



EWGA San Antonio Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Members,

Wow, what great Spring-like weather we're experiencing as I write this. It just makes me want to get out and golf. And I'm happy to announce that with the efforts of the Board of Directors and other Volunteers for the San Antonio Chapter of EWGA, our golf season has gotten underway. Our first tee-time was held at the Woodlake Golf Course and our first winter league scramble is getting set to take place at the Republic. Quite a number of people took advantage of the tee-time and the evite is showing attendees are signing up for the scramble. I'm so excited.

The calendar for February is showing a great mix of events, so everyone can enjoy the benefits of belonging to such a wonderful group. On the schedule so far is a regular tee-time, more winter league scrambles and of course the ever popular Snowflake Tournament.



Knowing that the chapter has grown so much, the planning committees for all these events have taken into consideration the fact that we now have a great many levels of golfers. In an effort to not exclude anyone, as our focus is on fun for everyone, let me just remind you of the benefits of all our different formats. For you new golfers, our scramble play events are a great way to come out and feel comfortable around veteran golfers. You get to hit each shot and be part of the team, with help and encouragement along the way, and an errant shot doesn't cost a thing. The best shot is played by each team member and when you hit that shot of your life...well the feeling is just too much to describe.

For the regular tee-times, individual stroke play is the scheduled format; however, groups may choose different formats as long as the correct pace of play is kept. I have heard many of our advanced players saying they would be willing to help beginners out and welcome the opportunity to play with them. So even if you are slightly apprehensive about stroke play, please come out and join us and have fun learning along the way. Everyone was a beginner at some point in time.

Our first tournament of the year, The Snowflake Tournament, is a stroke play competition, BUT keep in mind it is a handicapped flighted event. A flighted event is one where there are divisions based on level of play. So although you will be competing against others, you will only be competing against players at the same skill level. Plus, being a handicapped tournament means that you will also receive a handicap and there will be at least two winners in each flight. Prizes are always fun.

Golf isn't the only exciting upcoming event. Don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual Kick-Off to be held March 3, 2009 at the La Cantera Resort. Our Casino themed event is open to all members, guests, and potential members and we're looking forward to a great turnout.

Until next time, Tee it High and Let it Fly..

Kathy



What's Happening

2010 Tee Times and Tournament and Competition Opportunities
have been posted - see below

Upcoming 2010 Events

Snowflake Tournament - The Palmer Course
Sunday, February 21st
1:00 pm Shotgun Start

Kick off the 2010 Golf Season



EWGSA Kick-Off Event
Wednesday, March 3, 2010
La Cantera Resort



**It's time for the 2010 EWGA-SA
Snowflake Member/Guest Tournament
at The Palmer Course at La Cantera**

Come one, come all to our annual Snowflake Member/Guest Tournament. This year, we have a change in venue to La Cantera's beautiful Palmer Course.

Why not take advantage of this great opportunity and bring as many guests as you wish! The tournament will be flighted individual stroke play. You may also request to be paired with one player. Coordinator will pair all attendees.

This year our awards ceremony location is yet to be determined and will be announced as soon as plans are finalized. Cost is \$80 and includes range, golf, cart, GPS and awards celebration .

So come out and play in our first major event of the year, February 21, 2010, Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at the Palmer Course at La Cantera.

Maybe it WILL snow this year!!

Date: Sunday, February 21, 2010

Time: 1:00 pm - Shotgun Start

Location: Palmer Course at La Cantera

Cost: \$80.00 per person for Golf & Awards Celebration

Flight Prizes:
Longest Drive & Closest to the Pin

[Click here for registration form](#)



**2010 EWGA San Antonio Chapter
Membership Kick-Off and Casino Night
March 3, 2010**

The big send off to the 2010 golf year is upon us. Our Kick-Off will be held on March 3rd in the Westin La Cantera Ballroom. Registration begins at 5:30 pm. The program starts at 6:00 with chapter leadership presentations outlining membership activities and benefits.

ADMISSION IS FREE!!

This is our opportunity to recognize current members and recruit new members for EWGA and our chapter. We will also thank our sponsors for all of their support, both past and future. They are really there for us and are a big part of our service commitment to you, the members.

For fun, we are again repeating the casino night. This is your opportunity to challenge the gambling odds. We will have a Chinese auction for you to "spend" your winnings. Proceeds from this and from the silent auction will go toward the Chapter's 501(c)3 Scholarship Fund. The Fund annually supports our awarding of scholarships to girl golfers, ages 14 to 18.

Please save the date, watch for your invitation and plan who you will bring as a potential new member (friends, family, colleagues, kids' friend's parents, etc., etc. Come join us for this big night of fun and activities that will propel us into a wonderful golf year.

Membership

It looks like the San Antonio Chapter of EWGA ended up the year at the TOP of its division (Division III) as far as most of the membership awards. We will see in April at the EWGA Conference what prizes we come home with. Big kudos to Dawn Vernon and Melinda Hipp who were 2 of EWGA's biggest recruiters of the year. They will be recognized with new Nike golf bags at the EWGA conference in Pinehurst and be entered to win the BIG prize of a trip to the Nike factory in Oregon along with new custom fitted clubs - and are also eligible for a chance to become the 2009 EWGA Recruiter of the Year. **The winner will be selected on stage at the EWGA Golfapalooza in Pinehurst,**

NC on Saturday, April 10.

Additional thanks goes to EVERYONE who recruited at least one new member in 2009. You were a BIG part of our success!

The San Antonio Chapter will also move up to Division II next year as a result. We hope everyone will continue to help us recruit new members to keep our status in this new Division. All the Texas chapters had growth this year, a good sign that Texas is continuing to grow in a down economy.

Member-Get-A-Member Campaign Update

- The 2010 MGAM Campaign (again generously sponsored by Nike Golf) began January 1, 2010 and runs through December 31, 2010.
- The top recruiter in each Chapter (recruiting at least 4 new members to qualify) will receive a special prize and recognition.
- The 2010 Recruiter of the Year will be selected at random from the Top Recruiters (recruiting at least 12 new members to qualify). These lucky ladies will receive a new Nike Golf bag, and be recognized on stage at the EWGA Conference in 2011.
- The Recruiter of the Year will also win a custom fitting for a new set of Nike Golf clubs at the Nike Golf Fitting Facility, along with a tour of Nike World Headquarters in Oregon (airfare and hotel included). Wow!
- Have you recruited a new member for your Chapter yet? Share the EWGA experience - and along with a chance to win great prizes, you're developing new golfing partners and friends, and giving your Chapter bragging rights and a bright future!

Help us update your information PLEASE!

As you start your renewal process this year, you will notice that EWGA has a different look to its database. Even BEFORE it's renewal time, we would like to ask you a favor. Login to www.ewga.com (you may need to change your login for the new database as it is now your email address) and go to "Update your contact information." This is an important area where we encourage you to go anytime your contact information changes. As a matter of fact, to help us start the New Year off on the right foot, please go there now to make sure your information is current and accurate (**PLEASE add a cell phone number**). Both EWGA HQ and your local Chapter rely on this master database for member information so in order for you to be reached, always go to this area first to make any needed changes. One new feature you'll note with this new database is that members can now enter more than one email account. Remember - your contact information is used only for EWGA business. We do not share it with others so your personal information is safe with EWGA.

See you March 3 at Kickoff. Start planning who you will bring to experience EWGA!

From EWGA-San Antonio Events Chairperson

2010 Tee Times

Tentative Schedule, subject to golf course availability.
Each golf outing will have 5-6 reserved tee times with special EWGA rates.

Note: The dates marked ** are beginner golf friendly courses.

Jan. 23	Woodlake Golf Course
Feb. 06	Northern Hills (confirmed)
March 14	The Republic Golf Club
March 27	Mentor/Mentee Fun Play at Windcrest **
April 10	Riverside Par 3 Outing **
April 18	The Quarry Golf Club
May 23	The Bandit in New Braunfels
June 13	The Hyatt
June 26	La Cantera (The Resort Course) (confirmed)
July 11	Vaaler Creek Golf Course outside Blanco
July 31	Buckhorn Golf Club in Comfort **
August 28	La Cantera (The Palmer Course) (confirmed)
Sept. 12	TBD
Sept. 25	Pecan Valley Golf Club
Oct. 09 or 16	TBD
Nov. 28	Brackenridge Golf Course
Dec. 04	Silverhorn or Canyon Springs

Special Dominion Tee Time

Monday, July 19th at 8:00 a.m. - The Dominion is offering us another Tee Time this year. Cost will be \$40.00. *Mark your calendar.*

Tournaments and Competition Opportunities

Feb. 21	Snowflake Tournament - The Palmer Course at La Cantera (confirmed)
May 1	Fajita Scramble - Pleasanton C.C. - <i>benefiting our Scholarship Fund</i> - (confirmed)
TBD	Chapter Championship - Location TBD
August 7	Heat Wave Mystery Tournament - Location TBD
August 26-28	Lone Star Cup and Fun Play - qualifying rounds in April, May June and July (dates and locations TBD)
TBD	Skills Challenge - Location TBD
Oct. 31	Halloween Bash - Pleasanton C.C. - <i>Charity Tournament</i> (confirmed)
Nov. 13	Nancy Dooling Tournament - Pecan Valley Golf Club <i>Charity Tournament</i> - (confirmed)

Tee Time Contact Information:

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As an EWGA member, you will receive an Evite email for every event with details of the event.

*We ALWAYS have fun!!!
Come out and join us!!!*

Handicap Corner



All members should either have or be working on a handicap. If you want to establish a handicap and do not know how to do so please contact Barbara Peeler:
bgpeeler@wireweb.net

We are experiencing some problems since the entire system is being changed. Also, handicaps will be updated two times a month. This is based on the schedule of the Texas Golf Association. Send any questions about our system or the use of it to me and I will do my best to solve the problem. Please remember to POST EVERY SCORE.

This is the official ruling from USGA: Two basic premises underlie the USGA Handicap System, namely that each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable round for peer review. A player does not have the authority to choose which scores to post and which scores not to post. The Handicap Index® of a player who continually manipulates the System must be withdrawn by the Handicap Committee.

The Handicap Committee has the ultimate authority to ensure that each one of its members has a Handicap Index® that reflects his/her potential ability and may adjust a Handicap Index® under any circumstance that it feels necessary to do so. Under Section 8-4c(iv) of "The USGA Handicap System" manual, a Handicap Index® must be adjusted up or down if the player does not turn in all acceptable scores or otherwise does not observe the spirit of the USGA Handicap System. The Handicap Committee must determine the amount of the adjustment.

Also, If a player fails to post an acceptable score as soon as practical after completion of the round, the Handicap Committee should post the score and/or a penalty score and ratings equal to the lowest Handicap Differential in the player's scoring record. However, if the score not returned is unusually high, the Handicap Committee should enter the score and/or a penalty score and ratings equal to the highest Handicap Differential in the player's scoring record. (Section 8-4b.)

As the Handicap Committee, you may establish a reasonable time period in which players

must submit a score for peer review. After which, the score and/or a penalty score should be posted by the Committee. (See Decision 5-2a/1)

"The USGA Handicap System" manual is available to view online at <http://www.usga.org/Rule-Books/Handicap-System-Manual/Handicap-Manual/>

Are you ready for the Lone Star Cup? Upcoming Schedule of Qualifying Rounds & Information



WHAT IS THE LONE STAR CUP?

At the Inaugural Texas Cup, now Lone Star Cup, the San Antonio captain was Wendy Peacock who selected eight players to represent the SA chapter. San Antonio won the tournament by winning 9 of a possible 12 points.

San Antonio has always had very strong teams and has the most wins of any chapter. There is no prize for second. The event is very highly competitive as the chapters compete for pride, bragging rights and a nice trophy that travels around to the winning chapters.

The tournament format is match play, similar to the Ryder Cup or Solheim Cup, with all chapters in the South Central Section competing against each other. The Friday rounds are played with a partner in either alternate shot or best ball format. The Saturday rounds are individual rounds. The scoring is net of handicap. Pairings are based on handicap to match players of equal ability.

The 2010 Lone Star Cup will be held August 26-28 at Barton Creek Resort in Austin and will feature fun play for non-LSC participants in addition to the tournament. The approximate cost will run about \$660 which includes LSC play, two night stay, breakfast and awards banquet on Saturday night. Not included are extra golf, extra room and some food.

The San Antonio Team will have new captains this year. Barbara Peeler and Cathy Delaney will be co-captains. The team is selected through results of qualification rounds. Players of all levels of handicap are encouraged to participate. You must have a verifiable handicap to compete. Tentative plans are to begin qualifying rounds in April and conclude in late June or early July. There will be six qualifying rounds. Each player's lowest three net scores are used to determine the qualifiers for the team. This year we will probably use 75-80% of a player's handicap after course adjustment. The team will consist of twelve team members and two alternates. The top ten low net qualifiers plus two captains' picks will be THE TEAM. Once the team is determined, we plan to meet for clinics and rules seminars if possible. Please let Barbara Peeler (bgpeeler@wireweb.net) or Cathy Delaney (cldelaney@swbell.net).

PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE DATE HAS CHANGED!!!!

EWGA Members who have signed up at this date are: Barbara Peeler, Cathy Delaney, Julie Lewis, Delia Alderete, Yolanda Bruce, Debbie Cesaro, June Downer, Pat Elliott, Sue Simpson, Terri West, Carol Johnson, Donna Wilson, Gretchen Kragh, Kesha Lange, Wendy Peacock, Linda Peterson, Linda Gaida, Lisa Berridge

2010 WTGA Club Membership Renewal



Our Chapter has renewed its annual club membership in the Women's Texas Golf Association (WTGA) for 2010. The mission of the Women's Texas Golf Association (WTGA) is to encourage and support women's golf throughout the state of Texas. The WTGA promotes the game of golf through tournament administration, rules and handicap education, amateur status, junior golf, and course rating. The WTGA hosts five competitive golf tournaments each year. In exchange for our annual dues of \$75, our chapter members may participate in WTGA tournaments.

For more information regarding the WTGA and its tournaments, please visit their website at www.womenstexasgolf.org.

2010 Birdies for Charity

By pledging one cent or more for every birdie made during the Valero Texas Open, or by making a straight donation of \$20 or more, you can help our Chapter meet its goal of raising \$2,000. 100% of your donation will support our Chapter. Proceeds will support our leadership development, social activities, and chapter business expenses.

To make an online donation to our Chapter, go to [Birdies for Charity Link](#). The link will take you to the registration page. Use the drop down menu to select Executive Women's Golf Association of San Antonio. Our Board members also have registration forms.

Contact Pat Elliott at 210 320-2987 if you need additional information.

Thank you for your support!

Christi Cano (One of Our Scholarship Recipients)
Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Pecan Valley Golf Club

Hello Everyone! I hope this email finds everyone enjoying a wonderful 2010! I have enjoyed some wonderful time off with family, but ready to get back to work. Just to let everyone know I am planning a Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Pecan Valley Golf Club in late February to raise some funds to travel on the LPGA and Futures Tour. I have attached a preliminary copy of the application if you or your company is interested in being a Tournament Sponsor you can mail the application to the address on the form, or do it online at www.christicanogolf.com.

We will have signs made for all Tournament Sponsors and they will be displayed throughout the golf course on the day of the event. I will resend the tournament application at a later date if you are interested in playing. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at this address: www.christicanogolf.com

Congratulations!!

Anastasia Holbrook just got her official acceptance to the Air Force Academy. She'll be going to Colorado Springs on June 23rd. Anastasia is a James Madison High School Senior, EWGA honorary member and a 2009 Scholarship recipient.

Anastasia participates and volunteers at many events and summer league.

WAY TO GO KIDDO!!

Winter League Update

We had our first Winter League Scramble last Saturday with four teams and everyone had a great time. We are looking forward to doing one scramble every other week and, hopefully, to have even more players! Watch for your evite for the next scramble schedule.

**Fran DuBose,
League Chair**

Other Community Events

**Mercedes-Benz of Boerne
And
The Dominion Country Club
Presents
"San Antonio's Women's Golf Instructional Day"**

For a complete itinerary and to register for the event, please visit www.the-dominion.com under golf events.

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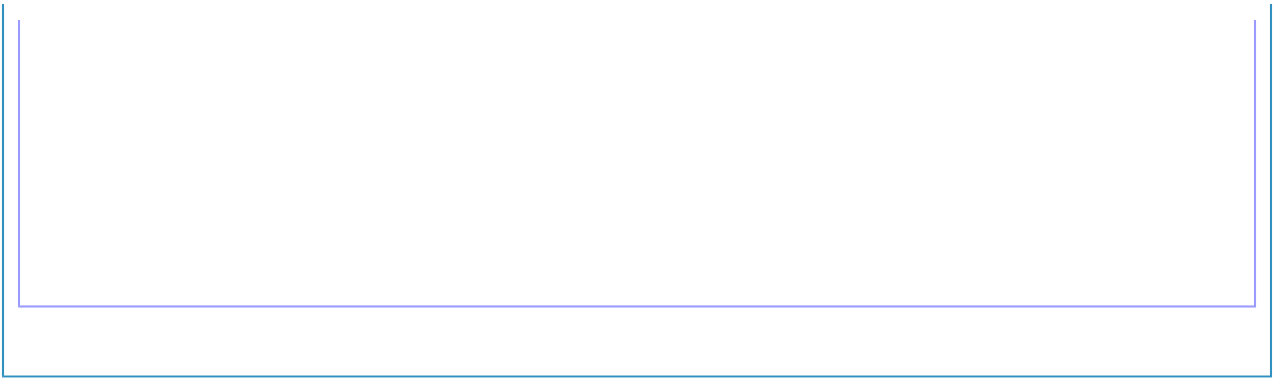


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