



**MWGA**  
Minnesota Women's Golf Association

APRIL 2010 ENEWS

### Calling All Evening Golfers!

Your MWGA knows that many of you are not able to take time during the day to attend one of our Association Days, so this year we are piloting a new event with a focus on fun. It's a 9-hole Association Day at Dellwood Hills Golf Club and Monday, June 21st is the date to hold if you'd like to take part in this inaugural event. [Click here to read more.](#)

### Message from the president



The light, the blues skies, and the warmer breezes are telling me it's spring. I'm excited about our upcoming MWGA golf season, and I'm happy about what your MWGA Board has accomplished during the dark, snowy days of the Minnesota winter.

Your MWGA Board of Directors took on some challenging tasks this year, and we've had lots of lively and thoughtful discussion as we pursue ways to make your golf association more up-to-date, helpful, and relevant to you. [Click](#)

[here to read more.](#)

### 4th Annual Junior Girls' Clinic

The 2010 MWGA-PGA Junior Girls' Skills & Rules Clinic will be held in early May at Rush Creek Academy at Rush Creek Golf Course in Maple Grove. Coming off three wildly successful years, this free clinic runs from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, May 1st and will include training sessions on golf skills, course management, fitness and nutrition, rules and etiquette. It's lots of fun for everyone involved - and it's free. [Click here to read more.](#)

### Meet Laurie Velett, Your New Rules Director



During my stint as tournament director for the MWGA State Amateur Four-Ball in 2005, rules consultant Bill Homeyer patiently answered my questions about the Rules of Golf. I think he could see that I was unusually interested and he suggested that if I ever wanted to pursue that interest, there was a place for me on the rules committee. Two years later, I attended my first MGA Rules Workshop and have never looked back.

Hi! I'm Laurie Velett, the Rules Director for the MWGA. I have met

### 2010 MWGA Schedule

Spring Meeting at *Midland Hills CC*, April 26  
 Mid-Amateur at *Indian Hills GC*, June 1-2  
 Four-Ball at *Hastings CC*, June 21-22  
 Mid-Handicap Net Team at *St. Cloud CC*, June 28  
 Junior Girls at *Burl Oaks GC*, July 6-7  
 Match Play at *Baker National GC*, July 12-15  
 Senior Four-Ball at *Ridgeview CC*, July 19-20  
 Junior Girls' Four-Ball at *Bunker Hills GC*, July 27  
 State Amateur at *Woodhill CC*, August 16-18  
 Senior State Amateur at *Olympic Hills GC*, August 24-25  
 Association Days  
*TPC Twin Cities*, May 24  
*StoneRidge Golf Club*, June 7  
*Stillwater CC*, June 16  
*Dellwood Hills GC*, June 21 \*\*Nine Hole Event\*\*  
*The Legend & Quarry at Giant's Ridge*, August 22-23  
 Fall Meeting at *Wapicada GC*, September 14

### Volunteer Opportunities

The MWGA is seeking candidates for two leadership positions:

- The **Newsletter Editor** coordinates the production of three issues of the electronic newsletter each year (spring, summer, fall). Laurie Velett, our outstanding former editor, has taken a new position as Rules Director, but she leaves behind a well-oiled machine that makes newsletter production simpler than it has ever been.
- The **Site Director** is responsible for securing courses for our tournaments and events. Barbara Lundgren has done a wonderful job in this role, but will be stepping down at the end of this season due to the demands of her "real" job. Although Barbara will continue in the position until fall, identifying her successor early in the season will allow time for the knowledge sharing needed to ensure a smooth transition.

If you would like to know more about either of these positions, please contact Lori Wohlrabe, Nominating Committee Chair (952-925-5859).

In addition, we are always looking for volunteers to help with the many tasks the organization performs. If you would like to get more involved and meet other women in the golfing community, volunteering is a great way to do it. Just fill out [this online form](#) to get started.

### Feelin' Groovy

If you watched the PGA Tour on their west coast swing, you heard about the "grooves issue" and may be wondering how and when it will affect you. Here's the scoop for amateur players.

many of you over the past three years while serving on the Rules Committee, and look forward to meeting many more of you at tournaments, championships and events this summer. I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself. [Click here to read more.](#)

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### **Tournament Players Take Note of Policy Changes**

This season brings two policies that tournament players should note: one concerns the President's Flight and the other pertains to the "10 score" requirement for tournament entry.

The first change is the elimination of the President's Flight that has been used at the State Amateur Championship for many years and at the Junior State Championship since its inception. In the past, the Championship Flight was divided into two flights for the last round, based on the players' cumulative scores up to that point. Players within 15 strokes of the lead remained in the Championship Flight and competed for the title while the rest of the players formed the President's Flight. [Click here to read more.](#)

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### **USGA Rules News**

Like the Olympics, the Rules of Golf are updated every four years, with the next review due in 2012. In between, changes are made to the Decisions every two years. This year there are 28 new Decisions and 51 revisions. That sounds like a lot, but according to the USGA, none of them are earth-shattering, but instead are clarifications. Most of us will not see a difference in the way we play the game of golf. If you want to read more, [click this link to the USGA's web site.](#)

- 2010 - New groove rules are in effect as a condition of competition this year for the 2010 U.S. Women's Open, as well as sectional (final stage) qualifying events for this championship.
- By 2014, USGA amateur championships will implement the new rule.
- By 2024, average players may be shopping for new irons. This is when the condition of competition is expected to become a permanent equipment specification.

[Click here](#) for more detailed information.

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### **2009-2010 MWGA Board of Directors**

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