



For Our Members

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE

CHICAGO WOMEN'S DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

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Message from the President



Welcome to the 2011 golf season! Exciting events for the year are about to begin. The tournaments arranged for the 2011 season are all at wonderful host-clubs. You will definitely enjoy them. We thank these clubs in advance for their hospitality!

Team Players are sharpening their games, trying on their team outfits, marking their calendars, preparing for competitive play. All this to culminate in the **Tournament of Team Champions** event at **Olympia Fields Country Club** on **Wednesday, September 14, 2011**.

We are most happy to announce that we have successfully launched our updated website www.cwdga.org. Hopefully you have received an email announcement and have taken the time to tour the site. Additionally, in cooperation with the CDGA, we are developing a comprehensive database to allow us to be of greater service to our members.

You will notice that we now have the ability to take registrations and payments for events online. You may register and pay online for the Spring Meeting at Itasca Country Club on April 13. You may also register for the upcoming Rules Seminar online. Both of these events are featured on the Home page of the site.

Among the many features of our new website and database are:

- individualized emails to you to remind you of upcoming events and tournaments
- timely news of tournament winners and results
- same-day Four-Ball Match standings
- up-to-date schedules, forms, and instructions for tournament and team play
- online library of CWDGA publications
- current Rules and handicap information
- links to all member clubs
- photos and news of CWDGA events and activities

If you are eligible to play a tournament you will be alerted to the details and how and when to apply. The site also automatically lets you know if you are eligible or not! You will need to know your CDGA number to log in for private information such as your tee time for a tournament. This is the same number and password you use to look at your scoring and handicap history when you log onto the CDGA site.

You will find all the contact information for the board members of CWDGA. Please feel free to contact any of us on the board at any time. Our job is to provide a wonderful golf season for all CWDGA members.

Sincerely,

Cyndee Prisby

CWDGA President

cprisby@cwdga.org

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Spring Meeting ~ April 13, 2011



You are cordially invited to attend the CWDGA **Annual Spring Meeting and Breakfast** on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at:

Itasca Country Club
400 East Orchard Street
Itasca, IL 60143
630-773-1800

The meeting is open to all the members of CWDGA clubs and especially to women serving on their Women's Golf Committee. It is most important that a representative of your Women's Golf Committee attend. The CWDGA also looks forward to welcoming the Golf Chair, Team Captain, Handicap Chair, and Rules Chair to this event.

Information about the services offered by the CWDGA will be presented. Golf Chair kits, the Handicap kit with the *2010-2011 USGA Handicap System* manual, and the *CWDGA 2010 Handbook for Members* will be distributed. The 2010-2011 *Rules of Golf* book and the 2010-2011 *Decisions on the Rules of Golf* book will be available for sale. Pertinent information regarding team play will be presented along with details about the CWDGA tournaments.

***New for 2011:** You may make your reservation and pay online at www.cwdga.org

OR

Email the CWDGA Secretary, Julia Faust at:
jfaust@cwdga.org

The cost to members is \$23.00 per person (inclusive) with checks made payable to CWDGA. Reservations close Friday, April 8, 2010. No refunds for cancellations after this date.



Itasca Country Club

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, April 13 at Itasca Country Club.

Sincerely yours,

Julia Faust

CWDGA Secretary
jfaust@cwdga.org

*A golf swing is a collection of
corrected mistakes.*

~ Carol Mann

Rules of Golf Seminar ~ May 11, 2011



The 10th Annual CWDGA **Rules of Golf Seminar** will take place on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until 12 Noon at:

Itasca Country Club
400 East Orchard Street
Itasca, IL 60143
630-773-1800

We are pleased to present our annual Rules Seminar in conjunction with CDGA and USGA. This workshop is open to all CWDGA members, and will be especially helpful to Golf Chairs, Rules Chairs, Team Captains and their team members, and anyone else who wants to learn more about the Rules of Golf.

Jodi Ciotti, CDGA Senior Director of Membership, will join us, as will other CDGA and USGA personnel. Jodi's presentation will cover a general review of the Rules of Golf, with special emphasis on match play vs. stroke play. She is always happy to answer your questions about the Rules of Golf.

USGA publications *The Rules of Golf* and *Decisions on the Rules of Golf* will be available for purchase. 2011 is not a Rules change year, so your current books are up-to-date; but if you need additional copies, we will have them.

If there is a particular topic you would like addressed at the seminar, or if you have a specific question, you may submit it in advance to Mary Sullivan, Rules Chair at msullivan@cwdga.org.

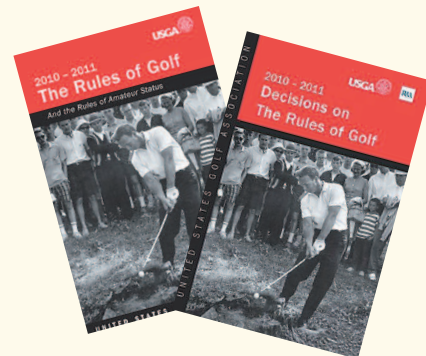
The seminar is free of charge to CWDGA members, but we do ask that you make a reservation by signing into our website www.cwdga.org and clicking on "Rules" and then "Rules Seminar." We hope to see you there!

Wishing you a great golf season,

Mary M. Sullivan

CWDGA Rules Chair
msullivan@cwdga.org

**You can register
online at our website
www.cwdga.org
by clicking on the
Rules Seminar link
on the home page**



Message from the Handicap Chair



Welcome to the new season of golf in the Chicago District! After a long winter I know that everyone will soon be busy perfecting their golf games and hopefully improving their Handicap Indexes! Just a reminder that those who play golf in an area observing an active season (i.e., Florida, Arizona, California, etc.) must post your scores for handicap purposes. This is true even if the golf club from which you receive your Handicap Index (your Chicago-area club) is observing an inactive season – as we are here in Chicago!

This will be the second year of the Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA) Handicap Information System. Although most of the changes took place last season, this past winter a change in the system now allows a player to keep a Handicap Index that is up to date on a year-round basis by providing handicap revisions during the inactive season.

Handicaps for the Chicago Women's District Golf Association are kept in accordance with the USGA Handicap System, administered through the CDGA. All CWDGA member clubs must use the handicap information services through associate membership with the CDGA. This assures uniformity in handicaps throughout the District.

Again this year the CDGA Handicap Information System is in line with the handicap calendar of the USGA whereby the handicap revisions take place on the 1st and 15th of every month throughout the calendar year. However, we will still observe an active season – and the first day of posting scores will be April 1, 2011 and the final day for posting scores will be October 31, 2011.

If you should have any questions throughout the season regarding handicap matters, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your help in assuring that our handicap system is properly administered!

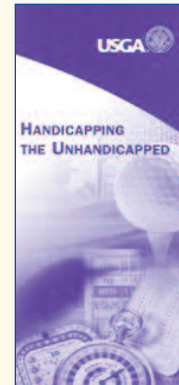
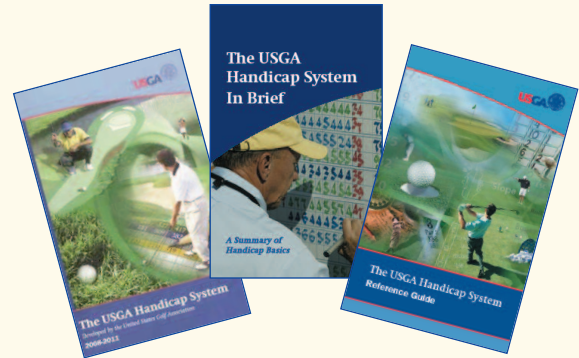
Fairways and greens,

Pam Taccona

CWDGA Handicap Chair
ptaccona@cwdga.org

The following publications are available at USGA.org to add to your handicap library:

- Handicap System Manual 2008-2011
- Handicap System Manual in Brief
- USGA Handicap Reference Guide
- Handicapping the Unhandicapped
- How to Conduct a Tournament



*I had a wonderful experience on the golf course today.
I had a hole in nothing. Missed the ball and sank the divot.*

~Don Adams



In 2011 Ruth Lake Country Club in Hinsdale, Illinois will host the 80th Annual **CWDGA Championship Tournament**. This event will be played on August 15, 16, and 17. Ruth Lake opened in 1922 and was renovated in 2004 by Arthur Hills/Steve Forrest & Associates of Toledo, Ohio. Matches

that make it to the 18th hole will enjoy the challenge of finishing on a par 3 over a lake. Spectators can watch the action from the clubhouse.

Close to Oakbrook and Yorktown shopping centers the Hinsdale area offers a wide selection of restaurants and hotel accommodations. CWDGA group rates are available at specific hotels. Hotel and other tournament



Ruth Lake Country Club

information will be in your acceptance packet.

Complete information for the Annual Championship is available on our website: www.cwdga.org. Entries are now being accepted. To register click on the Tournaments tab and follow the prompts. Mark your calendars and join friends and fellow competitors at this outstanding venue. We are delighted to be playing our Annual Championship at Ruth Lake Country Club and the CWDGA Board of Directors looks forward to welcoming you to three days of great golf and vigorous competition.

See you in August!

Alison Salzman

CWDGA Vice-President
and Championship Chair
asalzman@cwdga.org



Tanya Olson,
Winner of the 79th Annual
Championship at
Elgin Country Club
2010

2011 CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, August 15, 16, 17, 2011

ENTRIES ACCEPTED:

**January 17 –
July 27, 2011**

**(NO REFUNDS AFTER
July 27, 2011)**

All withdrawals before
July 27, 2011 will be charged
a \$5.00 handling fee.

NEW FOR 2011

**ONLINE ENTRY
AND PAYMENT**

available at

www.cwdga.org

(under Tournaments tab)

Ruth Lake Country Club

6200 South Madison Street
Hinsdale, IL 60521
630-986-4475 (Pro Shop)
www.ruthlakecc.org

Entry Fee: \$120.00

(Includes play dates, continental
breakfast, awards reception & prizes)
Pay online with MasterCard, VISA or Discover
or by check payable to CWDGA

Format:

Match play in flights by handicap
Championship flight of 16; other flights of 8
Play at scratch within each flight
Entire field plays 1st & 2nd day

Starting Times: will be emailed and posted on the CWDGA website 3-5 days prior to the event.

Prizes: The Virginia Ingram Championship Trophy is awarded to the championship winner.

Championship flight: winner, runner-up, consolation winner & consolation runner-up

Other flights: winner, runner-up & consolation winner

Ann Zeddies Trophy – Junior Champion (17 years and under regardless of flight) awarded to the Junior Champion who wins the most matches. Entrant must have a current Handicap Index.

Eligibility:

Amateur member of a CWDGA club
Handicap Index: 26.0 or lower
Field limited to 80 lowest entrants.
Handicaps frozen: August 1, 2011

Send Check and Entry Form to:

Alison Salzman, Championship Chair
130 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035
Phone: 847-433-1766
Email: asalzman@cwdga.org

Tournament Notification:

via email after August 1st when
the field is finalized. To insure receipt
of email add to your contacts:
asalzman@cwdga.org

If host-club caddies are available, a contestant must either: 1. use a caddie or 2. take a cart with a caddie.

A reserved caddie must be used. Contestants may not provide their own caddies.

TOURNAMENT NEWS



Our 2011 tournaments promise to be exciting as well as challenging. Two of the tournament courses were renovated in 2006 to confront the skills of serious players and one has a history of prestigious golf professionals.

Our tournament season begins with the **One-Day Stroke** tournament to be played

at **Oak Park Country Club** on **Wednesday, May 25th**.

Designed by the legendary Donald Ross and Richard Jacobson, Oak Park CC in River Grove, IL has a long and interesting history since it opened in 1914. Horton Smith, who won the first Masters Tour in 1935 (and the third in 1936), was the golf professional at Oak Park CC during the time he won those tournaments. Interestingly, at age 100, he is the only surviving player from that first Masters Tournament.

A second Masters legend, Ernie Ball, who also played in that first Masters, was subsequently the golf professional at Oak Park CC for 25 years.

Our **Better-Ball of Pairs** tournament will be played at **Edgewood Valley Country Club** on **Monday, June 20th**. Edgewood Valley was founded in 1910. In 1926 it was moved to its current location in south Willow Springs Road in La Grange, IL. Designed by William Diddle, a very well known course designer during that era, significant efforts have been made over the years to maintain the unique design features Mr. Diddle originally installed.

In 2006 the golf course was renovated to lengthen the course and increase the number of bunkers to 104. The course plays longer than its yardage due to the well-bunkered and narrow fairways that wind through the tall oak trees on the course. Players will also be challenged by the small and fast greens.

On **Thursday, September 8**, our **Senior Better-Ball of Pairs** tournament will be held at **Sunset Ridge Country Club** in Northfield, IL. Created in 1923 by a group of young men in their thirties and officially opened in 1924, course renovations in 2006 earned Sunset Ridge the 2006 Private Club Golf Course Renovation of the Year by *Golf, Inc.* magazine. The Clubhouse renovations earned a Club Management Magazine Design Showcase award in 2005. The golf course was recently recognized by *Golf Digest* magazine as being one of the top 25 courses in Illinois.

Entry forms for all tournaments are available at our website www.cwdga.org. We know that all our CWDGA members will enjoy competing at these unique and interesting clubs.

With best wishes for a great year,

Diane Mazurczak

CWDGA Tournament Chair
dmazurczak@cwdga.org

ONE-DAY STROKE PLAY TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

8:30 a.m. Shotgun



Oak Park Country Club

2001 N. Thatcher Avenue, River Grove, IL 60171

Phone: 708-453-5554 (Pro Shop)

www.oakparkcountryclub.com

Eligibility:

Amateur member of a CWDGA club

Handicap Index: **28.0 or lower**

Field limited to 100 lowest entrants

Entry Fee: \$60.00 (Includes lunch and prizes)

Check payable to CWDGA

NEW FOR 2011

ONLINE ENTRY AND PAYMENT available at
www.cwdga.org (under Tournaments tab)

Send Check and Entry Form to:

Diane Mazurczak, Tournament Chair

7845 Forest Hill Rd., Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Phone: 630/662-5703

Email: dmazurczak@cwdga.org

Entries accepted:

January 17 through May 13, 2011

All withdrawals before May 13, 2011
will be charged a \$5.00 handling fee.

NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 13, 2011

Handicaps are frozen May 15, 2011

If host-club caddies are available, a contestant must:

1. use a caddie or 2. take a cart with a caddie.



Jill Christiansen, Winner of the One-Day Stroke Play
Tournament at Westmoreland Country Club – 2010

BETTER-BALL OF PAIRS TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 20, 2011

8:30 a.m. Shotgun



Edgewood Valley Country Club

7500 S. Willow Springs Rd., La Grange, IL 60525

Phone: 708-292-5053 (Pro Shop)

www.edgewoodvalleycc.com

Eligibility:

Amateur member of a CWDGA club

Handicap Index: **33.0 or lower**

Field limited to the first 56 two-woman teams.

Entry Fee: \$60.00 per person / \$120.00 total
(Includes lunch and prizes) Check payable to CWDGA

NEW FOR 2011

ONLINE ENTRY AND PAYMENT available at

www.cwdga.org (under Tournaments tab)

Send Check and Entry Form to:

Diane Mazurczak

7845 Forest Hill Rd., Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Phone: 630/662-5703

Email: dmazurczak@cwdga.org

Entries accepted:

January 17 through June 10, 2011

All withdrawals before June 10, 2011

will be charged a \$5.00 handling fee.

NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 10, 2011

Handicaps are frozen June 15, 2011

Players play to 95% of host-club handicap.

If host-club caddies are available, a contestant must:

1. use a caddie or 2. take a cart with a caddie.



Gilmary Andrews and Kathy Donnelly, Overall Winners of the Better-Ball of Pairs Tournament at Wynstone Golf Club – 2010

SENIOR BETTER-BALL OF PAIRS TOURNAMENT

Thursday, September 8, 2011

8:30 a.m. Shotgun



Sunset Ridge Country Club

2100 Sunset Ridge Rd., Northfield, IL 60093

Phone: 847-446-7730 (Pro Shop)

www.sunsetridgecc.org

Eligibility:

Amateur member of a CWDGA club

Handicap Index: **33.0 or lower**

Must be 50 years of age or older.

Field limited to the first 56 two-woman teams.

Entry Fee: \$60.00 per person / \$120.00 total
(Includes lunch and prizes) Check payable to CWDGA

NEW FOR 2011

ONLINE ENTRY AND PAYMENT available at

www.cwdga.org (under Tournaments tab)

Send Check and Entry Form to:

Diane Mazurczak

7845 Forest Hill Rd., Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Phone: 630/662-5703

Email: dmazurczak@cwdga.org

Entries accepted:

January 17 through August 29, 2011

All withdrawals before August 29, 2011

will be charged a \$5.00 handling fee.

NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 29, 2011

Handicaps are frozen September 1, 2011

Players play to 95% of full host-club handicap.

If host-club caddies are available, a contestant must:

1. use a caddie or 2. take a cart with a caddie.



Sandy Hellstedt and Ginny Becker, Overall Winners of the Senior Better-Ball of Pairs Tournament at Calumet Country Club – 2010

Message from the Team Match Chair



After the difficult weather of this past winter, we are looking forward to a wonderful season of match play with favorable, sunny

days. There will be 500 players from five sections in 25 days of Four-Ball Match Play.

This is a challenging format that provides for quality competition, and is a terrific opportunity for golfers to share their love of the game with women from other clubs. We are grateful to the host-clubs for providing their courses so that so many women can participate in match play in 2011.

Best Wishes for a great season,

Sandy Becker

CWDGA Team Match Chair

sbecker@cwdga.org

Tommy Bolt, toward the end of one of his infamous high-volume, temperamental, club-throwing rounds, asked his caddie for a club recommendation for a shot of about 155 yards.

His caddie said:

"I'd say either a 3-iron or a wedge, sir."

"A 3-iron or a wedge?" asked Bolt.

"What kind of stupid, #!~% ^* choice is that?"*

"Those are the only two clubs you have left in the your bag, sir." said the caddie.

2011 FOUR-BALL MATCH PLAY TEAM SCHEDULE

CENTRAL

Thursday, May 12	Glen View	8:00 Shotgun
Friday, May 20	Medinah	8:00 Shotgun
Thursday, May 26	Riverside	8:00 Shotgun
Thursday, June 2	Itasca	8:00 Shotgun
Thursday, June 9	Ridgemoor	8:00 Shotgun

NORTHEAST

Thursday, May 19	Shoreacres	8:30 Shotgun
Thursday, May 26	Skokie	8:30 Shotgun
Thursday, June 2	Green Acres	8:30 Shotgun
Wednesday, June 8	Northmoor	8:30 Shotgun
Thursday, June 16	Onwenstia	8:30 Shotgun

NORTHWEST

Thursday, May 19	Royal Melbourne	8:30 Shotgun
Thursday, May 26	Bull Valley	8:30 Shotgun
Monday, June 6	Inverness	8:30 Shotgun
Monday, June 13	Lake Barrington Shores	8:00 Shotgun
Thursday, June 23	Twin Orchard	8:30 Shotgun

SOUTH

Wednesday, May 18	Crystal Tree	8:30 Shotgun
Wednesday, June 1	Innsbrook	8:30 Shotgun
Wednesday, June 8	Ridge	8:30 Shotgun
Wednesday, June 15	Briar Ridge	8:30 Shotgun
Friday, July 8	Joliet	8:30 Shotgun

WEST

Friday, May 13	La Grange	8:30 Shotgun
Thursday, May 19	Kishwaukee	8:30 Shotgun
Tuesday, May 24	Royal Fox	8:30 Shotgun
Friday, June 3	Butterfield	8:30 Shotgun
Tuesday, June 28	Cress Creek	8:30 Shotgun

TOURNAMENT DATES

Wednesday, May 25	Oak Park	One-Day Stroke
Monday, June 20	Edgewood Valley	Better-Ball of Pairs
Mon.-Wed., August 15-17	Ruth Lake	Championship
Thursday, September 8	Sunset Ridge	Senior Better-Ball of Pairs
Wednesday, September 14	Olympia Fields	Tournament of Team Champions

Tournament of Team Champions

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Winners of each division in all five sections compete for the overall championship of their division (two members from each winning team)

Format: Net Better-Ball

Message from the Technology Development Chair



Being on the CWDGA board has given me the opportunity to do something I never thought I would do. I have spent the out-of-golf season

overseeing the modernization of the CWDGA website. Matt Baylor of the CDGA and the CDGA contactor, AppNet, have created all the new tools and gizmos that make our new website so much more useful. Ours is no longer just an information site; we have a website with many new interactive features.

New Home Page, Same Location:

To get to our new **Home Page**, type www.cwdga.org into the address field of your browser. We have an **Announcements** section that will provide current information, directing you to updates in the website. The Registration Center under the Announcements will direct you to events with open registration. And the photo section on the right will be filled with photos of our players and tournaments as the season progresses.

A word about browsers. I have learned that there is HTML that works well on Internet Explorer and then there is everything else. Our website looks great on Internet Explorer. We still look pretty good on Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox. We are still useable on Apple's Safari, but many boxes overlap and we look goofy. If things look goofy, no worries: all the processes still work.

How to Log in: To get the most out of our website, please login using your CDGA My Caddie ID and password. If you have never registered with the CDGA, you can register on our home page by clicking on **SIGN IN/REGISTER** and following the directions provided. You will need your CDGA number

which you can get from either your handicap card, handicap reports at your club or your pro shop.

My Account: Once you log in, you are directed to a page filled with information about you. Here you can change your address, email or phone number, see your handicap details and see which tournaments you have signed up for.

My favorite new feature – register for tournaments. Once you've logged in, you can turn to the most fun new feature: the capability to register online for tournaments and meetings, and pay online as well. For example, if you wanted to play in the One-Day Stroke Play event, you would click on the **Tournaments** tab. From the drop down menu, select **Tournament Schedule** and, voila, you can see all the tournaments we are hosting this year. Click on **One-Day Stroke Play** to see more information about the May 25th event at Oak Park Country Club. If you decide to register, then click on **Online Entry** and follow the steps from there.

Also register for meetings:

Under the **Calendar** tab, you'll see Meetings and Rules Seminar. Those links will take you to registrations for the Spring Meeting and Rules Seminar respectively. If you click on the calendar tab, you'll see a list of all of the events planned for 2011.

Four-Ball Team Play: The **Four-Ball** tab provides many features of interest to team captains and players. There is a list of clubs by section, the schedule of matches, "Instructions Governing Four-Ball Match Play" the schedule of team captains' meetings and the informational "Captains' Responsibilities." As the season progresses, we'll be posting results under this same tab.

Rules: This tab has information on the Rules Seminar and online registration, rules for tournament players and four-ball players, a Rule-of-the-month and Rules Quiz and "Instructions for Rules Chairs." For a chuckle, see the "Original 13 Rules of Golf" page. Our sport has a long and dignified history.

Informational Tabs: The remaining tabs are chock full of information you might be interested in.

Under the **Home** tab you can find Forms and Reports with things as varied as the 2010 Annual Report, the Four-Ball Match Play Permanent Replacement Form, the Hole-In-One Award form and the CWDGA Constitution.

Under **Membership**, you might be interested in the member club feature that allows you to find the Glen Oak Pro (Danny Mulhearn) or Glen Oak Team Captain (Christine Malmgren) pretty easily.

Under **About CWDGA** you'll find our Board of Directors listed. If you click on any board member's name, you can send her an email. It's that easy.

And finally there's the **Handicap** tab with information about handicap revision dates, equitable stroke control and links to other handicap resources.

I hope you enjoy our new look and our new features. We're still open to suggestions, so when you think of new things you'd like to see, please feel free to email me. How? Go to www.cwdga.org click on **About CWDGA** and then **Board of Directors**. Find my name and click on me!

Looking forward to a wonderful season of golf displayed on the web,

Chris Malmgren

CWDGA Technology Development Chair
cmalmgren@cwdga.org

CHICAGO WOMEN'S DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

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Thursday
March 10, 2011

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CDGA #
password

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our new website. There are many new features to explore, so feel free to browse, but be sure to look for:


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The Spring Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13th at Itasca Country Club. To register, click [here](#).


Register for the 2011 CWDGA Rules Seminar Online!
 The [CWDGA Rules Seminar](#) is scheduled for 10 AM on Wednesday May, 11 at Itasca Country Club. This Seminar is open to all CWDGA members. When you register, please be sure to forward any specific Rules questions or topics you would like reviewed by our experts.

PGA/USGA Rules of Golf Workshop
 For those seeking more advanced rules knowledge, the PGA and USGA will conduct an in-depth Rules of Golf Workshop March 28-29 at Midwest Golf House. The workshop will focus on using the Rules of Golf book, definitions and on relief procedures. The \$150 workshop registration fee must be pre-paid. Applicants will be enrolled on a first-come, first-serve basis. ([Read More](#))


Host-Club Sites for 2011 CWDGA One-Day Tournaments



One-Day Stroke Play
Oak Park Country Club
Wednesday, May 25, 2011



Better-Ball of Pairs
Edgewood Valley Country Club
Monday, June 20, 2011




Senior Better-Ball of Pairs
Sunset Ridge Country Club
Thursday, September 8, 2011

REGISTRATION CENTER

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Mary Sullivan of Elgin CC, the new CWDGA Rules Chair, is preparing for the 2011 season by attending the USGA/PGA Rules of Golf 3 1/2 day Workshop at PGA Village. Mary is organizing the [CWDGA Rules Seminar](#) to be held in May.


2011 CHAMPIONSHIP VENUE



This year the CWDGA Championship will be at Ruth Lake in Hinsdale. While Ruth Lake was formed as a club in 1922, the course has recently been renovated. The "new" course was designed by the firm of Arthur Hills/Steve Forrest and Associates of Toledo, Ohio. The course was re-opened on June 18th, 2005. Players especially enjoy the challenging 18th hole which is a par 3 over the lake. Clubhouse viewers watch the action.

Women golfers may be interested to know that in 1921, while the club was in the formation stage, women members were also "planning to set aside one day a week for special features to bring out the largest number of women players on the same day." The women commemorated the winning of their first championship with a silver cup.

As the current President of CWDGA and a Ruth Laker, I assure you that you will enjoy visiting to play the course and you will be warmly welcomed.



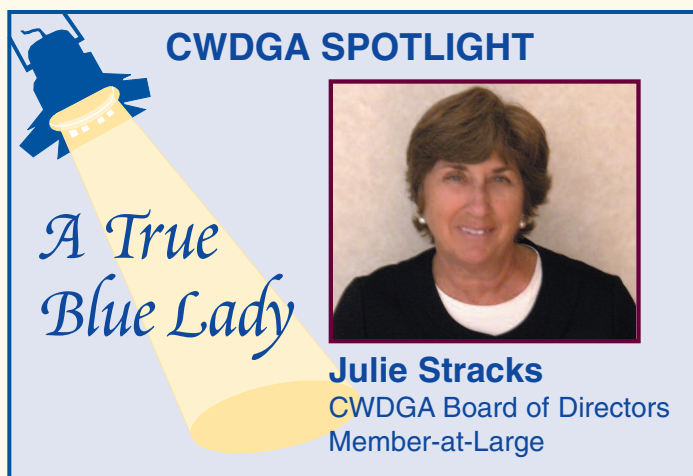
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‘Bob Hope tells the story that his doctor told him he was overworked for a man in his eighties and needed a complete rest – and that included giving up golf. Hope decided to give up his doctor instead.

~ Bob Monkhouse

Tee Time Trivia

- Each year the CWDGA runs three one-day tournaments, an annual championship and five four-ball match play events in five sections culminating in a Tournament of Team Champions.
- The first host-club for the CWDGA Annual Championship was the Illinois Golf Club in 1930.
- During the Second World War the CWDGA Annual Championship was not held in 1942 or 1943.



When I got married, I had never played a round of golf, but I soon found out what my new reality would be. Bob and I played every day of our honeymoon.

That was the beginning of my involvement with golf. When people ask if I'm a good golfer, I say no, but I am a very involved golfer.

We have been members of Northmoor Country Club in Highland Park for almost forty years. Northmoor has a wonderful caddy program which is great for us because we like to walk when we play golf. In fact, when we travel, we seek out places that let you walk on the golf course.

We have played all over the United States and in Ireland, Scotland, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada, to name a few. In South Africa we were warned that monkeys might run off with our golf balls and in Zimbabwe the score card said that relief was given for damage caused by warthogs. Along the way, we have met many lovely and fascinating people, definitely proving the adage that golfers are generally nice people.

Our children, John and Lesley, saw the passion of their father for golf and took it up. They became very good; both playing four years of college and captaining their teams. Lesley has played in numerous CWDGA events and fifteen USGA events including three USGA Amateurs. She also led the USA team to a gold medal in the 2005 Maccabiah Games in Israel. Now I'm looking forward to



Julie Stracks CWDGA President 2003-2005
and Marian Scheffler CWDGA President 1975-1977

watching my grandchildren begin to learn and enjoy the game.

About twenty years ago, Jean Tyska, a past president of the CWDGA, asked me if I would like to come on the CWDGA Board. I knew very little about it, but agreed and went to my first meeting knowing no one. I thought I would never get to know all those women, but, of course, I got to know them and many, many others and have made wonderful friendships along the way. In those days, we still wore blouses and skirts and were referred to as "Mrs. Robert Stracks." We have come a long way.

I started out "on the table" running team play, but two years later, became the CWDGA Rules Chairman. Off I went to Rules School in St. Louis, the first of four Rules Schools I attended. I was Rules Chairman for nine years and have officiated at dozens of CWDGA events, as well as USGA qualifiers, Women's Western Golf Association tournaments, and college and high school events. I was the Tournament Chairman, Vice-President, and President from 2003-2005 which I especially enjoyed. I have loved meeting so many of the CWDGA members from clubs all over the Chicago area.

For the past ten years, Bob and I have attended every Masters Tournament. Our names were drawn out of a lottery pool we didn't even know we were in (people who had applied for Practice Round tickets). Once you get Masters badges, you have them for life – lucky us! This has opened up a whole new golf experience because the Masters is a world unto itself. We usually follow someone from the Chicago area for a while and this year we have a few to choose from: Luke Donald, D.A. Points, and Mark Wilson.



Julie and Bob Stracks

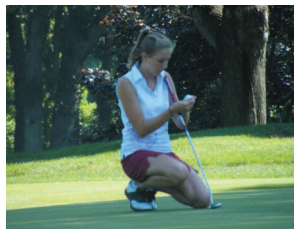
All this proves something important: you don't have to be a good golfer to love the game or to become an "involved" golfer. In October, when I go off the CWDGA Board after twenty-one years, I will look back on my years on the Board with a great deal of satisfaction. It has been a pleasure serving with the CWDGA women and getting to know many of you, the CWDGA members.



Joan Conway CWDGA President 2005-2007
and Julie Stracks CWDGA President 2003-2005



*Don't play too much golf.
Two rounds a day
are plenty.
~ Harry Vardon*



*Golf is a game in which
you yell "fore,"
shoot six, and
write down five.
~ Paul Harvey*



OLYMPIA FIELDS COUNTRY CLUB TO HOST 2011 U.S. GIRLS' JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Olympia Fields Country Club has been selected by the United States Golf Association as the site of the 2011 **U.S. Girls' Junior Championship**, to be played July 18-23.

The Girls' Junior will be contested over the South Course at Olympia Fields, a 1915 Tom Bendelow design which recently underwent a major restoration by Steve Smyers Golf Course Architects. The South is one of two courses at Olympia Fields. Its North Course, designed by Willie Park and opened in 1923, was the site of three previous USGA championships: the 1928 U.S. Open (won by Johnny Farrell), the 1997 U.S. Senior Open (won by Graham Marsh) and the 2003 U.S. Open (won by Jim Furyk). It also hosted the 1925 and 1961 PGA Championships.

The U.S. Girls' Junior Championship is one of four championships to be played at Olympia Fields over the next three years, including the 2010 Illinois PGA Section Championship, the 2012 Junior Ryder Cup and the 2013 Western Amateur.

World Golf Hall of Fame and honorary Olympia Fields Country Club member Carol Mann will serve as the honorary chairwoman of the 2011 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship.

First contested in 1949, the U.S. Girls' Junior is open to female golfers who have not reached their 18th birthday and have a USGA Handicap Index® that does not exceed 18.4.

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*This is a game of misses.
The guy who misses
the best is going to win.
~ Ben Hogan*



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