



Check out tournament play with Mock Championship

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Whether you simply want to play 18 holes of golf on a lovely June Saturday, or are thinking about playing in our EWGA Championship in July and want to check out the course it will be played on – as well as learn about the format – this event at Quail Valley is for you.

For those of you new to EWGA, not only do we offer golf in a safe and fun environment where you can learn about the game, its rules and etiquette, we also provide the opportunity to compete in the largest women's amateur golf championship in the world: The EWGA Championship. Each year EWGA chapters from all over the country stage a stroke-play event (you play your own ball and count all the strokes), as well as a scramble event (you play in a group of four players and after everyone tees off, your team decides on which ball to play from there, and does that on each shot until the hole is completed, which is your team's score on that hole).

The stroke play events are "flighted," meaning you are competing against players with a similar skill level to yours based upon your handicap index. There are five flights – Championship Flight, and the First through Fourth Flights. What is a handicap index? First of all, it is number. Generally speaking, it is a representation of your potential best score for 18 holes. Right now, I am around a 21 – which means if all goes really well, I might actually score a 93 on 18 holes on a course 1 out of 20 times! By now, the more educated members of EWGA are probably wincing because I'm really giving you the broad overview and my description may not be entirely accurate. There is so much to learn about this game of golf that we all love – and hate – depending on our round that day!

Two players advance from each flight – the low gross and the low net – and move on to the regional EWGA Championships. Winners from Regionals, which our Chapter will play in Eagle, Idaho, go to Nationals, in Leesburg, Va.

Some of you may not be carrying a handicap yet, or even understand what you need to do to "get one," but you don't need one for the Mock Championship, which is why you might want to check it out. We'll estimate your handicap for you if you don't have one yet, so you can see how it all works (just tell us your average score on 9 holes and you'll be off to the races!)

This particular event is always full, because it is a fun, safe atmosphere where you get to ask tons of questions, learn about various rules, find out about the format, learn about how to get a handicap and decide whether you want to actually throw your hat in the ring and compete in July.

And if you haven't played Quail Valley, it is one of our westside gems – bucolic countryside, gorgeous lakes, all on a well kept course. It is situated just outside of Banks, an easy and pleasant drive out U.S. 26 and then down Highway 6 toward Tillamook, about a mile on the right. Whether you want to just play 18 holes on a sunny Saturday in June or want to learn all about competing in our premier EWGA Championship, join us! The sign up deadline for Early Birdie pricing is June 1. After that, you pay a little bit more, but can sign up until June 6. [Head to our website now and sign up](#) so you don't miss out on all the fun.