

EWGA Huntsville Chapter August 2010 Newsletter



**Connecting women to learn,
play, and enjoy golf for
business and for life!**

Upcoming EWGA Events:

Huntsville Stars Social Outing	Aug 12th
Tunica Golf Outing	Sept 23- 26
For all the latest information, go to www.ewgahuntsville.com	

Come Play Golf With Us in Tunica!!

In the July newsletter, there was a "Save the Date" for a Tunica Golf Trip. Here is the information you need to know if you would like to join us for the outing.

Birmingham and Memphis EWGA Chapters are also invited to join us.

Golf: Friday, Sept 24th—Tunica National Golf Course, start 8:30am
18-hole round is \$64.20 (EWGA)
Saturday, Sept 25th— The Links at Cottonwood, start 9:10am
18-hole round is \$69.00 (EWGA)

Accommodations: A block of rooms at the Harrah's Hotel & Casino (formerly The Grand) has been reserved for Thurs, Fri, and Sat nights.

EWGA Rates: Thurs: \$40, Fri: \$99, Sat: \$99. Per room, not per person. If you split a room with another person(s), then the room rates would be split between you. Prices do not include tax.

You will pay for your golf and your accommodations when you arrive. The golf and hotel rates have been reduced because we are booking as a group. If you would like to go, here is what you should do:

Step 1: To reserve a room you must send ME an email or contact me and let me know the person's name that the room will be under. Do not call the Hotel or book online. Your rates will be higher. If you only want to stay 2 nights, that's fine too, just let me know.

Step 2: To play golf, you must send ME an email or contact me to let me know which days you want to play. Do not call the golf course to reserve a tee time or book one online. Your rates will be higher. You do not have to play both days. You can let me know if there's another person you wish to be paired with, but the goal is to make foursomes that consist of people from more than one Chapter.

DEADLINE: The deadline to sign up for a room reservation for your party and the days you wish to play golf is **Tuesday August 24th, 2010.**

You are responsible for arranging your transportation to Tunica as well as to the golf courses each day. Those that sign up will receive future emails with updates, tee times, groupings, and directions to the hotel and golf courses.

Harrah's Hotel & Casino is located at 13615 Old Hwy 61 N, Robinsonville, MS 38664 and overlooks the Links at Cottonwood. Shuttles run every few minutes just a short distance to the Casino and restaurants including the [Paula Deen Buffet](#). You can also reserve a spa treatment at [Bellissimo Spa & Salon](#) located in the adjacent tower to ours.

We hope you will join us for this fun-filled weekend!!

Ellanee Bright, President
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Social Update: Join us at the Stars Game!

A summer HSV Stars baseball game, on Thursday August, 12th in the evening, will be our August EWGA social event. In honor of our HSV Chapter's 10th year, the first ten members to reply will get a FREE ticket.

Tickets otherwise will be \$8 or a little less, depending on number of replies. Invite friends, your other groups, family, co-workers: the more the merrier. If we get over 19 attendees, we can get an even bigger discount. We will need to call for tickets on August 10 with a final count, so please reply soonest to Carol.

For those who may prefer a simple beverage or meal and no baseball, we will meet before the game at a restaurant nearby. Watch for details in early August. Email Carol right away to reserve. Hope to see you there!

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Huntsville EWGA Members Compete at Semi-Finals!!

We are rooting for our fellow Huntsville EWGA Chapter Championship winners as they compete in the EWGA Semi-Finals Saturday, August 7th in Fairview Heights, IL.

GOOD LUCK TO:

1st Flight—Cindy Bennett

2nd Flight—Judy Finch & Gina Linville

3rd Flight—Cheryll McCorkle

We hope all make it to the next round at the EWGA Championship Tournament!!

Be safe coming home!

EWGA Short Game Challenge:

The first annual Skills Challenge Competition is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for September 25, and October 23 (tentatively). On September 25, we will all meet and access your short game skills with pitches, chips, short putts, long putts, and yes, bunker shots. You will then have four weeks to work on your skills.

We will then meet on Oct. 23rd to have the final competition. I will be having a series of clinics to allow you work on the various shots in preparation of the final competition. Check the September newsletter for more information and registration.

Do you know a member of EWGA that owns their own business? Someone who has recently accomplished something they would like to share? Let us feature them in our "Member in the Spotlight" section by emailing the info to Ellanee Bright at president@ewgahuntsville.com

Patty Reno, Golf Education and Player Development,
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Rules of Golf-Tip of the Month:

Question: Help! I hit my tee shot and it may be lost or out of bounds. What do I do now?

Answer: Proceed under Rule 27: Ball Lost or Out of Bounds.

If you know your ball went out of bounds, you as the player may, under penalty of one stroke, play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played. In other words, if you hit the ball out of bounds on your tee shot – re-tee the ball and play from the tee. If you went out of bounds on your second shot, play from the spot where you hit your second shot.

Question: But what if I don't know if the ball is lost or out of bounds? Now what do I do?

Answer: Play a provisional ball (rule 27-2). If a ball may be lost outside a water hazard or may be out of bounds, to save time the player may play another ball provisionally in accordance with rule 27-1. The player must inform her fellow competitor that she intends to play a provisional ball (must actually say the word provisional – not "I am going to hit another ball"), and she must play it before she or her partner goes forward to search for the original ball.

If she fails to do so and plays another ball, that

ball is **not** a provisional ball and becomes the ball in play under penalty of stroke and distance; the original ball is lost.

Question: I've played a provisional ball and have looked for my original ball for the allowable 5 minutes but can't find it, now what do I do?

Answer: Your provisional ball is now in play and the original ball is now declared lost. You must add one penalty stroke to your card at the conclusion of the hole. If however, you find your ball within the 5 minute time frame, and it not out of bounds, you must abandon the provisional ball and continue playing the original ball. If you make any further strokes with the provisional ball, you are playing a wrong ball and the provisions of Rule 15-3 apply.

This rule only applies to a ball which may be lost outside of a water hazard or may be out of bounds. If you know your ball went into a water hazard, you must then proceed under that rule (Rule 26).

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Welcome New EWGA Members!

We want to welcome **SHEILA HERSHEY** and **PAT LEMONS!!**

We are so glad you have joined us!!

EWGA Diversity Statement: EWGA strives for an inclusive membership with full participation, regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, sexual orientation, career choice or golf ability. EWGA believes that the practice of valuing and celebrating diversity will strengthen the status of women and that it is vital to our organization's vision and mission.

EWGA Handicap System (GN21) - Do You Often Post 9-Hole Rounds?

(from EWGA Connections...)

Summer is here and many EWGA members are heavy into regular league play. Some of you are playing once, twice, or if you're my mom, three times a week and most of these rounds are just nine holes at a time.

These 9-hole rounds are very important, especially when it comes to your handicap record and you should be aware of how these scores are treated in the calculation of your USGA Handicap Index. The following is a list of standards set by the USGA on how all handicap systems should use 9-hole scores and how you as a system user should post these scores.

9-hole scores may only be posted if you play 7-12 holes in a round. For rounds of 13 holes or more, you may post an 18-hole score. Please see [Section 5-2b in the USGA Handicap Manual](#) for scoring an incomplete round.

- The golf course listed in the system must have a USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating for 9-holes as well as 18-holes.
- 9-hole scores must not be designated as Tournament (T) scores.
- Handicap systems will combine 9-hole scores to make 18-hole scores before calculating a handicap index. The 9-holes scores may be from different courses.
- When 9-hole scores are combined to calculate your handicap index, this score should be designated with the letter "C". Nine-hole combined scores posted via the Internet are designated with the letters "CI".
- 9-hole scores are combined in the order that they are received in the handicap system and

can be from any golf course and any set of tees. For example, a 9-hole score from the Women's forward tees at Course A can be combined with a 9-hole score from the Women's middle tees at Course B.

- When 9-hole scores are combined for handicap calculation, the course name and date listed for the score will be that of the most recent 9-hole score in the combination.
- 9-hole scores will be stored in the handicap record for combination until it is older than the 12th oldest 18-hole score

There is no limit to how many 9-hole scores you can post in your handicap record and I'm sure many of you already take advantage of this great option in the EWGA's Handicap System - GN21. If not, it's so easy to start keeping track of your golf progress which is included in your EWGA membership. Simply go to EWGA.com and click on MEMBER LOGIN. Login with your email address and password, then click on HANDICAP and you'll be directed to GN21.

Remember... to establish a handicap index, you must have an equivalent of five 18-hole scores in your record prior to the next revision date which for most states is the 1st and 15th of the month. If you're a regular 9-hole golfer, then you'll need to post ten 9-hole scores to generate a handicap index.

For more handicap knowledge, please visit <http://www.usga.org/> and click on HANDICAPPING.

If you have questions, please contact me.

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Would YOU Like to Play at TPC SAWGRASS? Play Where Legends of the Golf Have Played Before with EWGA Charity Golf Tournament!!

Join EWGA members from all over the country at the 2010 EWGA Charity Golf Tournament & Silent Auction Fundraiser. This is an EWGA Foundation event to benefit the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf association.

Date: November 14-15th, 2010

You can be there on the 17th hole of the PLAYERS Stadium Course! Get your golf foursome ready and plan to spend the

weekend with us November 14-15, 2010 at TPC Sawgrass, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL for the 8th Annual EWGA Foundation Charity Golf Tournament & Silent Auction Fundraiser in support of LPGA-USGA Girls Golf.

For more information visit this

[EWGA Link!](#)

EWGA Election Process Continues for 2010-2011 Officers



The Election process is on speed as far as the schedule, and we have received a good number of nominations. The Committee is reviewing all election criteria, and will send notes to Candidates for their approval, or declination, for being a candidate. All EWGA members are encouraged to participate in the election process by voting for the open officer positions. Secretary, Vice President, and President will be elected by the membership for next year's board.

If you would like to become a voting member of the EWGA board, several committee chair positions will also be available. Look for these to be described in a future newsletter. If you have *any* questions, please contact me.

Lindy Robinett, Leadership Chair
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EWGA in Cyberspace

Are you part of a networking or social online site? If so, EWGA is most likely there for you to connect with. Look for EWGA at any of the sites you participate in below. And don't forget, your Huntsville chapter has its own Facebook that you can find by searching for EWGA Huntsville. Hope you will join us!

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