

Incoming President's Letter

Minnesota Metro EWGA Members --

This 2008 year certainly has gone by quickly. Summers here in Minnesota seem to fly by and already, it seems, we're starting to prepare for the holidays and ready ourselves for our chilly Minnesota winter. As November starts, our new board is in place to finalize our 2008 year and we're just starting to plan for 2009. 2008 has been a very active year for our local EWG chapter with many successful events:

- In March, we had very successful Tee-Off to start our 2008 year and last month, attended a fun, festive Oktoberfest to close out the year.
- Our 19th-Hole events throughout the 2008 have offered consistent opportunities for our members to meet each other for both socializing and networking; these will continue on a monthly basis and I encourage you to try and attend them to stay connected.
- Our 13 leagues provided 182 players (77.2% of our membership) with planned, regular league golf dates this past summer; our Sunday golf events offered opportunities for those who couldn't commit to leagues – or who wanted to get in that extra 18-hole game on a Sunday.
- Our Golf Education committee set up 20 clinics and education events for our membership starting in March and continuing through most of the summer – including everything from “Getting Started” to “Rules and Etiquette” to clinics and specialty golf stroke series.
- Our chapter championship in July provided an excellent opportunity for our members to compete at their own level – and also offered social play opportunities for those who chose not to play competitively.
- We have had a phenomenal group of sponsors throughout 2008 who have supported our efforts throughout the year – in exchange for support and patronage from our membership. Their investment in our organization helps defray costs and provide you with excellent prizes and awards. Please continue to support our sponsors now – and throughout the coming year.
- As always, our volunteers made this organization – and our local chapter – a great success. I, personally, want to extend my thanks to the 2007/2008 Board Members for their many, many efforts and hours of work. I also want to thank those of you who stepped forward to volunteer in some way, large or small, to make our chapter and our events a success.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for continuing to support EWGA through your annual membership. I know that each year you make a choice to renew your membership and your local board, along with the EWGA National team, have the responsibility of delivering good value for your membership. We have a great 2008/2009 board in place who is anxious to ensure that our local EWGA chapter continues to meet your needs and deliver what you want. If you have thoughts or ideas for improving our chapter or would like to provide your feedback on our organization's activities and events, please feel free to contact me directly via email or phone.

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