

Tee It Up

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A Message from Our Handicap Chair...

Nancy Christy

Dimples:

Membership in the EWGA is open to all !

- ◆ Members—Ask your friends, relatives or co-workers to join.
- ◆ Not a Member? Contact us to find out the benefits of membership.

For information, go to our website at <http://cnyewga.com>.

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Just when you thought it was safe to read a newsletter, here I am to tantalize you with some basic handicap information and recap the highlights (?) of my league orientation spiel...

The EWGA requires, as one of its minimum standards, that all members establish a handicap. A handicap:

- ◆ provides a gauge of the golfer's skill level;
- ◆ allows a player to compete on a level playing field with players at other levels;
- ◆ provides a barometer of a golfer's progress of improvement over time;
- ◆ is required by certain tournaments (e.g., EWGA championship events); and
- ◆ challenges a golfer to play their best.

The USGA requires a minimum of five acceptable rounds (90

holes) in order to establish a handicap. The maximum USGA 18-hole handicap for women is 40.2 (or 20.1 for a 9-hole handicap).

Generally, players are to post all scores, subject to Equitable Stroke Control, (discussed later) that are played on courses during their "active season," which is the period during which scores made in an area will be accepted for handicap purposes as determined by the *authorized golf association* having jurisdiction in a given area.

In our area, defined as the "Thruway Corridor," (or "Upstate" by the NYSGA), our 2008 active season runs from April 25 - October 19. Scores posted outside of those dates will not be considered for handicap purposes.

Below are definitions regarding some basic handicap terms, which I hope will be helpful in

gaining a fundamental understanding of handicaps. If you wish to learn more, I would suggest going to USGA.com > Rules and Handicapping > Handicaps > USGA Handicap System 2008-2011.

A "Course Handicap," expressed as a whole number, is the USGA's mark that indicates the number of handicap strokes a player receives from a specific set of tees at the course being played to adjust the player's scoring ability to the level of scratch or zero-handicap golf. For a player with a plus Course Handicap, it is the number of handicap strokes a player gives to adjust the player's scoring ability to the level of scratch or zero-handicap golf. A Course Handicap is determined by applying the player's *Handicap Index* to a *Course Handicap Table* or *Course Handicap Formula*.

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Networking, building friendships, developing your game... that's what we are all about!



Message from Handicap Chair, Nancy Christy (cont from pg 1)

A "Handicap Index" is the USGA's service mark used to indicate a measurement of a player's potential ability on a course of standard playing difficulty. It is expressed as a number taken to one decimal place (e.g., 10.4) and is used for conversion to a Course Handicap.

"Equitable Stroke Control" ("ESC") is a mandatory procedure that reduces high hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability. It is used when a player's actual or most likely score exceeds a maximum number, based on the table below, for the player's Course Handicap from the tees played. ESC does not apply to in-putting scores for our league purposes, but does apply when you post scores into GLMS. There is no limit to the number of individual hole scores on which an ESC reduction may be made.

Example: The round of a player with a Course

Handicap of 23 includes individual hole scores of 9, 10, and 11. ESC reduces each hole score to the applicable maximum of 8. The player will post an adjusted gross score for handicap purposes 6 strokes less than had ESC not been applied (9-8) + (10-8) + (11-8) = 6.

When you start, but do not complete one or more holes, you must record for handicap purposes the most likely score, defined by USGA as "the number of strokes already taken plus, in the player's best judgment, the number of strokes the player would take to complete the hole from that position more than half the time." This number may not exceed your ESC limit. There is no limit to the number of unfinished holes a player may have in a round, provided that failure to finish is not for the purpose of handicap manipulation.

So, when you post scores on GLMS, for pick-up holes, if you picked up at 10 on a

par 5, your "most likely score" remains at 10, since 10 is the maximum anyone can take for ESC purposes (you may have to reduce the score, though, per ESC, depending on your handicap). For par 3's and 4's, estimate your "most likely score" if you had not picked up, unless you are already at the maximum for ESC purposes.

Examples: (a) On a par 3, if, after 6 strokes, you have only a 1-foot putt to make, estimate a 7 for that hole for GLMS purposes (as long as that does not exceed your ESC number). (b) On a par 4, if you picked up at 8, and the maximum you can take under ESC is an 8, use 8 for that hole; otherwise, estimate your most likely score, up to your maximum ESC number.

That is enough from me for now. Thanks to all who have diligently been posting scores and establishing a handicap (some, for the first time - congratulations)! Please contact me at handicap@cnyewga.com

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)	
<i>Course Handicap</i>	<i>Maximum Number on Any Hole</i>
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 to 19	7
20 to 29	8
30 to 39	9
40 or greater	10

CNY EWGA Chapter Events

Summer 2008

Wk of May 4th	May 5—Drumlins League Starts May 7—Links at Erie Village League Starts May 8—Foxfire League Starts May 10—Full Swing Golf Clinic with Linda Mulherin at Drumlins
Wk of May 18th	May 18—Member/Guest Tournament at Orchard Vali, Lafayette May 23—Short Game Golf Clinic with Linda Mulherin at Drumlins
Wk of May 25th	May 30—Full Swing Golf Clinic with Linda Mulherin at Drumlins
Wk of June 1st	June 6—Short Game Golf Clinic with Linda Mulherin at Drumlins June 7—Member/Guest Tournament at Thousand Island Club June 7—Short Game Golf Clinic with Linda Mulherin at Drumlins June 7—Red Cross Charity Tournament, Griffins' Greens, Oswego
Wk of June 8th	June 13—Full Swing Golf Clinic with Linda Mulherin at Drumlins
Wk of June 15th	June 16th—11th Annual Hospice Golf Open, Lake Shore Yacht & Golf June 20th—3rd Annual Charity for Childen Golf Outing, Links at Erie June 21st—Short Game Golf Clinic with Linda Mulerin at Drumlins June 21st—Rules & Etiquette Clinic with Maggie Lester
Wk of June 22nd	June 26-29—US Women's Open, Interlachen, Edina, MN June 27—Full Swing Golf Clinic with Linda Mulherin, Drumlins June 28—Full Swing Golf Clinc with Linda Mulherin, Drumlins
Wk of July 6th	July 11—Full Swing Golf Clinic with Linda Mulherin, Drumlins July 12—Short Game Golf Clinic with Linda Mulherin, Drumlins
Wk of July 13th	July 13—CNY EWGA Chapter Championship, The Pompey Club July 17—8th Annual LFL Women's Charity Golf Tournament, Foxfire July 18-20—Alliance Bank Future Tour Golf Classic—Links at Erie
Wk of July 20th	July 25—Short Game Golf Clinic with Linda Mulherin at Drumlins July 26—Full Swing Golf Clinic with Linda Mulherin at Drumlins
Wk of August 10th	August 11—Short Game Golf Clinic with Linda Mulherin at Drumlins August 15-16—EWGA Semi-Final Championship, Northeast Region, Ledges Golf Club, York, ME August 16—Member/Guest Tournament, Dutch Hollow, Auburn
Wk of September 21st	September 21—League End-of-Season Banquet, Drumlins East & BBQ September 26-27—EWGA Championship Finals, The Reserve Vineyards & Golf Club, Aloha, OR



Details of CNY EWGA Chapter Events can be found online. Go to <http://cnyewga.com> and click on the Calendar of Events.

Members Making News

Women in Business

Michelle Keib received a 2008 CNY Business Journal Women in Business Award. Michelle is the owner of SonicBrite and previously was Executive Director of the Erie Canal Museum. She joined the EWGA in September 2003.

Lynn Steenberg received a 2008 CNY Business Journal Women in Business Award. Lynn is President & CEO of Sports Physical Therapy of New York, PC. She joined the EWGA this past spring.

Hole-In-One Club

Winnie Schleider—Links at Erie Village, June 25, 2008—9th hole, using an 8 iron

Mary Dunaway—Links at Erie Village, Fall 2007—9th hole



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Member/Business Spotlight

Vivian M Derrickson, Senior Financial Advisor, Ameriprise Financial Services is our featured Member/Business and this year's sponsor of the CNY EWGA Chapter Championship.

Vivian joined the EWGA the second year (2005) primarily to find an avenue of relaxation and to some extent improve her physical fitness. She found the EWGA to be a fantastic avenue for not only relaxation but also to meet interesting, intelligent people. She has served on the advertising committee and sponsored events each year from 2006 to present, including this year's Chapter Championship.

Vivian says, "meeting successful people is necessary in my busi-

ness since I am a self employed franchisee with Ameriprise Financial Services. I view the EWGA as an organization that can and will elevate women in society and sports."

Vivian tells us, "the elevation of women in our culture is an issue that is dear to my heart." Because of this, Vivian has been involved with many organizations that elevate women in our society. These affiliations include serving on the board of the Women's Fund of CNY, being a former president of the Central New York Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW), and the former vice president of finance for NOW New York State.

Through her affiliation with the EWGA, she has connected with many dynamic, successful women. This connection has benefited her financial advisory business as well. The membership includes many community leaders who, like herself, enjoy golf and networking with other community leaders.

Vivian M. Derrickson,
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