



MARCH 2009

NEWS AND VIEWS

MISSOURI WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

MISSOURI WOMEN'S GOLF EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

New for MWGA Members in 2009!

MWGA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

May 18-20, 2009

The Deuce at the National
Kansas City, MO

Entry forms online now!

MWGA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

June 10-12, 2009

A.L. Gustin Golf Course
Columbia, MO

Entry forms online now!

MWGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP AND

MID MISSOURI CHAMPIONSHIP

July 13-16, 2009

The Club
at Old Hawthorne
Columbia, MO

Entry Forms online now!

GIRLS FOUR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

*Missouri Team chosen after
Junior Championship*

June 24-26, 2009

Mission Hills Country Club
Shawnee Mission, KS

FORE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

*Missouri team chosen after
Amateur Championship*

Site TBA

TWO-LADY SCRAMBLE

Sept. 22-24, 2009

Winghaven Country Club
O'Fallon, MO

Entry coming soon!

Visit

**www.mowomensga.org
and download your entry
today!**

Open Play Days

In an effort to offer more golf opportunities for our members, the MWGA invites you to participate in an *MWGA Open Play Day*, to be sponsored by Missouri clubs and courses throughout 2009. The purpose of these outings is to provide a social golf experience where you can enjoy a new course, meet new friends, and gain some golf tips as well! A short pro clinic will precede a fun golf format followed by lunch with a rules Q&A session. Go to www.mowomensga.org frequently this spring for dates and course information. Bring a non-member with you and she'll receive a "Welcome Membership" for the day! We're certain that she'll have such a great time, she'll want to join the MWGA and you'll receive a complimentary gift for your sponsorship.

If your club or course would be willing to host an Open Play Day, please contact Sue Browning, MWGA Membership Director by email at susanbrowning@att.net or at 417-649-7778.

Club Representatives Meeting and Golf Outing

What does an MWGA Club Representative do for you? Each member club is encouraged to elect a ladies club representative who will act as a liaison between her club and the MWGA. The various MWGA publications and the Membership Director keep her current on all Association activities so she can share them regularly with her club's members. We want the "Club Rep" to help promote MWGA individual memberships and participation in our events. We ask her to ensure her club membership invoice for the year is paid and to make individual membership applications available to her members. Through this vital connection,, the MWGA Board and it's committees receive valuable feedback from the members.

All Club Reps will be hosted by The Club at Old Hawthorne on April 23rd for their annual spring meeting and play day at the site of the 2009 MWGA Women's Amateur Championship. This meeting will kick off the MWGA tournament season. Each club representative has received an RSVP packet and is encouraged to bring a guest for an opportunity to play the 2009 Championship venue. If your club hasn't designated a club rep and you would like to attend, please contact Sue Browning, MWGA Membership Director.

MWGA Amateur Championship MWGA Mid Missouri Championship



Due to popular demand, the Amateur Championship's division structure will undergo a format change in 2009. Instead of two separate divisions in the tournament, there will be two separate tournaments played during the week. The Amateur Championship will be open to any player willing to challenge her skills for the title of Amateur Champion. The second tournament will replace the old "Open Division" and will be played at a shorter yardage for the title of Mid-Missouri Champion. This new tournament does limit players to a handicap index of 10.5 or greater. Contestants with a 10.4 hcp/i or lower (revised by the Entry/Pairings Director prior to the tournament date) must play in the Amateur Championship; however, a contestant can declare to play in this championship regardless of her handicap. This format will remain in effect through 2010 while plans are being made for the addition of a new championship, titled The MWGA Women's Mid Amateur Championship in 2011.

THE 17TH MWGA SENIOR WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

MAY 18-20, 2009

THE DEUCE AT THE NATIONAL - KANSAS CITY, MO



Please don't miss your opportunity to play The Deuce, at The National this spring. Those under fifty will be green with envy! One of the rules committee members and I played this course in September and were absolutely enamored with the course, the outstanding local chairwoman, pro shop and house staff. Those of you traveling from all areas of the state will be glad you made the trip! We are still working to try to arrange special room rates for the tournament, more information on that will follow. There is a major casino complex within a few minutes and many hotel options within twenty minutes of our venue. We are striving to maintain entry fees as last year, and felt that in these economic times we would forgo a "tee gift" and long drive/closest to the hole competitions. As the director of the Senior Championship, I invite all of our ladies who will be fifty by the first day of the tournament to join in our Championship and camaraderie in May. See you at THE DEUCE!! **Pat Plummer, Senior Director**



For a hole by hole tour of the course, go to: <http://www.thedeucegolf.com/golf/tour1.shtml>

JUNIORS! SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ONLINE NOW!

The Missouri Women's Golf Education Association, Inc. announces 2009 scholarship applications are now being accepted! If you are a high school senior girl residing in Missouri or Johnson County, KS, please visit www.mowomensga.org/scholarship.html for scholarship information and an application.

The deadline for scholarship applications is Thursday, June 4th, 2009.

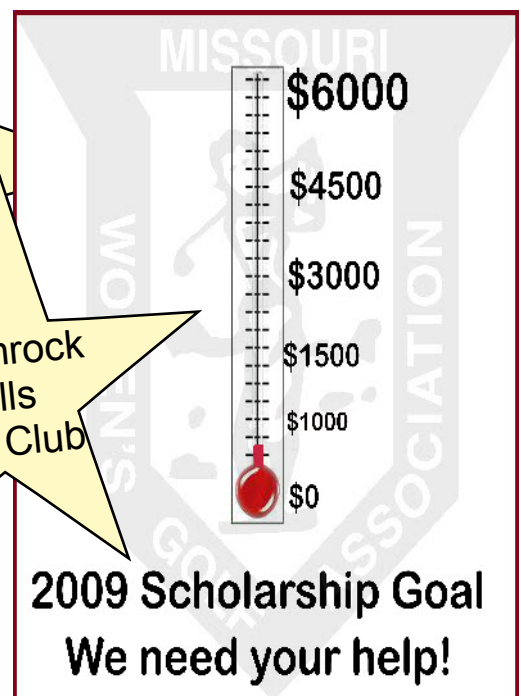
Presenting some of our star contributors this year! If you would like to make a real difference, join them in donating to the MWGEA Scholarship Fund! Help us reach our \$6000 goal for 2009 by sending your donations to:

Barbara Blankenship MWGA
Treasurer
8521 Hollow Oak
Centertown, MO 65023

Jayne
Watson

Columbia
Country
Club WGA

Shamrock
Hills
Golf Club





MWGA NEEDS YOU!

There are critical positions that remain open on the Board of Directors that need filling as soon as possible! Your organization is made up of volunteers who dedicate themselves to MWGA and bring about the events that you play in each year. We call upon you, our members, to join the Board in working hard to keep this association alive with new ideas ... Volunteer to join the MWGA Board of Directors and help keep women's golf alive and well in Missouri! We're looking for a few good women to fill the following positions. All that is required is enthusiasm and a willingness to learn new skills. Since 1935, the MWGA has flourished, but it won't last without your willingness to do your part on behalf of women's golf.

Open Board Positions

Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary works with each and every member of the board. She assists the board with letters, lists, and forms, necessary to complete the work of the board. She produces the yearbook. She maintains supplies for the association from computer programs to stationery. She keeps in touch with every Board member and is able to coordinate the work of the board, saving time and costs. It is a fun job because she is involved with each and every aspect of the organization's business, not as a policy maker, but as an aide to each Board member. The Executive Secretary receives a small stipend and is the only member of the board who receives a salary.



Publicity Director

This position requires basic knowledge of digital photography and simple computer skills. You will learn to write press releases and keep media outlets informed of MWGA tournament results. You will also work with other Board members to promote membership through on going projects. The Publicity Director works in tandem with the Editor of the News and Views, Web Manager, and Web Photo Site manager in keeping members up to date with the latest MWGA information.

2010 Board Vacancies

Entry and Pairings Director

The Pairings Director receives and processes all entries into tournaments. She determines pairings and serves on the Tournament Committee. She becomes familiar with tournament pairing software and works with local tournament chairwomen to produce tournament scoring sheets and data necessary for each tournament. This Director plays a vital role in the success of each MWGA tournament.

Vice President

Every organization requires a strong executive committee. The Vice President serves as the Parliamentarian during Board and Annual Membership Meetings, serves as Chairman of the Finance Committee, and serves on the USGA Team Selection Committee. She'll step in for the President if the need arises, and generally fills in for her in her absence.

If you'd like more information about these positions, please contact Nancy Sebastian at mwgajunior@aol.com or (636)-561-3825

Where can you go to find out if you've paid your dues for 2009? Go to www.mowomensga.org and click on the Members tab and you'll see the list of current members that have paid this year's dues. You'll also find a lot of other great information there that will keep you updated this year. Click on the About Us tab and you can pick the best person to contact with any questions you may have throughout the season. Don't be shy, we'd love to hear from you!



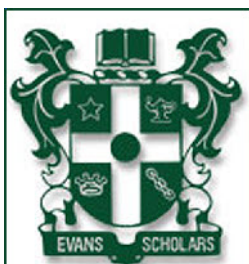
Nancy Schriener competed in the 2008 National Private Club Championship known as The Executive Cup on the Big Island of Hawaii in November. She won the 55-65 age group of the women's division carding an 82-83-165 at the Hapuna Beach Prince Resort. Nancy is a member of The Deuce at the National. Congratulations Nancy!

Have you heard any news?
Don't keep it to yourself!
Email the Editor and it'll
make the next edition!
Hole in ones, club championship
news, or anything you'd
like your MWGA friends
to know...
email Karen Johnson, Editor
at mailkarenster@gmail.com



Nancy A. Deckert, 66, of Blue Springs passed peacefully at home on February 13, 2009, surrounded by family and friends. Nancy was past President of the Blue Springs Country Club and a member since 1968. In 1990, the MWGA honored Mrs. Deckert's many contributions to women's golf by naming her the Bernice Edlund Award Recipient. Her dedication to the sport was a lifetime passion, and she will be missed.

*Memorials may be sent to:
The Women's Golf Association
Country Club of Blue Springs
c/o Suzi Comstock
1707 NW Walnut Circle,
Blue Springs, MO 64014
in honor of the game she loved so much.*



Evans Scholarship Golf Tournament Missouri Chapter Event

The Western Golf Association sponsors the Evans Scholars Foundation and administers the nation's largest privately funded college scholarship program. Today, more than 840 caddies attend college each year as Evans Scholars with over 8,600 deserving young caddies having earned their college degrees since 1930.

Mrs. Ginny Orthwein of St. Louis is the Director for the Missouri Chapter of the Western Golf Association and believes that people look at the Evans Scholar program primarily through the eyes of men and the sport. "This is true that the initial program was based upon that idea, but you do not need to be a golfer to appreciate that this program is about education. Also, 26% of the scholars today are women and I believe that more women need to know about and participate in events for The Evans Scholar Program."

The "Kids-Education-Women & Golf" tournament will be held on June 15th at Norwood Hills Country Club. Scholars will be on hand to rake bunkers, tend pins and meet women who love golf!

If you are interested in participating in the event, please contact ginnyo2003@yahoo.com or call 314-221-5794 for details.

