

# MLGA MESSAGES 2024

## JULY

Week of July 1, 2024

Ladies,

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY TO EVERYONE! HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY DAY!

We had another FABULOUS DAY on Monday! The weather was awesome (low-mid 80's in July) the turn out was spectacular with 72 players and there were 5 Birdies and 5 Chip-In's. What a day!

"Ballwin Cup" Update:

- Collected  $22 + 19 = 41$  "Ballwin Cup" lunch payments so far.
- There are still 36 or more who owe
- Deadline to pay is Monday, July 8th.
- RSVP to attend lunch is also July 8th.
- 71 players (No one on "Wait List")
- Carts are on order (6)
- Lunch, snacks, waters, etc have been decided and ordered/purchased

Starting to make preparations: pairings for the competition; teams (Pink and Blue); score cards etc. So IF YOU CANNOT PLAY, PLEASE E-MAIL ME ASAP BEFORE YOU TAKE YOUR NAME OFF OF GENIUS. We don't want to have someone left without a "Pink or Blue" playing partner and I have to rework the pairings and Teams at the very last minute. Not good for my cool and calm personality.

Now, before you close this e-mail, grab a check or \$15.00 and put it in your purse or golf bag for Monday.

I have a picture of everyone and the downloadable Directory is out on the website. [MLGAgolf](#) it can be located under the "Membership" section. There you can also find the links for the most recent "Rounds Played/Handicaps" and the most recent "Birdie/Chip-In" list.



**MLGAgolf**

Monday Ladies Golf League at Ballwin  
Golf Club

That's it from me for this week, back to my house full of family! Until next time, have BLAST this 4th and I hope to see you at the golf course!

Debbie Fagin  
MLGA - Secretary  
"Payment Collector"  
Tournament Organizer

Week of July 8, 2024

Ladies,  
Sorry for the delay. We had an unexpected change in the players for the Ballwin Cup so I had to re-do the pairs and the Pink and Blue Teams.

We had a "Rain Out" on Monday, as the clouds opened up. The horn was sounded due to thunder and everyone who was on the course had to return before completing the round. I will keep track of all of you who made the effort to come out to play. If there is need to "count the effort" to keep you from falling below the "cut line" for the 2025 season, I will have it. Also, I am going to give Jim a list of who was out there so that he can give "rain checks" for play next time you come out. (Monday?)

**Ballwin Cup this Monday, July 15**

We currently have 70 ladies playing in the July 15 "Ballwin Cup" and 70 ladies signed up to stay for the lunch after. I am happy to say that I am only short 3 ladies who will pay me on the 15th. Well done, ladies!

Teams of Pink and Blue have been created based on Handicap/Skill Levels. I have attached the list so that you can see your Team and the lady who you are playing against. (Starting holes will be available on Monday)

Please try to wear something in your Team Color on Monday. Since this is a "Team Event", if your total team points is higher than the other team, the ENTIRE TEAM WINS!

Here's how we play:

- Scores Count for Handicap
- **Free "Out of Water" or "Mulligan" are "in play"**
- Score Cards will have the names of the two contenders, one Pink and one Blue. They ride together.
- For each hole enter individual score (**Circle "Double Par"**) and the points earned.
  - 2 Points to player with the lowest score
  - 0 Points to the other player
  - 1 Point for ties (a circled "Double Par" for one means they lost that hole) Both circled = TIE
  - Do this for every hole
  - At the end add both your individual scores and the points, sign off and turn in to Debbie/Tina for tallying

Winning Team will be announced at the luncheon. Trophies and prize money to each member of the winning team will be handed out.

This our 10th time playing the "Ballwin Cup". Blue Team has the edge 5-4 over Pink. With 70 players this will be our largest number for this event. So exciting!

It is going to be a hot one! We will provide water but please bring some also and a cooling towel. We will have a cooler with ice on the course at the bathrooms. You may want to bring a sweater or light jacket, if staying for the lunch. Your clothes may be pretty wet and the clubhouse might be cold, causing a chill. Just saying!

Well, that's it for me until next week. Until next time, stay cool and I hope to see YOU at the golf course!

Debbie Fagin  
MLGA - Secretary  
Collector of Debts  
Tournament Manager

P.S. I have new carpet and my house is back to normal after my April 10th "water hazard".

Week of July 22, 2024

Ladies,

What a wonderful day to play golf on Monday. We had 64 players get out there and knock around the golf ball. So what caused the course to "back up" to much? As I understand, at one point there were 3 groups of 4 waiting to tee off on a hole and rounds took over 3 hours to complete.

We seem to have this same conversation EVERY SEASON! There are lots of factors that impact speed of play out there:

- Skill Levels
- Course layout/difficulty
- # of Players in group
- Not Staying Engaged - watch out for:
  - too much chatter
  - not being ready to hit your shot
  - looking for lost balls
  - retracing your steps to go to next hole

That being said, we ALL MUST BE MINDFUL/AWARE:

- KEEP UP WITH GROUP AHEAD
- NOTICE GROUP(S) BACKING UP BEHIND

Just like cars on the highway: "If you can't keep up, move over!" Let the group behind of you play through.

### Keys to "Playing Through"

- If the hole ahead has no one in sight playing it
- Your group isn't close to putting yet (maybe having issues trying to cross the creek, lost balls, etc.)
- You SHOULD motion to the group waiting behind you to play through
- Step aside, watch their shots
- Continue to play once they are past you
- That group behind SHOULD take advantage of the "wave" and finish the hole quickly and move on, filling in that "gap" in play

Remember: We were ALL beginners at one time. Be patient.

Obviously, we ALL can't play in 2 hrs. and 20 min. We don't expect you too, but we do expect that EVERYONE BE AWARE OUT THERE.

Unless we are having a tournament where more than one group tees off on the same hole, a round of golf at Ballwin should NOT take more than 3 hours.

That's my "soapbox" for today!

Everyone, please keep Lynda Eickacher in your thoughts and prayers. She lost her brother last week. Peace to you and your family Lynda on your loss.

Updated Birdies and Chip-In's are posted on the website and on our bulletin board. Handicaps through July 10th are up, as well. New Handicaps in August.

Well, that's it from me for another week. Until next time, "stay aware" and I look forward to seeing YOU at the golf course.

Debbie Fagin  
MLGA - Secretary

Week of July 29, 2024

Ladies,

We had a real "gully washer" on Monday. 27 ladies were out on the course when the clouds opened up and soaked them. A total of, at least, 35 ladies came out to try to play. Only our first 2 some of Brenda Fauls and Lynn Ebest made it through all 9 nine holes. Another "OFFICIAL RAIN OUT".

We had no Rain Out's in April when we expect them. Then 1 in May and 2 in July. Mother Nature and St. Louis Weather...go figure.

We are now heading into August which gives us 3 more months before this season is complete. New Handicaps/Rounds Played will be coming out in August. Remember, to be asked back for the 2025 Season you need 8 "Handicap Rounds" (some games/events DO NOT count). You need 12 rounds to qualify for "EOY Awards". I will let you know when Tina has it ready to post so you can check to see how you are doing. (Obviously, if health conditions or unforeseen family problems have prevented play, AND you notified me or another Officer, we take that into account.)

Well, that is it, from me, for another week. Until next time, stay cool and I hope to see YOU on the golf course!

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