



**Charlotte
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EWGA Charlotte Chapter Sponsors



EWGA Charlotte Board of Directors

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Member Recognition

Outgoing Board Members

The current EWGA Charlotte Board would like to thank Elizabeth Moakler, Wanda Woodley and BJ Reynolds for their hard work and time of service on the board.

Teresa Davis – profile in generosity

We want to recognize Teresa Davis, EWGA member since 2007, for her generosity and selflessness. In 2001, during a blood drive, Teresa signed up for the donor marrow program (National Donor Marrow Program – NDMP). She recently received her first call from the NDMP for the bone marrow “harvest”. In preparation, Teresa met with her donor advocate advisor, completed a series of blood tests and she received a full physical. She was told that the recipient will be a 4 year old girl with leukemia. She had the procedure done on October 15 at Duke University hospital and then recovered in Atlanta, GA around friends and family.

Teresa says, “I encourage everyone to sign up on the registry. There is a special need for African American donors because there are many patients on the recipient list from racially or ethnically diverse communities who have a difficult time finding a match.”

Thousands of patients hope for a bone marrow donor who can make their life-saving transplant possible. They depend on people like Teresa – and all of us. Teresa, thank you for being such an inspiration!

New Chapter Members

Tammy Troyer		
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Farewell from your 2008-2009 Handicaps Chair

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as the Charlotte chapter Handicap Chair for 2008 and 2009. During that time numerous members have gone from not having a handicap to establishing one, and improving their handicap. The statistics have been strong – but not of my doing. The growth and improvement are because of the dedication and love for the game you demonstrate. Keep working on your game, learn the rules and play by them – you and your game will be better for it! Good luck to each of you and as always – hit ‘em straight and long!

My successor, Tammy Lehman, will be able to assist with GLMS questions as well as the how and why to establish a handicap. She can be contacted through email at [**handicaps@ewgacharlotte.org**](mailto:handicaps@ewgacharlotte.org).

-BJ Reynolds

Upcoming Events



Planning your schedule?

Don't forget to check out the EWGA Charlotte website – <http://www.ewgacharlotte.org>

All of the chapter events are posted to the events calendar. Just click on the "Events" link on the menu.

To see the event details from the calendar, click on the event name. You may need to disable your popup blocker to see the information.

Social

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Sign up by</u>
11/23	Monday Nite All-Stars at Double Door	9:30PM		11/22
12/17	Holiday Party - Villa Antonio on South Boulevard	Evening		12/10

18 Hole Leagues

Sunday

Regent Park (Fort Mill, SC) - \$39. Signup by 5 PM each Thursday by emailing Linda Letourneau at vicepresident@ewgacharlotte.org.

Tuesday

Tee times: The plan is for tee times between 10:00 am and 10:30 am
Location(s): Various Charlotte area courses
Linda Fabel and Kathy Fraser are serving as co-contacts for the group. Email tuesdayplay@ewgacharlotte.org for questions or to sign up.

DATE CHANGE: 2010 Dixie Cup Challenge

The date for the 2010 Dixie Cup Challenge (10th Anniversary) has been changed to June 11-13, 2010. Location remains at the fabulous Lake Lure resort where you can enjoy not only golf but get a facial, massage – or the whole spa package. You can also enjoy the "lazy river" or take an evening boat ride on beautiful Lake Lure. UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR and we hope to see you there!

EWGA Golfpalooza

The EWGA Golfpalooza (formerly known as the EWGA Conference) is one of the most anticipated events of the year, bringing together women from across the Association with the common goal of playing golf and lots of it, having fun, forging friendships, and gaining personally and professionally while having fun. This event will be held April 7-10, 2010. Go to <http://www.ewga.com> to learn more.

GET INVOLVED – STAY INVOLVED!

Join in! Meet more people! Make a difference!

That's our goal for 2010, and only YOU can help us achieve it! How do you want to get involved? Do you want to organize a social event, like a happy hour, a shopping social or a bowling night?

Do you want to help run one of our wonderful "all-chapter" events, either with the planning and coordination, or simply on the day of the event?

Do you have strong computer skills that you can put to use in helping with our electronic newsletter or other communications functions?

Are you a great "schmooser" and want to help with our Sponsorship committee by soliciting new sponsors?

Whatever you want to do, however you want to participate, we need your help!

If you volunteered at any level in 2009, you know how much we appreciate your efforts – every volunteer received a very generous gift of appreciation from EWGA-Charlotte at our recent Volunteer Appreciation Party. All volunteers were also entered into a raffle drawing, with tickets allotted based on their level of involvement, and more than a dozen prizes were awarded.

So make room on your calendar next year to volunteer! Our Sponsorship, Communications, Membership, and Events committees have the greatest needs. Please contact Sara Harrison, Leadership Chair, at leadership@ewgacharlotte.org to get your name on the list and to put yourself in the running for some great end-of-year prizes and gifts!

-Sara Harrison, Leadership Chair



How to Keep EWGA Communications Out of Your Spam Filter

Use your personal email address for EWGA communications where possible. Corporate email filters may sometimes block EWGA emails or route them to the spam folder. To prevent email from being rejected, please add communications@ewgacharlotte.org and member@myewga.com to your safe sender list.

Rookie Experiences EWGA Competition

In March of 2008, I dusted off the golf clubs after a 13 year hiatus. With 14 year old clubs and a desire to improve (or actually start) my game I joined the Charlotte EWGA chapter. Diana Meredith, a networking acquaintance of mine, talked me into playing one Wednesday evening at Rocky River. Lo and behold (I found out after

the fact) I was paired with Judy Hillhouse, so the girl that had not picked up a club in 14 years was playing with the woman that had the lowest handicap. Yikes!!

Judy did not mind. She was helpful on the course, helpful with walking me through setting up my handicap and attesting my first dismal score! After the great company on the course, at dinner afterwards and many social and golf outings afterwards, my new found golf friends encouraged me to sign up for the Chapter Championship in June of 2009.

Wanda Woodley, Ms. Encouragement, said, "of all people, you should compete." My Type A personality took over and away we went. Of course, before the actual day of the local Chapter Championship I was my usual self, questioning why I was doing this, that I was going to embarrass myself and it would be all for naught!

During the practice round at Olde Sycamore, I played with a woman from Greenville, SC competing in the 2nd flight and I beat her (net that is!) I thought to myself. I CAN do this! The day of the local Chapter Championship, I was there HOURS early which is completely out of character for me. I made myself as nervous as I could be and when we finally started I was an internal mess. On one of the par 3's I got a 10 and thought I was sunk but believe it or not I won low gross. No WAY was I going to go to Regionals!



5 hour drive up, dropped of Darla's dog and to the course we went in Kingsmill, VA. We met up with a Raleigh Chapter friend and off we went to the practice round. I shot a 112, and again thought to myself I might actually be able to do this! After a good meal and a restless night's sleep, my roomie and I got to the course.

Guess what, none of the staff could find my SHOES that they guaranteed they would clean and keep safe in the cart barn! What the heck am I going to do without golf shoes? Who would think I needed to bring a spare pair? I cannot even keep extra socks in my bag let alone an extra pair of shoes! After 30 minutes of frantic hunting, they were hanging on Cathy Crump's bag. I threw them on and to the first tee we went. I shot a 5 on the first tee and it was downhill from there. I shot a 68 on the front 9, with a fiasco hole of 14 and the next a 10, I was so embarrassed I was almost in tears.

I thought to myself - I am going to have to withdraw at the turn and write a formal letter of apology to our Chapter as a whole, and personal letters of apology to Judy Hillhouse, and BJ Reynolds. I calmed down, continued to play the back 9, had the philosophy of *okay I am out of it* and shot a 50 on the back 9 with a lucky bounce off the railroad ties on #9 (bounced toward the green versus into the water!)

That being said, I came in 2nd low gross, took home a trophy and thought that was the end of the ride for me! Oh, no, not so fast! The lady from Hampton Roads, VA that won low gross in the 4th flight was unable to travel to Nationals, so I was asked if I could attend! Of course, the Real Estate world is slow, so why not take time off work, spend money and get to play golf in Florida. You only live once!!

August came and went and the 3rd week in September rolled around. I hopped in the car, drove 10 hours to WPB and prepared myself to play 4 rounds of golf (2 practice and 2 competitive) and have fun, win or lose. Unlike the local and the regional competitive events, the National Championship was a little more nerve racking.

Instead of competing against 5 or 6 other ladies in the 4th flight, I was now competing against 24 ladies and had improved my handicap to become one of the lowest handicaps in the flights (does not sit well for net scores)!

With torrential rains, 90 plus temps, trying to keep track of myself, my caddy and my fellow competitors, I signed my score card as a 111 versus a 110 (110 was correct but signed, sealed and walked away from the scoring table it officially became a 111. (Nothing like learning a rule the HARD WAY!) Thank goodness that mistake did not cost me my eligibility for the next day but sure put a damper on the day even though I was tied for 4th at the end of the day.

The next day came and went (scored a 118) and finished 7th out of a pack of 24! Not too shabby for a Rookie, but darn I wanted that plate! Oh, well, if at first you don't succeed, try, try again!

A great time was had by all! I met some great ladies from all over the nation as well as Canada. We ate, drank, rejoiced and had a few tears along the way, but overall I encourage each and every one of you, no matter what level of play you are in, to try your hand at competitive play to learn the intricacies of golf in and of itself, learn about your abilities and limitations and overall integrity! Watch out Wisconsin, here comes the CHARLOTTE Chapter! See you all next year!

-Amy Rawson

2009 – Year in Review

We are wrapping up the 2009 'EWGA' golf year...and thought it would be a good time to take a look back on the fun (and games!) that we had...

November 2008 – Our EWGA year starts in November. Our first item of business was to induct the new board members (elected members: Judy Hillhouse as President, Linda Letourneau as Vice President, Rivia Brown as Secretary). We also had a great volunteer party – Margaret Green and Lorraine Bonura opened their home up to us and we really enjoyed the great views of Lake Wylie after 9 holes at Tega Cay Golf Course. There were also quite a few clinics offered on Saturdays in November to help those who wanted to work on their game over the winter. The Tuesday weekday group (coordinated by Linda Fabel and Kathy Fraser) continued playing whenever possible.

December 2008 – The board set up the master calendar (major planning session for many of the 2009 events). We had a couple more clinics offered, and our last

social of 2008 was a rousing success at Sullivan's Steakhouse. The Tuesday weekday group continued playing whenever possible.

January 2009 - The Tuesday weekday group had a short break over the holidays, but continued play when possible later in January. A clinic was offered for those who didn't let the weather impede their plans to improve. We did have a casual golf outing in late January - it was VERY chilly, but we were hardy and finished all 18 holes. The board was working on plans for the kickoff party and to nail down more venues for events.

February 2009 - Even though the weather was chilly, we still had the Tuesday weekday play group scheduling their rounds. We had a couple of clinics offered again, and we had another casual outing planned, but we had to cancel due to bad weather.

March 2009 - Our kickoff event was held in mid-March at Emerald Lake Golf Course. We had a huge response to the 'tee party' - but our attempts to play golf after the brunch was rained out. Everyone enjoyed listening to Dana Rader and we had several new members join on that day. We had a few clinics and a couple of socials during the month, and the Tuesday weekday group got in a couple of rounds.



Elizabeth Moakler and Dana Rader

April 2009 - We started off April with our first All-Chapter event called the Season Opener, which is a scramble (captains' choice) event at Waterford. We had a new member orientation (welcome to those who are new). We started our Weekend Tour program (weekend stroke play) as well as weeknight play on Wednesday's at Rocky River.

May 2009 - May was a busy month; we had clinics, Weekend Tour, weeknight leagues (Monday at Regent Park run by Wanda Woodley, Tuesday at Birkdale run by Cathy Crump and Wednesday at Rocky River run by Melonie Brown) as well as Tuesday weekday play. Our second All-Chapter event, New Member/New Golfer at Charlotte Golf Links was coordinated by Elizabeth Moakler. This was a fun event - ideal for newer golfers or high handicappers...good competition in a team environment. The Piedmont Chapter invited us to an event at Grandover Resort - a tough course, but great company! We also were invited to join the Raleigh Chapter for the annual Memorial Day weekend trip to Sea Trail (Sunset Beach, NC). If you want to plan a get-away weekend with the girls - this is a fun event. It is recommended for those who have the stamina to play 18 holes 3 days in a row...contact Judy Hillhouse if you are interested in the 2010 trip.

June 2009 - Ah, finally it is summer time! We planned and played a lot of golf. We had our annual competition with the 'Heart of the South (HOTS)' at the Dixie Cup. This year we played at Rumbling Bald resort in Lake Lure coordinated by Sharon Setzer. The Carolinas (our 'section') retained the cup! This is a great event - it is mostly 2 person match-play competition. If you



want to try it in 2010 – keep your eye on the website...it fills up fast. Our biggest event of the month was the Chapter Championship at Olde Sycamore Golf course run by Tammy Lehman. We had quite a few participants, in stroke and scramble play...and it was SWELTERING! Oh how we'll wish for a warm day in a few months.

July 2009 – We continued Weekend Tour, weekday and weeknight leagues. Our third All-Chapter event was the Invitational coordinated by Diane Denton. This event is a 2 person Ryder-cup type event (6 holes best ball, 6 holes scramble, 6 holes alternate shot). We had a full field at Highland Creek. If you only can play a couple of events a year, you should plan to make this one of them. We have ladies from all over the area and different EWGA chapters also attend. In the final days of July, those lucky enough to win at the Chapter Championship made the trip to Williamsburg to play in the Semi-Finals at Kingsmill Resort.

August 2009 – We had our fourth All-Chapter event at Tradition Golf Course, the Member/Guest coordinated by Rosemary Booth. We had a smaller group than we'd hoped for, but all of the fun. We even had one male 'guest'. Next year, look for this event to be called 'Fun with Friends and Family' – we really want to encourage everyone to come, whether you have a guest or not. We also continued our Weekend Tour, weekday and weeknight leagues. A couple of clinics were also offered.



September 2009 – How could it be fall already? But it is still beautiful in Charlotte to play golf. We finally got a SWING play event (Skillful Women Inspiring New Golfers) coordinated by Mary Cossor – and we had a great turnout. We will really try to have more of these events next year. Our weeknight leagues wrapped up – darkness just comes too early by the end of the month. We also had a couple of weekend tour events and clinics. Charlotte Chapter had three ladies go to the EWGA Finals competition in Port St. Lucie Florida at the PGA Golf Club. While the results were not what we hoped and prayed for, we are proud that Judy Hillhouse, Darla Huff and Amy Rawson did their best and represented us well.

Hopefully 2010 finals will have a Charlotte member in each of the 6 categories! Look out Lake Geneva, Wisconsin – here we come.

See Amy Rawson's article in this issue for her story on this adventure.

October 2009 – Elections are complete and the board is getting ready to transition to some new members. Darla Huff will become treasurer (replacing Tammy Lehman). Our final All-Chapter event was the Rally for the Cure coordinated by Linda Elliott. We had about half of the field we had hoped for, but the day turned out fabulous and we raised money for a great cause. Our Weekend Tour finale was held – and honors were bestowed on those who improved and impressed. Kudos to Teresa Davis, determined to be the overall Low Net winner of the Weekend Tour league.

And so our planning for 2010 begins, and the board hopes that if you have any comments, suggestions, or questions that you don't hesitate to let us know!