

2009 Member Guide

Welcome to the EWGA Charlotte Chapter!



We are delighted to have you in our chapter. This Membership Guide contains helpful information about our chapter, our chapter events, and EWGA in general.

Our mission is to ***provide opportunities for women to learn, play, and enjoy the game of golf for business and for life.*** We provide education in the game of golf - the skills, the etiquette, and the rules - to make you comfortable on the golf course and enable you to use golf as both recreation and a business tool. Further, our networking and social activities help make good friends and business contacts.

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ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

EWGA OVERVIEW

The Executive Women's Golf Association (EWGA) is a not-for-profit organization formed in 1991 to provide opportunities for women to learn, play, and enjoy the game of golf for business and for life. EWGA has a membership of more than **20,000** members in over 120 Chapters in the US, Canada and France. EWGA is governed by a Board of Directors elected from the membership. Chapters are led by more than 1200 volunteers who gain valuable skills in leadership, organization, event planning, fundraising and more.

A Common Link– At Any Level

New golfers, occasional golfers, and avid golfers each find EWGA programs geared to their interest and demanding time schedules.

Instructional clinics allow new golfers to learn without embarrassment. Leagues, outings, and championship tournaments are conducted for those already in the swing. Whatever your level, EWGA Chapters conduct a myriad of events to help you gain the confidence to join business associates on the fairway.

Invaluable Business Insight

- Interaction during a round of golf plays an important role in forming relationships
- Gain a new perspective on your associates and clients
- Learn about their leadership style - how they react in a tense situation
- Learn in a setting that encourages relaxed conversation
- Evaluate self-performance under pressure

Valued Personal Relationships

- Female peers in different industries make close friendships as well as professional connections.
- If you relocate, connect with the local Chapter for a new circle of friends.
- Sharing fun, outdoor activities, and golf experiences will automatically lengthen the list of names of favorite people

Compete or Play for Fun

- Variety of events for all skill levels; new golfers & experienced golfers alike are welcome
- Leagues, skill challenges & competitive tournaments for intermediate or experienced golfers
- Leagues, clinics and All Chapter Events for new golfers or those looking to improve
- Weekly Play, Weekend Tours & Social/Networking events for all

Corporate Partners

EWGA is making a difference in the world of golf. We serve as an advocate for women. We want the golf experience to be a good one, and corporate partners are recognizing the ability of EWGA to bring this about -- partners such as Golf Digest, Callaway Golf, The Golf Channel, and the PGA. EWGA members often get a chance to volunteer at PGA and LPGA events.

Increasing Membership

To continually build our membership we feature the Member-Get-A-Member Campaign. For every member you bring in to ANY Chapter, you increase your odds of winning some pretty great prizes. See Member-Get-A-Member section below for a list of all the prizes.



Charlotte Chapter

- Founded in April of 1994 and has grown to over 175 members
- Large percentage are career/professional women but we also have those who work in the home
- Variety of professions, many in financial services industry, and many others own their own businesses
- All levels of golf skill: those who have never picked up a club to those who have single digit handicaps. The majority of our members range from newer golfers to intermediate.
- Charlotte Chapter is part of the Carolinas Section. The Carolinas Section includes Columbia, Myrtle Beach, Piedmont Triad, Raleigh, Cape Fear/Wilmington, Low Country and Hampton Roads, VA.
- In addition to our chapter and sectional events, we also play for the Dixie Cup against our neighbor section Heart of the South. This is great weekend getaway for mountain golf!

Please check our websites for more information.

www.ewgacharlotte.org

Local chapter info, information on signing up for events, board member information, schedules, current and past issues of newsletters

www.ewga.com

Headquarters website including benefits and discounts from our national sponsors. Also located here is the Members Only website where you can download the member directory, search for other members across the US and maintain your membership information

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2009)

The Board of Directors is here to serve you. Don't hesitate to contact any of us if you have any questions, concerns or ideas you'd like to pass along. We strive to offer programs and events that our members are interested in, while trying to keep costs reasonable. We rely on our sponsors to donate prizes and gifts for our various events, and welcome any feedback that you may have.

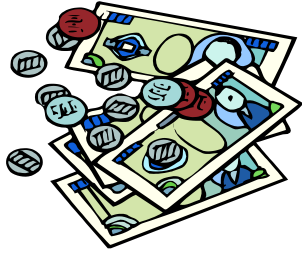
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2009 BENEFITS

As a member of EWGA you are entitled to benefits from Headquarters as well as at the local level. You can view the latest member benefits at any time from the websites. Below is a summary of what your membership dues can do for you.

There are two membership levels available to members: The Classic membership and the Executive membership. The Classic membership is \$125 per year and the Executive membership is \$325 per year. Benefits at the Chapter level are the same at both levels of members.

The following is based on the “Classic” Membership:

How Your Membership Dues Can Work For You		You Save
	Golf Digest Subscription, free	\$15
	Access to Golf Life Management System (handicap service)	\$20
	Leatherman bucket of balls \$2 off \$9 bucket, use just 4 buckets a year	\$8
	Preferred Player rate at Carolina Trail courses, play just 4 times	\$40
	Regent Park discount off of rack rate M-F, play just 1 time	\$10
	Clinics \$10 off normal price, attend just 1 clinic	\$10
	Weekly play \$5 off normal price, play just 4 times over the season	\$20
	Dana Rader Golf School 10% discount on programs, attend 2 day school	\$42.50
	Weekend play \$5 off normal price, play just 2 times over the season	\$10
	Attend one All Chapter Event (typical discount is \$10 off round & often includes lunch)	\$20
	Total Minimal \$ Discount	(\$195.50)
Classic Level Membership Fee	\$125	
	\$70.50	

Total Savings if you participate in just these few events

As a complement to these tangible offerings, there are also numerous important benefits for your personal, social, and professional development:

Opportunity to find other women with whom to socialize and play golf

- A supportive and safe environment in which to learn to play golf without the pressure of competition
- Opportunity to develop lasting friendships with other women in your area
- Opportunity to network with other business women who may be able to act as mentors or provide career advice and to do the same for those women in return
- A means to become more active and involved in the Charlotte community: the chapter often gives money to charity, partners with other organizations who help young ladies, and many members who are involved in other community organizations

Other benefit highlights: Visit www.ewga.com to view the details of these benefits or review additional benefits available to members.

MEMBERSHIP

Member Orientations

- Sessions are held 4 times per year between March and October; held at members’ homes; hosted around the Charlotte area to accommodate different geographic regions
- Get to know other EWGA Charlotte members and find out about club events and processes
- All members (new members or long time members) and prospective members are welcome to attend
- Bring a guest - Introduce a friend to EWGA while you acquaint yourself
- Free to all – but please RSVP through evite (so we know how much food to prepare)

Please refer to the www.ewgacharlotte.org for updates to specific dates, times and locations.

Member Get-A-Member Campaign, Sponsored by Nike Golf

- ***The single largest category of recruits comes from hearing about EWGA from a friend.***
- Members throughout the country tell us that the single most important factor to their membership is the *camaraderie & life-long friendships* they have built – MGAM is the best way that we can continue that tradition and ensure that other women have the same opportunities we have had to build those friendships, learn from one another and become more integrated into their communities
- Create more opportunities for all members to socialize with women new to the organization
- Help ensure we are an **inclusive** organization that **reaches out to women** in all parts of Charlotte
- Creates **more opportunity for you to socialize, network, and to benefit from others' golf experience.**
- Member-Get-A-Member campaign runs each year from January 1 – December 31. Help keep our chapter strong and growing!

Member-Get-A-Member Campaign - REWARDS

You can read about the rules and benefits for the 2009 campaign on EWGA Headquarters website (<http://www.ewga.com>).

Recruiter of the Year – recruit **12+** to qualify:

- Prize – Custom fitting for new set of Nike Golf Clubs at the Nike Golf Fitting Facility along with a tour of the Nike World Headquarters in Beaverton, OR. Airfare and hotel included.
- Winner will be selected at random by AHQ from the **Top 12** recruiters.
- The Top Recruiters will receive a new Nike Golf bag.
- The Top Recruiters will be recognized on stage at the EWGA Conference, with the Recruiter of the Year announced at that time.

Top Recruiter in each Chapter – recruit “a foursome” (4+) to qualify:

- Prize - Nike Shoulder Tote
- The Top Recruiters in each Chapter will be entered into a drawing to win one of ten Nike Golf drivers.

Other Chapter prizes:

- A kit of Nike prizes
- All members who recruit a “threesome” (3+) will have a chance to win a complimentary EWGA membership.

What you can do to Grow Our Membership

- Take applications, brochures and fact sheets (get these from the membership chairperson), write in your own name and member number in the EWGA Member-Get-A-Member Campaign section
- Hand them out to your friends and keep some in your golf bag and car
- Put brochures & flyers in stores, clubs, your office, or other locations near you, (ask them to display our brochures with applications tucked inside (with your name on them)
- When you meet a new lady, speak about your experience with EWGA and invite her to an event or member orientation
- Give names, email and contact information of prospective members to the Membership Chair (membership@ewgacharlotte.org)

EVENT OVERVIEW

Weekly Play

Weekly Play will be at 3 locations this summer. Regent Park on Mondays, Birkdale on Tuesdays and Rocky River on Wednesdays. Each location will play 9 holes each week, with play at Rocky River starting in April and others in May. Weekly Play continues through September. Tee times start between 5:30 and 6:00. Casual format, no scorecards turned in. Golfers of all skill levels are encouraged to play.

Weekend Tour

Saturday or Sunday 18-hole play semi-monthly from April through October. The format is individual stroke play (you play your own ball for the whole round). Scores will be recorded only for members interested in establishing a handicap and/or participating competitively. Locations will rotate to a variety of Charlotte area courses and end with a Finale. Handicaps are required to participate in the Finale.

Experienced Golfer League

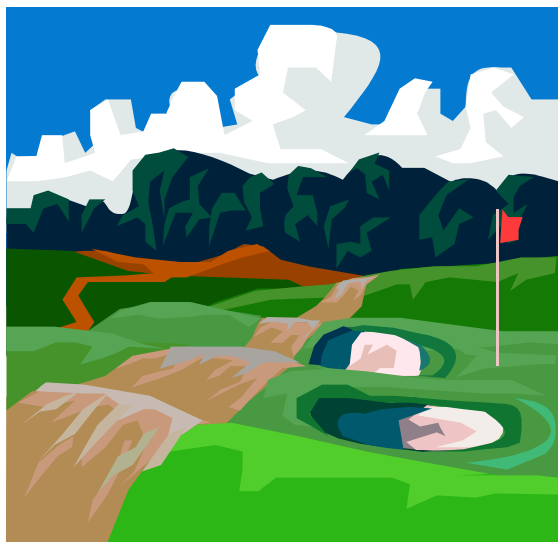
A 4-week league is planned for the experienced golfer to enjoy a friendly yet competitive game of golf, to practice new skills, new shots and improve your handicap.

New Golfer League

A 4-week league is planned for the new golfer to give them an opportunity to gain experience playing on the golf course. This is a great way to take the skills learned during clinics and apply them to the golf course.

All Chapter Events

Saturday or Sunday 18-hole "themed" events are scheduled periodically from April through October. Shotgun start, prizes, and lunch before or after play. Format is usually a scramble, and golfers of all skill levels are encouraged to play.



Clinics

Both beginner clinic series and specialty clinics are scheduled throughout the season. Clinics are conducted by LPGA teaching professional Leslie Elmore at Providence County Club or Tiffany Anselment at Tradition Golf Club. Learn new skills or brush up on your game in a friendly environment.

Golf Getaways

Weekend road trips this year will include the Dixie Cup in June, the Carolina District Tournament in Williamsburg, VA in July, the EWGA Championship in Port St. Lucie, FL in September and the EWGA Annual Conference in Pinehurst, NC in April, 2010.

Socials & Networking

When darkness falls or winter comes, we gather for indoor golf, wine tasting, shopping or just relaxing with friends. There are also networking events planned for women who are interested in finding others to discuss career advice, learn about companies in the area or find customers.

WEEKLY PLAY LEAGUES – 9 HOLES

Are you a new golfer who wants to transfer the skills you have learned in clinics and on the driving range to a live golf setting? Do you enjoy getting out in the middle of the week to work on your golf game? Do you simply not have the time to play a full 18-holes on the weekend? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then Weekly Play is for you. Its nine-hole format fits perfectly after work. EWGA Charlotte's Weekly Play is a casual, fun-filled way to enjoy a game of golf with fellow members and meet new members.

Weekly Play will be available at 3 area courses. Monday nights we will be at Regent Park Golf Club in Fort Mill, SC. Tuesday nights we will be at Birkdale Golf Club in Huntersville. Wednesday nights we will be at Rocky River Golf Club in Concord. The cost for Birkdale and Regent Park is \$20 for 9 holes, payable to the course each week. Rocky River costs \$23 for 9 holes, payable to the course each week.

To register, email the appropriate address ... (registration deadline is in () after the email address)

Regent Park: communications@ewgacharlotte.org (Friday)

Birkdale: birkdaleweeklyplay@ewgacharlotte.org (Sunday)

Rocky River: rockyriverweeklyplay@ewgacharlotte.org (Monday)

Directions to these golf courses can be found on our website, www.ewgacharlotte.org.

WEEKLY PLAY LEAGUE – 18 HOLES

Our newest league is on Tuesday mornings. Play various courses around Charlotte, with tee times usually between 10:00 and 10:30. Contact tuesdayplay@ewgacharlotte.org with questions or to sign up. There is no commitment required to play each week.

WEEKEND TOUR – 18 HOLES

If you prefer a regular 18-hole league atmosphere, or want to establish or improve a handicap, or if you simply want to spend a morning or afternoon enjoying the pleasure of a golf round, then Weekend Tour is for you.

Weekend Tour, now in its 12th year as a key component of the EWGA Charlotte calendar, is an excellent way to build your handicap, get a taste of competition, and play your way around the Charlotte area all summer. While Weekend Tour is designed for experienced players, all members are welcome to attend. If you are a new golfer, you may be asked to pick up your ball to maintain the pace of play. The format for all dates is individual stroke play.



Please remember to honor your commitment to play. If you register for a Weekend Tour date, you are expected to show up and to play. We have to book our tee times early in the week, and the courses understandably want to earn money for each tee time we book. So, if you register and cannot make your tee time, you are responsible for finding a replacement. If you have a question about the weather on the day of play, please call the golf course directly.

Weekend Tour Rules & Regulations

Format: Individual stroke play. These events are designed to provide an opportunity to acquire scores for a USGA handicap. The committee, prior to each event will draw up pairings. We would like to provide opportunities for members to play with a variety of other players. Each participant will be asked to submit a signed scorecard to the event organizer at the completion of their round. We will be gathering and sharing statistics on tour players' rounds and tour score averages. The Handicap Committee will also input scores into GLMS for those participants who would like us to.

Eligibility: Weekend Tour was designed for intermediate and advanced golfers. We are recruiting players who are comfortable with the fundamentals of golf, have on-course experience, are willing to keep up with the course's pace of play, and are motivated to establish and maintain a USGA handicap.

Individual Event Registration: Tour players are required to register for each event, at least 7 days in advance. We are currently booking tee times for 32 players at each Tour stop and very much need to know if that will be our actual turnout. Weekend tee times are precious and it is important for our organization to respect the needs of the courses we will be playing. We encourage players to register as early as possible, so that we might accommodate everyone that wants to play. Registration is through an evite which is sent approximately two weeks prior to the event. Each registered Tour player will be advised of her tee time and pairings no later than the Thursday before the event via the Website.

Betting: Is sanctioned but completely voluntary. Each event will have at least 2 competitions; such as closest to the pin, low putts, longest drive, etc.

Cancellation/No Show Policy: If a Tour player is unable to play in an event for which she has registered, we request that she cancel no later than 5 days before the scheduled event. Tour members who were unable to register for the event may be able to fill in for players that need to cancel. Otherwise, the Tour player may be held responsible for paying that course's greens fee. Adherence to this policy will help us maintain good relations with our Tour golf courses. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Eligibility for Tour Championship: To qualify for Weekend Tour Finale Championship, registered members must participate in 6 events and present a current USGA handicap index.

2009 GOLF EDUCATION & CLINICS

EWGA provides a comprehensive education program for female golfers of all ages and abilities. Here is just a sample of the educational opportunities.

- **Getting Started Program:** This program provides the opportunity to learn basic skills of golf and get comfortable on the golf course.
- **S.W.I.N.G.** (Skillful Women Inspiring New Golfers): The program helps new golfers find a mentor within their Chapter who can help them become comfortable playing out on the golf course and ensure they are familiar with the etiquette of the game. To sign up, simply contact the Education Chair at education@ewgacharlotte.org.
- **Breaking 100:** This is a series of seven individual clinics targets at helping those golfers who want to score 100 or better consistently.
- **How Low Can You Go:** This program is focused on helping players that can break 100 take their games to even higher levels
- **“Ask the Pro”:** This is an additional golf resource provided through the EWGA website. Here, members are able to ask anything and everything about golf to LPGA and PGA Teaching Professional, Karen Davis. Questions can be submitted online at askthepro@ewga.com

EWGA Charlotte is pleased to have two outstanding instructors teaching various clinics throughout the year ... Leslie Elmore, LPGA Teaching Professional, Class A LPGA and PGA Member at Providence Country Club on the south side of town and Tiffany Anselment, LPGA Teaching Professional, Class A LPGA at Tradition Golf Club on the north side of town. Below is a little information about each professional.

Leslie Elmore, LPGA Teaching Professional, Class A LPGA and PGA Member

Providence Country Club, 704-846-6325
6001 Providence Country Club Drive
Email: labelmore@aol.com

Leslie attended North Carolina State University on a golf scholarship where she earned a BA in Business and a BA in Economics. While in college Leslie earned Most Valuable Player honors, was an NC State amateur champion and a semi-finalist in the US Women's Amateur. After graduation she worked for the renowned golf instructor and Carolinas Golf Hall of Famer Bruce Suddreth, where she also assisted in two Golf Digest Schools.

After leaving Gaston Country Club, Leslie played in three U.S. Opens, one British Open and had a highlight finish of third in the Thailand Ladies Open. After playing four years of competitive golf, she returned to Charlotte to pursue her other love; teaching.

Leslie has been the Teaching Professional at Providence Country Club for nearly 12 years. She is a Class A Professional in the PGA as well as LPGA. Along with her duties at Providence, Leslie regularly teaches for the Marlene Floyd Schools for Women.

Tiffany Anselment, LPGA Teaching Professional, Class A LPGA

Tradition Golf Club 704.377.7479
3800 Prosperity Church Rd.
Email: tiffany@carolina.rr.com

Tiffany Anselment is a Class A member of the LPGA. She has over 10 years experience teaching golfers of all skill levels. She graduated from UNC-Greensboro with a degree in Exercise and Sports Science Teacher Education, specializing in the Motor Learning and Motor Development of adults and children. Lettering all 4 years at UNCG, Tiffany is an accomplished player and still competes. She teaches all aspects of the game and is a master of the short game.

To sign up for a clinic, please RSVP to the evite. Deadlines for all clinics are 5 days prior to the clinic date. Payment required to Leslie or Tiffany the day of the clinic. Leslie and Tiffany are also available for private lessons. If you are interested in a private lesson, please contact one of them directly. Both offer 30 min or 1 hour lessons that can be shared with another person. Rates vary depending on the season and demand for their time.

EVENTS – NATIONAL

OVERVIEW

EWGA Events

In addition to an entire season of events provided by EWGA Chapters, the Association conducts a variety of events for all members throughout the year.

[EWGA Championship](#) - The largest, organized, women's amateur golf competition in the world! The EWGA offers a time and place to put your game to the test. Members of all skill levels, provided you have a USGA Handicap, are encouraged to compete.

[EWGA at the U.S. Women's Open](#) - An annual charity golf tournament at the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament. Packages include tickets to the Open. All proceeds go to benefit LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Programs.

[EWGA On Course Events](#) - Exclusive golf outings for EWGA Executive Level members. Check out the EWGA website (www.ewga.com) for details.

[Annual Conference](#) - The EWGA Annual Conference is the culmination of the year for EWGA members and leaders. Plan now to participate in this association-wide event celebration of the achievements of the year plus lots of great golf!

EWGA Championship

The EWGA offers a time and place to put your game to the test. Members of all skill levels, provided you have a USGA Handicap, are encouraged to compete.

Three stages:

1. One 18-hole qualifying event at the local Chapter level (Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation, June 20)
2. One 18-hole District Semi-Final Championship held at 15 venues across the Association (Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, VA, July 25)
3. EWGA Championship Finals – PGA Golf Course in Port St. Lucie, FL, on September 25

The EWGA Championship by design, offers two different competitive formats: Stroke Play and Inter-Chapter Team Scramble Competition. You select the competitive format that best fits your game, personality and skill level....The choice is yours!

Stroke Play Competition

Chapter Championship competitors are flighted in five flights based upon their USGA Handicap Index with the Low Gross and Low Net winners in each flight advancing. Flights of players will be determined at each level of the Championship based on their verified index on the handicap cut-off date prior to Chapter, Semi-Final and Final Championships. For example, if a player's index was 16.2 (second flight) for the Chapter Championship and is a 15.9 (first flight) for the Semi-Final, she will compete in the first flight at the Semi-Final.

Inter-Chapter Team Scramble Competition

Now, if teamwork and teambuilding is your strength, this may be the format for you. This format consists of a four(4) woman team, comprised of your Chapter friends and fellow golfers, who meet the eligibility requirements to play in the scramble format.

GOLF – RULES & ETIQUETTE

PACE OF PLAY

How to Keep Up the Pace of Play, Even If You're a New Golfer

This section was taken from <http://www.best-tips-for-new-women-golfers.com/golf-tips-on-pace-of-play.html>

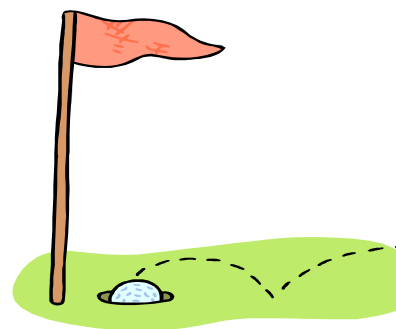
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“Here are the pace-of-play tips that I recommend most often to new golfers (women and men, young and old, you name it). Some of these may sound like small things, but they really add up! “

1. Order of play off the tee -- "Ready golf" vs. honors -- If you're playing in a tournament, the player with the "honor" should tee off first. On the first tee, that is determined by order of the draw or lot. On subsequent tees, the person who made the lowest score on the previous hole has the honor.

“Ready golf” (RG) is pretty much just what it sounds like -- whoever is ready to go should tee off first. If the player with the Honor isn't ready, go ahead and hit. Protocol is nice, but speed of play should take precedence.

2. Order of play on a hole - The person whose ball is furthest from the hole should shoot first. Unless you're playing "ready golf." When you're playing RG, the player furthest away from the hole will usually play first, but other players can go first if they are not interfering with the furthest player's shot.
3. Slower players and groups should always allow faster players and groups to "play through." Slow play is defined as not keeping pace with the group ahead, or having a complete hole not in use in front of the group when the course is crowded. Slow players may be asked by the Marshal to speed up play. Just do it and don't complain! They're asking all the slow groups to pick up the pace, not just you!
4. If you're riding in a cart, share the driving. And when you reach the green, always drive the cart around to the point where you'll be exiting the green, even if your ball is a little short of the green. This can save over 30 minutes a round!
5. If it's your turn, be ready to hit. Take your practice swing and be ready to hit. Limit yourself to one practice swing... visualize a great shot... and let it rip!
6. Think about your next shot as you are walking or driving to your ball or waiting for someone else to hit. Think about club selection before you arrive at your ball. Take extra clubs to your ball so that you don't have to go back to the cart.
7. Start reading your putt as you walk up to the green. On the green, mark your ball properly (marker directly behind the ball on the line with the pin), and study your line while others are putting. Do not stand or walk on the line of another player's putt.
8. Balls do get lost! Watch your shot closely and try to pick out a landmark near where your ball went so you can track it down more easily. Do not spend more than 1 minute looking for a lost ball. Play a provisional ball whenever allowed by the Rules of Golf. Watch the shots of everyone in the group to minimize lost balls. If your shot is on the same side as someone looking for their ball, give them a hand.



9. The player with the putt closest to the hole should offer to tend the flag for other players. First player to putt in the hole should take responsibility for replacing the flag once everyone has putt out.
10. Put your extra clubs on the edge of the green between you and the cart so you don't forget them (it happens!)
11. Gimmies – The purists frown on this practice, but it's very common for fellow players to "give you" a shot to speed up play, especially when you're within 1-2 feet of the hole. If you prefer to sink every putt, go right ahead. But if your playing partners are all giving and getting gimmies, consider going along to speed up play. Remember to add that gimmie stroke in your score.
12. If you are keeping score, know your maximum score per hole and put it on your card (and put your ball in your pocket) when you reach it (unless you're playing in a tournament).

If your 18-hole course handicap is 9 or less, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, or 40+ Your maximum score per hole is Double bogey, 7, 8, 9, 10 respectively.
13. If you don't have an official handicap, pick up your ball when you hit 10 strokes – unless the course is practically empty.
14. When your group finishes a hole, move on to the next tee box before you mark your scores.
15. If you have a lot of clubs to put back in your bag and you're riding in a cart, wait until you get to the next tee to do it.



10 GOLDEN RULES OF GOLF

1. Play the ball as it lies.
2. Don't move, bend, or break anything growing or fixed, except in fairly taking your stance or swing. Don't press anything down.
3. You may lift natural objects not fixed or growing, except in a water hazard or bunker. No penalty.
4. You may move man-made objects even in a bunker or water hazard. If they are immovable, you may drop within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole. In a hazard, you must drop in the hazard. No penalty.
5. You may drop away from casual water, ground under repair, burrowing animal holes or casts. On the putting green, place, or in a hazard drop, at the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole; otherwise drop within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole. No penalty. (Okay, so they're not all simple.)
6. In a water hazard or bunker, don't touch the water or ground with your hand or club before the stroke.
7. If you hit your ball into a water hazard and cannot play it, either drop behind the hazard or at the place where you played the shot. One penalty stroke. If you hit into a lateral hazard, you may also drop within two club-lengths of the point where the ball last crossed the hazard margin, or a point equidistant from the hole on the opposite margin. One penalty stroke.
8. When you hit your ball out of bounds or lose it, add a penalty stroke, go back and drop a ball at the place where you played the shot. On the tee, you may tee the ball. If you think you have hit your ball out of bounds or lost it outside a water hazard, play a provisional ball before searching for the first one.
9. When you have an unplayable lie, you may drop a ball at the place where you played the previous shot, adding a penalty stroke. On the tee, you may tee the ball. Alternatively, drop within two club-lengths, no nearer the hole, or any distance behind the unplayable spot, keeping it between you and the hole. If the ball is in a bunker, you must drop in the bunker, under either of the alternative options.
10. On the putting green, you may repair ball marks and old hole plugs on the line of the putt, but not spike marks.

HELPFUL HINTS

1. Communication

Much of the chapter communication is done via email. We have found this is the most cost effective way to communicate with everyone, so it is very important that we have your correct email address. Should your email address change, please notify EWGA Headquarters (www.ewga.com; in the Members Only section.)

You will receive two types of communications from the Chapter ... newsletters, emailed quarterly, and Evites, emailed as invitations to our events. EWGA Headquarters also emails a newsletter, the PAR-TEE Line, and periodically will email surveys for the membership to participate in.

Please make sure you put communications@ewgacharlotte.org and member@ewga.com in your address books.

2. How do I sign up for events?

The EWGA Charlotte Chapter uses Evite for most events. Evites are generally sent out 2 – 3 weeks prior to the event. Critical information about the event is included on the Evite ... time, place, cost, directions, registration deadline. It is important to RSVP for the event, even if you are not going to attend. Generally, RSVP's are due 7 days prior to an event.

You may also register for an event using the Events Calendar on the EWGA Charlotte website, www.ewgacharlotte.org. Click on the event you are interested in signing up for and click on register. This will take you to the evite.

For those members interested in weekly play, please email the appropriate email address secretary@ewgacharlotte.org for weekly play at Regent Park by the Friday prior, Birkdaleweeklyplay@ewgacharlotte.org for weekly play at Birkdale by the Sunday prior and rockyriverweeklyplay@ewgacharlotte.org for weekly play at Rocky River by the Monday prior.

Signing up is a commitment to attend the event (and pay the cost) except in the case of extreme weather. Please be courteous and avoid no-shows and cancellations, as we want to maintain our club's good reputation with the golf courses we play at.

After signing up, you will **not** get a call back or an email back – just come! In the case of extreme weather, please contact the golf course. If you encounter last minute changes (either you can't come, or you can), try to call the course directly.

3. How do I get an EWGA Charlotte member directory?

You can download a member directory from the Members Only website sponsored by EWGA Headquarters.

Go to www.ewga.com, and login to the Members Only site using your member ID. Click on Membership Reports (left side) then Chapter Rosters (middle) then Chapter Membership Directory (middle). After the report is generated, you can print it. This directory will have the most up to date membership information that is available.

Use the directory to find members who live near you, work in your field, etc. to play golf with. The year each member joined EWGA Charlotte is also in the directory, so you can find other new or tenured members. EWGA is a networking organization, but please do not use the membership list routinely for marketing purposes.

4. What's a handicap and why should I care?

The USGA Handicap System™ enables golfers of all skill levels to compete on an equitable basis.

Once you start a handicap, you must follow the rules of golf (see #5 below) and enter all your scores, good and bad. Your handicap index is used to compute your local handicap on a given course.

To be official, a handicap must be maintained in a USGA system – fortunately, your membership provides the Golf Life Management System (GLMS). Some events require a card dated within 30 days of the event. For more information about handicaps, and if you have problems getting signed up through GLMS, please contact our handicap chairperson at handicaps@ewgacharlotte.org

You don't need a handicap to play most events, but you do need one to *compete* in the EWGA Championships and the Weekend Tour Finale (however you can *play* in these events without a handicap). Some of EWGA Charlotte events use a "flighted" format which means that individuals are matched up according to their handicap. For example, people with handicaps less than 10 play together, handicaps between 10 and 20 play together, etc. And for other events, we match people up with differing handicaps (e.g. beginner with an experienced player) depending on the event.

If you don't have an established official handicap you can still participate in events that use the Flighted format. You will be asked for a typical score for 18 holes and a handicap will be assigned based on that.

5. Do I have to know all the Rules of Golf?

As a new golfer, unless you want to start out playing in tournaments or a competitive league right away, it's not necessary to master all of the rules of golf. (Any time you turn in a score card for handicap or tournament purposes it is assumed you played by the rules.) But you need to get a handle on the main ones. A complete book on the Rules of Golf can be purchased at any sporting goods store for a few dollars, or you can find them in detail at the USGA website (www.usga.org).

VOLUNTEERING

Our chapter is run by volunteers. Levels of involvement range from one-time events, to on-going involvement; spanning time commitments of as little as one hour to much more. Each Fall, we have a volunteer appreciation party to express our thanks to our volunteers. We couldn't run this chapter without them!

Benefits of Volunteering

Volunteering provides you with many opportunities to:

1. Try a new and challenging position
2. Make new and lasting friendships through time in a working committed relationship and expand your business contacts
3. Have an impact on an organization
4. Add to your resume by demonstrating interest in the community and your individual abilities
5. Share your skills and knowledge
6. Be a part of a high performing team
7. Explore a possible career
8. Do something different than your job
9. Help a friend
10. Get to know the community



If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the board member for the committee you wish to join or complete the Volunteer Interest Form, at the end of this document, and return it to the Leadership Chair.

What Charlotte Chapter Members Have To Say About EWGA

"I strongly believe in women using golf in business and believe the EWGA is a great avenue for getting women comfortable with the game. It provides great networking opportunities and is a wonderful resource for women who want to play with other women and just have fun."

Chaytor Chandler, EWGA Charlotte Founding Member in 1994

"When I first moved to Charlotte, I didn't know a soul. But I had belonged to an EWGA chapter in my previous home, so when my renewal came up, I decided to give the Charlotte chapter a try. It was one of the best decisions of my new life here! I quickly got into the swing of things, playing as often as I could, and meeting so many women from so many different careers and backgrounds. I have always enjoyed playing with this group of women, who are fun and funny, caring and sincere; and they always forgive any wayward shot I might make! Now, whenever I want to play a round of golf and there isn't an event on the EWGA schedule, I know that I can call any of dozens of women to play with me. And more than that, I feel that I have made some very good friends, who have made me feel so at home in this new home of mine."

Sara Harrison, Self-Employed, Sports Television Director
Member since 1994 (Charlotte member since 1997)

"Being a part of EWGA has allowed me to meet women golfers who are as enthusiastic about the game as I am! Now, as the Vice President, I feel a deeper responsibility to the organization, and I feel great about getting more involved in all of the events."

Mindy Blitzer, EWGA Member since 2002

"This is a great way to meet people and play our favorite game both for fun and competitively."

Elizabeth Moakler, EWGA Member since 2003

"This organization is a great way for women to learn the game of golf and to meet other professional women in the Charlotte area."

Diane Denton, EWGA Member since 2000

"EWGA was my saving grace when I moved here to Charlotte 11 years ago. I did not know a soul when I moved here and when I saw EWGA advertised in a golf paper I joined so I could play some golf and meet people. Eleven years later I have many good friends, and have enjoyed the camaraderie."

Cathy Barry, EWGA Member since 1997

"EWGA means the ability to relieve the compulsion, the addiction, the obsession that is golf and to share that ecstasy with the fabulous women I've met who share the passion."

Basia Watts, EWGA Member since 2001

"I have fun all season long while having the opportunity to network with other women regardless of skill level. I find it a life challenge to test myself while maintaining my composure on the course, I make friends whilst trying to master the game."

Sylvie Thory, EWGA Member since 2000

OTHER RESOURCES

Check out these helpful websites for additional information on etiquette, rules, equipment, golf courses around Charlotte, coupons, and tons of other helpful information.

<http://www.clickitgolf.com>

<http://www.charlottegolfing.com>

<http://www.learnaboutgolf.com>

<http://www.1st-for-golf.com>

<http://www.golftechnique.net>

<http://www.usga.org>

<http://www.golf.com>

<http://golf.about.com>



2009 EWGA CHARLOTTE VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE INFORMATION

We all know that EWGA is an outstanding organization. But it can become even better with the help of the successful, bright and enthusiastic women who make up our membership. Become a volunteer! You will have the opportunity to develop new skills or hone existing ones. It's a great way to make new friends and business contacts! Contact Sara Harrison, Leadership Chair, at leadership@ewgacharlotte.org

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Darla Huff, Chair: membership@ewgacharlotte.org

The Membership Committee is a great way to meet everyone in the Chapter! Assist with recruitment of new members and retention of existing members; greet new members at events, help plan and implement ongoing membership welcome and orientation programs.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – Wanda Woodley, Chair: communications@ewgacharlotte.org

The Communications Committee is a great way to be in the know! They create and publish Chapter newsletters, assist in the development and maintenance of the website and have the opportunity to work with the media.

EVENTS COMMITTEE – Rosemary Booth, Chair: events@ewgacharlotte.org

Do you enjoy planning/running successful events? Never planned an event, but would like to? This team plans and implements events and organized play opportunities for players of all skill levels.

LEAGUES COMMITTEE – Melonie Brown, Chair: weekendtour@ewgacharlotte.org

One of the most popular forms of organized play is league play. Be a part of the team that plans and delivers this popular offering that goes a long way towards member satisfaction.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE – Megan Everett, Chair: sponsorship@ewgacharlotte.org

Are you a great fundraiser? Can you make the call to the decision-maker? If you said "yes" then the sponsorship committee is your new home! Help develop Chapter partnerships, secure sponsorship dollars and in-kind donations for Chapter operations.

SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE – Maryalice Prescott, Chair: socialevents@ewgacharlotte.org

Are you a people person or a natural at networking? This is a great way to get to know the members of the Association by promoting fellowship and business networking. This committee plans an array of non-golf activities to meet members' needs.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Mary Cossor, Chair: education@ewgacharlotte.org

Know a lot about golf? Or, do you want to learn more about the rules of golf? Join the education committee and assist with coordinating golf education opportunities for players of all skill levels.

HANDICAP COMMITTEE – Betty Reynolds, Chair: handicaps@ewgacharlotte.org

Be a part of the effort to help other golfers obtain and maintain a handicap. The Handicap Committee educates members on the need for handicaps, assists members in establishing and maintaining a handicap and provides assistance with EWGA's Golf Life Management System.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE – Sara Harrison, Chair: leadership@ewgacharlotte.org

The Leadership Committee helps link people's natural gifts and talents to the needs of the Chapter. They work to continually develop Chapter leaders by assisting Committee Chairs with finding committee volunteers and grooming them for a future leadership role on the Board.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

We have several ad hoc committees for special events, such as our annual kickoff party, chapter championship, invitational tournament and our annual charity golf event. These committees plan these events, and are a great way to get to know many chapter members and chapter supporters.

Chapter Volunteer Interest Form



YES! I want to get involved! I have indicated below areas which I would be interested in lending a helping hand:

Your Name _____
 Occupation _____ Employer _____
 Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
 Email Address _____ Golf Experience _____

Best time/way to reach you? _____ Daytime _____ Evening _____ Via email at above address

Please check the one that best describes you: Do you prefer to work?

_____ Independently _____ With 2-3 other people _____ On a committee or task force _____ No preference
 _____ In an ongoing leadership role _____ At an event / one time basis _____ On a short-term project

Skills that I have and would like to share mark with a S. Skills I would like to learn mark with a L. (Pls check all that apply)

_____ Accounting/Finance _____ Sales/Marketing _____ Organization of Golf Events _____ Writing/Editing
 _____ Events/Meeting Planning _____ Media Relations _____ Fundraising _____ Leadership Development
 _____ Golf Knowledge - Rules/handicaps _____ Interacting with People/Networking _____ Other: _____

I have computer skills in the following areas: _____ Word Processing _____ Desktop Publishing _____ Excel
 _____ Other Data Bases _____ Designing Web Sites _____ Other: _____

Please indicate "X" the areas for which you would be interested in volunteering:

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<p>Education & Player Dev</p>	<p>Know a lot about golf? Or, do you want to learn more about the rules of golf? Join the education committee and assist with coordinating golf education opportunities for players of all skill levels.</p> <p>I would be willing to: _____ Be a Committee Member</p>
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<p>Leadership</p>	<p><i>Do you like to make a difference and assist in the future leadership growth of your Chapter? The Leadership Committee helps links people's natural gifts and talents to the needs of the Chapter. They work to continually develop Chapter leaders by assisting Committee Chairs with finding committee volunteers and grooming them for a future leadership role on the Board, a necessary step that will take the Chapter far into the future!</i></p> <p>I would be willing to: _____ Be a Committee Member</p>
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Please return completed form to: Sara Harrison, Chair, Leadership Committee

Method(s) of Submission: via scan/email: leadership@ewgacharlotte.org