

Fairway Divots



Fall 2015

From the President's Desk

Dear Members,

I don't know about you, but I think we just finished another awesome golf season with HVWGC. Now the Board gets to spend the winter figuring out how to make it even more awesome. The three members of the Board whose terms expired this year all decided to stay on. The last page of this newsletter includes the names of all the Board members.

We hope to have at least two additional leagues next year. Many of our golfers playing on the Advanced Beginners league are ready to move on and we are hoping to create another intermediate league so we have enough room for them. This will also free up room for more new golfers on the Advanced Beginners league. Many of our new golfers have golfed at some time in the past, so they like the idea of getting some instruction to get them back in the game.

Next year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of HVWGC. We are looking for people to help us with some creative ideas for how to celebrate. Helping with this could be a way for you to give back to the club in a fun way.

Many thanks to all of you that helped our club move forward this past year.

Linda Soper, President



DATES TO REMEMBER

Membership Signup Phase 2
Due Date: November 15
Returning members may sign up for 2nd league or change league.

Membership Signup Phase 3
After November 15, all forms returned will be processed as they are received.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 CHAMPIONS!



The championship was held at Reddeman Farms Golf Course on September 20, 2015 in Chelsea Michigan. Thankfully this year both the team and individual competitors enjoyed warm and dry weather!

The *team tournament* was won by **Janet Canter** and **Linda Ushiro** with a low net score of 69. **Sue Hendricks** and **Sarah Doll** took second place with a 71 while **Lisa Smith** and **Renee Smith** tied **Cindy Hill** and **Kristy Haboian** for third with 74.

The *individual competition* was very close this year. For the second year in a row **Carol Naudi** won first place with a low net score of 31. **Cheryl Saam** took with a 32 and **Cindy Hill** placed third with a 33.

Rally for the Cure 2015

I would like to thank everyone who participated in Rally for the Cure! We had another outstanding turnout of 110 participants and collected a total of \$2,220.00 to donate for Breast Cancer research.

In the closest to the pin contest, our winners were:

- 1st Place - Leigh Thurston (Stonebridge) @ 1 ft. 9 inches
- 2nd Place - Kristin Gregory (Huron Hills) @ 6 ft. 7 inches

There were 2 prizes this year -- a Women's Golf bag and a travel golf bag.

Many thanks to all of our league's volunteers:

- Hudson Mills—Erin Cole
- Huron Hills—Gail Monds
- Pine View Caldwell—Marisa Grimston
- Stonebridge—Robin Baun
- Whitmore Lake Tuesday—Bev Melancon
- Leslie Park Tuesday—Marla Smith
- Pine View Intermediate—Nancy Hunt & Chelsea Baumgarner
- Eagle Crest—Karen O'Sullivan
- Leslie Park Monday—Karen O'Sullivan



HVWGC Open

The Open was held on Sunday, August 2nd at Hickory Creek Golf club. We had 18 members play in The Open which involved 18 holes, a chicken dinner, and a few fun games of skill and luck.

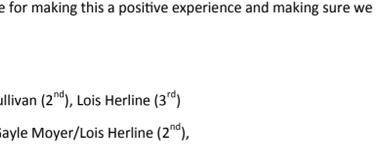
Kathy Miller won The Open with a net of 57. Congratulations Kathy, what a great round! Kaia Skaggs won flight #1 with a net of 67, and Winnie Schweiger won flight #2 with a net of 64. Great rounds Kaia and Winnie!

We also had longest drive contest, flight #1 was won by Cathy Apple and flight #2 by Jackie Wireman. Closest Pin was won in flight #1 by Brenda Farrell, and Had the Most Fun was won by Katie Short of flight #2. Brenda Farrell and Winnie Schweiger also won the luck game by having the same score on the back nine as they did on the front nine. Lastly, Georgia Alder and Mary Beth Hausman hit the most fairways and par 3 greens on their drive with 14 and 12, respectively.

HVWGC Annual Banquet

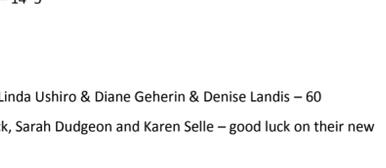
October 6 turned out to be a beautiful sunny afternoon at Stonebridge Golf Club. Leslie Park Tuesday was pleased to host the event and hope everyone had a good time.

We had about 20 golfers take advantage of special rates to enjoy the course before the banquet with a total of 105 members attended the evening festivities. The banquet room was festive, decorated in colored antique glass vases filled with wildflowers and candy dishes filled with chocolates (thanks to Cinda Ferrier). Party favors were sleeves of balls topped with gaily colored flags of golf terms (thank you Natalie Grantham and Marla Smith). There



was a real party atmosphere with golf games (thanks to Lisa Raycraft) during the cocktail hour - ever try putting with a hockey stick or bowling with a golf ball? The food quality and selection was great. I heard Stonebridge retained the services of a new chef this year and it showed (thanks to Joyce Svechota). The awards for League 1st, 2nd and 3rd places were awarded by their respective league chairs and Club champions were awarded by the championship committee. We had over \$600 of door prizes (thank you Angie Sanch and Marianne Lyon) to disperse, which was done with much flare by Natalie Grantham.

The evening was filled with chatter, laughter and much hugging as we reconnected with old friends garnered through years of HVWGC golf on different leagues and with women of all ages and walks of life. It makes me realize how lucky we were to have our founder, Janice Caldwell, take the initiative so many years ago and make a place for women golfers in this region. In the 24 years of the club's existence, we have become a force with which to be reckoned.



—Marla Smith

League Updates

Leslie Park Monday

It was our first year as league co-chairs for Leslie Park Monday and the wonderful ladies on this league were very patient and helpful! A shout-out to Nancy and Shelly for giving us some insights early in the season, and overall had great golf weather. We ended the season with a potluck which was fun way to end the season! Thank you to everyone on the league for making this a positive experience and making sure we focused on having fun!

Our 2015 Winners

- Individual: Janet Canter (1st), Karen O'Sullivan (2nd), Lois Herline (3rd)
- Team: Janet Canter/Linda Ushiro (1st), Gayle Moyer/Lois Herline (2nd), Lisa Cole/Nicole Thomas (3rd)

Special Event Winners

- Low Putts: Lisa Cope – 14 putts
- Closest to the Pin: Diane Geherin – 6'
- Individual Low Net: Nicole Thomas – 31
- Team Low Net: Lisa Cope/Nicole Thomas – 63
- Rally for the Cure Event: Nicole Thomas – 14' 5"
- Season Lowest Gross: Janet Canter – 39
- Season Lowest Net: Jenny Pollack – 28
- Season Lowest Team Net: Janet Canter/Linda Ushiro & Diane Geherin & Denise Landis – 60

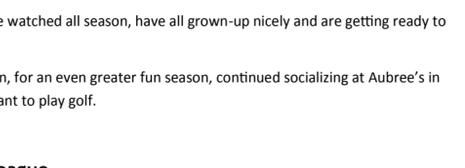
We wish three of our members - Jenny Pollack, Sarah Dudgeon and Karen Selle – good luck on their new adventures in 2016! We will miss you!

—Karen O'Sullivan and Raye Holden, League Chairs

Pine View Intermediate

The 2015 Pine View Intermediate League had a great season - and we all improved and now have handicaps! A shout-out to Nancy and Shelly for giving us some insights early in the season, and many thanks to my league-mates for being patient with me as I learned the rules.

While we identified with partners as our league size grew, we remained flexible and mixed and matched throughout the season based upon vacation & work schedules. Our nimble approach allowed us to learn tips/skills from each other and form friendships with all. Most importantly, we learned to move faster on Hole 16 to get away from those mosquitoes.



In early August, we had a mini-scrabble on one of our short-handed evenings (Congrats MARY-NIA S.-SONDRA). At the end August, we had a closest to the pin competition (Congrats CHELSEA) and longest drive (Congrats NIA S.) and a lowest putt competition (Congrats SONDRA). With Georgia's 'ringer board', CHELSEA was identified as the most improved player - but really the ringer board showed that all of us have potential to play better. The final standings for the Intermediate League based on GAM Most Improved is First: Nia Harrison; Second: Chelsea Baumgardner; Third: Sondra Auerbach.

Mary, Barb, Chris, Nia H., Nia S., Chelsea, and Nancy - it's been a pleasure and looking forward to playing with you again!

—Sondra Auerbach, Pine View Intermediate League Chair

Hudson Mills

It was a tight race this year, as there was a very small spread between points, which made for an exciting season.

In Team Placings, Erin Cole and Carol McDonnell took the number one spot, Ann Williams and Kathleen Baker took second and Paula Hoeft and Nancy Lindner coming in third. In individual standings, Nancy Lindner came in first, followed by Ann Williams in second and Erin Cole in third place. Meg Emlaw came in 4th in the club wide "Most Improved".

During the season, Erin Cole won Low Putts with 17, Connie Cole won Closest to the Pin, Erin Cole and Carol McDonnell won Team Low Net with a 79, and Sarah Otto won the individual Low Net with a 34.

Sarah also took the season's Low net with a 28. Nancy Lindner had the seasons Low Gross with a 41. Paula Hoeft and Nancy Lindner had the seasons Team Low Gross with a 90. Erin Cole and Carol McDonnell tied with Sarah Otto and Meg Emlaw with a 62 for Team Low Net. Nancy Lindner, Julie Smigielski, Sarah Otto and Erin Cole all had birdies this season.

Our Sand Crane babies that we watched all season, have all grown-up nicely and are getting ready to leave for the year.

Looking forward to next season, for an even greater fun season, continued socializing at Aubree's in Dexter, and ladies that just want to play golf.

—Georgia Alder, League Chair

Pine View Learning League

We started with 13 players in the first 4 weeks of clinics with Scott Schimmoeller. Scott took the time to work with each one of us and gave us some very good insight to how we improve the mechanics of our game. To all the women showing up on those cold, damp, cloudy, and windy days I salute you.

We started June's play like many, wet with hungry mosquitoes, yet, it was a gift (and a giggle) to see what we had learned put into practice.

6/23 Closest to the pin	Eileen Harrington
7/7 Lowest over all putts with 19	Janet Hollister
8/4 Lowest over all putts with 21	Sandi Kahn - Kris Sibert
8/18 Lowest individual gross : 49	Janet Hollister

My wish that each one comes back to play again on the PVLL. I think they are all ready to move on, sign up, and play with the Pine View Intermediate or Huron Hills Advanced Beginners.

PVLL members—what a gift to play and meet all of you.

—Patti L. Stanley, League Chair

Stonebridge

With all the rain this year, who would have thought we could make it through the whole summer without a rainout? We considered ourselves lucky, but we were also bummed to the season end on August 19!

We were down to 16 golfers this year. It was nice that each team was able to play each other twice and with no men's league right in front of us, it was great to get into the Clubhouse earlier for a bite to eat and catching up as a group most nights. Next year we hope to bring the number of golfers back up to 20 which would allow four more golfers to join in the fun on Wednesday nights.

This year we continued to have fun with our informal handicapped skins game with almost everyone participating, including subs if they were interested. Since skins were computed on a handicapped basis, we had a blast halving each other out. Thanks to Elizabeth Telfer and Linda Barthel for coordinating this additional fun weekly competition.

The remaining League Specials of the year were:

- Closest to the Pin – Since NONE of us hit the green on the regularly scheduled week, we had to wait until the following week so Elizabeth Telfer could be the ONLY one to hit the green the second week! She won with a shot 13' 1/4" from the hole on number 12.
- Team Low Net: Karen Shoner and Ann Bauer - 71
- Rally for the Cure: Leigh Thurston - 1'9"
- Individual Low Net: Karen Shoner - 31

On Individual Position Night there were seven golfers (out of 16) vying for a spot in the top three. In the end, Karen Shoner finished in first with 22 points, Robin Baun in second with 20.5 points, and Mary RACHEL Parker in third with 18 points.

On Team Position Night, there were five teams (out of eight) vying for a spot in the top three. In the end, Karen Shoner and Ann Bauer finished in first with 48 points, Elizabeth Telfer and Linda Barthel in second with 42 points, and Robin Baun and Mary King in third with 41 points.

I also keep track of weekly and year to date stats for Individual and Team Low Gross and Net. The lowest scores recorded for the season were:

- Individual Low Gross: Tie @ 38: Rosie Cook (sub) on August 5; Elizabeth Telfer on August 19
- Individual Low Net: Rosie Cook (sub): 28 on August 5
- Team Low Gross: Elizabeth Telfer and Linda Barthel: 84 on May 6
- Team Low Net: Elizabeth Telfer and Linda Barthel: 66 on May 6

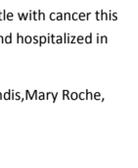
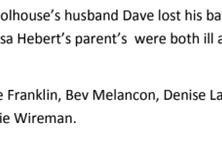
Finally, we'd like to thank our super sub, Rosie Cook, for playing with us for 11 out of the 16 weeks.

We look forward to some informal gatherings of the "gang" this winter before heading back to Stonebridge next year.

—Nancy Ribits, League Chair

Huron Hills Advanced Beginners

The members of the **Huron Hills Advanced Beginners League** continued our tradition of warmly welcoming newcomers to our league to improve our golf skills while having a good time on and off the course. We celebrated Summer birthdays with balloons, crowns, cupcakes, and Jell-O shots! Oh, the night we had Jell-O Shots ready at the first tee for everyone, was the night most of our player's had their best scores on the back nine. We learned that a little stress and tension reliever helps relax our minds and our swings for some long, accurate drives. Also, partners who dress alike encourage non-judgmental, good times golf on the league.



We had several new members that were already great players and everyone improved their game. Consequently, 18 players would like to move to a HH Intermediate League next season and continue to play together.

Congratulations to the 2015 challenge winners:

- Christine Faith won the Lowest Putts Challenge
- Carla Patrick-Fagan won Closest to the Pin
- Audrey Chrovian won Individual Low Gross
- Cathy Savoie and Rhonda Montoya won Team Low Gross
- Kristin Busche had overall lowest average score (excluding Christine Faith who is an experienced player who joined the HH League to partner with a friend.)

Congratulations to our 2015 Most Improved Players:

- 1st place – Sandy Kortesoja
- 2nd place – Cathy Savoie
- 3rd place – Kristin Busche

We are planning bi-monthly HH Golf Gals weekend outings throughout the year, and early Spring to continue having good times together on and off the course! Here are some after golf highlights: At Paesano for our Annual End of Year League dinner, and 2 nights at Carson's in our favorite corner booth.

—Rhonda Montoya, League Chair

Leslie Park Tuesday

Well the 2015 season of the Leslie Park Tuesday League was filled with rainouts, sunshine and monthly barbecues and lot of camaraderie. Leslie Park is a beautiful golf course, challenging and fun (except for #10 my nemesis hole!) As you can see even if it rains at Leslie, we can have a beautiful rainbow as a reward for perseverance!

Our team winners, leading most of the season were Angela Sanch and Marianne Lyon. The second and third place winners were the teams of Marla Smith and Joyce Svechota, and Natalie Grantham and Cheryl Saam respectively. Individual Champ was Cheryl Saam with Cinda Ferrier and Lisa Raycraft following close on her heels.

The official games winners of the season were as follows:

- Low Putts: Darlene Slaughter;
- Closest to Pin—Deb Ziolkowski;
- Low Team Net —Marianne Lyon/Angie Sanch(66);
- Rally for the Cure- Deb Ziolkowski;
- Low Individual Net - Lisa Raycraft/Marianne Lyon (32).

Not all of us can perform "on cue" so I give you the ladies and dates of accomplishment with the best scores taken from the entire season:

- Individual Low Gross: 42-Angie Sanch 5/12; Deb Ziolkowski 8/4;9/8
- Individual Low Net: 29-Lori Goss 9/8
- Low Team Gross: 90-Goss/Ziolkowski 9/8
- Low Team Net: 62- Goss/Ziolkowski 9/8.

We didn't exactly have a silent spring in terms of birdies, but the birdies were not as plentiful as last season. Birds that made it into the tree were Leslie Kleinstiver, Lisa Raycraft, Angela Sanch, Kaia Skaggs, Marla Smith and Deb Ziolkowski.

The ladies at Leslie Tuesday also took the lead in putting on the HVWGC annual awards banquet. I hope you had fun, I know we did.

—Marla Smith, League Chair

Caldwell

The 16 week league worked out great with the weather this year. We only had one rain out and not many pesky mosquitoes. The course continues to improve with the clearing of ground cover in the wooded areas which makes finding our wayward balls easier to find.

This year birdies were shot by Deb Lickert, Laura Dettinger, Sarah Doll and on the last week of play, Carol Grimmette showed off her talent with a birdie. Our HVWGC contest winners were: Deb Lickert-low putts, Sarah Doll-closest to the pin, Diane Geherin and Carol Grimmette-team low net and Carlene Laskey-individual low net. Winnie Schweiger had the low net of the year (28), Lisa Hebert had the low gross (41), Diane Geherin and Carol Grimmette shot low team net (63) and Lisa Hebert and DebLickert shot low team gross (85). These girls are great!

The Caldwell league had its sad time too: Sue Bolhouse's husband Dave lost his battle with cancer this year. Sherri Wright's father passed away and Lisa Hebert's parent's were both ill and hospitalized in the U. P.

A big thanks to our subs: Stephanie Butler, Jane Franklin, Bev Melancon, Denise Landis, Mary Roche, Nancy Hunt, Kaia Skaggs, Krista Smillie and Jackie Wireman.

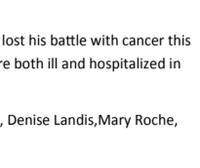
The final standings were:

Individual Winners: Sue Hendricks 1st, Diane Geherin 2nd and 3rd place was a tie with Winnie Schweiger and Deb Lickert both with 20 ½ points. The tie was broken by HVWGC rules with who won the last time they played each other. Winnie came out on top taking 3rd place. Just ½ point behind was Laura Dettinger and Sarah Doll both with 20 points.

Team winners: Sarah Doll and Sue Hendricks 1st, Diane Geherin and Carol Grimmette 2nd followed by Lisa Hebert and Deb Lickert in 3rd place.

We celebrated the last week of play with a pot luck dinner and gifts for everyone. I look forward to next year at Pine View with more golf, fun, drink, food and prizes.

—Sue Hendricks, League Chair



League Updates

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Eagle Crest

It seems like our Eagle Crest league went so fast this summer. We didn't have any rain-outs so we were finished Aug. 20, in sixteen straight Thursday evenings.

The Eagle Crest gang is a wonderful blend of personalities that all get along well – that makes it fun to come to the course every Thursday. And of course we all enjoy hangin' out on the deck after golf eating, drinking, and catching up with each other.

The individual and team places weren't decided until the position nights, it was neck-and-neck all season long. Cindy Hill is our 1st place winner. Cindy also had our low gross score of the summer with a 38. And Cindy, along with sub Cynthia Radcliffe had our low team net score with a 63. Our 2nd place golfer is the much improved Ellie Grudzien. 3rd place was claimed by one of our new Eagle Crest members, Lisa Southwick. The long hitting Lisa also had our leagues' low net score of 29.

Eagle Crest's 1st place team is Kirsty Haboian and Cindy Hill. They had ECs low gross team score this summer too (84). Lisa Southwick and Sue Jester performed admirably on their new league this summer with a 2nd place finish. Sue also had the other low net score 29 (on team position night)! The 3rd place team is Ellie Grudzien and Linda Price.

The HVWGC special contests held throughout the summer were: Low Putts, Karen O'Sullivan with 16 putts. Team low net with a 66, was the team Sue Jester and Lisa Southwick. Individual low net, sub Stephanie Butler with a 31. Closest to the flag was won by sub Cynthia Radcliffe. And our Rally for the Cure closest to the flag winner, with a fine shot on our difficult hole 6, is Karen O'Sullivan.

The Eagle Crest gang had a great summer, and look forward to doing it again next summer.

—Cindy Hill, League Chair

Whitmore Lake Tuesday

The Whitmore Lake Tuesday Night League's 2015 season has ended, but we are pleased that one of our own--Carol Naudi--succeeded in defending her title as club champion. Congratulations Carol! Also, Lisa Smith and Renee Smith took third place in the team competition, which is quite an honor as well. Well done, ladies.

Winners of our special events were:

- Lowest putts (Week 2, 5/19): Julie Haggerty
- Closest to the pin (Week 4, 6/9): Lisa Smith
- Team low net (Week 8, 7/7): Cathy Apple & Ellen Wetzel
- Individual low net (Week 10, 7/21): Carol Naudi

This being my final year as league chair, this recap of the season is bittersweet. It has been a pleasure to work with the Whitmore Lake players and the HVWGC, and I'm going to miss being a part of this great organization. Bye to all!

—Melissa Brown, League Chair

Whitmore Lake Wednesday

Whitmore Lake Wed. morning enjoyed 10 weeks of uninterrupted golf this season. No adverse weather affected play, only a slight delay one morning due to a shower.

Our first event, low putts was won by Ellie Grudzien, with a total of 26 putts for 18 holes. Great job Ellie! The third week we saw Meg Emlaw chip in on hole #2 for an eagle!! What an accomplishment. Way to go Meg! The fourth week was a birdie fest with four ladies recording them. Nice job ladies! Closest to the Pin contest that week was won by Stephanie Butler on hole # 14. The Team Low Net eventt was won by Mary Beth Hausman and her partner Linda Soper with a net score of 127. The Individual Low Net event the following week was won by Julia Tobias carding a net of 62. Nice going Julia!

Our final two events Individual Position and Team Position were won by Jackie Wireman and Stephanie Butler and her partner Jackie Wireman, respectively.

Every week after golf we enjoyed each others company over lunch at Captain Joe's restaurant in Whitmore Lake. I would like to extend a special thanks to the subs who came out to support all of us during this past season. (JoLynn Debuyscher, Georgia Alder, Sheri Affolder and Cynthia Radcliffe)

—Stephanie Butler, League Chair

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Huron Valley Women's Golf Club was established in 1991 as a non-profit association to foster interest in the game of golf among women in the community.