

*Tri-Cities of Northeast Tennessee Chapter,
Executive Women's Golf Association*



Congratulations to our members:

- ❖ The Buccaneer Brass, ETSU's basketball pep band, is headed to the "Big Dance," the NCAA basketball tournament. Their director is Mary Dave Blackman.

News You Can Use

If you've been keeping your handicap through the EWGA handicap service and haven't entered a score in a while, you will find that things have changed. Because EWGA has modified the service, you will need to confirm that you intend to keep using it.

1. Log in to the EWGA website using your e-mail address and your new password. (If you haven't set this up yet, your starting password is Player1.)

You can skip this step if you've already set up your new login.

2. Click on Handicap Service. In the information on "Why obtain a USGA Handicap Index?" you will find a link to set up or renew your account.
3. You'll get a confirmation e-mail when all is ready.
4. Note that your login for the handicap service may be different from your EWGA login.

Golf Education Opportunities

- April 13. Pizza Plus rules and etiquette party. We'll meet at Marilyn Wolcott's house for a pizza party. We will watch a couple of short films that illustrate, in a humorous way, many of the common rules and etiquette situations. We will also have a PGA pro there to answer your questions.
- Get Golf Ready. This five-session series is designed for beginning golfers. Each session will include swing instruction as well as on-course experience. Contact PGA professional Rusty Jones at Cattails (423-578-6622; ask for the pro shop) to sign up. Schedule will be determined based on sign-ups.

- EWGA Skills Challenge. The focus here is the short game: chipping, pitching, bunker play, putting. You'll take a pre-test, have a couple of weeks of group lessons, and then take a post-test. The most improved player gets a gift from Golf Galaxy and a chance to win a grand prize from EWGA. PGA pro Jerry Wilson will conduct the sessions at Elizabethton G.C. Cost is \$120 for EWGA members, \$140 for non-members. Dates will be based on participant schedules. Contact Jerry at 423-929-0962 or lpgjerry@charter.net.
- Equipment Can Work for You. This is a free, 90-minute workshop on choosing the right clubs. It will be held at Dick's Sporting Goods in Kingsport, with their golf professional Euggie Jones. The tentative date is Tuesday, April 6.

EWGA Social Events

- ✿ **March 25, 2010 Tee It Up Event (membership recruitment), Cattails at Meadowview**
- ✿ **April 13: Pizza Plus rules and etiquette videos at Marilyn's**

Tee It Up Event

Curious about the EWGA? Already a member but trying to get some friends to join? The Tee It Up Event is the place for you. Join us at Cattails on Thursday, March 25, 6:00 pm, for an informative and fun evening.

All who attend will be entered into a drawing for a one-night stay with breakfast and golf for two at the Meadowview Marriott. Bring a potential new member and get an extra entry. If your friend joins, you and the friend get *another* chance to win. (Sorry, renewals don't get an extra entry.) You can also get 10% off merchandise in the Cattails pro shop (25% if you're a Cattails cardholder).

If you have been an EWGA member in the past but your membership expired more than three months ago, this will also be an "amnesty" day. You can join EWGA—March 25 only—without paying the \$25 new member initiation fee.

Light refreshments will be served.

Watch your e-mail for an eVite to the event or send a message to Jan Compton (Jan.Compton@tn.gov) to reserve your space!

EWGA Golf Events

Spring Scramble: April 18, 1:00 PM, Cattails at Meadowview. Open to non-members. A just-for-fun event that kicks off our playing season. Includes 18 holes of scramble play as well as a cookout.

Non-Tournament Tournament: May 16, 1:00 PM, Cattails. Learn strategies for match, scramble and stroke play. Each foursome will have at least one experienced tournament player to guide you.

Dixie Cup: June 10-12, Rumbling Bald Resort, Lake Lure NC (registration is now full)

Chapter Championship: June 6, 2:00 PM, Cattails. Handicap is required.

Eastern Midwest Region Championship: July 31, Stonewolf Golf Club, St. Louis MO (you must win your flight in chapter championship to participate)

EWGA Championship Finals: October 1-2, Lake Geneva WI (must win region to participate)

Weekly Play:

Thursdays at Cattails, beginning April 15, 5:30 p.m. Scramble.

Mondays at Elizabethton, beginning April 26, 5:30 pm. Stroke play or scramble. Beginning June 7, 18-hole play at 3:30, 9-hole at 5:30.

Golf Outings:

May 1, Andrew Johnson (Greeneville), 10:00 AM

May 22, Graysburg Hills (Chuckey), 9:40 AM

June 26, The Crossings (Jonesborough), 10:45 AM

July 17, Warriors Path (Kingsport), 9:00 AM

Registration information for chapter events is usually sent via eVite. If your e-mail address changes, please notify us ASAP so you don't miss out on any important information.

Practice your tournament skills in a no-pressure situation. The Tri-Cities PGA Golden Corral Pro-Am series features weekly play on Mondays (most courses will allow Sunday rounds). Winning teams are chosen by a blind draw, so whether you win or lose is out of your control! See the Pro-Am [website](#) for details.

Member Spotlight: Cindy Humphrey

Cindy Humphrey has been a member of the Tri-Cities chapter since 2005. Cindy is employed by the Johnson City Drug Enforcement Agency as a criminal analyst—a new job, so she’s on the big learning curve! She is also a sergeant in the Tennessee Army National Guard where she gets to boss around people who are bigger than she is (that’s just about everyone).

Cindy started playing golf in 2004 because “it was a sport that had a ball and [she] hadn’t tried it yet.” She took the Skills Challenge in 2009 to improve her short game. In her first trip to a region championship, she came in last. She didn’t give up, though, and won 3rd place in her flight at the 2007 region championship in New Orleans and 2nd place at Tunica MS in 2008.

Cindy is full of energy and has been

membership chair for the past several years. She is the source for any information about joining the organization, so just call her at 423-915-6069 and she’ll help you with registration.



Focus on Rules: Posting Scores

Your EWGA membership includes a handicap service, which we encourage everyone to use. In our January issue, we talked about what a handicap is and why it’s important to establish it. Now you’ve set up your handicap account and are ready to post some scores, so let’s talk about the right way to do that.

Almost all of us have the truly awful hole now and then. In tournament play, you have to count all those strokes, but if you’re just playing casual golf, make it easy on yourself—and for your partners and anyone who might be playing behind you—and pick up the ball when you reach the maximum number of strokes you’re allowed to post for a hole. What is that maximum number?

If you haven’t yet posted enough scores to establish a handicap, **the maximum you can take on any hole is a 10** (yes, ten). It doesn’t matter if it’s a par 3 or a par 5: when you get to 10, pick up and move on.

Once you’ve got a handicap, the maximum number changes. There’s a chart at the bottom of the page where you post a score (I’m giving only the maximum number for an 18-hole handicap):

- ❖ Handicap 9 or less: double bogey
- ❖ Handicap 10-19: 7 strokes
- ❖ Handicap 20-29: 8 strokes
- ❖ Handicap 30-39: 9 strokes
- ❖ Handicap 40+: 10 strokes

Why do we have these limits? Your handicap is based on your average or typical score. You could have a perfectly respectable round with one double-digit hole that would skew the calculations. So we limit the damage from that one hole.

Remember, pace of play is very important (particularly when there are men involved...), so don’t keep hitting the ball when you’ve reached the max. Just smile and write down that maximum number!

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Non-EWGA Golf Events for Women

- ✿ May 10: BASA (Buccaneer Athletic Scholarship Association), The Ridges; four-person scramble, women's division
- ✿ May 24: CASA (Child Advocacy), Country Club of Bristol.
- ✿ June 5: Cedar Hills Ladies Invitational, Jonesville VA; two-person scramble
- ✿ July 12: Link Hills Ladies Invitational. Two-person best ball.
- ✿ July 26: Hands On Regional Museum, Johnson City Country Club; four-person scramble, women's division
- ✿ July 24: Girls Inc. (Kingsport), Cattails at Meadowview; four-person scramble, women's division
- ✿ July 29: Glenrochie (Abingdon) Ladies Invitational
- ✿ August 28: Lonesome Pine Ladies Invitational.



Cattails at Meadowview is the official home course of the Tri-Cities of Northeast Tennessee chapter. Visit their website at <http://www.cattailsgolf.com>.

About EWGA

The Tri-Cities of Northeast Tennessee chapter is the local affiliate for the Executive Women's Golf Association. This tax exempt membership association currently has nearly 20,000 members in over 120 chapters throughout the United States, along with international chapters in Canada, offering a wide range of organized golf activities, player development and education programs, volunteer, social and networking opportunities for both novice and experienced golfers.