



President's Tee Box - Mary Ann Lutz

It's that time of year; we are getting ready to hit prime time in the golf season. This year the chapter is offering a variety of golf and social events for you to participate in. If you're not already engaged with our events, check out the chapter web page www.ewgafortworth.com to learn more. We have 3 leagues, at least one monthly golf outing, Lone Star tryouts, and social outings.

The Fort Worth chapter championship is on June 12th at Champions Circle. Registration packages were mailed out last week; deadline to register is May 27th. You must have at least two 18 round scores posted this year to compete. If you have questions, please contact me at malutz3@gmail.com. Information will soon be posted on our web page also.

Your board is working hard to offer a variety of activities for us to participate in but we are always open to suggestions. Please feel free to contact me or anyone on the board and share your ideas. If you are looking to become more involved in the chapter workings, we try hard never to turn down free help.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the board members for their work. Like being a parent, it's sometimes a thankless job. They all are doing phenomenal. I especially want to recognize Marjorie Stanfield. If you've seen a difference in the web page this year, like it actually being useful...thank Marjorie. She has put a lot of time and effort into keeping it current and relevant.

Mary Ann

P.S. Ladies we are only a few month away from our Chapter Championship. I want you to start thinking and preparing for the 2010 competition.

Championship Information

Location: Champions Circle

Date: June 12th -- rain date: June 26th

Start time: 8 am -- dual start on #1 & #10

Cost: \$80 (food not included, we will get a discount off the Menu price)

This year you must post at least two 18 round scores before our handicap refresh on May 15th. Our registration deadline will be May 26th. If you have specific questions, email malutz3@gmail.com

<u>FLIGHT</u>	<u>INDEX</u>	<u>SCRAMBLE FACTOR</u>
Championship	0-12.0	+2
First	12.1-19.0	+1
Second	19.1-25.0	0
Third	25.1-32.0	-1
Fourth	32.0-40.4	-2



2010 LONE STAR CUP

Marjorie Stanfield, Julie Piland, Johnna Jones Co-Captains

LONE STAR CUP QUALIFICATIONS ARE UNDER WAY! We are really excited to report that we have 20 people who have already signed up to participate in tryouts for Lone Star Cup IX to be held 8/26 – 28 at Barton Creek Resort in Austin. There will be a total of six qualifying events, of which your best three scores will be used, so it's not too late to sign up. Fort Worth finished a close second last year, but we plan to bring home the Cup this year, and we need your help to do that. If you have not already done so, send Marjorie an email marjoriestanfield@sbcglobal.net letting her know you're interested, and you will be included in all the information.

Basic Requirements: Lone Star Cup is very competitive and requires a commitment of time, money and practice. You must have an established, verifiable, USGA handicap index, 32.0 maximum. Attitude is VERY important. You need the desire to win – (think “killer instinct”) is a good thing - throw your opponent to the ground, then stomp on her neck to finish her off – and buy her a drink or two afterward commit to being a Team member by:

- Attending Team meetings and practices
- Playing at least one practice round on each of the two Barton Creek courses
- Learning USGA Match Play Rules
- This tournament is in late August, and even though we're playing in the morning, you have to be able to withstand the heat
- Hanging out with the Team while at Barton Creek
- Having fun

Qualifying Events: (6 Total, 3 Minimum)

- The total of the 3 best net scores from these events will be used to determine rank.
- Entrant will be required to turn in her gross/net score following each event in which she participates.
- After each event, an eBlast will be sent to competitors giving the standings to-date.

Tryout Dates:

4/18: “National Pet Month” Event at Great Southwest Golf Club

5/15: “Thank a Service Member” Event at Tierra Verde

6/12: Chapter Championship at Champion's Circle

Date TBD: Will be held at Pecan Valley River Course

Terri Baze is working on getting us a date and time (and decent price) at Bridlewood, where the EWGA Semi-Final Championship round will be held this year. Our goal is to select the team by early July, in order to give us plenty of time to practice together. Questions? Contact Marjorie Stanfield marjoriestanfield@sbcglobal.net or Julie Piland tpg2@att.net



Events – Marilyn Weiss

EVENTS CALENDAR

A new convenience feature we're offering this year is the ability to RSVP online through our website and pay via PayPal. There will be two signup deadlines for most events. If you RSVP and pay by the early deadline, you will be placed in a drawing for free golf. Check it out at www.ewgafortworth.com. See you soon!

Date Venue	Theme	Early sign-up	Signup Deadline	Sign in Tee time	Cost
5/1: Champion's Circle	"Mayday" Clinic and Skills Challenge (joint event with Dallas)	None	Apr 27	8:30	Clinic \$5.00
				9:30	Challenge \$30
				12:45	Green fee \$45.00
5/15: Tierra Verde	"Thank a Member of the Armed Forces" Event	May 1	May 9	9:00 10:00	\$65.00
6/6: Champion's Circle	"Rules, Rules, & More Rules" Clinic and Golf				
6/12: Champion's Circle	Chapter Championship	May 27			
7/10: Iron Horse	"Family Golf Month" Member/Guest Event	July 1	July 5		
7/18: Cowboys	Joint Event with Dallas				
8/14: Texas Star	"Burn up the Course" Event	Sept 1	Sept 6		

We had a wonderful turnout and great weather for our "Spring at Last" event at Walnut Creek Country Club on April 10, after being rescheduled due to the bad weather March 20, with 33 participants. On the Pecan Course, Helen Jones won low gross with 75, and Jeanne Green, low net with 66. Competition was equally tough on the Oaks course, with Judy Tapscott, winning low gross with 81 and Diane Madigan getting low net of 66. The people at Walnut Creek were very gracious to us and everyone had a very good time.

Mother Nature refused to cooperate with us again on Sunday, April 18, causing our National Pet Month event to be rescheduled to Sunday, April 25, at Great Southwest Golf Club. Hopefully the rain will start leaving us alone on the weekends, as things are kicking into full swing for events in May.

May 1 is our Skills Challenge joint event with Dallas EWGA at The Golf Club at Champions Circle. Terri Baze has organized the Challenge at a super price - \$30.00 including lunch, fun, and prizes. Terri is also offering an optional clinic prior to the Challenge for only \$5.00, and anyone who wishes can play a round of golf at Champions Circle for an additional \$45.00. (continued)

(Events continued)

Two weeks later, on Saturday, May 15, we will hold our “Thank a Service Member” Event at Tierra Verde, where anyone who wishes to do so can bring an item to be sent in a care package to Afghanistan. A list of items for that purpose will be provided in advance.

Please check the ewgafortworth.com Events Calendar regularly for signup deadlines for all events, and remember that, by registering and paying online by the early signup deadlines, you can win free golf!

Thank you to all our members who have been so flexible with the rescheduled events. We understand this makes things difficult for all concerned, but everyone has been very cooperative, and it is very much appreciated.

Marilyn Weiss, Golf Events Chair mweiss@flash.net



Leagues – Astrid Bradley

Register on the web... it's easy! www.EWGAfortworth.com Click on Events tab then scroll down to the calendar, then Click on the course and date you would like to play, then, click on RSVP. No login or password is necessary. **Note: All prices include greens fees, cart, and range balls**

COURSE	DAY OF WEEK	TEE TIME	Price
Texas Star Golf Course www.texasstargolf.com Joni Bonner	Wednesdays	5:20pm March - May 6:00pm June - Aug 5:20 Sept - Oct	\$25
The Golf Club at Champion's Circle www.championscirclegolf.com Terri Baze	Sundays	2:00pm March - May 3:00pm June - Sept 2:00pm Oct	\$25* *Price is \$32 if less than 4 players sign up.
Hawks Creek www.hawkscreek.com Tara Dubose	Thursdays	5:30 March-Oct	\$25

Membership – Terri Chatham

2010 Member-Get-A-Member (MGAM) Campaign

March 23, 2010

Congratulations! The EWGA **Fort Worth/Metroplex, TX** Chapter has the following member(s) who earned prizes for recruiting a minimum of 2 (or more!) new members in the 2009 Member-Get-A-Member (MGAM) Campaign: ➤ **Joanna Cloud** ➤ **Janith Marsell** ➤ **Judy Pugh** ➤ **Ellen Ray**

Prizes have already been shipped to all MGAM recruiters and they will be received in the next few days, however we wanted to provide you with the list of your winner(s) so that you can recognize them in your newsletter or at a future event.

We know that EWGA continues to thrive because members reach out and invite other women into the game of golf and introduce them to the fun, friendships, and networking available to EWGA members.

Thank you for your Chapter's continuing efforts in growing EWGA!

Becky Macaluso, CAE,

Managing Director, Chapter & Member Services

*I received a Nike Tote Bag... it's pretty cool and it matches some Nike Flip Flops I got from a GC I won as a door prize in a golf tournament last year.... I am going to be very "coordinated". (Quite unlike me). I think it's on the Web site, but I received a letter stating that my 2010 dues are paid by National EWGA for being the top "new member" recruiter for our chapter in 2009. What a nice surprise and incentive to bring new members into EWGA. **Ellen Ray, MA***



Handicappers Play and Post - Tara Dubose

Some of the local courses do not have the women's tees listed on the EWGA handicap service. You must make a manual entry under the course list in order to post your score. Have the course rating and slope rating of the course available and the tee box you played. Select "Manual Entry" under the course list and enter the tee box and course information.

The women's tees are not listed under Walnut Creek Oak course or Great Southwest.

Tara Dubose, Handicap Chair



From The PRO - Terri Baze

Skills Challenge (Joint event with Dallas)

Saturday, 5/1 The Golf Club at Champions Circle

10:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

\$30.00 includes Skills Challenge and Lunch

Terri Baze has something fun and different in store for us on Saturday, 5/1, with a Skills Challenge competition. This will be a joint event with Dallas and Terri promises lots of fun and prizes. It will also be a great opportunity to get to know our sister members from Dallas. If you wish, arrive early for an optional hour-long clinic with Terri for just \$5.00.

Due to all the flurry of activity involving the Great Southwest Event having to be rescheduled, we have decided to do away with the early sign up deadline for this 5/1 event. **The Final Deadline is Monday, 4/26**, and everyone who signs up online and pays by this date will be entered in a drawing for free golf at Champions Circle. The drawing will be held 5/1 following the Skills Challenge.

The schedule for the day is:

8:30 a.m.	Check In and Warm Up
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Clinic with Terri
10:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Skills Challenge & Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Golf - Shotgun Start

Please note: When you go to the website to register, there are two options -- Register for the Skills Challenge (and lunch) for \$30.00 or register for the Skills Challenge, Lunch, & Golf for \$75.00. If you choose to participate in the clinic, bring \$5.00 to pay Terri directly at the course. We're looking forward to seeing you all there.

[For those of you with Troon Reward Cards, you can get your reward credited to your card even if you pay online via the ewgafortworth.com website. Simply present your card upon arrival at the course, explain that you've paid, and they will swipe your card to credit your reward points.](#)

LET'S GO TO BARTON CREEK!

To raise some money for the Ft. Worth EWGA, we're holding a raffle for a Stay & Play package to Barton Creek Resort & Spa in Austin. The package is good for one night's accommodations Sunday – Thursday and a round of golf for two on either the Crenshaw Cliffside or Palmer Lakeside Golf Course, including cart and use of the range. This package is valued at \$450.

If you've never been to Barton Creek (or even if you have), you're in for a treat. The resort is consistently rated tops in the state for both its golf facilities and all else it has to offer. Visit their website www.bartoncreek.com to see what a nice place it is. This package is a great deal for everyone, but it holds added value if you plan to participate in Lone Star Cup, as the Crenshaw Cliffside course is one on which the event will be held.

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and will be sold at all Ft. Worth EWGA events through July 10. The drawing will be held following the July 18 golf event at Cowboys.

If you wish to purchase tickets and cannot attend any events, they can also be purchased by mail. Send a check to Ft. Worth EWGA P. O. Box 101794 Ft. Worth TX 76185.

If you have any questions about the raffle, contact marjoriestanfield@sbcglobal.net or mweiss@flash.net.

SPECIAL COMMENTARY

Pick up the Pace ... of Play

Marilyn Weiss, EWGA Golf Events Chair

Match Play or Stroke Play, our goal is 4 – 4 ½ hours to play. One - because it's usually too darn hot, cold, windy, or humid to be out playing any longer (we're in Texas, don't forget!); two - there's a cold one waiting for you in the club house! None of us thinks we play slow, but **if you don't regularly finish a round in less than 4 ½ hours**, then take note of the hints below. It's not about *rushing* your play, but rather being *ready* to play. The bottom line is: *AS SOON AS IT'S YOUR TURN TO PLAY, YOU SHOULD BE READY TO STEP RIGHT UP AND MAKE THE STROKE.*

Here are some tips for speeding up play:

We are not herd animals ... you don't have to travel as a cart-pack; proceed to your ball as soon as safe to do so. That means you may get to walk a few yards across the fairway, or drop your cart partner off with her clubs and drive to your ball. If it's a dreaded "cart path only" day, take more than one club with you when you walk to your ball. (The more weight you carry, the more calories you'll burn during the walk!)

Don't stand at the cart fussing with your clubs or head covers. Get in the cart and drive away. If you are a head cover kind of person, we promise your club won't get damaged before you get to put it back on while your partner is hitting!

Be prepared! **Club determination, practice swings, reading of the green** can likely be done **BEFORE** it's your turn to hit.

Limit your **pre-shot routine to one swing**; your body has already decided what swing you're playing with today ... hopefully it's not your evil twin's swing.

Don't be afraid to hit a provisional if you're concerned about hitting out of bounds. Mark your balls well and limit your search for lost balls to 1 minute. Seriously, it's only a golf ball!

On the tee, watch your partner's drive. If they lose sight of it, you can help direct him/her to it. (If you are both blind as bats, this might not help, but if that's the case, you probably shouldn't be playing together anyway!)

Keep extra tees, ball markers, and an extra ball in your pocket so you never have to return to your bag to find one when needed.

Hold your conversations for between shots!

If you're the first one to hole out, pick up the flag and replace it after everyone else has finished. Don't make the one who putts last have to walk across the green to get the flag. Common courtesy isn't that hard!

If you have extra clubs with you on the green, lay them down off the green, on your way to the cart. You can pick them up as you walk back to the cart. This saves time, and you're less likely to leave them behind.

Park the cart beside or behind the green as much as possible so the group behind you can start to hit as soon as you have putted out. If you're walking to a cart parked in front of the green, they might hit you (and they probably should!)

Record your scores **AFTER** you leave the green; the numbers are not going to change 50 feet down the cart path!

Play 'ready golf' if possible. For match play, 'ready golf' can be played between pairings, not opponents.

No hole should become entirely open in front of your group. One of the easiest measurements for pace is keeping the group ahead of you in sight. If the group that teed off directly in front of you is pulling away, chances are the groups behind you are getting teed off!!

If you get 2 holes behind the group ahead, something is definitely wrong. Unless you're in some kind of major competition where you have been told otherwise, **PICK UP YOUR BALL, MARK DOWN YOUR MAX SCORE, AND SKIP A HOLE!** Chances are, if you're playing that slow, you're maxing out on a lot of the holes anyway!

Help make the game enjoyable for everyone on the course and keep up the pace.

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