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Chapter Championship - What's That?

by Bobbi Larken



The Championship is scheduled for Sunday, June 8.

The word "championship" may sound somewhat intimidating. I'm writing to share what my experience has been with the Chapter Championship. It's true ... you compete with other golfers ... and there's only one person who wins in each "flight" and the rest ... well ... lose. (I have been in the latter group.)

It's actually somewhat of a rush to play competitively against those of similar skills. You see, you are grouped into "flights" with other golfers whose handicap is within a pre-defined range.

To establish your handicap you simply post the scores for rounds of golf to a handicap system. I'm not going to get into the detail here because all this information is out on our website ... go to the Handicap Page to find out the alternatives available.

If you have signed up to play in the Chapter Championship, you have until May 27, to post your six 9 holes rounds (or three 18 hole rounds) to establish your handicap. Full instructions are posted on our website:

www.ewgacincinnati.com

In concert with the Chapter Championship is our Social Golf Outing being hosted at the Bruins Golf Course, a sister course to the Golf Center at Kings Island. No handicap needed for this event ... all you need is the desire to golf and have FUN!

Information regarding the Social Golf Outing can also be found on our Events Page on the website.

Deadline to register and pay for Social Golf Outing is Monday, June 2, 2008.



Don't Miss Our New 'First Tee' Outing June 21

By Gale Wallmark

As you may have heard at the Tee-Off Brunch, our Chapter is supporting the local First Tee this year by organizing a donation of "pre-loved golf stuff" for kids in program.

The First Tee is a national, non-profit youth development organization that uses the game of golf to teach kids important life skills and values. Some 700 kids - many of them disadvantaged, inner city kids - will participate in local chapter programs this year, all for free.



Most will attend an eight-week program that begins after the school year ends. Throughout, the kids earn award “bucks” for good attendance and behavior, which they will be able to redeem for great golf stuff in the First Tee “Pro Shop.”

That’s Where We Come In

Although Nike has generously agreed to donate a quantity of golf shirts, balls and gloves to the Pro Shop, community donations are needed to fill out the assortment and make the Pro Shop event an exciting shopping spree for all those eager new golfers!

So, now’s a great time to hunt through you closets and garages for all that golf stuff you never use! We’re looking for equipment, accessories, clothing, gifts and games – all of recent vintage, in very good condition and suited for girls and boys, 8 to 18.

A Special Collection Event

Because we’re anticipating great support from everyone, we’ve organized a special event – a combination donation drop-off and fun-format golf outing – to celebrate our community spirit.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, June 21 at Reeves GC.

- We’ll be collecting donations from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Our **TFT Benefit Golf Outing** is a two-person, fun-format event that begins at noon. We’ll play nine holes, three formats: scramble, alternate shot and best ball, with great prizes for the overall winning team, and the team that wins each format.

Registration is only \$20 per person, which includes a \$6 donation to The First Tee.

For a detailed list of needed items for donation, as well as more information about the collection, the golf outing and The First Tee, [click here](http://www.ewgacincinnati.com/193987003/files/TFT%20Event%20Flyer.pdf). <http://www.ewgacincinnati.com/193987003/files/TFT%20Event%20Flyer.pdf>

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Spring Outing – Rally for the Cure

By Bobbi Larken

\$1,775 ... that is the total amount our chapter raised for the Komen Foundation resulting from the “Closest to the Pin” contest, the outside Pledge forms and Split the Pot! Every contribution, every pledge to support this cause brings us closer to a cure. Thanks to everyone who made this possible and to everyone who continues to support the fight against breast cancer in the world.

For those that couldn’t make the event, just want to share with you what you missed ... the day started out a little on the chilly side (definitely an understatement). Armed with positive attitudes and fortitude from supporting a great cause, everyone not only survived the 18 holes, but also have a great time doing it.

The winner of the Rally for the Cure hole was Patti Donohoo. Additional “Closest to the Pin” winners on the various par three holes were Pat Garvey, Kathy Papp, and Kim Dewaard.



1st Place Winners: Bobbi Larken, Sara Freitag, and Kim Dewaard.

Kim also took one of the Closest to the Pin Contests.



Every participant went home with a door prize, including these beautiful flowers. Kim Engle earned the Pink Kitchenaid Standup Mixer for raising the largest amount of contributions.



Angie Stofko and Liz Gabrick continue their tradition of elaborate decorations.

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S.W.I.N.G. Away

By Bobbi Larken



Many of you may not be familiar with one of the valuable benefits of membership with EWGA ... our S.W.I.N.G. program. This is where fellow members team up to mentor beginner golfers. This is not a golf lesson to correct your stance or swing. We leave that to the professionals. Rather this program helps take out the “intimidation factor” that may exist when you are playing with (or considering playing with) others that have been golfing longer. It provides you with the opportunity to ask questions and learn some pace of play, etiquette, and general rules of golf. To take advantage of this benefit email Ann Flory, Education Chair at ann3796@yahoo.com to sign up as a “Mentee”. She will match you to a volunteer “Mentor”, who will contact you to get started. As well, you can email Ann if you are interested in mentoring a new golfer. Removing some of the mystery of golf can help tear down those walls we’ve built and allow our love for the game to flourish.

Girls Night Out – Golf Galaxy

By Bobbi Larken

EWGA set up tables at the recent *Women’s Night Out* at Golf Galaxy around the city back on April 22. The turn out was awesome and there were *hundreds* of women that stopped by our table for information. Of course we were also giving away a free round of golf at any CRC golf course ... but I like to think it was the interest in EWGA. I hope everyone took advantage of this annual event.

Although many were already signed up for various leagues, several seemed interested in the education clinics and golf events we have lined up for the golf season. If you have a friend that wants to “try out” what EWGA has to offer, feel free to have them register for one of the upcoming clinics. The “Breaking 100” clinic scheduled for June 7th will cover many different situations that we all experience ... it’s for everyone.

Meadow Links Short Game Clinic

By Bobbi Larken

Rain, Rain, go away ... come back some other day. Although many of us chanted this over and over again, it didn’t really take effect until *after* our short game clinic on May 3rd. I know many of us showed up only because we had prepaid for the clinic, but I’m pretty sure we were all glad we did. The staff at Meadow Links had contingency plans in case the morning rain did not stop. Those plans were effectively executed and we learned quite a bit. The rain did stop for a short time where we were able to get out on the putting green. Then the skies cleared up for a short window of time where we played our scramble. By the second hole we were all couldn’t believe it was a downpour just an hour

earlier. We were shedding layers by the fifth hole and sharing beers under a bright, sunny sky afterwards. We were all pleasantly surprised at how well the day went after such a soggy start.

The next education event is the “Breaking 100” clinic also being held at Meadow Links on Saturday, June 7. What perfect “cramming” for the Chapter Championship the following day on Sunday, June 8.

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Duramed Futures Tour Pros At The Grizzly

By Gale Wallmark

Just three weeks after we tamed The Grizzly at King’s Island during our EWGA Chapter Championship, the pros on LPGA’s developmental Futures Tour will burn it up, playing for a \$110K purse in the **Second Annual Duramed Championship**.

Tournament dates are June 20-22, with pro-am rounds on June 18 and 19.

If you volunteered or attended last year’s inaugural tournament at

Stonelick Hills GC, you already know how good these girls can play and how much fun it is to watch them.

Our support can help ensure this tournament’s success and means a lot to the players who are out there working for a spot on the LPGA Tour.

Volunteers are still needed – especially marshals, cart drivers, scorers and pro-am help.

Many Duramed players, most of them on very tight budgets, depend on local host housing during tournament week. If you can accommodate a guest (or two), please contact the tournament to learn more.

If you can’t volunteer, plan to attend and help spread the word! Daily admission is only \$5 and parking is free.

To learn more about the Duramed Championship, including volunteer and sponsorship opportunities and pro-am participation, or to purchase tickets, [click here](#).



First Annual Inter-Chapter Classic

By Bobbi Larken



After settling in to our lake view rooms at the Hueston Woods State Park, we all met for drinks and a meet-n-greet ... a great way to break the ice. The following morning when the air was quite brisk, our four chapters (nineteen golfers in all) gathered for a friendly round of golf.

As with the Spring Outing, many of us sported blankets, sweaters and gloves. Although the buffet dinner and breakfast were quite a value, I have to say that my two favorite activities of the weekend was the Southern Living Party hosted by Sharon Henderson (Dayton Chapter) and the putting contest, which was won by our very own Nancy Riesz.

A HUGE “Thanks” go out to Robin Nichols and the Indiana Chapter for bringing the groups together and expanding out golf network. Everyone had such a great time that plans are already in the works for next year.



Pictured above (left to right) : Kay Pierson, Mindy Richards, Karen Ulreich, Nancy Riesz, Tina Smith, Bobbi Larken, Joni Proft, Wilma Kumlér

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2008 League News

By Jennifer Swendiman

EWGA Cincinnati league play is underway! The ladies of the Reeves league kicked off the season on Thursday, April 24 and were followed closely by the Friday night Blue Ash league on the 25. Both leagues are strong this year, with 19 & 12 players, respectively. Other returning leagues this year include Green Crest, Royal Oak, Glenview I & II, Circling Hills, Little Miami, Meadow Links and The Vineyard. Most returning leagues have held fairly steady membership levels this year. The wildly popular Vineyard league, however, has grown tremendously. We were able to secure more tee times from the course in order to accommodate 24 players! A new Kentucky league has formed at Devou Park as well.

| Day | Location | Captain / Co-Captains | Starting Tee Time | Available Spots? |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Monday | Circling Hills | Melanie McNulty | 5:04 | 2 |
| Monday | Royal Oak | Gayle Hermann Sheryl Yeager | 6:00 | 2 |
| Tuesday | Glenview I | Sally VonGundy | 5:26 | 1 |
| Tuesday | Glenview II | Rosemary Haddad | 5:44 | 3 |
| Tuesday | Green Crest | Cathy Crachiolo | 6:12 | Full! |
| Tuesday | Meadow Links | Lori Turner | 6:00 | 2 |
| Wednesday | The Vineyard | Leslie McCabe & Deborah Dorsey | 6:00 | Full! |
| Wednesday | Devou Park | Jennifer Lott | 5:52 | Full! |
| Thursday | Reeves | Tina Smith | 5:40 | 1 |
| Thursday | Little Miami | Gloria Hartman Lynne Wirthlin | 6:00 | Full! |
| Friday | Blue Ash | Sue Brewer Ginny Simpson | 6:00 | Full! |

A select few spots are still available at some leagues. Please email Jen Swendiman (jswendiman@hotmail.com) for more information. Finally, we'd like to offer a special pre-season thanks to all of our wonderful captain volunteers. You all help make our leagues successful and enjoyable playing and networking opportunities.

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Instructional Golf League

EWGA Cincinnati has a new sponsor ... Golf Ranch at Tri-County.

They have a Ladies' Instructional Golf League that begins June 3 and continues every Tuesday in the month of June from 7:00pm – 7:45pm. Instruction will be provided by Cynthia Annett USGTG Certified Golf Professional. Ladies are encouraged to play golf after the clinics and receive one free greens fee and two free small buckets of range balls as part of the sign-up fee.

Registration Fee \$95 (for all four Tuesdays). Call (513) 771-6001 to reserve a place!

A special "Thanks" go out to our sponsors below.



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(Additional sponsors include The Original Pancake House, Varnau's Garden Center, and The Glass Barn.)



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