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Season's Greetings

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The President's View

by Shawn Kruger



With this first opportunity to pen *The President's View*, I'd like to thank all of you for the honor of serving as the Dallas EWGA President. I've been a member for four years and have enjoyed the opportunity to meet many wonderful, amazing women that I now call friends. My goal is to provide the same rewarding experience I've enjoyed year after year to each of you, through our golf and social events, league play and education, and player development programs.

Our incoming board for the 2009-2010 season is comprised of a great group of women, with an unlimited amount of energy, already busy lining up our calendar for next year. Please join me in recognizing the entire board for the 2009-2010 season:

- President: Shawn Kruger
- Vice President: Heather Beaudoin
- Treasurer: Audrey Yazbeck
- Secretary: Pia Ackerman
- Immediate Past President: Kristi Johnston
- Communications Chair: Krista Hartman
- Leadership Chair: Angela Ellexson
- Golf Events Chair: Tracy Huber
- Social Events Chair: Wendy Welch
- Handicap Chair: Juley Welch
- Leagues Chair: Suzi Bartek
- Education & Player Development Chair: Kathryn Pieters
- Membership Chair: Patte Lee
- Sponsorship Chair: Diana Gats

We're all very excited about the year ahead of us and your input, thoughts and ideas are valueable. So please, when you see us, talk to us - we want to get to know you and help meet your needs!

Our fantastic Holiday Orientation Mixer, sponsored by the Tower Club, on December 1 was a wonderful success. We welcomed four new members, old and new friends reconnected, and we've already heard from additional prospective members looking to join us for an exciting new year of golf, friendship and networking.

Happy Holidays!

Leadership

by Angela Ellexson, Leadership Chair

I, and the entire Board, would like to thank all the volunteers for the 2009 season.

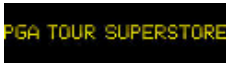
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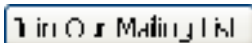
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Season's Greetings from Dallas EWGA

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The EWGA is a volunteer based organization, without you we cannot exist. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the entire membership. If we missed you at the Year End Event, please contact me so I can bestow your gift upon you, leadership@dallasewga.com.

At the Year End Event we announced our **Volunteer of the Year** - drum roll please - **Kay Mason!**

A very special thank you to Kay.

Kay is the dream volunteer who always is there to lend a hand. If you call during the planning phase of an event or if you need help at the last minute she cheerfully accepts. She was there for us when we asked for help at the beginning of the year for the Tee Party, when we needed someone to keep pace of play moving at the Chapter Championship and again when the Nominating Committee needed a replacement member well into the nominating process. Kay's many contributions are invaluable to our Chapter, when you see her next, please take a moment to congratulate her.

2009 Year End Member Survey By Krista Hartman, Communications Chair

Please take a few minutes to complete our Chapter's Year End Member Survey. We value your input and welcome your ideas about how we can improve the Dallas EWGA and the value you receive for your membership.

Your Dallas Chapter survey will arrive via email soon. Thank you in advance for responding thoughtfully and constructively. As the Board meets during the Winter months your input will be important for shaping 2010's plans, goals and objectives.

Calendar of Events December-January

Our calendar is clear as of newsletter publication, however, watch your email for a possible Winter social event.

Save the Date for Tee Party 2010 Sunday February 28, 2010

Heather Beaudoin (Vice President) and Tracy Huber (Golf Events Chair) are excited to announce the 2010 Tee Party will be held at The Golf Club at Castle Hills. There will be an Optional Round of Golf available for those who are interested. Consecutive Tee Times begin at 11:30 am. The Main Event "the Tee Party" will begin at 6:00 pm in the Club House. *Further details will be made available in the January-February Newsletter.*

Golf Events 2010 by Tracy Huber, Golf Events Chair

I am very excited to take on the role as Events Chair this year! I have been a member of the Dallas EWGA since 2002 and have played many of the courses in the area (according to my husband, I have played them all). From price points, to geography, to popularity - I have tried to select a variety of courses. And scheduling these events & play dates around major holidays, the EWGA National Conference, TX/OU weekend and Cowboys games - not an easy feat!

What's new in 2010?

- EWGA always tries to have an "Event" (shotgun start, competition-style, prizes for low gross & net, closest to the pin, and food included) as well as a "Play Day" (straight up tee times - no prizes, no inclusive food - just golf!) each month.
 - Events are a great way to compete, regardless of your skill level, and play days are a great way to have fun 'social golf' while working on your new swing or putting technique.
 - Additionally, in 2010, our tee times in the summer are all at 8am (I hear a collective "HOORAYS!"). We had a few dates last year with 1pm starts in July - and that is just no fun when you are passing out from heat exhaustion on the 15th hole.
 - From April - October, you will see both play days and events scheduled.
- I am trying to finalize a joint event with the Ft. Worth Chapter. These ladies are only 25 miles from us - wouldn't it make sense if we got to know each other better and share our love of golf?
- I have some great venues lined up...including Cowboys Golf Club for about 50% less than what we would pay for rack rates (if you have never played Cowboys - this is a MUST course in the DFW area)
- Ready to get a leg up on the competition? Our Chapter Championships will be held at Bridlewood Golf Club in Flower Mound on Sunday June 13th. Oh - and by the way - if you win your flight, you will be playing the same course for our EWGA Semifinals. Convenient, yes?

Want to help out?

I would love 3 or 4 more people to be on the Events Committee. Right now, I have roped in my mom, Marie Maness, and guilted in our VP, Heather Beaudoin.

What do you need to do? Very minimal time commitments, mostly the day of the events only - collect RSVPs, check in golfers, collect additional payment (if needed), confirm details with course prior to event. Not brain surgery and maybe about 60 minutes worth of work per event. And if we have enough people on the committee - you would only have to handle a couple of events for the year! (Then you qualify as a 'volunteer' and get a cool little gift at the year-end event.) Any interested parties, please contact me at tracy.huber@wageworks.com.

Hope to see you all at an EWGA Event or Play Day next year!

Pace of Play Can Affect Your Handicap by Juley Welch, Handicap Chair

Have you ever found yourself hitting a poor shot after you've waited several minutes for the group ahead of you?

Have you done this several times during a round?

Have you ever hurried *your* play because others in your foursome have are guilty of slow play?

We all have experienced this and it DOES adversely affect your score. If this happens to you even a few times a month, it WILL affect your handicap as well. Your handicap should be an accurate reflection of your golf potential.

Thankfully, there are a few **easy** ways to speed up play. Those seconds quickly add up to minutes saved.

Season's Greetings from Dallas EWGA

- Play Ready Golf (except in match play or a major tournament)
- Each player should get her club and be ready to tee off immediately upon reaching the tee
- Take no more than two practice swings anywhere on the course
- In the fairway, play your ball as soon as you can (as long as you don't interfere with other players)
- If you and your cart partner have balls that lie near each other, park the cart between the balls and have each player proceed to her ball and hit when ready
- You can also drop one person off and drive to the second ball. Again, hit when ready
- If you are unsure of what club you are going to use, take whatever you **may** need.
- Take more than one club and your putter if you are hitting to the green and are unsure of what you may need to use
- Analyze the green as you are walking up to it. As other players are approaching their golf balls, size up your putt. If it would help to walk around, do so immediately. Be ready to putt soon after reaching the green. If you are left with a short putt, putt it in immediately
- If you are falling behind the group ahead of you, cart partners should proceed to the next tee immediately after holing out
- If there is a maximum score declared for the event, pick up your ball immediately when that score has been reached
- Leave the green immediately and record your score after reaching your cart

Remember, slow play affects you, your playing partners, and the rest of the field. It negatively affects your golf score and handicap. By maintaining a good pace of play, you will have a better chance of shooting an optimum score and enjoying the game more.

Hit 'em straight and long!!

News from the EWGA

Save the Date! April 7-10, 2010 EWGA 2010 Golfpalooza in Pinehurst, NC

The EWGA Golfpalooza (formerly known as the EWGA Conference) is one of the most anticipated events of the year, bringing together women from across the Association with the common goal of playing golf and lots of it, having fun, forging friendships, and gaining personally and professionally while having fun. Why the name change? EWGA members have spoken - they want golf, fun, and a lot of laughs, and we aim to deliver! If you attend only one special golf event in the coming year, make it this one!

Annika is coming!

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Season's Golfing!

Wishing you all the best breaks

in the New Year!

Dallas EWGA



Champions Circle golf course is offering a special deal for EWGA Ft. Worth and Dallas Chapter Members from now until the end of Febuary.

Monday - Thursday \$35 plus tax

Friday - Sunday \$50 plus tax

Sunday after 1 pm, \$30 includes tax

Rates include Green Fees, Cart and Range Balls and are good for each person of your foursome as long as one is a member of the EWGA.

Special thanks to Terri Baze, LPGA/Director of Instruction at Champions Circle Golf Club

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