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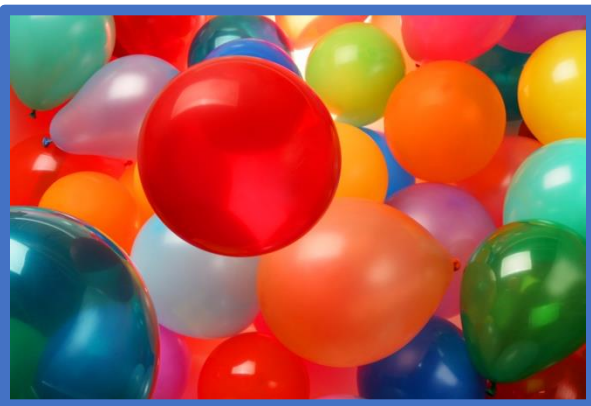
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Our season is almost here—as I listen to the cold wind whistle around the house, it does not seem possible but the calendar says it is so. I hope you have sent in your application for the 2025 season –if not, do it now to avoid the late fee. There is a lot of data entry to do to get the group ready for its first event, so please be timely.



As you know we will be celebrating our 90th Anniversary this year at Greystone on July 16th – if you are in touch with any alumnae, please encourage them to join us for the fun. It is easy for us to take our organization for granted but if we just think back, it was not that long ago when courses routinely made it hard for women golfers and discouraged our presence. But we have persevered and for 90 years have fostered competitive women's golf in the Metro Detroit Area—truly an amazing accomplishment and well worth celebrating.

As the season approaches it's also a good time to brush up on the rules. You'll find information about the upcoming MWGA Rules Seminar elsewhere in this newsletter and if you cannot make that, please remember to check out the education resources offered by the USGA at <https://www.usga.org/rules-hub/education.html>.

This year Julie Williams will be in charge of the weekly scheduling and pairings. This is a big job which Sue Madej has handled for years. For this year, if you cannot make a play date that are scheduled for, please notify Julie and Sue. This will also be in the T-Talk . And the more notice you can give Julie the better.

Looking forward to seeing you al on the course soon.

Belinda

NOTES FROM YOUR BOARD:

Deadline for Membership Entry is April 1, 2025

Visit our website at <https://womensmetgolf.org> to download the 2025 application and follow directions for entry. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed if received after deadline. Questions? Contact our Membership Chair, Katy Trionfi, at katytrionfi@gmail.com or any Board Member. For returning members, if you wish to update your photo for the T-Talk, please email Katy a note with your current picture.

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Just a reminder that the posting period (Active Season) in Michigan starts April 1. Please post your actual score hole by hole as GHIN will adjust your score to your maximum score of net double bogey. As a reminder: (1) When posting, any holes not played should be left blank; GHIN will generate a score based on your score history. If you start a hole but do not finish the hole, score your most likely score. For example, you are on a green in 3 landing 6 feet from the flagstick when you develop vertigo and cannot complete the hole; you would score a 5 (3 + 2 putts). (2) Also, don't forget to post those 9-hole scores as the GHIN software will combine your 9-hole score with an expected 9-hole score to generate an 18-hole score for handicap purposes. Ah, technology!

*Sue Madej,
Handicap Chair*



The 2025 WMGA course schedule includes many of our tried-and-true favorites (e.g. Pontiac, Gateway, Greystone, and Eagle Crest to name a few), and five courses that, though perhaps not new to you, are new to WMGA’s usual rotation. I always appreciate your feedback on any course we play, and this year I’ll be particularly interested to get your feedback on these new five which are: Coyote GC on May 28; Hickory Creek on June 18; Fox Creek on June 25; Rolling Meadows on Aug 20; and Brentwood on Sept 2.

2025 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event	Course	City
MAY				
5/07	8:30AM		Oxford Hills	Oxford
5/14	8AM	SAM	Tanglewood	South Lyon
5/21	8AM	CC	Pontiac CC	Waterford
5/28	8AM		Coyote GC	New Hudson
JUNE				
6/04	8AM		Fieldstone	Auburn Hills
6/11	8AM	CC	Pheasant Run	Canton
6/18	8AM		Hickory Creek GC	Superior Twp.
6/25	8AM	MP	Fox Creek	Livonia
JULY				
7/02	8AM	MP	Kensington	Milford
7/09	8AM	MP	Fellows Creek	Canton
7/16	8:30AM	90 th Anniversary	Greystone	Washington Twp.
7/23	8AM	CC	Links at Gateway	Romulus
7/30	8AM		Indian Springs	White Lake
AUGUST				
8/06	8AM		Heather Hills	Romeo
8/13	8AM	CC	Whispering Willows	Livonia
8/20	8AM		Rolling Meadows	Whitmore Lake
8/27			NO PLAY	
September				
9/03	8AM		Brentwood GC	White Lake
9/10	8AM	AAM (CC*)	Eagle Crest	Ypsilanti
9/17	9AM	Doe Day	Paint Creek CC	Lake Orion

SAM = Spring Association Meeting
 AAM = Annual Association Meeting
 CC = Club Championship - Must play all 4 dates to qualify for Club Championship
 MP = Match Play - Must play all 3 dates to participate
 CC* = Club Championship Rain-Out Date

Our course schedule is compiled over the summer and fall of the preceding year, and considers many factors such as location and price. Your responses to the course survey, taken last fall at our Annual Association Meeting after golf at Eagle Crest, are also influential.- From those surveys, we learned the least and most favorable courses played in 2024 (e.g., hence Huntmore was dropped for 2025). The survey also gathered 66 separate course suggestions naming 37 different courses. To choose among those suggested courses, I contacted them all, and alas, had to disqualify most for one or more reasons including (1) the course is only available to nonmembers on a Monday, (2) the greens fees not within budget, 3) they will not permit a group our size to play a shotgun, (4) lack of availability due to leagues, or (5) the course does not meet WMGA’s minimum requirements. The 5 new courses in our 2025 schedule are from the handful that passed all these hurdles.

On behalf of the Board, I sincerely hope you will enjoy the 2025 WMGA season.

Kathy Brown, Course Coordinator

BITS & PIECES:



Get Ready to Wear Your Green and White!

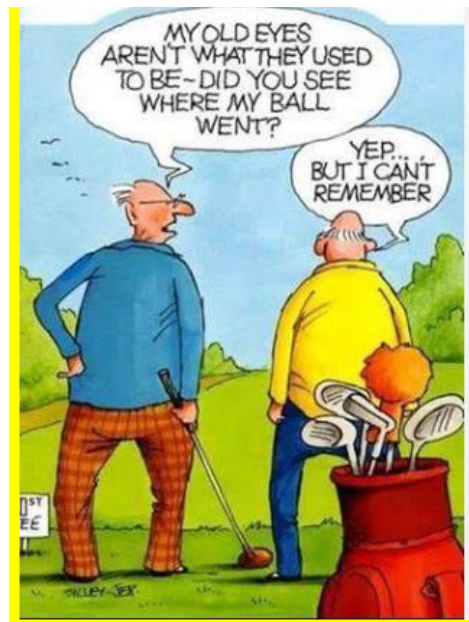
Plans are well underway for our 90th Anniversary Celebration on July 16, 2025 at Greystone Golf Club. – Quite the milestone for any organization let alone a local group of female amateur golfers. The days' agenda will include golf, lunch, guest speaker Stephanie Jennings, PGA and, of course, trips down memory lane with a few laughs along the way.

A “save the date” notice was sent to WMGA alumnae to join us for this memorable event. Trying to notify past members has been a bit of a challenge. – If you know a former member, please ask if they have received the “save the date” and, if not, forward their information to me or ask them to contact me. – A detailed invitation will be emailed later in the Spring.

On another note, in researching past awards, missing are the “Most Improved Player Award” recipients for the years 1997, 98, 99, 2000, 03, 04, 05, 06, 09, 2010, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19. If you were a winner or know a winner, please forward the information to complete our history. Your Board appreciates the support of our WMGA membership and alumnae and anticipates your heartfelt support of our 90th Anniversary. Afterall, this really is a big deal.

Barbara Porter, Historian
wmga2023@gmail.com

Some days, this seems way too familiar!



We love our WMGA members and the innovations they bring to the table. A big thank-you goes out to Bonnie McWilliams for her suggestion to add a few bucks to our coffers:



NAME OUR CHICKEN CONTEST FUNDRAISER

As most members know, our beloved Chicken has been in the WMGA family for over three years. - It's time to give **him** a proper first name; perhaps, James, Leroy, Mateo, Noah or Big Daddy. **Him?** Well, since our Chicken has a prominent comb with a more pronounced neck and tail feathers, a male title seems appropriate.

Contest Entry and Rules

Eligibility: All full and part time WMGA members

Entry Period: Now through September 17, 2025

How to Enter: The basket with Chicken will be at all of WMGA scheduled golf events for the entire entry period. On a folded piece of paper, along with your name, write your name suggestion along with your donation, no less than \$1.00, and place in the basket. Each name entry requires a donation.

Winner Selection: One entry will be pulled from the basket during Doe Day activities. You need not be present to win.

Winner Notification: The winner will be notified by our current Chicken Caretaker, Bonnie McWilliams, during Doe Day activities or by email.

Prize: The honor of naming Chicken! Your name listed in our archives!

Donations: All donations will be allocated to WMGA Doe Day Fund.

“Enter often for better chance to win. You have to be in it, to win it”



WMGA Winter Luncheon • 2/19/2025
Moose Preserve • Bloomfield Hills, MI

Cindy Hill, Olivia Bayagich, Kathy Stellema, Kathy Arrowsmith, Suzanne Waack, and Bonnie McWilliams (our current Chicken caretaker).

All enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with fellow golfers over food and beverage despite the snowy conditions outside.

Alumnae Roz LeFlore and Jan Bowerman with current members Arezell Brown and Carolyn Byl after lunch at Boondock's on Lake Harris following a round of golf at El Campeon at Mission Resort & Club Howey-In-The-Hills, Fl • 2/16/2025



No snow, however, a bit overcast.....

Save the Date – Liz Cantu, Rules Chair

"How to Avoid Common Rules Mistakes by Knowing and Applying your Options"

A Golf Rules Seminar sponsored by the MWGA and presented by Liz Cantu, a USGA Certified Expert rules official.

Where: Salem Hills Golf Course • 8810 W. Six Mile Rd. • Northville 48168

When: Saturday April 19th

Time: 10 AM - Noon

Cost: \$30.00

Registration is now open at: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/11322683567315660842>

Price includes a continental breakfast. We will explore those situations you run into most often out on the course. What are your options? How can you handle? All questions will be addressed. Join us for some fun! Bring your friends! Weather permitting, stay for an afternoon of golf. Contact the pro shop for a tee-time and rates. 248- 437-2152



So, Spring is around the corner and, groan. It's time to put some additional effort into your fitness routine to improve your golf game by adding leg strength training. Judy has researched some great links to build leg strength and shares her discoveries below. No time like the present to get started and, maybe, add a yard or two to your shots! Fore!

Use your Legs for More Power in the Golf Swing

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Some Exercises to Increase Leg Strength

Hip Bridge

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HI32mszeyNo>

Hip Circles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3UJ0IHhGjvs>

Split Squat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGHnCftrZkA>



- “Life is partly what we make it, and partly what it is made by the friends we choose.

“Tennessee Williams”

- “May the luck of the Irish be with you, unless you’re competing against me.”