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EWGA Quad-Cities Chapter Newsletter

March 2011 Kick Off Preview

From the President's Desk...

Hi EWGA Ladies,

I don't know about you, but this winter sure has seemed long, and I, for one, am very ready for the golf season to start. Speaking of golf season, we started ours off with a Meet & Greet night social event on Feb. 24 at The Phoenix in Davenport. It was a great success-- we had over 50 women join us that night. I want to give a special thanks to Social Events Committee Chairs Andee Ossowski and Denise Harder and Leagues Chair Claudia Anderson. They did a fabulous job! There were drinks and chips and lots of drawings for great prizes. I don't want to steal Andee's thunder but we did register several new members.



Jane McDonnell
2010-2011 President

This month is sometimes called MARCH MADNESS and we are working like mad gearing up for one of our biggest events of the year -- KICK OFF. This year we are combining Kick Off with the annual Spring Dinner. We listened to our members and have brought you a \$15 savings. The Kick Off/Spring Dinner is only \$25 for members and will be held Tuesday, March 29 at Modern Woodmen Park in Davenport. There will be vendors, a full course buffet dinner and surprise entertainment. Bring your friends, neighbors, coworkers and

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relatives. Share the fun!

I also want to share a few things that EWGA Headquarters has going on. For those of us who like to cook, the EWGA Foundation has published a cookbook as part of the EWGA 20th anniversary year celebration. "Recipes for Success - On and Off the Course" includes over 380 great recipes and fun golf games that were contributed by EWGA members and special friends. The cookbook will be available in April and can be ordered from the [EWGA-HQ website](#).

Currently, EWGA Foundation is accepting applications for "Women on Par" scholarship. Do you know someone who could use a helping hand to "get on par" with her peers? Now in its fourth year, the EWGA Foundation "Women on Par" scholarship program provides financial assistance to nontraditional female students - women 30 and older.

The initial application period for this scholarship is open through March 15. The first 200 applications received will be considered. EWGA membership is not a requirement to apply or to receive a scholarship. The next step in the two-step process is additional screening by the selection committee with the 2011 winner of the \$1,000 scholarship being announced June 15. So hurry-- it's not too late to help someone you know.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for continuing to support EWGA through your annual memberships. I know that each year you make a choice to renew your membership. We hope you enjoy all the fun activities we have planned for you this year and don't forget to visit EWGA-Headquarters website. Check out all the EWGA sponsors, discounted golf apparel, travel, networking and other services. There is added value in your membership when you take advantage of those member discounts.

See you at Kick Off!

Jane

Get Ready for Kick Off!

This year's Kick Off event is March 29, 2011 at Modern Woodmen Stadium. The venue has changed, and that's only the beginning. This year our goal as your Social Events

[information on all of our generous EWGA-QC Sponsors!](#)

Promote Your Business with EWGA-QC!

Golf season is almost here, girls!!! We all need to be thinking about how we can support our Quad Cities Chapter of EWGA.

Sponsors are a very necessary part of our organization - enabling our Chapter to present great golf and social events. As

businesswomen we all know someone who is a potential sponsor. If you or your business would like to become an EWGA-QC sponsor, please contact our sponsorship committee.

We are also seeking vendors for Kick Off Event on March 29. If you or anyone you know are interested in hosting a booth, the member fee is only \$45 including dinner! The non-member fee is \$100 plus an additional \$25 for the dinner. Anyone interested in hosting a booth or becoming a sponsor, please contact [Sponsorship Chair Terrie VanOpdorp](#) at 309-736-9637.

Meet & Greet Nets New Members

Committee is to do things a little differently and we are starting with Kick Off.

This year we are combining Spring Dinner and Kick Off, so instead of paying \$25 for the dinner and a couple weeks later \$15 for Kick Off, you'll only pay \$25 for both. Doors and cash bar will open at 5 p.m., and it will be your first opportunity to sign up for leagues. To save time, we will not be processing membership renewals that night, so please take care of your renewal prior to the event. Non-members may attend this event as well for \$35, with \$10 going toward their membership if they choose to join.

We have planned a delicious meal for Kick Off including prime rib, chicken parmesan, bleu cheese baby red potatoes, green beans, rolls, a garden salad and a fun and fabulous ice cream sundae bar for dessert! If that doesn't sound like enough fun, then we would like to entice you with the promise of live entertainment. What, you ask? Well you're going to have to show up to find out. A night of good food, good friends and laughter is sure to be had by all.

Warning: Those of you with weak bladders may want to wear your Depends!

We would love for all of our members to attend this event, even if you may not be joining a league this year. We have so many new and exciting things planned for the upcoming year and want everyone to hear about them. So please register for Kick Off before March 19th, bring your appetite, a great attitude, and a golfing state of mind!

[Click here to registration online now \(preferred\)!](#)
[Click here for mail-in registration](#)

Please contact Social Chairs [Denise Harder](#) or [Andee Ossowski](#) for more information.

2011 EWGA-QC Golf Events - A "Slice" of Fun!

EWGA-QC is excited to bring you another great year of golf events. These events are a great way to improve your game, socialize with friends and even make new friends! Mark your calendars now for the following fun dates.

The first social event of this year was also the first of its kind for our Chapter. On Feb. 24, 2011 we held an EWGA Meet & Greet night. The event proved to be a wonderful success.

We met many new friends who had an interest in finding out more about EWGA and our Quad Cities Chapter. Over 50 people, current members and their guests, attended this event at The Phoenix Restaurant in downtown Davenport.

Five of our guests became new members that night and a group from The National Bank are considering a corporate membership (10 or more members), for a total of 15 new golf buddies this year! Meet & Greet was a great success!

Please welcome our new members:

Janelle Fisher
Deborah Wesenberg
Roxann Lipex
Carla Murphy
Luana Gredell
Jamie Chenoweth

Photos from

Saturday, May 7, 2011
Opening Event at Short Hills Country Club

Friday, June 3, 2011
Nine & Wine at Palmer Hills Golf Course

Friday, June 24, 2011
Pink Ribbon Classic at Pinnacle Country Club

Saturday, July 16, 2011
Chapter Championship at Glynns 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!

EWGA-QC Pink Ribbon Classic
Sponsored by Vista International

The Pink Ribbon Classic will be held on Friday, June 24, at Pinnacle Country Club in Milan, Ill. and is open to EWGA members and non-members alike. Registration for the tournament will begin on Friday, April 29, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at Gilda's Club in Davenport along with the PRC Silent Auction and Wine Tasting. Everyone is welcome to attend, including spouses, friends and associates whether they are registering for the tournament or not. Admission is only \$5 at the door to cover the cost of hors'd oeuvres, and the wine is free! There will be a large selection of valuable and beautiful items to bid on, donated by generous local businesses, including golf-for-four certificates at many local golf courses and country clubs!

The PRC, our Chapter's community support event, began in 2001 and has grown into the largest and most popular women's benefit golf tournament in the Quad Cities! Since it

Meet & Greet



Donna Whitcomb &
Tina Grove



The Greeting
Committee



Jolene Allen



Sue Martin

began, our Chapter has raised over \$299,000 for breast cancer patient support programs offered by Gilda's Club of the Quad Cities.

The tournament is a double shotgun preferred ball four-woman team event. The morning group will tee off at 8 a.m. followed by a luncheon and awards ceremony in the beautiful Pinnacle dining room. At 2 p.m. the afternoon group tees off, and new this year, they too will enjoy a buffet meal following their round along with their awards ceremony.

Moving the PRC from Byron Hills Golf Course to Pinnacle Country Club necessitated some changes, but, fortunately the entry fee has not changed - still only \$85 per person! Breakfast items will be available for purchase before the morning round and snacks or sandwiches can be purchased prior to the afternoon round.

Women of all skill levels are encouraged to enter the PRC. The tournament is open to EWGA members and non-members. Prizes are awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in three flights for each round. With flighted rounds, every foursome has a chance to win!!

This tournament is so popular with the women of the QCA because there are so many on-course contests and surprises. There will be handsome "hunks" on four holes that, will hit a LONG drive for only \$5 to give your team a birdie or even an eagle opportunity! There will be multiple hole-in-one contests on the par-three holes and SIX flag event holes-- all free! For a donation pledge of \$20 or one cent per birdie, you can enter the Drive the Middle Birdies for Charity contest that benefits Gilda's Club. You must fill out a pledge card, guess the number of birdies to be made by the pros in the John Deere Classic in July, and if your shot is closest to the middle of the fairway at the end of the round, you will win \$100 in cash and the chance to compete in the drive-the-middle finals at the TPC Deere Run on the Sunday before the JDC. The winner of the finals wins a spot to play in the JDC Pro-Am! Last year almost all of the men hit shots that didn't even land on the fairway-- the contest was won by a WOMAN!!

Girls just want to have fun, and this tournament is all about having a great time!! Visit the [PRC web page](#) for all the

details! And don't forget to stop by the Pink Ribbon Classic booth at Kick Off on March 29th!

Membership News



Hi! My name is Suzi Dale and I'm the Membership Chair for 2011. I'm relatively new to EWGA so please allow me to introduce myself. This is my first article for the EWGA-QC newsletter and it contains some important stuff, so please keep

reading.

Mentors Needed

I'd like to continue the Mentoring Program that's been in effect in recent years so I am seeking volunteer mentors. Mentors serve as representatives of EWGA-QC and help new members become comfortable within EWGA-QC. They answer questions, maybe play a round or two with their "mentees" and generally help new members get involved in EWGA activities, leagues and events. They serve as a personal touch and familiar face from EWGA-QC. If you are willing to serve as a mentor for a new member this year, [please click here to e-mail me.](#)

Membership Committee Needs Volunteers

Unfortunately, I can't attend all EWGA-QC events so I'm looking for four to six committee members to share the duties. Volunteers will welcome and introduce new members to their fellow golfers, take photos at these events and help staff membership booths at those events which allow that activity. At Kick-Off on March 29 I'll need someone with a camera to take photos of individual members for our Chapter directory. I'll be in sunny Florida so I hope whoever volunteers will also identify the subject of each photo! I'll also need help at the Pink Ribbon Classic scheduled for June 24 at Pinnacle Country Club. There will be a Membership table before the morning and afternoon sessions.

Mug Shots

The 2011 Chapter directory will be printed in May and the new size will be small enough to fit easily in a purse or golf bag. I have photos of most of you but not all. Additionally

some of you may have lost weight, colored your hair or removed a facial "imperfection" so maybe an updated photo is in order. If you have a favorite photo of yourself please e-mail it to me or I'll hunt you down on the golf course when and if I can.

New Members

Joining a committee is a great way to familiarize yourselves with how EWGA works and meet more of your "golfing sisters." I strongly urge you to get involved (and help me out too!) to have even more fun!

Suzi Dale

Membership Chair

2011 Leagues ~ Sign Up at Kick Off

We're happy to announce that there are new leagues this year. The first is a daytime league at the Rock Island Arsenal. This will be a Wednesday morning 18 hole league starting at 8:30 a.m. This is a beautiful course that has finally been opened up to the public this year.

Also, a few of the members wanted to try their hand at Pebble Creek so we slid that league in on Tuesday nights teeing off at 5 p.m.

And, back by popular demand is a "Pairs" League. This league will be played every other Friday night at Glynn's Creek. A pair in this league is you and your golf buddy, husband, boyfriend, girlfriend, just whomever you would like to golf with. It's a pay-as-you-go league. A league coordinator will notify the course early in the week and get the tee times assembled and decide a format or game for that week.

Another new twist this year is the Partner Challenge. You and another EWGA member will team up and compete with handicaps against other teams in our chapter. There is a \$10 fee per team to join the Challenge. You will have a set number of weeks to play a set number of rounds with the competitors. We will have all the rules available when you sign up at Kick Off/Spring Dinner along with the courses that will be used. Remember, you must have a handicap to join

this Challenge!

[Click here for details on all 2011 leagues](#)

Any questions, contact [Leagues Chair, Claudia Anderson](#).

See you at Kick Off!

Claudia

[Forward email](#)

