



# Fairway Divots

**JULY/AUGUST 2010**

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Dear Members,

The season is drawing to a close all too fast. Some of us will be playing well into the dusk of fall, making up rainouts from an exceptionally stormy summer. You may be aware that the Board conducted a mid-season audit of GAM postings to ensure that all members are uniformly following the posting rules of the Club and the USGA. This handicapping process assures that all members will have a fair chance of competing for end of season awards and participation in the Club Championship. I am impressed that most members are posting their scores within the 72-hour requirement. The electronic posting requirement is no different than when scores were posted on paper immediately following the round and then sent to GAM by snail mail. As you know, failure to post HVWGC League scores within 72 hours of play, results in the loss of individual and team points. The Board will once again conduct an end of season audit for the same purpose. So golfers, make a habit of posting your scores as soon as possible after you play. League chairs and Board members are always willing to help with this task. Please don't hesitate to ask.

Some of you may wonder why the Board is spending energy on this task. As a USGA affiliated Club, it is our responsibility to monitor the proper indexing of Club member scores. This quote taken from the USGA handicap manual may be helpful in clarifying the importance of the indexing process.

*“Handicap indexes reflect a player's potential ability. Although we might like to regulate which scores are used to determine an index, the only valid reflection of a player's potential comes from the posting of all scores. According to the USGA Handicap System, acceptable rounds for posting include those of 13 or more holes, consecutive nine-hole rounds, scores away from a home club, those from match play and other forms of competition, and rounds played using preferred lies. “*

On behalf of the Board, I'd like to acknowledge the hard work done by our volunteer League Chairs. They are the pillars that support the week-to-week league business and carry out the responsibilities as assigned to them by the organization, such as the monitoring of postings, assigning points, preparing score cards and setting up

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Sunday**

**September 12**

Bring a Friend at  
Links at Whitmore Lake  
[See website for details](#)

**Sunday**

**September 19<sup>th</sup>**

Club Championship  
Braeburn Golf Course  
Plymouth, MI

**Tuesday**

**October 5<sup>th</sup>**

HVWGC Banquet at  
Fox Hills  
[See website for details](#)

## From the President's Desk – continued'

the special events. The work they do off-course, allows us to show up to the course with nothing to worry about except our own game and having fun with friends.

The Board is very interested in supporting our friends on the Learning and Intermediate Leagues as you graduate to the next level of league play. We are working on a sign-up system that will give you every advantage of finding a league that would be a good match for your continued membership. As part of the transition support, 20 members enjoyed the first annual "Pro-Am" scramble on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The event brought novice and experienced golfers together for a day of meeting and mentoring with members from across all leagues. The day was a big success. We are all looking forward to a second annual event.

Next year Huron Valley Women's Golf Club will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I would like to invite anyone who is interested in joining a "Commemorative Committee" to honor HVWGC, to contact any Board member or send a message via the HVWGC website. We look forward to celebrating our history and launching our next 20 years in grand style. Be sure to mark your calendars for *all* of the upcoming special events that are planned and detailed in this newsletter. Hope to see you there.

*JoLynn DeBuysscher  
President, HVWGC*

## THE IMPORTANCE OF POSTING

### GAM Posting

As stated in the League Format section of the HVWGC Membership Handbook: *All league members and subs MUST post league play scores on the GAM web site ([www.gam.org](http://www.gam.org)) within 72 hours of league play. If a player does not post her score for league play within 72 hours, the player loses her individual points won as well as the team point.*

Your board members are working with your league chairs to improve enforcement of this requirement consistently across the club. DON'T SACRIFICE YOUR HARD EARNED POINTS, ALWAYS POST YOUR SCORES.

### Updating your Profile Information in GAM

Please check your profile information on the GAM website and update if necessary. To reach the profile page, click on PROFILE in the green menu bar once you log into GAM.

## **The Importance of Posting - Continued**

Select [\[edit\]](#) then change any of the information on the page including your mailing address, email address, phone number and password.

## **Programming Favorite Tees in GAM**

To simplify the process of selecting the tees (front or back) for your league course when posting your weekly scores, you can add your course tees to your FAVORITE TEES.

To do this:

1. Select FAVORITE TEES from the VIEW HANDICAP/POST SCORE screen.
2. Click on ADD A FAVORITE TEE.
3. Enter the course name in PART OF NAME and click on SEARCH.
4. Click on [Select](#) next to course name when found.
5. Click on [Select](#) next to desired tee (red tee front, red tee back).

To add another tee, repeat the above steps.

When posting your scores, click FAVORITE TEES and then click on [Select](#) for the appropriate tees played.

## **Multi club players**

Please inform your league chair and the HVWGC Handicap chair if you have a second GAM membership through another golf club or golfing association. Your GAM memberships will need to be linked to ensure that your handicap index is accurate.

In addition, please make sure that HVWGC has been selected as your home course when posting your HVWGC league scores. To do this, use the drop down list to select the HVWGC after logging into GAM. If you don't have this option, then go to the PROFILE page and make sure HVWGC is the default club when posting league scores.

## **Gail O'Brien, Handicap Chair**

# **MID SEASON LEAGUE UPDATES**

## **PINE VIEW CALDWELL'S**

The Caldwell league has gone through some changes and challenges this year. We started the first two weeks one team with a "blind partner". The third week **Karen Oberdorf** joined the league to round off the team. Just when we thought golf was a challenge-getting to golf become a bigger challenge with construction of a "roundabout" closing off Whittaker & Stony Creek roads. But nothing seems to get in the way of golf for our 1<sup>st</sup> place team

## **Pine View Caldwells – continued**

**Linda Kilgour & Rosie Cook**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team **Carol Grimmette & Diane Geherin** or 3<sup>rd</sup> place team **Sue Bolhouse & Marina Grimston**. Finding their way around construction and the greens: Individual 1<sup>st</sup> place **Sue Hendricks**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Brianna Lara** and 3<sup>rd</sup> **Linda Kilgour**. Low putt night was won by a sub-**Gwen Plaunt** with just 14 putts (nice going). Closest to the pin was won by **Nancy Soulby** on hole #12 (no surprise because she had a hole-in-one a few years ago on the league). We have had birdies shot by **Diane Geherin**, **Karen McConnell** and **Linda Kilgour**. Fun stats: low net: 31 **Brianna Lara & Linda Kilgour**; low gross: 41 **Linda Kilgour**; low team net: 65 **Linda Kilgour & Rosie Cook**; low team gross: 85 **Linda Kilgour & Rosie Cook**. We have only had one rain out so far this year and even better news: the construction barrels were removed and the “roundabout” is now open. Now we are back to the challenge of golf in a “roundabout way”.

## **Sue Hendricks, League Chair**

## **PINE VIEW LEARNING LEAGUE**

The Learning League has been off to a very wet start. We were rained out of two lessons which delayed our start of play. But we finally got onto the course with our mentors for our first round of golf. We'd like to thank **Diane Geherin**, **Bev Melancon**, **Barb Bleyaert**, **Sheri Affolder**, **Gail O'Brien**, and **Nancy Soulby** for coming out and helping us navigate our first game. The mosquitoes were swarming, the fairways were hot, and the moon was starting to rise as we finished but we all had a good time and look forward to the season.

This year, the Learning League will play a ProAm Best Ball Tournament at Pine View with some of the HWWGC "pros". Since we are a learning league, we aren't able to participate in many tournament-types of play so this will be something new and different for our league. We have 24 Learning League members this year which gives a great variety in skill and level of play. Rather than making this a challenge, we try to stress individual goals and growth.

## **Alice Calder, League Chair**

## **STONEBRIDGE**

The Stonebridge league expanded this season to 22 players. **Nancy Shiffler & Kelly Wright** have returned after being absent in 2009 due to Nancy's knee surgery, and Kelly playing at Whitmore Lake due to child/school transporting issues. **Wilma Gold-Jones** came over from the Eagle Crest league to play as **Rachel Bender's** partner. Also adding to our group this season, are two new members to the HWWGC and the Stonebridge league, **Leah Acus** and **Jennifer Borton**. They partnered up and have been a pleasant team to play with. As I sit here on my deck on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, preparing the scorecards for Week #10 and writing this article— thinking about heading into my air-conditioned home to avoid the oppressive heat and high humidity—I think about how different the temps were on our first night of golf

## Stonebridge - Continued

back on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The temp was 50 and it was cold, windy and wet after an earlier rain. I remember cracking up at my ever-slender partner, **Emma Longo** being literally blown off balance on the tee box—her windbreaker acting like a sail! Unlike years past, this season we've been able to dodge the weather. We've had some near misses, and have had to play on a soggy course occasionally, but we've have not had a rainout to date. I hope I'm not going to jinx us by writing that!

A few of us (**Rachel Bender, Elizabeth Telfer, Leigh Thurston** and **I**) have battled each week for low gross, but our **Individual Low Gross** was set by **Elizabeth Telfer** during week #6 when she shot a 41. It has been difficult to contend in the **Individual Low-Net category** as **Leah Acus** shot a 28 net on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and that will be hard to beat. Since week #6, the team of **Linda Barthel & Elizabeth Telfer** hold the honor of **Low Team Gross** with 87, and they also come in lowest in the **Low Team Net** category with a 66—both were earned on May 21<sup>st</sup>, a warm, pleasant night for golf!

Going into our first **Individual Position** night on June 9<sup>th</sup>, **Robin Baun** was in first place, followed by **Elizabeth Telfer, Linda Barthel** and **Emma Longo**. But at night's end, **Elizabeth Telfer** came out on top. Currently she is first place with 16.5 points and her partner, **Linda Barthel** secured second place, also with 16.5 points. **Linda & Elizabeth** went into **Team Position** night leading the pack with 29 points, only a half point in front of **Robin Baun & Mary King**. But **Linda & Elizabeth** took the points on Team Position night and have the lead going into the second half of the season with 34.0 points. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place, my partner, **Emma Longo** and **I** have them in our sights though, holding 3 points back, but **Robin** and **Mary** are in third right on our heels! To this point, we've only had two league specials: **Nancy Ribits** earned **Low Putts** (13) on the front nine on 5/05/09, and **Wilma Gold-Jones** won **Closest-To-The-Pin** on #12 on 5/26/09. Stonebridge has many individuals and teams jockeying for position with the point spread pretty tight, so the remaining 9 weeks will make for an exciting finish. Stay tuned.

**Gerry Holmes, League Chair**

## EAGLE CREST GREENS

**Cindy Hill, Gail O'Brien, and Darlene Slaughter** are currently in 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place. **Cindy Hill and Kirsty Hoboian, Gail O'Brien and Darlene Slaughter, and Jackie Wireman and Kathy Martiny** are the Teams in 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Contests were won by **JoLynn DeBuysscher** for Low Putts, **Gail O'Brien** for Closest to the Pin, **Gail O'Brien and Darlene Slaughter** for Team Low Net, and **Kirsty Haboian** for Individual Low Net. Thank you goes to **Linda Cregan** who again volunteered to coordinate Rally for the Cure not only for our league, with a good turnout, but for the entire club as well. Rain and heat have made their appearance many Thursday nights, we have been rained out 3 times and will officially finish league play on September 2. Staff at Eagle Crest suggested we return on Thursday September 9 to play our third rain out date so this we plan to do and hopefully won't need flashlights and glow balls in addition to umbrellas. Overall it's been a good summer and a truly great group of women to play golf with.

Thanks,

**Linda Price and Chris Harris, Co-League Chairs**

## CATTAILS

Without a single rainout, we are done for the season. The final results from Cattails for 2010 are:  
Individual Standings - **Janet Keel** 1st place, **Jan Klein** 2nd place and **Nancy Smith** 3rd place

Team Standings - **Janet Keel & Iris Worthington** 1st place, **Jan Klein & Nancy Smith** 2nd place, and  
**Pam Bellmore & Loretta Washington** 3rd place

Special Events - Low Putts - **Janet Keel**, Low Net Individual - **Janet Keel**, Low Net Team - **Janet Keel  
and Iris Worthington** Closest to the Pin - **Sylvia Roldan**

In the infamous Cattails Most Lost Golf balls contest, **Sylvia Roldan** was our winner with 25 lost balls  
for the season.

Here's to sunny days in 2011!

**Nancy Smith, League Chair**

## LINKS AT WHITMORE LAKE—TUESDAY

We started out in the Spring with three rainouts, so our league will be playing until the second week in  
September. It has been such a hot, humid summer that it makes it hard to tolerate being out in the sun  
on the golf course, but we have persevered! Even with Mother Nature not cooperating, we have had a  
good season so far and have enjoyed each others' company.

As of August 3rd, our First Place Team is **Ellen Dyer/April Hutchings**, our Second Place Team is  
**Denise Landis/Kathy Martiny**, and our Third Place Team is **Cathy Apple/Ellen Wetzel**. Individual  
standings are: First Place--**Connie Burke**, Second Place--**Denise Landis**, and Third Place--**Melissa  
Brown**. Congratulations, ladies.

Our Special Events were won by: **Gail O'Brien** (a sub)--Closest to the Pin; **Cathy Apple**--Low Putts;  
**Kathy Martiny/Denise Landis**--Team Low Net. We still have Individual Low Net to play. We have a  
wonderful group of women, and I want to thank each and every one of you. It has been a pleasure  
being your League Chair.

**Donna Kruzich, League Chair**

## LINKS AT WHITMORE LAKE—WEDNESDAY

Although we are only a 10-week league, we have grown over the few years we have been in  
existence. We started out with just four of us and we now total 20 members! It is a great group of  
women and we have a lot of fun golfing together. We had one rainout, and were able to make it up on

## **Links of Whitmore Lake—Wednesday - Continued**

a different day, so we were able to finish on time. August 18th was our last day of play for the season. The weather has been horribly hot and humid, and during the day it has been brutal, but we've hung in there!

Our First Place Team is **Chris Harris/Monica VonGerichten**, our Second Place Team is **Barb O'Donnell and Jackie Wireman** and our Third Place Team is **Linda Price/Ellie Grudzien**.

For Individual Standings: In First Place is **Linda Price** ; Second Place is: **Jackie Wireman** and Third Place is held by **Chris Harris**. For our Special Events, **Judy Allen** won Low Putts, **Jackie Wireman** won Individual Low Net, and **Ellen Dyer/Lori Goss** won Team Low Net. Congratulations, ladies.

We have had a wonderful time this summer, and I want to thank all of you! It has been a pleasure being your League Chair.

**Donna Kruzich, League Chair**

## **LESLIE PARK**

Leslie Park on Monday nights is composed of 24 great women going strong and having fun. (Playing on the No. 1 rated municipal golf course in the country doesn't hurt a bit either). We have final individual position night coming up and as usual, anything can happen. The top 12 players are separated by only 7 pts (Yes, Virginia-handicapping does work)! Since we are a Monday league, we have to contend with holidays and pray for no rain to keep pace with the other night leagues to finish before the snow flies.

2010 Contests: Our **Low putts** event was won by Carolyn Milroy (13). **Closest to the Pin** was won by Debbie Ziolkowski and Carolyn Milroy. **The Team low net** event was won by Sue Rebner/Nancy Silver (60). **Individual Low Net** was won by Lori Goss. On regular golf days we are doing well. Jenn Schleicher shot a cool 40 to be our current low gross score winner (so far) and Joan Sterling and Lois Yardley carry honors for team low gross at 88. Low net honors go to Lois Herline and Lori Goss for a pair of 29s and the team low net is currently held by Gayle Moyer and Lois Herline at 59.

After only one birdie posted since May 24, I complained and on June 14<sup>th</sup> the gals rallied with no less than 5 birdies for the night! Way to go! We now have a total of 14 birdies posted.

Here's to a great finish of the season.

**Marla Smith, Leslie Park Chair**

## **HWGC 7th Annual OPEN**

The 7th Annual OPEN was held at Calderone Farms in Grass Lake on July 31. 26 ladies participated in this event, representing 8 of the 9 regular leagues. The weather gave us a little bit of everything---some sprinkles, a big downpour, heat and just a bit of sun but everyone was prepared with rain gear and play continued on. The course was in great shape with all the rain we have had lately and presented just enough of a challenge.

The winner of the event was **NANCY RIBITS**, a Stonebridge member, with a net of 65. Her driving, chipping and putting must have all been working for her this day because she also won the contest for LONGEST DRIVE and CLOSEST TO THE PIN. The 3rd contest, CLOSEST TO THE LINE was won by **Donna Kruzich**, a Whitmore Lake member, who ended up being 6 feet from the line.

When everyone was done golfing and while waiting for results, everyone socialized on the new patio at Calderone and enjoyed a cookout and beverages. It was wonderful to see Jane Dulworth, a 19 year member and founder of HV, at the event and Kathy Shelton, a long time member and sub, whom we have not seen in a long time. And thanks to everyone else who participated in this event ranging from long time members to those who have only been members of HV for a short time. Participation from lots of members is what makes an event successful. See you next year.

**Sheri Affolder, Event Coordinator**

*Huron Valley Women's Golf Club  
Annual Banquet  
Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center  
October 5, 2010-- 5:00-8:00*

You are invited to join your fellow Club members for an evening of food, beverages, prizes and raffles. League winners will be honored and prizes awarded.

A cash bar cocktail reception with snacks will  
Begins at 5:00. Dinner will begin at 6:00 followed by the awards program.



Menu

Tossed Garden Salad  
Herb Roasted Chicken  
Sliced Sirloin with Hunters Sauce  
Mostaccioli with Marinara  
Chefs Choice of Potato and Vegetable  
Rolls & Butter  
Coffee & Hot Tea  
Chocolate Tuxedo Cake

Please send a \$30 check made out to HVWGC, by September 25<sup>th</sup> to reserve your spot at the banquet. Mail to:

Donna Kruzich ,2403 Prairie, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

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*Those wishing to golf at Fox Hills, prior to the banquet, can reserve their own tee time two weeks prior and pay fees directly to Fox Hills.*

*Classic Fox-Seniors \$20, others \$37*

*Golden Fox-Seniors \$25, others \$45*

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