

# Tee Times

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## The President's View by Kristi Johnston

Thank you so much for attending our 2009 Tee Party and making it such a success! It was great to see so many new faces and to have 12 new members join! That evening was packed with so many exciting events that there was one thing I was unable to share with you....details from the Annual Conference held at The JW Marriott Resort and Spa, Desert Springs, February 17 - 21.

For those of you who have never been to an Annual conference, there is nothing like it. Imagine 500 women, members of EWGA joining together for a week of education, networking, shopping and fun! The connection you feel to the organization after this trip is incredible! I hope I am able to go every year. This annual conference is for all EWGA members of EWGA, so you do not have to be in a leadership role. So, mark your calendars now for 2010 when it will be held at the beautiful Pinehurst Resort, April 6 - 11.

This story would not be complete unless I shared with you the leadership recognition and golf wins that the Dallas Chapter brought home. Eight members from our chapter attended including myself, Diana Gats, Kim Gaddy, Shawn Kruger, Carol Poole, Angela Ellexson-Hankins, Jeri Phillips, and Kay Mason. We roomed with two ladies from the Kansas City Chapter, and three ladies from Houston, two of which are previous Dallas members: Kathy Sowards, Sareca Morgan, and Robin Anderson.

Hundreds of women from across the nation were nominated for the EWGA first ever award program in 2008, Women Who Lead. There were 10 categories, and Dallas had a finalist in 6 out of 10 categories. Each of the following ladies received a Women Who Lead Plaque, recognition at the conference, insignia for use in chapter communications, and recognition on the EWGA website.

- Making Connections: Kim Gaddy
- Golf Events: Shawn Kruger
- Golf Education and Player Development: Sareca Morgan
- Sponsorship: Micki Sander
- Spirit: Wendy Welch
- Overall Leadership: Kristi Johnston

Other recognition included Angela Ellexson-Hankins for our SWING program, Diana Gats for her dedication as our 2008 Sectional Director, and Kristi Johnston for Business Woman of the Year runner up.

If the leadership recognition was not enough, we cleaned up on the golf course and placed in numerous events! Congrats to the following ladies: Carol Poole, Kay Mason, Diana Gats, Angela Ellexson-Hankins, Shawn Kruger, and Kristi Johnston.

Needless to say, we had a great time and I am personally looking forward to next year's conference and hope that you all will join us for the experience.

Until next time — Kristi Johnston, President



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### Golf Truth:

"Golf balls are like eggs: They're white, they're sold by the dozen, and a week later you have to buy more."

<http://www.golfjokes.com/jokes/golfjoke.cfm?>

# Calendar of Events



## April 2009 (Match Play Month)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Deadline for Match Play Registration	4 Beginner Golf 101 Begins w/Lori Brock*
5	6 New Member Meeting & 10 Shots with Kathy Farrer	7	8	9	10 10 Shots with Kathy Farrer	11 The Tribute Play Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Coyote Ridge League Play Begins	22	23	24	25 Indian Creek Golf Event (rescheduled event)
26	27	28	29	30		

**\*This is the first day of a series. In addition, there are 2 sessions offered at different times.**

### Coming Up in May...

- 9 2 sessions of Beginner Golf 101 begins @ DA's Spring Creek
- 9 Stevens Park Play Day
- 16 Indian Creek League Begins on Lakes Course
- 20 Happy Hour at Edwin Watts
- 30 Golf Event at Eastern Hills Country Club

Continue to check the calendars on our website at <http://www.dallasewga.com> for updated information of events.

### Contact Information

For Lori Brock at DA's Spring Creek course offerings, please contact the Pro Shop @ (972) 378-6631 or Lori @ (214) 850-0193.

For Kathy Farrer's course offerings, contact her directly at (972) 713-9293.

You can also contact Tenison Park @ (214) 670-1402 for Lesson/Series information not listed here.

For Sherrill Park course offerings, please contact Juliet Vaughn @ (714) 866-1805.

## Dallas EWGA Play Day and Easter Egg Hunt



**When:** April 11  
**Where:** The Tribute Golf Links  
**Time:** Tee Times start at 1:00PM  
**RSVP:** Friday, April 3  
**Cost:** \$75 paid to the course



Par 3 at Royal Troon

This is a great time of the year to have afternoon tee times at The Tribute Golf Links. If you've ever dreamed of playing St. Andrews, Troon or Macrahanish, dream no more. The Tribute brings the ultimate in Scottish golf tradition home to Dallas. Imagine strolling up to the 18<sup>th</sup> green to admire that perfectly placed approach shot. You finish with a birdie and feel like a pro. Sign up to pay online, and you are entered into a drawing for a free round of golf.

The Tribute Golf Links is located at 1000 Lebanon Rd. (formerly Boyd Rd.), The Colony, TX 75056, 972.370.5465.

## Golf Event RESCHEDULED!

**Leave it up to the infamous Texas Spring weather to cause a reschedule of our Indian Creek Golf Club KICK OFF event of the season.**



We were set to enjoy some great weather and reconnect with fellow EWGA members AND our clubs on March 28, but Mother Nature had a different plan for us. Please update your calendar with the following changes that were printed in our Tee Party brochure of events:

- April 25 @ 8 am—Indian Creek Golf Club (Creeks Course) Golf Event. Please watch for information in your email boxes to RSVP and for information if you are unable to make the event on the rescheduled date.
- May 30 @ 9 am—Eastern Hills Country club. Details forthcoming.
- October 5 @ 9am—Rally for the Cure at Skycreek Ranch (changed from June 1).



# 2009 EWGA-Dallas Match Play Competition



If you have played match play before, you know how much fun this type of competition this can be. If you have never played match play before, here is your opportunity to learn a fun new way to compete in golf. Also, the winner from each flight will automatically earn a spot on the Dallas Chapter's Lone Star Cup team for 2009.

## **What is it?**

Match play is a competition of one player against an opponent in which the scoring is done by counting holes. You play against an opponent, not against a course, and the game is decided by who has won the most holes. With head-to-head scorekeeping, match play is the format of competition favored in most friendly golf games. It is also the format of the prestigious and enormously popular Ryder Cup, Solheim Cup and Walker Cup matches. Having to react to each other and every one of your opponents' shots brings an element to the game that is missing in stroke play.

*When:* Competition may begin April 3rd and continues through June

*Who:* Any EWGA-Dallas chapter member in good standing who has an official handicap

*Where:* You & your opponent agree upon a course & are responsible for coordinating tee time

*RSVP:* [Click here](#) to RSVP and pay online by April 3rd (Flight assignments sent out by April 5th)

*Cost:* \$25 used solely for prizes given to the winner of each flight

## **But I'm not good enough...**

Yes, you are. To equalize the players, your official USGA handicap is used to place you in a flight so those players of similar ability (handicap) will be playing against each other. After registration is complete, the players are divided into flights, determined by total numbers of players and handicap levels. Once the players for each flight are established, names will be drawn to determine opponents. You will be notified of your first opponent before April 1, along with her contact information.

## **How many matches do I play?**

Whether you win or lose in the first round, you will play at least 1 more match.

## **Who wins each match?**

Total score is not the factor used to determine a winner. The player who wins the most holes wins the match and moves to the next bracket in her flight while the loser moves to the consolation or "loser's" bracket. A player is eliminated after two losses. The winner of each match is responsible for informing the match play coordinator of the result and the score. A tournament bracket is used to reflect the match status and will be published in the EWGA Tee Times monthly newsletter and on the EWGA Dallas website.

## **But I don't know much about match play...**

A match play clinic for all participants will be conducted by an LPGA/PGA professional prior to the start of play. All players will receive a match play information packet which includes the match play tournament bracket with pairings for the first round, contact information for all players, guidelines and tips.

## **Questions?**

If you need more information about Match Play Competition or if you need help registering, you may contact your 2009 match play coordinators:

Audrey Yazbeck  
214-690-1482  
[audrey.yazbeck@centex.com](mailto:audrey.yazbeck@centex.com)

Jeri Phillips  
469-387-8827  
[jep4golf2@gmail.com](mailto:jep4golf2@gmail.com)

## Welcome to EWGA ORIENTATION!!

**When:** Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6PM until 7:30

**Where:** Blue Mesa Grill at Village on the Parkway. 5100 Beltline, Addison, TX 75240

**Phone:** (972) 934-0165

**RSVP:** Please RSVP to Patte Lee, your membership Chair at [pattetrainer@gmail.com](mailto:pattetrainer@gmail.com) or at 972-348-6327 **by this Thursday, April 2nd**

You'll enjoy a **complimentary buffet** (on your own for happy hour priced beverages.) We have a private room to mix and mingle in!

**What is Orientation?** Well, let's use the dictionary definition to explain it:

**o·ri·en·ta·tion**

**-noun**

**1. the act or process of orienting.**

You will get to meet many of the officers and committee chairs to find out what they do, how they help you, and how you can get involved.

**2. the state of being oriented.**

We will also have someone do a quick demo to show you the website and how you can take advantage of discounts and keep up with what's going on in the chapter.

**3. an introduction, as to guide one in adjusting to new surroundings, employment, activity, or the like**

Whether you are new to golf or an experienced hand, there will be great information for you to take advantage of. We will have time for all attendees to introduce themselves – new and continuing members – so you can do some networking as well.

**4. *Psychology, Psychiatry.* the ability to locate oneself in one's environment with reference to time, place, and people.**

Please join us to de-stress, meet some new and old friends, and learn more about your chapter. Lots of you have already signed up for leagues – you'll learn more about them, discounts with local merchants, and we'll have drawings for some neat prizes. We are also planning to have some "hands on" instruction for exercises you can do to get in shape for the coming season.

Great food and adult beverages will be available. Come on out and have some fun. If you know someone who's wanted to join, bring them along as well.

Don't let this be like that gym equipment or membership that never gets used. Come learn how to get the most out of your EWGA membership!

## Edwin Watts May Social Event

Join Executive Women's Golf Association (EWGA) and our May Social Event host, **Edwin Watts Golf (EWG)** who will host our spectacular EWGA/EWG Event!

The program will be on **May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Edwin Watts at Preston and Alpha**. We will have an opportunity for each attendee to swing with the pros and work at the hitting bays as well as a putting clinic.

Appetizers and drinks will be provided and there will be a drawing for members that bring a guest as well as a free gift for anyone who joins that evening.

**Please RSVP to [socialevents@dallasewga.com](mailto:socialevents@dallasewga.com) no later than COB Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** so that we can have plenty of food and beverages available.

**If you have any questions contact Wendy Welch at 972-832-3350.** Hope to see you all there for this amazing event!!

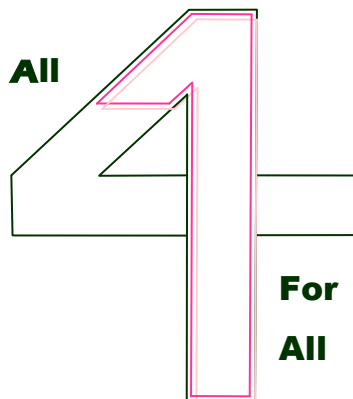
## Leagues

The Tuesday evening spring league at Coyote Ridge has generated a lot of interest. There are already 14 ladies signed up. It begins at 5:45pm on April 21 and continues for 8 weeks to June 9. Please contact me at [leagues@dallasewga.com](mailto:leagues@dallasewga.com) by March 31 if you'd like to join.



## Leadership

### Volunteerism



What does it take to make the Dallas Chapter strong?

It takes YOU!

Help us by joining in the All Four One – One for All initiative.

If each member volunteers only **4** hours of time throughout the year, and brings in **1** new member, how great can we be?!

Let's find out!

Contact us at [leadership@dallasewga.com](mailto:leadership@dallasewga.com).

**10 Shots You "Must Have" In Your Golf Bag!**  
**With Kathy Farrer, L.P.G.A. teaching professional**

If you play very much golf in Texas, you know that **wind** is a pretty frequent element of the game that we have to deal with. That is especially so in the Spring. And the farther west you go in the state, the windier it is likely to be. So, it is of great benefit to understand the mechanics of hitting shots *with* and *against* the wind.

The first thing is NOT to fight the wind. For those of you who remember Patty Berg, one the founders of the L.P.G.A., her quote was, "in a breeze, swing with ease". The wind is "just there", so get used to it! The more you "grinch" about it, the more you take away your focus on hitting a good shot.

When hitting a shot *with* the wind, take advantage of the help the wind usually provides. Play the ball more forward in your stance; usually where you would play your driver—on the instep of your forward foot. For you driver, play the ball slightly forward of where you normally would. By doing this, the pendulum motion of your swing will naturally be starting up and will provide a little extra "lift" to your shot, so it can "ride" on the wind. Depending on how strong the wind is, you can probably use less club for the distance than you would on a calm wind day; also, the ball may not stop as well on the green.

Hitting a shot *against* the wind is pretty much the opposite—play your ball slightly back in your stance and hit more club than you normally would for that distance. And to get even more distance from your selected club, *without* trying to hit it harder, grip down on the handle, shorten your backswing, and purposefully cut off your follow-through. Into the wind, the ball should stop quickly on the green.

It amazes me when I play in other parts of the country, how the local golfers often complain about a 5-10 miles per hour breeze! I tell them to come play in Texas and see what wind really is! So, now that you know the mechanics of hitting shots in *Texas* wind, you are prepared to hit good shots in wind *anywhere*!



Hitting *wind* shots is one of many topics I cover in my "On-Course" clinics, which I offer **twice a month at 6PM on Monday and Friday**, at beautiful **Canyon Creek Country Club in Richardson**. (Please check the Education calendar for the upcoming dates.) Each session is **limited to four people**. (You may bring a non-member guest if there is space.) The cost is \$50 per person. Sign up by calling me at 972-713-9293.

Put your new information about *wind* shots to the test—on-the-course!



## 2009 Tee Party



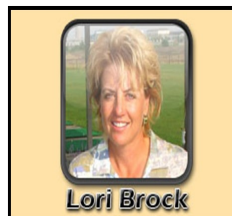
More than 75 women with a passion for the game of golf welcomed in the 2009 season at the annual Dallas EWGA Tee Party held at the recently renovated Brookhaven Country Club. This year's event included a best ball event in the afternoon followed by cocktails, dinner, a silent auction, entertainment and raffle prizes. A misty start on the 1<sup>st</sup> hole turned into a pleasant afternoon with 6 teams competing in the best ball event held on the Masters Course. Lisa Benson, Bernadette Miller and Kathy Farrer took home the prizes, winning the competition by 1 stroke! This year's silent auction included fantastic stay and play trips to Barton Creek in Austin, TX and to play the Doral Blue Monster course in Miami, FL. There were also a variety of cosmetic and spa treatments, beautiful jewelry and lots of rounds of golf and instructional opportunities. A new type of raffle also enabled everyone to put their tickets where their interests were by allotting more raffle tickets for certain drawings – and many women went home with their perfect prize!

Pam Swensen, Chief Executive Officer of the Executive Women's Golf Association, entertained us to talk about the value of the EWGA for members, exciting new benefits and programs, and anecdotes about Annika Sorenstam. In the spirit of competition, the evening's entertainment included a lively game show testing participant's knowledge about women's golf and the EWGA. The Bunker Babes went head-to-head with Chicks with Sticks as hosts Christina Shuffield and Lee O'Conner encouraged audience participation when teams used life lines, show of hands or hints. The winning team took home certificates for new Nike Golf Shoes will rounds of golf at Bridlewood consoled the other team.

As the festivities wound down, the awesome 7-day trip for two including 2 rounds of golf and spa entries at the Ritz Carlton on the island of Tenerife, Spain, generously donated by The GolfSpot was raffled off – and Carolyn Manuel couldn't be happier with the result! She's looking forward to her amazing vacation this year!

Everyone had a great time and learned more about the value of the EWGA and the many educational, social, and competitive events our chapter has planned for this year. Twelve women joined our chapter during the evening and we're looking forward to seeing them, as well as our longer tenured members out on the links soon!

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2008 SPONSORS**



Every year, the Dallas EWGA appreciates the sponsors who continue to support us from the previous years and we look forward to meeting new sponsors who will support our chapter.

We are very grateful to these fine sponsors. They provide us with the operating cash and prizes to make our events exciting and memorable in 2008.

For a complete list of our sponsors, please visit our website. If you are interested in sponsorship or would like more information, please contact Lynn Harris, Dallas EWGA Sponsor Chair, at

[sponsorship@dallasewga.com](mailto:sponsorship@dallasewga.com).

**The Texas Rangers  
The Tower Club**

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**Vision**

"We are the premier force for promoting women's golf."

**Mission**

"The EWGA exists to provide opportunities for women to learn, play and enjoy the game of golf for business and for life."

"A Driving Force...  
Women Making a Difference."

