



It's been an honor and a pleasure

By Marilyn Morfitt, 2014-15 EWGA-PDX president

Wow! Where did this golf season go? And what a year to celebrate!

It's been such a great experience working with our fantastic EWGA board and playing with many, many of our Chapter's 165 members this year. We have so much to be grateful for.

For starters, who can remember the last time so few rainchecks were issued? I'm not sure who was in charge of the weather, but they deserve a standing ovation. (Yes, we do need more rain, but from a golfer's standpoint the sunshine was divine.)

I count myself lucky to have worked with so many outstanding volunteers. More than 70 of our members volunteered for one or more activities, which made all our fun times possible. This represents 42 percent of our members contributing to the good of the whole. Thank you all so very much!

Our board was among the best team of "managers" I've had the pleasure to work with. The mighty dozen – eight board members and four ex-officios – collaborated exceptionally well. To a person, I wish to thank Jodenne, Holly, Mary, Patti, Linda, Allison, Tiffany, Susan, Jen, Barb, and Bonnie for being such fun to work with and accomplishing so much.

The Portland Chapter claims impressive bragging rights. We're the 14th largest chapter of the 120 chapters that make up the international EWGA organization. (Portland is hardly the 14th largest city.) We offered members 29 venues, including league nights, a morning league, more than a dozen weekend events, several clinics, social gatherings and competitions. A 13-percent increase in league participation is a good measure that we're meeting needs.

If you haven't heard, we had three Portland Chapter members qualify for stroke play at the EWGA Championship finals in Palm Springs, Calif., at the end of this month. Congratulations Elizabeth LeMay, Carlyne Lynch and Keve Gabbert! Plus, all three of Portland's match play teams qualified for the EWGA Cup finals and will be competing in Kissimee, Fla., for two days in mid-November. Congrats to captains Suzy Off, Deb Weissenbuehler and Halley Kramer, and all of your teams for doing amazingly well in Reno a couple weeks ago! (Unbelievably, I count myself among this remarkable group of women golfers.)

I hope you've enjoyed being an EWGA member as much as I have this year. As I sign off as your president, I have just three favors to ask. Please fill out the member survey that was just sent to you, as it serves to guide Jodenne and her newly elected Board's work in making 2016 even better. Please say yes (if you can) when asked to serve on various committees next year – volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization. And please attend our Kickoff in April – it's such a great way to get the season going again. Besides, that way I know I'll get to see you again soon.

Thank you for making this a memorable year for me,
Marilyn Morfitt