



Spring means goals and extra clothes

By Jodenne Scott, president

The sky is blue, the sun is out and it's a pleasant 80 degrees outside. Then I come out of my daze and realize that I'm in Oregon, in February. That's okay, because spring is coming – and we will even get a little taste of it this week. We have fewer than 60 days to brush up on our game! Here are a few tips for early-season golf:

- Wear an extra pair of socks – always a good thing to be able to feel your toes.
- Use a softer golf ball – it may not go as far, it's more of a “feel” thing anyway.
- Club up – your muscles are tight and, really, these are just “practice rounds.”
- Wear layers – if you've seen “A Christmas Story,” you'll be laughing along with me.
- Carry hand warmers – these are inexpensive enough to always have in your bag.
- WALK – you'll be less likely to stiffen up.
- Fill a thermos with your favorite hot drink – spiked or not.

Now, to look ahead:

First, EWGA-Seattle wants to remind the Portland Chapter about a volunteer opportunity. Join the crew and be a part of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship, June 7-12, in Puget Sound. To register as a volunteer, go to the [Tournament Volunteer site](#) and enter access code **wpga2016ewga**. Volunteers pay \$130 and in return receive Ralph Lauren clothing, access to the tournament all six days, parking, food/beverage vouchers, a program and one-time discount at the merchandise tent. What a deal!

Second, I would like to share our goals for this year. Hopefully you are all aware of our theme for 2016 – Fun & Friendship – but how are we going to achieve this? As listed in our “Chapter Playbook” we submitted to EWGA Headquarters:

1) Increase our membership by 4 percent.

- Hold several off-season social gatherings to bring in potential new members.
- Have an EWGA booth at the Portland Golf Show, Feb. 12-14.
- Ladies night at GolfSmith in March.
- Broaden exposure in the community and provide info about EWGA via flyers, rack cards and **YOU**.

2) Retain current members.

- Create a welcoming environment for all.
- Recognize volunteers.
- Plan and carry out great weekend events.
- Set up Leagues for a skill levels.
- Offer professionally-run clinics

I hope you see these are not just the Board's goals, but you share these same goals, as well. It takes all of us to grow this Chapter. If you see or hear of an opportunity to spread the word about EWGA, please feel free to contact me at president@ewgapdx.com and we'll see what we can do.

Finally, the Board is very pleased to share our 2015 Profit & Loss statement. You can find the statement by [clicking here to go to Chapter Info/Finances](#) on the EWGA-PDX website.

Cheers & Happy Golf Days ahead!

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