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EWGA Quad-Cities Chapter Newsletter

June 2011

From the President's Desk...

Hi Ladies,

The golf season is under way and there is a lot of information to pass along to all of you. First thing I would like to share is our experience at EWGA GOLFPALOOZA 2011. Chapter Vice President Jolene Allen and I recently returned from Omni Amelia Island Plantation where we attended the EWGA Annual Conference, also known as "Golfpalooza." There were over 350 attendees from 73 chapters from 38 states, as well as over 40 exhibitors and sponsors, celebrating the 20th anniversary of EWGA. It was an honor and privilege to represent our Chapter.



Jane
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2010-2011
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As usual, there was a stellar lineup of speakers: Hall of Famer Judy Rankin (who received the prestigious EWGA 2011 Leadership Award); Beth Ann Baldry, Senior Editor, *Golfweek*; Kimberly Erusha, PhD., Managing Director, USGA Greens Section; Donna Fiodorowicz, Sr. VP Tournament Business Affairs, PGA Tour; Robin Herrington, Global Marketing Manager, Nike Golf and Mariah Burton Nelson, Disney Institute. Ms. Nelson encouraged us all to be athletes and the importance of practicing if you want to get better at anything. Golfpalooza was a first-class event. Every year it is held at a

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great location. Members golf on superb golf courses and the speakers are the tops in their fields. There is great entertainment and the food is fabulous! Next year, Golfpalooza heads west to Las Vegas, at the J.W. Marriott in Summerlin, April 18 - 21, 2012. I would love to see more of our Chapter represented next year-- I hope to see you there!

The second thing I would like to share is my experience with ClubCorp. I made a recent trip to the Las Vegas area to visit my son. Just coming from the EWGA conference I had heard about ClubCorp. I didn't waste any time checking to see if ClubCorp had a golf course in the Las Vegas area, they have two. I called ClubCorp and because I am president of our Chapter I received two free rounds of golf. My husband and I chose to golf at Bear's Best golf course. Bear's Best is one of the best courses I have ever played. The course is Jack Nicklaus's favorite 18 holes from around the world. I recognized several holes from PGA tournaments shown on TV. The clubhouse was very nice and I couldn't resist buying a logo shirt. I was treated with respect by everyone I met.

Golf rates vary in Las Vegas depending on the season. While we were there, the golf rate at Bear's Best was \$150 per golfer, so we saved \$300 by being an EWGA member, which added to an already great time. If you have an opportunity to golf or eat at one of ClubCorp's facilities it is an experience you will thoroughly enjoy.

Thirdly I would like to explain the **Tail Activewear Program**. At Golfpalooza I met Mr. Jason Burr, the CFO of Tail Activewear Corporation. I registered our Chapter with the Tail Activewear **WEB AFFILIATED PROGRAM**. What the web affiliated program does is save money for our members while our chapter **earns** money. Every month our chapter receives a coupon for a special offer. If you make a purchase at checkout, enter coupon code **EWGAQUAD** and you will **receive 25 percent off** your purchases **along with free shipping**. Then, our chapter will receive 20 percent in credit which we can redeem online. Our credit can be used toward gift certificates for awards, door prizes or thank-you gifts. If you are shopping for a gift or a new outfit, please check out this site. [Click here to visit Tail Activewear](#). Both you and our Chapter benefit when you purchase Tail Activewear products. [Click here for a great coupon book from EWGA!](#)

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Handicap Corner

Chapter Championship

Our Chapter Championship is coming up fast - July 16, 2011 at 10 a.m. -- but you must have your scores posted before July 7 to catch the last update prior to the competition. You need two 18-hole rounds or four 9-hole rounds to establish a handicap for Chapter Championship. If you need any help posting your scores, call Donna Whitcomb, Handicap Chair at 563-508-0611 or 309-523-3890.

Our Championship is held at Glynn's Creek. It is a flighted event so you only compete against players of your same skill level and using your handicap. There are five flights and two players from each flight move forward to the next level. If someone decides not to go forward, we can send our third place player instead. There are individual stroke and team competitions plus a fun scramble too! So come on out and have a great time.

Jane

Membership Offer During June ~ It's Women's Golf Month!

Women's Golf Month is celebrated at golf facilities across the U.S. during the month of June.

It's a great opportunity for our Chapter and members to meet women who are attending these special events and tell them about EWGA. You'll want to see what's happening in your area and see how you can get involved.

Here are a couple of incentives to make June an even better EWGA membership option:

- **\$25 savings for all new members joining in June ~** (at the Classic or Executive levels). They can submit their applications by mail, or use the promotion code EWGA11-WGM11 if they want to join online.
- **Rewards for EWGA members in June ~** Every member who recruits a new member from June 1-30 will have her name entered into a drawing for a chance to win a dozen Nike golf balls (four winners to be selected).

2011 EWGA-QC Golf Events

Friday, June 24, 2011

Pink Ribbon Classic at Pinnacle Country Club

Saturday, July 16, 2011

Chapter Championship at Glynn's Creek Golf Course

Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011

President's Cup at Saukie Golf Course

Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011

Byron Hills Golf Course

Hope you can join us-- watch your e-mail for more information in the coming weeks! [Click here for online event](#)

EWGA Champions Cup

EWGA has developed another competition for us. It is called the EWGA Champions Cup and it is a match play event which means competitors compete and win hole by hole. Each hole is scored and handicapped and a winner of the most holes can move ahead to the next level of competition as in Chapter Championship. Sounds like it too will be great fun, so [visit the website for information](#) or watch for upcoming e-mail blasts.

EWGA HQ SPECIALS

Special Summer Membership Campaign - Get Fired Up!

It's a **HOT** time for golf right now - and the perfect time to find new women who want to join our Chapter and EWGA.

Every recruiter who gets three new members from June 1 through August 31 will win a special EWGA logoed prize - PLUS have a chance to win a free registration to the April 2012 EWGA Golfpalooza in Las Vegas!!

Value for Members

[registration](#)

EWGA MEMBER BENEFITS

EWGA Golf Club Network

Are you traveling this year? EWGA offers discounts at courses all across the country. Getting a discount at golf courses is a great EWGA member benefit. The list of courses that are part of the EWGA Golf Club Network can be found by visiting www.ewga.com and clicking on the EGC Network link in the lower right of the screen. It's the graphic with the road sign reading "Play the USA with the EWGA." You will find a drop-down menu at the bottom to select any state and then the participating courses and contact information will appear.

LPGA Events

Want to see an LPGA Tournament? Well now you can...for FREE! Newly announced is the partnership with the LPGA and LPGA Futures Tour. This means that we will be able to attend any of their domestic tournaments for FREE! Just show up and flash your EWGA membership ID and you are in!

2011 Member Benefit - Savings Coupons

EWGA members receive coupons to redeem for golf playing and saving opportunities valued at over \$300. Please note that each of the coupons is for one-time use only and are only for current EWGA members. [Click here for great coupons from EWGA!](#)

"Member for a Day" at CLUBCORP

Be a "Member for a Day" at one of their Country Clubs or Business & Sports Clubs. EWGA Members receive a complimentary lunch or round of golf when accompanied by one paying guest. To book your tee time/reservation, call 1-866-659-3380. Some restrictions apply.

BILLY CASPER GOLF

EWGA members are eligible to receive 15 percent off 18-hole rounds of golf. Members must use an exclusive EWGA/BCG tee time reservation engine on the EWGA website. Log in, go

with a Link to Golf Education

EWGA Corporate Partner, **Golf Digest**, has put together a great compilation of slideshows to illustrate basic golf topics. From *Equipment to Rules to Basic Shots*, these vignettes are perfect refreshers for experienced golfers and great training aids for beginning golfers.

[Just click here to access the slideshow](#) and increase your skills and knowledge of the game.

to Member Clubhouse, click on the "Marketplace" then Golf and Business travel, then scroll down to Billy Casper Golf.

PREFERRED GOLF

Activate your \$295 gift from EWGA and begin enjoying "Complimentary Golf at the World's Best Golf Resorts." Contact the VIP desk today at 888-893-8897 or [click here](#) to activate your membership today. Whether enrolling online or calling the VIP desk, be sure to use promo code: **EWGA**.

HILTON MVP PROGRAM

EWGA members are invited to participate in the exclusive Hilton MVP program which saves you 20 percent off the best available rate. Go to [the Hilton MVP site](#) and either log in or register to be an HHonors member, or call 1-866-424-4276. *You must ask for the MVP rate when you call.*

[Visit the EWGA Marketplace](#) to see a complete list sponsors and benefits.

Membership News



Suzi Dale

Membership
Chair

What happened to spring??!! Did I miss it? Heat and humidity notwithstanding, the 2011 golf season is under way. All our leagues are going strong and our new ongoing Chapter Match Play Tournament has begun. We owe a big thank-you to **Claudia Anderson** and **Gina Nedelcoff** for all their work in getting our leagues organized. Remember, EWGA-sponsored leagues are open to members only-if your membership has expired, please renew ASAP so you can continue enjoying your league participation. Renewing your membership is simple and can be done online (remember to click the "submit" button!).

EWGA members enjoy many benefits, not the least of which is the camaraderie on the golf course. There are also significant discounts offered by various national retailers including, Golfsmith Troon ClubCorp Cutter & Buck Zannos the PGA

Pro Shop at their headquarters in Daytona Beach and many others (to find a list, log into EWGA and go to the Marketplace). Additionally, there are many valuable social and business contacts to be made through golf. If you're enjoying your membership, why not spread the word to your friends, families and co-workers? EWGA is offering a special logoed prize **PLUS** a chance to win a free registration to the April 2012 EWGA Golfpalooza in Las Vegas to every recruiter who brings in **three new members** between June 1 through August 31. So be sure to have anyone you recruit enter your name as a referral. Could mean good times in Las Vegas!

Speaking of **new members**, I'd like to welcome the 14 women who joined EWGA-QC this spring. They are: **Jamie Chenoweth, Luana Gredell, Carla Murphy, Deborah Wesenberg, Gina Fransen, Janelle Fisher, Susan Holland, Roxann Lipes, Marci Barnhart, Stephanie Childers, Barb Schroeder, Katelyn Darling, Aiping Wang**, and returning member **Sally Eherenfeldt**. Welcome, ladies! If you run into any of these ladies, make them welcome and buy them a cold drink-- they'll need it in this heat!

One more thing, after much trial and error, the Membership Directory is finally being printed. With luck, it should be distributed before the end of June--just a few weeks late. The learning curve gets harder to climb as the brain ages, did you know that? Why didn't anybody tell me before I agreed to do this job?

GOLFALOOZA-- An Amazing Experience!

Jane and I were privileged to join 350 other EWGA members from around the U.S. and Canada at the annual EWGA Golfpalooza this year! The Conference was an opportunity to participate in many golf events as well as informative break-out sessions that were golf- and business-oriented. We also were able to help raise funds for the EWGA Foundation by participating in our own "Minute to Win It" games which resulted in one lucky EWGA member winning an all-expense-paid trip to the Solheim Cup in Ireland! (Unfortunately, neither Jane nor I were the winner). You should have seen us trying to move an Oreo Cookie from our foreheads to our mouths with no hands... quite the sight! I am happy to say that I did accomplish this task. There were several other

games that Jane excelled in!

We made many new friends, especially the Omaha Chapter and the Chicago Metro Chapter. We hope to be able to schedule an outing with them at some time in the future. Awards Night was a gala night with a dinner party around the pool including a D.J., a bonfire and s'mores on the beach. It was even more memorable with the moon shining brilliantly over the Atlantic Ocean!

Next year the Golfpalooza will be held in Las Vegas in April. We hope some of you might like to see how the National EWGA delivers an outstanding event for our members! Check your calendars for next April and plan to join us for a fantastic trip! If you want to know more about Golfpalooza, feel free to corner Jane or me at our next event-- we have lots to share! *(Reminder: any current EWGA member recruiting three new EWGA members from June 1 - August 31 will be entered into a drawing for a free registration to next year's Golfpalooza! Start recruiting now!)*

See you on the Golf Course!

Jolene

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