

MWGA Newsletter

President's Column *by Barb Hanson*

We have just completed a process of reviewing and revising the **MWGA Mission Statement**, and this is how it turned out: **"To enrich all aspects of the game for amateur women golfers."**

We plan to do this in a number of ways:

- Become the go-to organization for women's golf in Minnesota.
- Build a sense of community among women golfers.
- Nurture and challenge women at all levels of the game.
- Project professionalism.

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- By serving as a voice for women's golf on a statewide level,
- By educating women about the game of golf,
- By helping women connect with each other across the state in social golf settings,
- By helping young women attend college (through our Foundation Scholarships),
- By offering leadership opportunities for women in golf, and
- By hosting championship competitions throughout the state.

Many thanks to **Rose Hermodson**, who chaired this committee made up of **Nancy Messerli, Ede Rice, Cheryl Schneider** and **Mary Jahnke**.

So who is the MWGA - this organization that's going to do all these things for us? It's YOU and ME! Together we are a volunteer organization, a committed group of women working for women. Why? Because we love the game of golf and the friendships that we develop through the game.

I'd like to challenge you to become involved in the MWGA. Think about your skills and experience, and determine how you can best contribute. The position that you are interested in may not be available right now, but we're always planning into the future. Call me at (952) 226-4208 and we will figure out how we can most effectively work together.

Besides taking an in-depth look at our Mission Statement, a committee of past presidents set forth a new 3-year **Long-Range Plan**. I think the goals are noteworthy and will serve as wonderful guidelines as we move forward.

Meet your 2005 Executive Board

Your MWGA Executive Board this year is absolutely fabulous and is committed to providing you with the best possible experience you can have at our events.

Please take a moment to read further and get to know the women who are working so hard for you and this organization. You'll notice that they're all busy, professional women with family obligations who have chosen to dedicate time and energy to the MWGA.



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Barb Hanson (President) is a retired teacher and now owns her own company, Corporate Golf Services, in which she works primarily with women who want

to learn how to play golf for business. She has been a member of the MWGA for over 20 years, playing in many of the tournaments and events, and now has been part of the Executive Board for the past 3 years. Barb and her husband Brian, have 3 children and 3 1/2 grandchildren.



Kim Vanderwall (President-Elect) has been involved with the MWGA for about 7 years. During the day Kim does planning and research with nonprofit human service organizations. Other volunteering has included Girl Scouts, Peace Corps (Paraguay), several community races, and her league at Sawmill. She loves travel, swimming, her book club, speaking Spanish, her three grandchildren, her husband Jan, her dog and her cat.



Brenda Evans (Past President) works for GMAC-RFC as a Senior Risk Mitigation Business Analyst. She assists

clients establishing risk management tools to aid in fraud detection and she helps build business plans for risk mitigation. She lives in Champlin, is single, and enjoys gardening and any outdoor activity. She has been a member and volunteer with the MWGA for 8 years.

Susan Cushman (VP Membership)

is a physician with OB/Gyn West and co-founder of the Melpomene Institute for Women's Health Research. Along with medicine and golf, Susan has a passion for reading and running. Her husband Charlie and she have a 22 year old son. She's been involved with MWGA for 6 years. Other volunteer activities include medical trips to Jalapa, Nicaragua and weekly shifts in the avian nursery at the Wildlife Rehab Center.



Patty Barnacle (VP Rules)

has been a member of the MWGA for 25 years. She's participated in many events and volunteered on numerous committees over the years. She's been married for 30 years and has two children, Katie and Brent, and a dog named Elsie. Patty is an accountant by trade and enjoys many outdoor activities.





Bonnie Featherstone (Member-at-Large) has been involved with the MWGA since the 80's. She is a full time artist working in the Minnesota River Studios and currently serves as

president of both The Burnsville Foundation and the Fem Fin Investment Club. Tennis, travel, two Basset Hounds and four lively grandchildren enrich her life.

Leah Bohnen (VP Communications) has been involved with the MWGA since she joined Forest Hills in 1988. She was the club liaison for many years and has always

participated in Association Days and tournaments. Her "day job" is as co-owner of "The Gardener of Eden Services," a garden grooming business. Her hobbies are gardening, quilting, sewing, motorcycling with her husband and traveling. She's been married for 22 years to Roy, and they have one daughter, Crystal.



Sheila Doran (Member-at-Large - Scholarship Foundation) has been involved with the Scholarship Foundation for 7 years. She works as an Adjunct Professor

for the State University System supervising student teachers. Additional volunteer work has included WAMSO, the International Special Olympics, and the Solheim and Walker Cup golf tournaments. Her family, with the latest addition of five grandchildren in 20 months, has given her the most joy.

Trish Anderson (VP Tournaments) is a marriage and family therapist in private practice. She is also on the faculty of two



graduate programs in the metro area. She's involved in many sports year-round as well as being an artist working primarily in abstract painting. Trish was the Tournament Director for

the MWGA State Amateur at Woodhill in 2003, but is new to the MWGA Executive Board this year.

Lori Wohlrabe (VP Program Development)

Nine months out of the year Lori works as a consultant providing software

development services to companies in the financial services industry. She takes summers off to enjoy life. In 2001 she started volunteering for the MWGA as a limited rules official because she thought it would be a great way to learn about the rules while giving back to an organization that has offered her some wonderful opportunities.



Jean Monn (VP Finance) This is Jean's first year on the MWGA board but she has participated in various events for almost 30 years. Jean has been involved with

golf at her home course, helping to found and expand the women's leagues, serving as President several times and working on many golf committees. Her work outside the home is with D&B Enterprises, where she does the accounting. She loves the outdoors, gardening, needlepoint and sewing, but most of all her husband, two children and five wonderful grandchildren.

The MWGA is a volunteer organization and we invite YOU to be part of the team!

May Association Day Results

Wild Marsh GC
Low Gross & Low Net

First Flight

Terry Young
Baker GC
Bonnie Young Johnson
Bent Creek GC

Second Flight

Sue Norsted
Northfield GC
Judith Dahlin
Minnesota Valley CC

Third Flight

Jane Kraft
Northfield GC
Jean Perrier
Northfield GC
Avis Holms
Minnesota Valley CC

Carol Ellison
Island View GC

Fourth Flight

Janet Zimmer
Geneva GC
Carol Steele
Stillwater CC
Pat Koeppi
New Prague GC

Fifth Flight

Reiko Jones
Minnetonka CC
Toni Shefchik
New Prague GC

Did you know...

In 1935 the WMGA started "Open Days" which were three days each in Minneapolis and St. Paul. "Open Days" later became Association Days.

Help Wanted

Newsletter Editor
Duties include: serving on MWGA Board of Directors, attending Executive Board meetings upon request, facilitating the writing of the MWGA newsletter (2 issues annually), assisting the Women's Coordinator in publishing and distributing the newsletter, and serving at least 2 years.
Interested?
Call Paula Lutz at (952) 345-3961

*See Four-Ball results on page 9.

Rules Column *by Patty Barnacle*

Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

Standing over a slippery downhill putt can feel like a life or death situation, but what if your racing heartbeat and sweaty palms are actually caused by a heart arrhythmia that leads to sudden cardiac arrest? If it happens at an MWGA event, your chances of survival just got a lot better.

Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the United States. The ready availability of a defibrillator to shock the heart into a normal rhythm dramatically improves survival rates. In recent years, advances in technology have made defibrillators easier to use and more affordable, motivating the MWGA Executive Board to approve purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to be on-site at all MWGA functions. A smaller version of the ones you've seen on

television medical shows, it can be used by anyone who can follow instructions. In fact, the only way you can hurt someone with an AED is by not using it when it's needed.

On a rainy evening in May (what other kind was there?), fourteen MWGA volunteers were trained in the use of an AED. We discovered that it really is as simple as listening to the voice coming out of the machine and following the instructions. We also received training in CPR as well as some interesting background information on sudden cardiac arrest and defibrillators.

A special thanks to **Dr. Steve Husted** from Metropolitan Cardiology Consultants and **Bob Hanson** from Medtronic for hosting this invaluable training session and for giving us the tools to better serve the emergency medical needs of our membership.

Olin/Schmucker Beat Summer Heat, Win Four-Ball *by Laurie Velett*

When summer finally arrived at Midland Hills, it showed up hot and humid. Two cloudless days hovering near 90 degrees greeted the 184 competitors for the State Amateur Four-Ball Championship June 21-22, 2005.

University of Michigan teammates, **Laura Olin** (Olympic Hills), 2004 State Amateur Champion and 2004 State Match Play Medalist, and **Amy Schmucker** (The Legends), led by one stroke after the opening round - taking first place honors after shooting 69-68-137. Another pair of college golfers,

Krista Swanson and **Carlie Allen** shot the tournament's best round on the second day with a 7 under 66, but fell three shots shy of overtaking the winners. Four teams finished at 1 under 145 with Claudia Pilot and Brenda Williams, 2003 and 2004 champions, winning a scorecard playoff for second place.



Laura Olin and Amy Schmucker

MWGA Foundation Page

MWGA Foundation Awards Four Scholarships In Its Seventh Year of Giving

On behalf of the 2005 Scholarship Committee for the Minnesota Women's Golf Association Foundation, we are very pleased to announce we have selected four recipients who will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to be used towards tuition, books or room and board. The award is renewable for 4 years for a total of \$8,000. The criteria for judging applicants are based on their academic excellence, continued financial need, quality of character demonstrated by civic and academic activities related in their personal statement and interest or involvement in the game of golf.

Rebecca Yerhot



Rebecca is graduating from LaCrescent-Hokah High School in LaCrescent, MN and will be attending St. Mary's University in Winona, MN, where she has been a PSEO student this past year. She plans to major in Accounting/ Business and ultimately obtain a Masters in Finance to fulfill her goal of becoming a financial executive in business or a Financial Advisor. Rebecca is a member of National Honor Society, a finalist in the Outstanding Students of America, an Honor Student of the Chamber of Commerce in LaCrescent, and was chosen as LaCrescent Apple Fest's Miss LaCrescent.

Alyssa Zuehl



Alyssa is graduating from Litchfield Senior High in Litchfield, MN and will be attending St. Olaf College majoring in Pre Medicine. Her goal is to become an Anesthesiologist. Alyssa is a member of National Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl, Marching and Pep Bands, and the Cross Country and Golf teams at her school. Alyssa has played on the golf team since the 9th grade. Last year, she was able to participate in the State High School Golf Tournament and this year, her team is qualifying for State Sectionals. Alyssa hopes to play golf at St. Olaf.

Sarah Forrest



Sarah is graduating from Brainerd High School in Brainerd, MN and will be attending St. Olaf College majoring in Pre Medicine and Spanish. She plans to become a Reconstructive Surgeon and hopes someday to donate her time and skills in a Spanish speaking country. Sarah is the President of Key Club, Vice President of Interact Club, member of the National Honor Society and the Triathlon and Golf teams at her school. She is very involved in volunteering at her Church, the Special Olympics, the Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity.

Azieb Kidanu



Azieb is graduating from Park Center Senior High School in Brooklyn Park, MN and will be attending the College of St. Catherine majoring in Pre Medicine with a goal of becoming a Pediatric Oncologist. Her volunteer work at a hospital has sparked her interest in the health of children. Azieb is the President of National Honor Society (NHS), a member of the Senior Class Cabinet, President of Park Center Human Relation Committee, and a member of MN Girls State. Azieb is also involved with her community church youth choir and several school events.

The MWGA Foundation earnestly welcomes individual, group and corporate financial support. Donations are tax deductible. Should you or your club wish to host a fundraising event or make a donation, please contact the MWGA Foundation office, (952) 345-3961 or e-mail, mwgafoundation@mngolf.org.

We'd would like to thank the following individuals, clubs and organizations for their generous support of the MWGA Charitable Foundation from January 1, 2005 to July 5, 2005. Some of the individual donors made contributions through their member clubs, also listed, and some made them in other ways. Every effort has been made to present names correctly, but if we've made an error, please contact us.

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Helen Sjostrom
White Bear YC
Rita Wray

Harris and Lindsay win again

by Susan Cushman



Change the year, the tournament site and the field, and the outcome is still the same - **Nancy Harris** and **JoAnn Lindsay** come out on top at the Senior Four-Ball Tournament held June 6-7 at Northland Country Club in Duluth. Ask them how many times they've won and they can't tell you. For the record, it's been nine consecutive years.

Participants and volunteers faced unsettled weather in Duluth and most could not complete their practice rounds Sunday when more than an inch of rain closed an already waterlogged course. Northland played long and slow the first round and the Harris/Lindsay team posted 76, the only championship flight score in the 70's. **Anne Zahn** and

Isabella Keating were second with an 80, despite taking a quadruple bogey on the fraught-with-danger 18th hole.

The second day anticipated rain never materialized, but a three-club wind did and most teams agreed this round was even more challenging than the first. Though claiming not to have played well, the Harris/Lindsay team held on to first place with an 80. The Zahn/Keating duo shot another 80 for a second place finish. **Ede Rice** and **Julie Lenertz** added 79 to their previous 82 to take third.

In the new net Masters Division (65 and older) **Nancy Hay** and **Betty Swanson** combined for a 76-74, winning in a scorecard playoff over **Bev Nash** and **Martha Polfuss**.

Northland Country Club, head professional **Joe O'Connor** and tournament director **Pat Fride** were gracious hosts. Participants were also warmly welcomed by **Sue Moline-Liberty**, Northland's first female club president.

Final Results - MWGA Senior Four-Ball Tournament - Northland Country Club Championship Flight

Jo-Ann Lindsay, <i>Interlachen CC/</i>	76-80	156
Nancy Harris, <i>Minneapolis GC</i>		
Anne Zahn, <i>Hazeltine National/</i>	80-80	160
Isabella Keating, <i>Woodhill CC</i>		
Ede Rice, <i>Woodhill CC/</i>	82-79	161
Julie Lenertz, <i>Southview CC</i>		

First Flight

Renae LeFebvre, <i>Monticello CC/</i>	89-89	178
Jan Nelson, <i>Brookview GC</i>		
Mary Leaf, <i>Rochester G&CC/</i>	92-87	179
Jane Barton, <i>Rochester G&CC</i>		
Norma Black, <i>Dellwood Hills GC/</i>	91-89	180'
Marie Tufford, <i>Town & Country</i>		

Second Flight

Susan Tilsch, <i>Braemar GC/</i>	96-90	186
Sylvia Logerquist, <i>Braemar GC</i>		

Sue Bouquet, <i>Rochester G&CC/</i>	89-97	186
Mary Roberts, <i>Rochester G&CC</i>		
Diana Neameyer, <i>Brackett's/</i>	94-99	193
Carol Peterson, <i>Brackett's Crossing</i>		

Third Flight

Marge Galowitz, <i>Stillwater CC/</i>	102-101	203
Carol Steele, <i>Stillwater CC</i>		
Diane Killian, <i>Hazeltine/</i>	104-103	207
Ingrid DiCatri, <i>Hazeltine National GC</i>		
LuAnn Schneider, <i>Hazeltine/</i>	106-106	212
Carol Lutgen, <i>Hazeltine National GC</i>		

Masters Division - Low Net Copeptition

Nancy Hay, <i>White Bear YC/</i>	76-74	150
Betty Swanson, <i>White Bear YC</i>		
Bev Naab, <i>Island View GC/</i>	75-75	150
Martha Polsfuss, <i>White Birch GC</i>		
Dorothy Swanson, <i>Northfield GC/</i>	80-77	157
Marcia Roush, <i>Northfield GC</i>		

Association Day Results

North Oaks GC

Low Gross & Low Net

First Flight

Sue Erickson

Owantonna CC

Shirley Woodfill

Owantonna CC

Second Flight

Bernie Ideker

Owantonna CC

Connie Sugden

Sawmill GC

Third Flight

Deb Krumsieg

Edinburgh USA

Karen Kuhn

Braemar GC

Fourth Flight

Marilyn Booth

Chaska TC

Kathryn Hand

Edinburgh USA

Fifth Flight

Sharon Peterson

Crow River CC

Char Dalbec

Monticello CC

Sr Four-Ball Blooper

Rules and tournament consultant **Bill Homeyer** took the "Mudcake Award" after slipping while marking a hazard and later taking a rolling dive from his cart to avoid a competitor's errant shot.

**Association Day
Results
Minneapolis GC
Low Gross & Low Net**

First Flight

Mary Williams

Hazeltine National GC

Linda Freeman

Alexandria CC

Second Flight

Karen Erickson

Southview CC

Gerrie Barth

Chisago Lakes GC

Third Flight

Adele Brellenthin

Minikahda Club

Lana Witt

New Prague GC

Dianne Johnson

Sawmill GC

Fourth Flight

Sue Murphy

Minnetonka CC

Judith Westby

Deer Run GC

Fifth Flight

Reiko Jones

Minnetonka CC

Janet Doycette

Monticello CC

The Spring Membership Meeting and Retreat *by Kim Vanderwall*

**How I met a new friend while freezing
my...**

The Spring Membership Meeting and Retreat was held this year on May 1st at The Wilds and May 2nd at Stonebrooke Golf Course. The meetings were a wonderful chance for members and volunteers to reconnect after the long winter, to strengthen the sense of community we all feel in this organization, as well as plan how to be more inclusive to women who aren't currently active with us. Evaluations told us that the meetings were a great success.

Unfortunately, we had to push our luck. Somehow ignoring the fact that we live in Minnesota, we also included golf in the package. Throughout April, it looked like we'd have lovely weather for our first event of the year. Then things took a turn for the worse. By the time May 1st came around, snow and sleet hit us from every direction. Nine hardy souls of the 60 people signed up for the event decided to brave the conditions and play. I was impressed and a little puzzled by them.

On May 2nd, 34 degree temperatures settled in. As I saw **Marge Orness** suit up (practically a snow suit) to play again - and she is the **only** one who played both days - I decided I had to join her and her two playing companions. I had to find out what made her so much tougher than me.

Marge will turn 70 this January. She describes herself as energetic, fun and active. "I can still work my way around young kids," she says. After spending 4 hours with her, I couldn't agree more.

Marge grew up in an era in which girls didn't have much of an opportunity to play competitive sports. She played whatever sports she could: sandlot baseball, intramural field hockey, whatever. She got her BA in Physical Education and Speech, taught a year, then started her family. Years later when her daughter was of an age to run, Marge decided to get into coaching. In the 70's she started the golf program for girls in the Mankato school district.

Marge has been an MWGA member since the late 70's. She is currently the liaison to Mankato Country Club, but has been involved in other ways too, including being on the board and serving as regional liaison. When asked why she is a member, she says she likes that it promotes women's golf, the lovely women she's met, the great courses and the medals she has won along the way.

On that frozen day I asked her why she was out there playing. She said, "I've been through a lot in life. I figure that if I have an opportunity to play golf, I'm going to play. I love this game. It's the most challenging game I've ever played. It teaches me so much about life. It's really the only game where you need to referee yourself."

Marge told me at the Spring Meeting that she "loved listening to the young girls who had received scholarships from our foundation. It's so inspiring to see them and hear their stories".

There are so many wonderful women in our organization. I encourage all of you to stop and hear the real story of someone you don't yet know. Thanks, Marge, for inspiring me.

Volunteer Recognition

by Lori Wohlrabe

Volunteers are the heart of this organization. In an effort to acknowledge this basic fact of life, the Executive Board launched a new event last year to recognize the contributions of this important group. The inaugural event was held at Midland Hills Country Club on a crisp day in early October. Nearly fifty optimistic volunteers waited out the frost delay and were rewarded with pleasant weather and a round of golf on a lovely course, followed by lunch and prizes.

This year the volunteer appreciation day will be combined with the fall membership meeting. The event will be held at Logger's Trail, with lunch at Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter, and the cost will be free to individuals who have volunteered at least one day during the 2005 season.

What, you may ask, do volunteers do that's so important? In a word - everything. Every year the MWGA hosts seven tournaments and six association day locations for a combined total of 21 days of golf. Each event requires many hours of hard work to plan and run the day's activities, with most of the work done by volunteers. Volunteers are also responsible for recruiting and communicating with our individual members. Each fall the club liaisons collect membership information and throughout the golfing season they ensure that their members are kept informed about MWGA activities. Regional liaisons are responsible for maintaining communication between the club liaisons and the Board of Directors.

So without volunteers, there would be no members and no events. Clearly, volunteers make everything the MWGA does possible.

Did you know...

In 1915 the first State Match Play Tournament at Town & Country Club was played with 62 players. The tournament was later named the MWGA Match Play Tournament. The Women's Minnesota Golf Association (WMGA) founded by women members of Minikahda, Interlachen, Town & Country, Northland, Lafayette and White Bear Yacht Club was established on September 22 of the same year.

Final Results- MN Women's State Four-Ball

Midland Hills Country Club

Championship Flight

Laura Olin, *Olympic Hills GC/* 69-68 137

Amy Schmucker, *The Legends*

Krista Swanson, *Forest Hills GC/* 74-66 140

Carlie Allen, *Rum River Hills GC*

Brenda Williams, *Windsong Farm/* 72-73 145

Claudia Pilot, *Windsong Farm*

First Flight

Kim Banfield, *Rochester G&CC/* 69-78 147

Trina Thompson, *Rochester G&CC*

Barb Hygrel, *Fox Hollow GC/* 74-74 148

Sue Ritter, *Fox Hollow GC*

Sue Swenson, *Chaska TC/* 75-76 151

Susan Cushman, *Minneapolis GC*

Second Flight

Peggy Gazzola, *The Jewel GC/* 80-76 156

Cindy Quehl, *Southview CC*

Sandy Ives, *Burl Oaks GC/* 78-78 156

Marian Hamilton, *Edina CC*

Kathryn Bruce, *Minikahda Club/* 76-81 157

Sheila Doran, *Interlachen CC*

Third Flight

Joan Saxton, *Austin CC/* 79-74 153

Shelley Peterson, *Monticello CC*

Renae Lefebvre, *Monticello CC/* 77-84 161

Jan Nelson, *Brookview GC*

Kelly Judd, *Rolling Green CC/* 82-79 161

Ruth Bolton, *Rolling Green CC*

Fourth Flight

Molly Baker, *Braemar GC/* 79-79 158

Judy Richter, *Winona CC*

Jane Underhill, *Hazeltine/* 78-85 163

Karla Ryshavy, *Hazeltine National GC*

Kim Vanderwall, *Sawmill GC/* 83-85 168

Norma Black, *Dellwood Hills GC*

Fifth Flight

Nancy Manderfeld, *Rush Creek GC/* 85-84 169

Sylvia Logerquist, *Braemar GC*

Marie Tufford, *Town & Country/* 86-83 169

Judith Young, *White Bear YC*

Sandra Martin, *Dellwood Hills GC/* 87-83 170

Mary Nowlin, *Dellwood Hills GC*

Sixth Flight

Rita Stilwell, *Owatonna CC/* 83-83 166

Bernie Ideker, *Owatonna CC*

Susan Tilsch, *Braemar GC/* 83-86 169

Connie Sugden, *Sawmill GC*

Karen Erickson, *Southview CC/* 86-86 172

Mary Lowary, *Southview CC*

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Mark your calendars...

Monday, September 12
Annual Fall Membership Meeting
and Volunteer Recognition

Logger's Trail Golf Club &
Gasthaus Bavarian Huner

All members are invited to
attend.