



Hardly golfers mock the weather and carry on ***By Ann Chapman, Mock Chapter Championship Coordinator***

Neither dramatic cloud formations, nor shifting temperatures, nor periodic wind gusts, nor a quick downpour were enough to keep hardy Portland EWGA'ers from their appointed rounds at the recent 2016 Mock Chapter Championship.

Everyone played her round at Quail Valley Golf Course with one eye on the fairway and the other checking out the walls of rain that marched by throughout the day, mostly at a distance. At one point, the heavens opened up for just about one hole -- long enough for everyone to get all their rain gear on and then take it all off. But we Oregonians know how to manage those conditions, don't we?

After the Mock tournament round, everyone who could stay enjoyed a delicious meal right there at the clubhouse. Many found the courage to sign up for the Chapter Championship, coming up July 16 at Quail, particularly after some won their flights as "low net" (gross score minus course handicap).

This experience leads to the ultimate question every fledgling competitive golfer has: Is it better to score well as I prepare to play competitively (so my handicap drops and I have to play better to win) or to play horribly (so my handicap goes up and I might gain a stroke in competition)? The answer is...It is what it is! A game we sometimes cannot control. Truth be told, a missed shot isn't always a "bad" thing in this larger context.

Here are the winners by flight:

First Flight:

Low Gross -- **Graciela Teofield**

Low Net -- **Ann Chapman**

Second Flight

Low Gross -- **Joni Shimabukuro**

Third Flight

Low Gross -- **Keve Gabbert**

Low Net -- **Beverly Thornburg**

Fourth Flight:

Low Gross -- **Andrea Kielich**

Low Net -- **Emily Knupp**

The main thing is to have fun – competing or not -- and play honestly in the spirit of this great game. Avail yourself of the many opportunities EWGA offers us to play another round together or to make these events happen.

If you missed the sign-up for the Championship, the committee needs volunteers the day of the event. Contact Debbie Benschling for more information at debbenschling@comcast.net. Or just come on out, be part of the action and cheer on your fellow members. Hope to see you there!