



2021 WINTER NEWSLETTER

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<https://www.womensmetgolf.org>

Imagine, there were the glass half full and the glass half empty believers for organized women's golf in Southeastern Michigan in general. After all, when one looks at WMGA, MWGA, AAWGA, etc. we are an aging bunch with many of the same players having memberships as well as leadership roles in several of the local women's golf organizations. Which means, our numbers could be in trouble. – Our sorority of female golfers needs some pledges and candidates for management. Who is going to carry the torch for our future?

I honestly do not have an answer so I am going to ask all of you to be advocates for women's golf and WMGA in particular. –

2022 marks our 87th year in existence, an extraordinary feat even for Fortune 500 Companies! For the distant future, we all need to be cognizant of the youth golf programs as well as high school programs for girls. - Perhaps be a mentor. GAM's Youth on Course and MWGA's LPGA/USGA Girls Golf Program come to mind. See their respective websites for details on how you can assist. For the near future, retaining and recruiting members is crucial. The most basic way to inspire potential members is to **talk** about the organization and talk, talk, talk.... Are you a "casual" league member that may have some members interested in a higher quality of golf? Foremost, invite guests for an actual WMGA experience. If you have additional ideas, I would love to hear from you. – Keep in mind we do not have a budget for "promotions".

Of course, having a healthy membership means nothing if we cannot perpetuate an exemplary management. First, all members are expected to work the posting table at least a couple of times during the season. – This should give you a taste of our weekly operation. We want you to become

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I trust this greeting finds all in good spirits. After a very successful 2021 season, we were blessed with a beautiful autumn allowing for several optimal days to continue to hit that ball. – I know I took advantage of the balmy temperatures as well as some of the "not so balmy" temperatures. In Michigan, as long as the sun is shining with no gale force winds or snow, there is an opportunity to golf.... As long as you can find a course that is open.

It was after one of these fall golf days, while enjoying an adult beverage, the topic of the WMGA's future came up for discussion. As one can

involved and volunteer. Let us know your expertise or interests and I'm sure we can find a niche for you! Now, the ultimate sacrifice is to volunteer for the Board. – WMGA functions solely by a volunteer Board of Directors. – New blood is always welcomed and encouraged. Keep in mind, some positions require knowledge of the Rules and Handicapping. So, if interested in these positions, perhaps, during the upcoming cold months, you might familiarize yourself in these areas. Like Uncle Sam, we need you!

I hope I didn't put a damper in your holiday spirits. Myself, I'm a half-full type. Our 2022 schedule is about 95% complete with a couple of new locations which will provide some new challenges to your game. Look for our Membership Application late winter. By the way, I am honored to continue as your president for 2022.

In closing, whatever you celebrate, I wish all of you peace on earth and good will and a Happy New Year. See you on the links.

Barbara



2021 Club Champion
Kathy Stellema



2021 Queen Cindy Hill

REMINDER- MICHIGAN GHIN POSTING HAS ENDED

Score posting in Michigan ended on November 1, 2021. If you golf in other states or countries that have an active season year-round, such as Florida, California and South Carolina, you should continue to post your scores. Your WMGA GHIN account will become inactive in January, so please notify Sue Madej at wndblwn97@gmail.com to keep your account active.

NEWSLETTER

Photos Wanted! In 2022 I would ask that you consider taking some candid shots on the golf course and sharing them with me for inclusion in our Newsletter. We all love photos—so take them of your group or of a particular hole that is so gorgeous or possibly that closest to the pin that was almost a hole in one. I cannot guarantee they will be included in the Newsletter, but I would love to have more possibilities to sort through. Thanks.

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BARB PORTER AND CINDY HILL
NOVEMBER 2021



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READY FOR ANYTHING!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!