick Off Event and Breakfast. Over 200+ local female golfers will come to meet with friends, welcome new members, visit vendor tables and register for over 23 weekday or weekend leagues for all levels. Our **Keynote speaker Betsy Volyes, PT**, will address techniques for improving your swing. Join us and get inspired for the 2014 Golf Season with chances to win prizes from our sponsors and donors. Brush off that snow, start getting your clubs ready, and bring your friends to introduce them to EWGA! Click here to register: <http://www.ewgachicago.com/eventInfo.php?eid=5&n=Kick+Off>

New to the golf event schedule in 2014

Join us at **Swan Lake Resort on Sat May 17th** where we will be joining the Central Indiana and Fort Wayne Chapters in a friendly Solheim Cup competition. This is day 2 of the Chix w/ Stix weekend organized by Cheryl Justak. You can attend one or both days of the weekend. For more information and registration: http://www.golfnowchicago.com/App_downloads/Chix-With-Stix-Golf-Getaway-May2014-Package.pdf

EWGA Cup Team Match Play

Orchard Valley will be hosting an **EWGA Cup Regional on Sat-Sun Sept 6-7, 2014**. We finally get to play on home turf. More information will follow on team formation within the next few newsletters. Feel free to contact Sue Miller with questions. <mailto:GolfEvents@ewgachicago.com>



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Chapter Match Play Tournament

Highlights include:

- Double Elimination
- Participant schedule their own matches
- \$5 Entry Fee
- Prizes awarded at the Recognition Event on **Oct 19th**

Brackets will be sent out via email at close of registration along with information on setting up and scoring your matches. Participants will **schedule their own matches** at courses agreed upon by both golfers. Matches cannot be played on a course that a player considers her home course. Round one needs to be completed by **July 1st**, Rd 2 by **Aug 1st**, Rd 3 by **Sept 1st** and if needed a final round by **Oct 1**. Registration will open the **first week of April**.

Special Invitation to Michigan Cup!

I hope all of you are surviving the winter elements and maybe getting away to someplace warm this winter to play some golf!

*The Metro Detroit Chapter would like to invite you to an exciting and fun filled weekend event we are planning at one of our premier golf resorts in **Michigan, TreeTops Golf Resort** in Gaylord Michigan!*

*We are currently still in the planning stages but I wanted to at least extend the invitation and give you the dates to get it on your Calendar of Events for 2014! We will be hosting this event the weekend of **May 30th – June 1st!***

We will have more details to follow soon but please don't hesitate to contact me to let me know if you are interested in participating!

*Warmest Regards,
Laura Winch, President
EWGA Metro Detroit Chapter
<mailto:laurawinch@comcast.net>*



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NON-EWGA GOLF EVENTS

Below is a list of non-EWGA golf events that may be of interest to you. If you have any other golf events you want listed in upcoming newsletters please contact Sue Miller <mailto:GolfEvents@ewgachicago.com>

CHARITY GOLF EVENTS

June 19, Revelation Golf
@ Makray Memorial Golf Club
<http://www.revelationgolf.org>

June 25, Concern Golf Outing
@ Harborside
<http://www.concernusa.org>

COMPETITIVE GOLF TOURNAMENTS

July 28-29, McHenry Women's Invitational
@ McHenry Country Club
<http://www.mwigolf.com>

WOMEN'S GOLF EVENTS

June 18, Empowering Women Network (EWN) Golf Outing
@ Poplar Creek Country Club
<http://www.empoweringwomen.net>



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Member Services News

By [Cristine Marik](#)

Annual Member Survey—CHECK YOUR EMAIL!

We hope you will take a few minutes to give us your feedback on our annual member survey. The survey was sent on February 12th to each member via email and you can easily complete it online.

The results of this survey will be used by the Board to help tailor future programs and events offered by the Chicago Metro Chapter. The survey has 18 questions and should take about 5 minutes to complete. With your feedback, we can continue to enhance and improve your experience as a member of EWGA Chicago!

Survey responses will be collected during the month of February and we will report back the results at the **Spring Kick-Off on March 15**.

You can also indicate your volunteer interests as part of the survey. Throughout the season, there will be various opportunities to help out with golf and social events, organize "Just Golf" outings, serve on a Board committee, and come August, we will be seeking nominations for those interested in serving on next year's Board. We hope you will get involved—it's fun and a great way to expand your network of friends both on and off of the golf course.

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!

Jennifer Fox
Mary Beth Zolli

Happy Anniversary!

Tricia Sutton 5 Years

We are so happy you are part of our Chapter!



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

Happy Shopping!!!



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Fun and Games with EWGA



Congratulations to Erin Kelly Bomgaars for winning last month's EWGA Head Cover Contest!

Check out the EWGA Pinterest Board to see all the fun loving entries!

<http://www.pinterest.com/ewga/>



**EWGA
BEST BALL
MARKING
CONTEST**



contest@myewga.com

EWGA - The Golf Community for Women

In honor of I 'Heart' Golf month, showoff your creativity and enter "EWGA's Best Ball Marking Contest".

Rules:

Contest runs **February 1-28, 2014.**

1. Weekly winners will be chosen by EWGA awards committee
2. One grand prize will be awarded at end of contest chosen by an online vote
3. EWGA has permission to reuse the photo
4. Send your name, Chapter, description and photo to contest@myewga.com
5. These must be new designs. No recycling last years submissions

Only one submission per week



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Enriching the lives of women through the game of golf!



Networking with real follow through.

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**BE A PART OF THE LARGEST
WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
AND GET AHEAD**

EWGA is an organization whose mission is connecting women to learn, play and enjoy golf for business and for fun.

We offer golf, educational, volunteer and networking opportunities for golfers of all abilities throughout the Chicagoland area.

***Join us as we celebrate our chapter's
20 year anniversary.***



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