

Tee Times

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The President's View by Kristi Johnston

As this is my first President's view article, I would like to thank each and every one of you for the privilege to serve as the Dallas EWGA President. In addition, I would like to recognize the entire Board of Directors for the 2008-2009 season:



President: Kristi Johnston
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I am so excited about the upcoming year! My number one goal this year is to increase participation in an effort to maximize retention as well as obtain new members. The EWGA is a wonderful organization that has given me true friendships, great golf opportunities, and a business network that I would have never been afforded without getting involved. I can honestly say that whatever you give to this organization will be repaid ten times over. So, mark your calendar now for our December 4th social event. Also, check our website regularly and be looking for our Annual Kick Off Event, The Tee Party, early 2009!

Until then, I hope each of you has a safe and happy holiday season,

Kristi Johnston, President

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Golf Funny:

"A ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is probably not yours."

http://www.guy-sports.com/humor/sports/sports_golf.htm



November—December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Beyond the Basics Series with Lori Brock	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Dec 1	2	3	4 Holiday Happy Hour	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Happy Holidays!

This is our last newsletter of the 2008 year. Keep checking the Dallas EWGA website at <http://www.dallasewga.com> for 2009 Tee Party details!

Best wishes for a safe & joyous holiday season!

EWGA-Dallas 2008 Match Play Competition, by Jill Prince

The **EWGA-Dallas 2008 Match Play Competition** was conducted during the months of April, May and June. Congratulations to the following ladies:

Flight "A"	Flight "B"	Flight "C"
Champion Kat Tidd	Champion Shawn Kruger	Champion Angela Ellexson-Hankins
2nd Place Kip Malick	2nd Place Diana Gats	2nd Place Stephanie Merrifield
Consolation Heather Beaudoin	Consolation Peggy Hergenroether	Consolation Micki Sander

Hope to see YOU join this fun competition next year.

2008 Lone Star Cup (LSC) Competition Update, by Kim Gaddy

Wondering what happened? Well, the competition was fierce and we had a great time! Dallas Co-Captains, Jeri Phillips and Jill Prince, did a superb job! Diana Gats, our Sectional Director, also played a major role in making the event a great success (we are lucky she is from Dallas)!

Your Dallas LSC Team consisted of Heather Beaudoin, Diana Gats, Angela Ellexson-Hankins, Kristi Johnston, Shawn Kruger, Jan Parrish, Carole Poole, Jill Prince, Tonya Settles, Kat Tidd, Wendy Welch and Faye Wilkins and alternates Lee O'Conner and Kim Gaddy.

Friday's practice rounds at Lake Whitney were lots of fun, and the weather was perfect! Dallas performed well in Friday night's skills challenge. Heather Beaudoin won the chipping contest and Kim Gaddy (that's me) earned 2nd place on the long drive contest and won the "pin the Nike swoosh on Tiger" (I can explain).

The real competition began on Saturday (Day 1). The first day was all about team match play. There were **AMAZING SHOTS** and down to the last hole victories! Your Dallas Team was in **FIRST PLACE!** Saturday was a great day! Not only did we win Day 1, we won the most raffle prizes at Saturday's Dinner! From golf clubs to a great golf shirt and more, Dallas cleaned up!

Sunday's format (Day 2) was singles match play. While the team made a valiant effort, it was not enough to bring home the Lone Star Cup (San Antonio won). Oh, well there is always 2009!

Speaking of 2009,

The Dallas Chapter was selected to coordinate the 2009 LSC Competition!

We are excited to announce that Jill Prince will be the 2009 LSC Director!

And ***(drum roll please),***

The 2009 LSC Competition will be held at:

BEAUTIFUL HORSESHOE BAY RESORT

(in Marble Falls, TX, west of Austin)

So get that handicap in place and sharpen your match play skills now so that you can win one of the coveted spots on the **2009 Dallas Chapter Match Play Team!**



10 Shots You "Must Have" In Your Golf Bag with Kathy Farrer, LPGA Teaching Professional

The "organized" golf events for E.W.G.A.-Dallas are finished for 2008. So, during this lull of E.W.G.A. events, I have a few suggestions that could very much help to improve your game for 2009.

No matter your golf skill level, you can benefit greatly from reflecting on your play throughout this year. Is there a pattern that repeats itself of where you frequently wasted shots? Maybe with the driver, or fairway shots to the green, or fairway woods, hitting out of rough, putting, etc. If so, this "off-season" time could be a great opportunity to get some **lessons** that address your issue. Or, it could be that you can make some changes in your **clubs**. Hybrid irons and hybrid woods are designed to help you hit better shots—more easily and more often-- where you may be struggling with the clubs you have now. A lot of the new putters *really are* "a better mouse trap". Don't be afraid to try something new. Once you get past the looks of some of these hybrid clubs and new putters, you may be pleasantly surprised how much easier they make those shots you dread!

Not playing as much during the cooler weather may cause you to lose a little strength in your "golf muscles". You may feel a little stiff when you do swing a club after laying off for a while. The next few months are a *great* time to do golf-specific **exercises** at a health club. These exercises can help you maintain your present strength-level, increase your strength, or raise your endurance—so you don't run out of steam by #14! If you do nothing else, working on increasing your **FLEXIBILITY** can pay *huge* dividends in 2009!

I have not talked about one of the "10 Must Have Shots" in this article. But from my own personal experience, I am confident that the suggestions I have made here will be as valuable to improving your golf game in 2009 as would learning a specific *shot*!

Have a WONDERFUL holiday season! I look forward to being with you next year!

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DA's Spring Creek Education



DA Spring Creek's Top Instructor Lori Brock offers the Dallas EWGA numerous education opportunities. Support those who support our Chapter by attending these education events offered to improve your game!

CLASSES

Location: [DA's Spring Creek Golf](#)

Address: [5601 W. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano, Texas 75024](#)

Class : "Beginner 101" Series for New Golfers

Get started learning the basics to playing golf. No previous golf experience necessary. We will teach you what you need to know in order to get out on the course and start enjoying golf with friends. This class will teach students the basic fundamentals in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. You will also learn the basics of golf etiquette and golf terminology/lingo and how to apply this knowledge while playing on the course. Recommendations for buying the right set of clubs included in the class, and quality demo clubs are available for class and practice use.

For information on future offerings of this course, contact Lori Brock at 214-850-0193 or DA's Pro Shop at 972-378-6631.

Where: D.A.'s Spring Creek Golf in Plano

Cost: \$250 for all five classes or \$50 per 90 minute class

Class size: Limited to 6 people

Class : Beyond the Basics for Novice Golfers

This class helps to improve golfers that know the basics but need more skill improvement. We do this by decreasing the number of students to only 3 per class so the instructor can give much more personalized attention to each student's specific needs. We also will help you improve through the use of video analysis. The two skills we will focus on improving during this 5 hour series is full swing and pitching. These shots are crucial to all golfers but especially to the golfer who is early in their development.

2 Series Starting in November:

- ◇ Sundays, November 23, Dec 7, 14, 21 (No Class on Thanksgiving Weekend) from 11—12:15 pm
- ◇ Sundays, November 23, Dec 7, 14, 21 (No Class on Thanksgiving Weekend) from 1:15—2:30 pm

Where: D.A.'s Spring Creek Golf in Plano

Cost: \$275 for each series

Class size: Limited to 3 people

To sign up for these classes, call Lori Brock at 214-850-0193 or DA's Pro Shop at 972-378-6631.



Lori Brock

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-Dallas EWGA Member

-A top 50 LPGA Instructor

-National Instructor for the LPGA, Player Development Program

-LPGA Teaching Professional since 1989

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EWGA Year End Event, October 26



This year's event was held at TopGolf in Dallas, TX. We had approximately 40 members and sponsors attend the event, which included a recap of 2008 events and volunteer/sponsor recognition. We then enjoyed some cocktails and great food catered by TopGolf and held a hitting contest at their specially designed hitting bays. In addition, we had a Bring-a-Guest drawing, a Volunteer of the Year drawing, and awarded prizes for the driving range competition.

Our winners included:

- ◇ Bring a Guest – Angela Ellexson-Hankins
- ◇ Volunteer of the Year – Jeri Phillips
- ◇ 1st Place – Heather Beaudoin
- ◇ 2nd Place – Bob Sander
- ◇ 3rd Place - Tila Tuimalealiifano



This event provided an opportunity to thank all of our excellent sponsors, volunteers, and board members, past and present. Thanks to everyone who participated as well as our volunteers and special events sponsors, including TopGolf who donated three of our prizes for this event. If you volunteered this year and were not at the event, please contact Angela Ellexson-Hankins at leadership@dallasewga.com to arrange a time to pick up your gift! Keep your eye out for information on our last social event for 2008 currently scheduled for December 4th! Finally, here's a great big thanks to our outgoing President, **Kim Gaddy** for the wonderful job she did for the Dallas Chapter in 2008!! Thanks again Kim!

A Note about our Social Event in October

Our October 16th happy hour event brought together over 30 EWGA members and guests to Edwin Watts, our newest sponsor who closed their doors to host our spectacular EWGA/EWG Event! Appetizers and drinks were provided and each participant received a voucher for a free personalized swing analysis. Edwin Watts also provided storewide discounts! All attendees had an opportunity to swing with the pros and work at the hitting bays and to participate in a putting contest, the winner of which was Kim Gaddy. Kim got a new golf bag that was oh so cute! We also had a drawing for another golf bag, which was won by one of our two new members that joined that night, Vickie Bell. Congratulations to Kim and Vickie and thanks to everyone who joined us for our successful event. We look forward to another Edwin Watt hosted event next year!

Volunteer Recognition

During the Year End Event held at *Top Golf* we celebrated our 2008 season. The Dallas Chapter is fortunate to have a membership comprised of talented, intelligent and interesting women. We are also very fortunate to have a membership that actively participates in the success of our Chapter, vital to the success of any organization. An important part of the celebration included recognizing our volunteers (all **38** of them!) for their efforts with a special gift.

Please join me in thanking those who contributed their time and efforts to make 2008 a great season for the entire Chapter:

Angela Ellexson	Jill Prince	Michelle Davidson
Ann Jaycox	Julie Welch	Micki Sander
Anna Masters	Kat Tidd	Pat Kozal
Carol Poole	Kathy Oneal	Patte Lee
Carolyn Manuel	Kathy Powell	Patty Collins
Christina Shuffield	Kay Mason	Peggy Hergenroether
Connie Cherry	Kim Gaddy	Shawn Kruger
Diana Gats	Kirsten Tulchin	Stephanie Merrifield
Dorothy Cheatam	Katheryn Pieters	Susie Tobin
Evelyn Ireland	Kristi Johnston	Suzi Bartek
Heather Beaudoin	Lee O-Conner	Tila Tuimalealiifano
Jan Parrish	Luann Sparks	Tracy Huber
Jennifer Ellison	Marie Maness	Wendy Welch
Jenny Murphy	Marla Jackson	
Jeri Phillips	Mary Scherr	

If you were unable to join us at the Year End Event please contact Angela Ellexson-Hankins at angela.ellexson@gmail.com to arrange for pick-up. The Holiday Happy Hour on December 4th could be an excellent opportunity...

Snaps from the Year



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 Micki Sander, Dallas EWGA Sponsor Chair, at

sponsorship@dallasewga.com.



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Vision

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Mission

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