



Season starts for Chapter you can be proud of **by Jodenne Scott, EWGA-PDX President**

I hope you are as excited as I am that we are finally into May! We have four leagues starting this month and three events coming up! One event is already full and has a waiting list!

I have been able to play a few rounds since the Kickoff and it does feel good to be back out on the local courses, as well as on the courses I was able to play in Colonial Williamsburg, Va., where EWGA's 25th Anniversary conference was held. What an amazing experience! Both on the course and because of the people I met. Let me do a little name dropping here – **Sunny Mills** from the Sacramento Chapter, our Chapter Development Specialist; **Pam Swensen**, CEO of EWGA; **Nancy Oliver**, the founder of EWGA; and **Nancy Lopez**, a golf legend who has won three LPGA major championships and 45 other LPGA tournaments!

I have to say, after speaking with members from many Chapters across the nation, I am proud to be a part of a Chapter that offers our members so many leagues and events to choose from. We may not be as large as Boston or Westchester, N.Y. (both with more than 300 members) but with our nearly 170 members, we are as active as the bigger chapters! Way to go Portland and the volunteers who make it work!

Before the actual conference started on April 22, EWGA Headquarters offered a Leadership Summit. It was two powerful days of information on how to care for and grow membership, social media, negotiation skills and how other Chapters handle pretty much the same challenges we have. Great networking opportunities!

Then there was the conference itself. Three rounds of golf, all with different formats! A session on confidence and commitment to your shot. A presentation from Jan Beljan, a woman golf-course architect, who is assisting in the re-design of courses so they are more friendly to those golfers with a slower swing speed – which helps the pace of play. The six golf-skill stations each day were fun and educational. However, I learned it might not be the best idea to try **ALL** the new techniques on the same day! Pick one to work on during your game – the rest should stay at the driving range. Just sayin'. I will have a full write-up posted on our website by the end of the month!

I hope to see you all sometime during the summer at either a league or an event.

Cheers & happy golf days ahead!
Jodenne