

## Member Guide to EWGA Minnesota Metro's 2012 Leagues



The EWGA Minnesota Metro chapter has created a mix of league offerings to meet the various skill, availability and geographic needs of our members.

**LEAGUE SIGNUP WILL START MARCH 24<sup>th</sup> (at the tee-off) AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>**

Registrations will be taken past the April 15th date, but with some risks:





- We will only be filling foursomes or filling leagues to minimum required levels before closing leagues
- Some leagues may fill early and will be closed before the April 15 date



**You must be an EWGA member to participate in league play**

### Golfer Skill Levels and League Recommendations

In order to enhance the overall league golf experience, we have defined categories of golfing abilities and have made recommendations of league play based upon the member's skill level. By establishing these categories and recommendations, we hope to ensure that all participants have an enjoyable experience and will continue to participate in leagues and other EWGA activities in the future.

The following chart identifies various skill levels and associated leagues:

Level	Player Attributes	Leagues Offered
<b>New Golfer</b> 	May have never held a golf club May have never been on a course Has little knowledge of golf etiquette Has uncomfortable stance and swing Is unfamiliar with golf terms Scores 73+ for 9 holes	Brookview Par 3
<b>Beginner</b> 	Plays only occasionally May have had no formal lessons May not keep score; picks up often Is uneasy with experienced golfers Has not established a handicap Hits the ball 50-90 yards	Braemar Brookview Par 3 St. Paul League Saturday Red
<b>Advanced Beginner</b> 	Plays regularly, weekly at most Practices rarely Sometimes picks up Scores over 60 (9-holes) Handicap is 40 or higher (18-holes) Consistently hits the ball 100+ yards	Braemar Brookview Par 3 Brookview Regulation St. Paul League Prestwick Saturday Red Saturday White
<b>Intermediate</b> 	Plays regularly, 1-2 times/week Practices occasionally Still uncomfortable in competition Scores 100-119 (18-holes) Has an official USGA handicap Handicap is 25-39 (18-holes) Consistently hits the ball 125+ yards	Braemar Brookview Regulation St. Paul League Edinburgh Prestwick Rush Creek Stonebrooke Saturday White

Level	Player Attributes	Leagues Offered
<b>Advanced Intermediate</b> 	Plays regularly, 1-2 times/week Practices fairly often Plays comfortably in competition Scores in the 90's (18-holes) Has an official USGA handicap Handicap is 16-24 (18-holes) Consistently hits the ball 150+ yards	Brookview Regulation St. Paul League Edinburgh Prestwick Rush Creek Stonebrooke Saturday White Saturday Blue
<b>Advanced</b> 	Plays regularly, 2-3 times/week Practices regularly, 1-3 times/week Plays competitively Scores less than 90 (18-holes) Has an official USGA handicap Handicap is 0-15 (18-holes) Consistently hits the ball 175+ yards	Brookview Regulation Edinburgh Prestwick Rush Creek Stonebrooke Saturday Blue

## League Offerings<sup>♦</sup>

### Braemar League – Edina

**Course:** Braemar Executive 9-Hole Golf Course in Edina – *an EWGA Minnesota Metro Preferred Course*

The Braemar League offers a perfect opportunity for beginner or advanced beginner golfers to build their game on a shorter course that is comprised of only Par 3 and Par 4 holes. The Braemar League is also great for any golfer who wants to get in a quick 9 in after work! One of our most popular leagues.

- **Day/Frequency:** Tuesday Evenings; 14 Weeks; May-August
- **Number of Holes:** Executive 9
- **Dates:** 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21
- **First Tee Time:** 5:10 pm
- **League Fee:** \$202
- **Sub Fee:** \$14.00
- **Skill Levels:** Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate



### Brookview Regulation League – Golden Valley

**Course:** Brookview Regulation Golf Course – *an EWGA Minnesota Metro Preferred Course*

Located in Golden Valley, this is a great league option for all Minneapolis and west metro golfers. The 5:27 first tee time allows golfers to easily reach the course and play after work. This league is great for advanced beginner golfers, yet offers challenges for intermediate and advanced golfers as well.

- **Day/Frequency:** Tuesday Evenings; 14 Weeks; May-August
- **Number of Holes:** 9
- **Dates:** 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21
- **First Tee Time:** 5:27 pm
- **League Fee:** \$274
- **Sub Fee:** \$19.00
- **Skill Levels:** Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced Intermediate, Advanced

\* League fees include green fees and taxes (if applicable) as well as a small processing fee. Unless otherwise indicated, cart is optional and may be paid at the course by players individually.

## **Brookview Par 3 League – Golden Valley**

**Course:** Brookview Executive Par 3 Golf Course – *an EWGA Minnesota Metro Preferred Course*

This league is geared towards new and beginner golfers. The Brookview Par 3 course is fun for beginner golfers but is also challenging and varied enough for experienced players who want to sharpen their short game. Centrally located in Golden Valley, Brookview is easily accessible to those in downtown Minneapolis and anyone in the west metro.

- **Day/Frequency:** Tuesday Evenings; 8 Times; May-August
- **Number of Holes:** 9
- **Dates:** 5/8, 5/22, 6/5, 6/19, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21
- **First Tee Time:** 5:30 pm
- **League Fee:** \$103
- **Sub Fee:** \$12.50
- **Skill Levels:** New Golfer, Beginner, Advanced Beginner



## **St. Paul City Course 9-Hole League – St. Paul**

**Course:** The St. Paul City Course League will include a rotation of the Highland Park 9-Hole and Como golf courses in St. Paul. A new league offering for 2012, the St. Paul City Course League is a great option for those on the east side of the cities, and the two-course rotation offers variety for those who prefer to mix things up a bit.

- **Day/Frequency:** Thursday Evenings; 12 Times; May-August
- **Number of Holes:** 9
- **Dates:** 5/10\*, 5/17^, 5/24\*, 6/7^, 6/14\*, 6/21^, 7/12\*, 7/19^, 7/26\*, 8/9^, 8/16\*, 8/23^
- **First Tee Time:** ~5:20 pm
- **League Fee:** \$222
- **Sub Fee:** \$18.00
- **Skill Levels:** Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced Intermediate

\* Como Play Date

^ Highland Park 9-Hole Play Date

## **Edinburgh League – Brooklyn Park**

**Course:** Edinburgh USA

For those who have never played Edinburgh, you will seriously want to consider this league. For those who have, we are sure you will be back. This Thursday night league is a bit more challenging than some of our other leagues and is geared for the intermediate and advanced golfer.

- **Day/Frequency:** Thursday Evenings; 11 Times; May-August
- **Number of Holes:** 9 (Rotating Front and Back Nines)
- **Dates:** 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 6/7, 6/21, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23
- **First Tee Time:** 5:03 pm
- **League Fee:** \$292
- **Sub Fee:** \$25.75
- **Skill Levels:** Intermediate, Advanced Intermediate, Advanced

## Prestwick League – Woodbury

**Course:** Prestwick Golf Club – *an EWGA Minnesota Metro Preferred Course*

This Woodbury course offers a great mid-week option for our east-side golfers. The later tee-time makes it a great option for those who need to work a little later. The Prestwick course is always beautifully groomed and the landscaping – as well as the challenge and interest of the course – make it a favorite among many of our golfers.

- **Day/Frequency:** Wednesday Evenings; 12 Weeks; May-August
- **Number of Holes:** 9
- **Dates:** 5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15
- **First Tee Time:** 6:00 pm
- **League Fee:** \$272
- **Sub Fee:** \$22.00
- **Skill Levels:** Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced Intermediate, Advanced

## Stonebrooke League – Shakopee

**Course:** Stonebrooke Golf Course

The Stonebrooke league offers an 18-Hole Thursday morning option for those who want to play during the weekday. The great rate includes a cart. The Stonebrooke course is easier to get to than you think and is well worth the drive.

- **Day/Frequency:** Thursday Mornings; Monthly, 4 Times; May-August
- **Number of Holes:** 18
- **Dates:** 5/24, 6/21, 7/19, 8/23
- **First Tee Time:** 8:30 am
- **League Fee:** \$163 (includes cart)
- **Sub Fee:** \$39.54 (includes cart)
- **Skill Levels:** Intermediate, Intermediate Advanced, Advanced



## Rush Creek League – Maple Grove

**Course:** Rush Creek Golf Club – *an EWGA Minnesota Metro Preferred Course*

**THIS LEAGUE IS PAY-AS-YOU-PLAY LEAGUE (vs. fully pre-paid league).** This league offers the opportunity play the Rush Creek Golf Club championship course, one of the most beautiful courses in our league offerings, eight times during the summer. Players can call the course to sign up two weeks in advance of any play date for one of the 24 spots. Registration will be closed 1 week prior to play date and Rush Creek will open any open tee times to the public. Although this league is planned as a 9-hole league, Rush Creek welcomes players to continue to play beyond the 9 holes if they would like (and as long as light allows).

- **Day/Frequency:** Wednesday Evenings; 8 Times; May-August
- **Number of Holes:** 9+
- **Dates:** 5/16, 5/30, 6/6, 6/20, 7/18, 7/25, 8/15, 8/29
- **First Tee Time:** 5:00 pm
- **League Fee:** No prepayment – pay as you play at the course.
- **Greens Fee:** \$45 (non patron); \$39 (card holding patrons); \$6 cart (if desired)
- **Skill Levels:** Intermediate, Advanced Intermediate, Advanced

## **Saturday “Red” 18-Hole Traveling League**

The Saturday “Red” league is a great option for beginner and advanced beginner golfers. The league is geared towards golfers who: have a basic knowledge of golf rules; play mostly par-3 courses; and may have played sparingly for years and are looking to expand their golf skills. The “Red” league is a great Saturday morning 18-hole league for 40 and over handicappers. The league will be offering a mentorship component for the first two 18-hole sessions, whereby experienced golfers will accompany the league participants, focusing on pace of play, etiquette, and basic golf rules. This traveling league plays 5 great shorter 18-hole courses around the Twin Cities.

- **Day/Frequency:** Saturday Morning; 5 Times; May-July
  - **Number of Holes:** 18
  - **Dates:** 5/19, 6/2, 6/16, 6/30, 7/14
  - **First Tee Time:** Varies between 11:00 am and 12:00 pm. See below for details.
  - **League Fee:** \$142
  - **Sub Fee:** Based on course; see below for details.
  - **Skill Levels:** Beginner, Advanced Beginner
  - **Courses:**
    - Applewood Hills Golf Course – May 19 – 11:30 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$28.00 – Stillwater
    - Hayden Hills Golf Course – June 2 – 11:00 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$23.00 – Dayton
    - Dwan Golf Club – June 16 – 12:00 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$29.00 – Bloomington
    - Parkview Golf Club – June 30 – 11:00 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$28.00 – Eagan
    - Lakeview Golf Course<sup>§</sup> – July 14 – 11:00 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$30.00 – Mound
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## **Saturday “White” 18-Hole Traveling League**

This Saturday traveling league plays 8 great courses around the Twin Cities area throughout the summer and is one of our most popular league offerings. The “White” league is targeted to the intermediate golfer and offers something for everyone from advanced beginning golfers through advanced players. **Players must have a handicap established to play in this league and it is highly recommended that players have a handicap under 40.**

- **Day/Frequency:** Saturday Morning; 8 Times; May-September
  - **Number of Holes:** 18
  - **Dates:** 5/19, 6/9, 6/23, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, 8/25, 9/8
  - **First Tee Time:** Varies between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. See below for details.
  - **League Fee:** \$349
  - **Sub Fee:** Based on course; see below for details.
  - **Skill Levels:** Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced Intermediate
  - **Courses:**
    - River Oaks Golf Course<sup>§</sup> – May 19 – 10:00 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$28.00 – Cottage Grove, MN
    - Bunker Hills Golf Course<sup>§</sup> – June 9 – 11:30 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$33.00 – Coon Rapids, MN
    - Stonebrooke Golf Club – June 23 – 10:00 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$61.99\* – Shakopee, MN
    - Daytona Golf Club – July 14 – 10:00 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$31.00 – Dayton, MN
    - Prestwick Golf Club<sup>§</sup> – July 28 – 10:45 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$53.00 – Woodbury, MN
    - Baker National Golf Course<sup>§</sup> – August 11 – 10:00 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$38.00 – Medina, MN
    - ValleyWood Golf Course – August 25 – 10:00 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$35 – Apple Valley, MN
    - White Eagle Golf Club<sup>§</sup> – September 8 – 12:00 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$59.00\* – Hudson, WI
- § EWGA Minnesota Metro Preferred Course  
\* Sub Fee includes cart

## Saturday “Blue” 18-Hole Traveling League

The “Blue” league is designed for our advanced intermediate and advanced golfers. **Players must have a handicap established to play in this league and it is highly recommended that players have a handicap under 25.** This league introduces elements of competitive play within the league -- pairing players for match play and other competitive games (many requiring handicap).

- **Day/Frequency:** Saturday Morning; 8 Times; May-September
- **Number of Holes:** 18
- **Dates:** 5/12, 6/2, 6/16, 6/30, 7/28, 8/11, 8/25, 9/8
- **First Tee Time:** Varies between 9:30 and 10:00 am. See below for details.
- **League Fee:** \$325
- **Sub Fee:** Based on course; see below for details.
- **Skill Levels:** Advanced Intermediate, Advanced
- **Courses:**
  - River Oaks Golf Course<sup>§</sup> – May 12 – 10:00 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$28.00 – Cottage Grove, MN
  - Oak Glen Golf Course – June 2 – 9:30 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$35.00 – Stillwater, MN
  - Baker National Golf Course<sup>§</sup> – June 16 – 9:30 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$38.00 – Medina, MN
  - Daytona Golf Club – June 30 – 10:30 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$31.00 – Dayton, MN
  - Bluff Creek Golf Course<sup>§</sup> – July 28 – 10:00 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$42.00<sup>#</sup> – Chaska, MN
  - Tartan Park – August 11 – 10:00 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$38.00 – Lake Elmo, MN
  - Ridges at Sand Creek – August 25 – 10:30 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$44.00 – Jordan, MN
  - White Eagle Golf Club<sup>§</sup> – Sept 8 – 10:00 First Tee Time – Sub Fee \$59.00<sup>\*#</sup> – Hudson, WI

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# Sub Fee includes range balls

\* Sub Fee includes a cart



# League Signup and Substitution Process

## League Signup Process

- **League signup will start at the Spring Tee-Off on March 24th.** Individuals at the tee-off have first opportunity to sign up for leagues. Also on March 24<sup>th</sup>, a league registration form will be posted on the EWGA Minnesota Metro website ([www.mnewg.org](http://www.mnewg.org)) and can be submitted, along with payment, via mail. **ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE FINAL.**
- **League signup will remain open through April 15<sup>th</sup>.** After April 15, we will only fill foursomes, then close leagues as foursomes fill out. Some additional accommodation will be made for new members joining in April. If a league is closed and you would like to be waitlisted, contact the League Chair. If sufficient interest arises, we may open an additional tee time.
- **Individuals MUST be current/active EWGA members to sign up for leagues** – players should verify that they have paid their EWGA dues prior to sending in league payment. Failure to do so could result in a delay in league signup – and possibly being ‘bumped’ from a league due to the league filling.
- Some of our leagues fill quickly, others do not. **It is recommended that you sign up as soon as possible to ensure you have a spot on the league or leagues of your choice.**

## Should you sign up for league or should you substitute – or both?

- **League Play** – signing up to play regularly on a league provides you a standing ‘commitment’ to play and provides you the consistency of playing the same course and improving your game in course management. Many of our players find that if they haven’t made the commitment/appointment to play on a regular basis, they don’t get out on the course as frequently as they would like – and they don’t get the full benefit of the EWGA organization. If you feel you can make most of the league’s sessions, it is highly recommended that you sign up for league and find the periodic sub when you are unable to make it. 2 players may also split a league if desired.
- **Sub** – subbing on leagues provides you the flexibility to say ‘yes’ when you want and provides you the option of playing a variety of courses. However, if you sign up to sub, it is highly recommended that you make an ‘appointment’ on your calendar so you CAN say ‘Yes’ when you are asked (and you don’t have an appointment conflicting). Subbing is recommended for those who may want to play a number of courses (and therefore sign up to sub on different leagues) or for those who simply can’t make the commitment to play as regularly as would be required to be a regular league player.
- **League Play AND Sub** – This is an option for any league player who may periodically want to sub on other leagues. Consider signing up for a league as your regular standing ‘appointment’, but sign up to sub on a league for a different day or night to give you the optional and occasional opportunity to golf on other courses.

## Rules for Substitution:

Players are responsible for finding a sub if they cannot play on their scheduled league day. Sub lists will be generated for each league during league signup and will be available for additional signup through the golf season. The league website will enable players to post requests for subs.

In general, **players should look within the EWGA organization for substitutes.** However, periodically, subs within the organization are difficult to find. The Minnesota Metro organization understands that this poses a problem for players; it is also recognized that league play is an excellent opportunity to introduce new individuals to EWGA. Therefore, minor exception will be made to the policy of requiring EWGA members to sub for our leagues, as follows:

- In general, league subs must be a current member of the EWGA organization and a player seeking a sub should exhaust this option before looking elsewhere. Players should initially look to the defined sub list for their league and post their request on the Minnesota Metro EWGA website.
- If a player has exhausted EWGA sub options, she may look to non-EWGA players.
- Non-EWGA players may substitute up to two times on leagues (this is two times only on the same league or once on two different leagues). The sub and captains are responsible for determining if a sub is eligible.
- If a non-EWGA player subs more than twice on any league, this individual must become an official EWGA member prior to substituting further.
- Again, this exception is meant to introduce **new individuals** to the organization and does not apply to EWGA members who are simply not current with their membership.