

# MWGA *Newsletter*

## THERE'S MORE...

Earn a new MWGA-  
logo shirt by  
collecting 10 stamps  
in your Passport  
during 2007!

Get at least one  
stamp in each  
category:

- event participant,
- event volunteer,
- recreational play  
at a member course.

Shirts are available  
at events or you can  
contact Paula Lutz if  
your tenth stamp  
comes from  
recreational play.

## TAKE THE JOURNEY *by Susan Cushman, New Club Development Director*

*MWGA wants you...to get involved, to share your love of the game, to "Take the Journey."*

A statewide organization like MWGA includes members with many different golf experiences. We share a love of the game and each of us has a personal collection of unique golf memories. In the lifelong sport of golf, rounds and seasons we've played can blur together over time. One way to keep these personal memories in focus as we "Take the Journey" is to use the new MWGA Passport program.

*Where the Journey began...* Starting with an idea that came out of conversations with our members, the program evolved over last winter to include the Passport, a new MWGA brochure and an MWGA bag tag with the year's schedule. (Next time you're playing with a friend and you wonder when and where this year's Four Ball is, just flip your bag tag over and you'll know.)

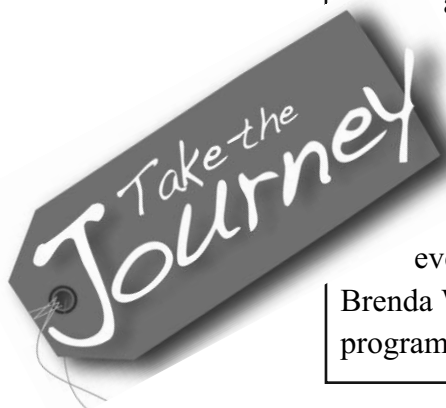
*Where the Journey can take you...* In the Passport, you can document your participation in MWGA events as a player or a volunteer.

Brenda Williams, who designed all the program elements, created distinctive,

visually appealing stamps for our events that put most countries' Passport stamps to shame. As you fill your Passport, we think you will be struck by its beauty, as well as its utility. We also hope you will be motivated to participate and volunteer more often, and watch those Passport stamps accumulate.

You can show recreational play at MWGA member clubs in the second part of the Passport. Just go to the pro shop and ask for that club's stamp on your Passport. Try to decorate your Passport with lots of our 96 member club stamps as you play casual rounds or guest days with your MWGA friends. Thanks to our coordinator Paula Lutz for her great work putting together member club stamps and handling the detailed program mailings.

*Join us as we all Take the Journey...* During the three years the first Passport covers, you can also use it to record scores, volunteer roles and other personal notes. At the end of the 2009 season, you will have a condensed, vibrant record of your golf experiences that will not fade over time. We hope this will be the first of many MWGA Passports that will be part of your golf memorabilia.



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Be careful what you wish for. We listened. And we have big things in store for you this year! We're on a journey, and we want you on our bus! A few years ago, the MWGA Board of Directors did some planning. We talked with members and volunteers. We really listened to what you had to say. Then we listened some more over the next two years.

We heard that we do a good job at conducting championships. That wasn't good enough for us. Over the past two years (thanks to the leadership of Patty Barnacle and Trish Anderson – both volunteers) we improved the professionalism and polish of our tournaments. I'd say we do a pretty great job now.

We heard that girls are the future of our sport, and we weren't doing enough to bring them into the game. We held our first Junior Girls Skills and Rules Clinic in April for almost 250 very diverse girls ages 8 to 19. Many of our premier players volunteered their time to make this event a huge success. We've also added a Junior Four-Ball tournament to our line-up this year – a format that we hope will help more girls become comfortable with tournament play.

We heard that the vast majority of our members are mostly social golfers. And we weren't doing enough to help social golfers enjoy the game. We've spruced up our spring and fall membership meetings and attendance has gone from around 60 to almost 160 at the 2007 spring meeting. Our Events Director

Joan Archer (a volunteer) is taking your message on the road, literally. "The Excursion" on September 9 and 10 is a must for all you girls' road trip aficionados! The bus tour will include wine tasting, bingo, food and, of course, some really fun golf.

Our message back to you is that to keep growing our organization and all it can do for women's golf, we need to keep growing our volunteer program. And that means you! The great part is that what we're asking of you is to get closer in to our best secret. It's great fun to be a volunteer for the organization. Just ask anyone who volunteered at the Junior Girls clinic. You'll see an immediate, enthusiastic smile.

Tying all this together is the MWGA "Take the Journey" program. Each of you should have received your Passport to fun, friendships and deeper involvement with the MWGA. We hope that you will catch the excitement and pass it along to your golfing friends. Get on the bus and take the journey with us to build our MWGA community across the state.



*Kim Vandervalle*

Laurie Velett  
Newsletter Editor

## LET THE GIRLS PLAY!

By Joan Archer, Events Director



*Girls making the move between stations at the clinic*

What a rush (no pun intended)! On a beautiful April Saturday morning, an overwhelming turnout of nearly 250 girls attended the first Junior Girls Skills and Rules Clinic at the Academy at Rush Creek Golf Course. During this outstanding free clinic, the girls participated at five stations: putting, short game, driving, rules and etiquette. Clinic instructors included six PGA MN Section professionals, premier women golfers and MWGA rules officials.

The clinic introduced many young girls to the game of golf, hopefully giving them the encouragement to continue to play the lifelong sport of golf. It also gave the more advanced girls additional skills to become the next junior amateur champions. The older girls who are on golf teams were treated to a complete swing analysis in the Academy. Their swings were put on CDs with analysis and instruction by Director of the Academy Rosemary Iverson and PGA professional Aaron Jacobson.



*Kathy Swanson giving some putting instruction*

The event was held in partnership with the MN Section of the PGA and was included as one of the events for the weeklong promotion, "Play Golf Minnesota." The tremendous success of the event was the result of the efforts of more than 30 volunteers, with special recognition of the women from Bunker Hills Golf Course. The committee coordinating the event included MWGA members

Joan Archer, Patty Barnacle, Char Danheim, Kathryn Kelly and MN Section PGA President Kathryn Swanson, Minneapolis Club, Rosemary Iverson, director of Rush Creek Academy, and Lori Money, head professional at Rush Creek Golf Course.

Other organizations that participated and assisted with the event are U.S. Women's Open, the MWPGA, the MN Minority Golf Association, and the First Tee program. Subway, Midwest Coca-Cola Bottling Company, and General Mills donated food and beverages. And most of all, thanks to Rush Creek Golf Course for generously donating the use of their facilities!

### Don't Forget!

**2007 MWGA Annual Membership Meeting and Volunteer Recognition** will be held September 17 at **Red Wing Golf Club.**

Registration information can be found in your yearbook, at [www.mwga-online.org](http://www.mwga-online.org), or by contacting the MWGA Office at 952-345-3961.

See you there!

## MWGA's #1 FAN *By Cherie Riesenberg*



John Salvator is an accomplished man of many interests — classical music, playing piano, cooking, travel, speed skating, and fashion design. He has an historical collection of over 3,000 golf course scorecards and a 4,000-plus book library. He's a mild-mannered soul with a great memory and an easy laugh.

But for the MWGA and women golfers, he has probably been the all-time #1 fan. For 72 years, John has followed every Minnesota, U.S. and European Women's Golf Championship. From 1935-1990 he compiled complete records of all pairings, results, courses played, scorecards, and clippings of every major championship played during that time, resulting in a comprehensive history of women's competitive golf statistics for most of the 20th century. He later reconstructed the data back to 1930 to add to his records.

It was the highly publicized competition between two local teenagers, 17-year-old Patty Berg, and 18-year-old Bea Barrett, that first ignited his interest in golf at age 15. Those matches got big newspaper coverage in those days. He started playing golf himself, in 1937, but it wasn't until the Women's State Amateur at Town and Country Club in 1946 that he actually attended a tournament. After retiring as an executive from American National Bank in 1980, he had more time and

attended almost every women's state tournament in Minnesota until 1995.

He does know almost everything about women's golf and his recall is golf-pencil sharp. "Nancy Brown (Honebrink) won the State Am at her home course, Mendakota... Gert Danzinger won the State Am eight times and all three events in 1941... Betsy Rawls shot a 73 at the opening of North Oaks, but Kris Hanson holds the record at 69. It would have been a 67, but she three-putted the last hole... In '37, Barrett beat Berg at her home course for the U.S. Amateur. She would have been on the Curtis Cup in 1940, but... Betsy Hayes (Knobloch) played with Patty Berg in the U.S. Amateur at Interlachen in 1935 and handily beat Curtis-Cupper Dorothy Traving 5&4..."

Almost everyone playing would remember seeing John year after year, friendly, polite, but non-intrusive, standing by the scoreboard with his clipboard, following his favorites and the newcomers alike. He knew everyone by their name and their game. As his friend and MWGA member, Joan Shapiro, commented, as far as golf goes, "he knew more about you than you did!"

John's now retired as unofficial historian and doesn't get out as much, but he still attended a couple of events last year, just like always. In 1990, he generously donated many of his records that preserve the legacy of women's golf to the MWGA. If you see John out again this summer, say hello and give him a big cheer for being our #1 fan and a fan of women's golf all these years.

# MWGA Foundation Page

## *MWGA Foundation Awards Five Scholarships In Its Tenth Year of Giving*

On behalf of the 2007 Scholarship Committee for the Minnesota Women's Golf Association Foundation, we are very pleased to announce we have selected five recipients who will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to be used towards tuition, books or room and board. The award is renewable for four 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.



**Alexandra Diemer**

Heron Lake, MN  
Southwest Star Concept HS  
College of St. Benedict  
Majoring in Biology



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**Courtney Gill**

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Majoring in Psychology  
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We'd like to thank the following MWGA member clubs for their generous support of the MWGA Charitable Foundation in 2006. *Every effort has been made to present the following information accurately, but if we've made an error, please contact us.*

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| <b>Patrons</b><br><b>(\$2,000-\$3,999)</b> | Brackett's Crossing CC                      | Alexandria Golf Club                  | <b>Gallery (Up to \$299)</b>                    | St. Cloud Country Club               |
| Hazeltine National GC                      | <b>Boosters</b><br><b>(\$1,000-\$1,999)</b> | <b>Friends (\$300-\$599)</b>          | Fox Hollow Golf Club                            | Island View Golf Club                |
| Minneapolis Golf Club                      | Woodhill Country Club                       | Mankato Golf Club                     | Braemar Golf Club                               | Menkadota CC                         |
| North Oaks Golf Club                       | <b>Supporters (\$600-\$999)</b>             | Northland Country Club                | Crow River Golf Club                            | Bent Creek Golf Club                 |
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We'd like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their generous support of the MWGA Charitable Foundation in 2006. *Some of these donors made contributions through the member clubs listed above, 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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## NEW MWGA PACE OF PLAY POLICY FOR 2008

By Patty Barnacle, Rules Director

If you've played in an MWGA tournament recently, you probably know that we are always looking for ways to improve the pace of play at our tournaments. In an effort to accomplish that, we are phasing in the new USGA Pace of Play policy. Our current policy will remain in effect for the 2007 season, but we will also introduce players to the new USGA policy, with the goal of implementing it in our 2008 season.

The new format uses a checkpoint system that puts the responsibility for maintaining the pace of play on all the players in the group. A group is out of position if, at any checkpoint, it is behind its allotted time and also 14 minutes behind the group in front of it. When a group has been determined to be out of position, each member of the group will be liable to penalty.

In an effort to help our players transition to the new policy, the MWGA will implement a "practice" checkpoint system this season. Clocks will be placed by the greens at the 4th, 9th, 13th and 18th holes, and scorecards will indicate the allotted time the group has to complete each hole. Each group will be expected to monitor its own pace of play.

The MWGA is not alone in revising its policy; the MGA is also moving towards the USGA standard by adopting a modified version of the USGA Pace of Play policy for the 2007 season. Details on the policies of the various organizations can be found on their websites.

## NEW TRAVELING TROPHIES

Winning a championship is exciting. Having a trophy as a tangible reminder of your success is priceless. At least that's what several MWGA members thought last year when they achieved success on the golf course but went home without hardware. They decided to remedy that situation.

The Senior Four-Ball Championship has been played for a dozen years, but without a traveling trophy. The 2006 winners, Ede Rice and Julie Lenertz, have donated a beautiful new silver derby bowl and also added past winners' names for all the years that event has been played. That trophy is now up-to-date and will be up for grabs in July at Interlaken GC.

Meanwhile, the traveling trophies for the State Amateur Four-Ball Championship and the State Women's Senior Amateur had become full, so two more members stepped up. Cheryl Schneider has donated gorgeous new trophies for the four-ball and Jo-Ann Lindsay contributed an equally lovely trophy for the senior amateur. A special thank you goes to these thoughtful members whose generous gifts will be appreciated for many years to come.



Julie Lenertz, Ede Rice, Anne Zahn and Cheryl Schneider show off the donated trophies

## MGA Associate Members' Day

Here's another golfing opportunity with one of MWGA's affiliated groups. Did you know that if you maintain your handicap through the MGA, you are an Associate Member? Join the fun and participate in an MGA Associate Members' Day event this year. (Don't forget to get your Passport stamped.)

### Format:

2 of 4 net best ball

### Field Limit:

30 teams of 4

Entry fee for each event includes golf, hors d'oeuvres, range balls, prizes and a great time.

### June 24-25

Giants Ridge GC  
\$500 per team

### July 23

Midland Hills GC  
\$400 per team

### September 24

Rochester G&CC  
\$280 per team

Please contact Joel, 952-345-3968, at the MGA Office for further information.

The MWGA added one new member club over the winter, Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker.

## USGA HANDICAP SYSTEM: POSTING YOUR SCORES

*“I never post nine hole scores.” “It was match play, and I didn’t hole out on every hole.” “It was a four-ball, so I picked up my ball on some holes when I was out of it.”*

Have you ever used one of these reasons to not post a score? Have you ever wondered whether it’s okay not to post all your scores? Under the USGA Handicap System, there are clear requirements for posting scores. This makes the game fair for everyone at every level of the game, from the \$2 Saturday Nassau to a State Amateur Championship, by ensuring that each player carries a true handicap. Here is a summary:

- A player who starts, but does not complete a hole or is conceded a stroke must record the **most likely** score (which may not exceed the player’s Equitable Stroke Control [ESC] limit). There is no limit to the number of unfinished holes a player may have in a round.
- If a player does not play a hole or plays it other than under the principles of The Rules of Golf, the score for that hole (for handicap purposes) must be **par plus any handicap strokes** the player is entitled to. (If the majority of holes are not played under The Rules of Golf, a score must not be posted.)
- All scores for handicap purposes, including tournament scores, are subject to ESC. **ESC is used when a player’s actual or most likely score exceeds a maximum number**, based on the USGA ESC table.

- If **13 or more holes** are played, the player must post an 18-hole score. If **seven to 12 holes** are played, the player must post a nine-hole score.
- Adjusted gross scores from **all courses with a USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating** made during an **active season**, both at home and away, must be posted.
- Scores in both match play and stroke play must be posted for handicap purposes. This includes scores made in matches or competitions in which players have not completed one or more holes or in which players are requested to pick up when out of contention on a hole.
- A player who is disqualified from a competition, but has an acceptable score, must record an adjusted gross score for handicap purposes.

For more details and to read helpful examples, go to the USGA website at [www.usga.org/playing/handicaps/handicaps.html](http://www.usga.org/playing/handicaps/handicaps.html).

## MEET MARY LOU

The talented artist behind the cartoon at right is Judy Freeman, member of Golden Valley CC. Judy is a professional artist, whose work is colorful, contemporary and fun. Come to think of it, that’s a good description of Judy herself. She brings a healthy “let’s have fun” attitude to the game of golf, and has adopted an alter ego named “Mary Lou” to depict this mindset in cartoon form. To see more of Judy's work, visit [judyfreemanart.com](http://judyfreemanart.com).

# *The Excursion- Continue the Journey*

You and your friends are invited to come on board the first-ever MWGA road trip, “The Excursion”

**Date:** September 9-10.

**Golf:** Two Rounds of Golf- Dacotah Ridge Golf Club, Morton MN

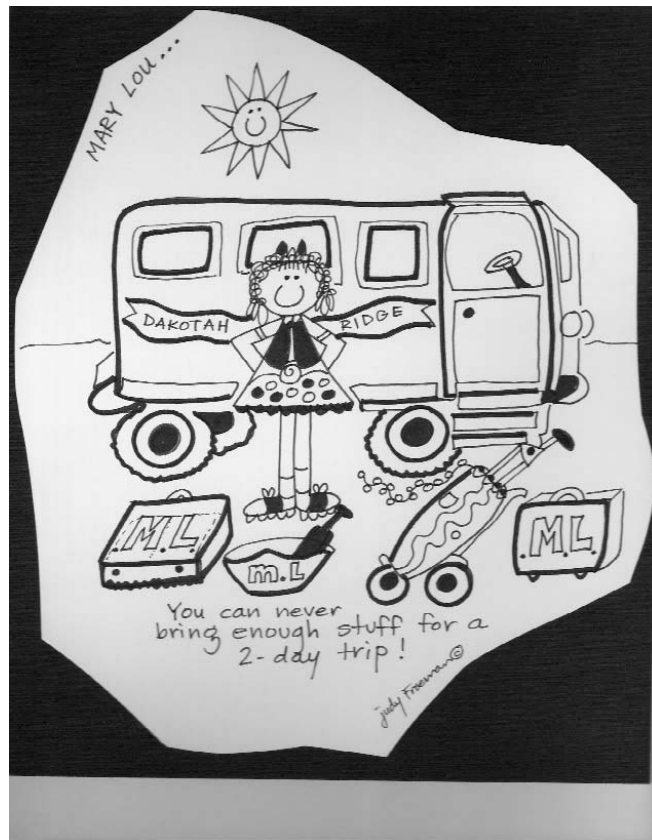
**Fun Golf Format:** Net team format – teams of two paired with teams of two  
Prizes for best and worst dressed teams

**Very Social Reception:** Reception at Jackpot Junction immediately following golf.  
Wine tasting from a local vineyard, fun with the rules and lots of social time.

## **Prizes, Prizes and More Prizes**

**Costs:** A lifetime of regret if you miss the inaugural road trip! \$175.00 per member, \$195 non-member – includes two rounds of golf, driving range, cart, two lunches, wine tasting reception, dinner and prizes. Motorcoach is \$45 per person; \$46 per room at Jackpot Junction Casino - make these reservations on your own (800-946-2274).

See your yearbook for details and registration form.



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## U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN 2008

The U.S. Women's Open is coming to Interlachen Country Club in 2008 and you could be there for all the action. The MWGA has the good fortune of staffing the VIP Transportation Committee for this exciting tournament that will take place June 23-29.

As a VIP Transportation Committee volunteer, you will chauffeur players' family members, USGA officials and designated guests among three primary locations: the golf club in Edina, a nearby hotel and the airport. You must be over 25 years of age and have a valid driver's license to be part of our crew. The cost of volunteering is \$100, for which you will receive two Championship shirts, a hat or visor, weeklong admission to the Championship – and more!

Go to the USGA web site  
[www.2008uswomensopen.com](http://www.2008uswomensopen.com) to get all the details and sign up today. Be sure to enter "MWGA" as your group affiliation and request the VIP Transportation Committee as your first choice.