

## MLGA MESSAGES 2024

### Week of April 1, 2024

Ladies,

Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. We got off to a great start for the 2024 Season of Monday Ladies Golf with 60 ladies coming out to play. The rain held off until right towards the end of play and I hope everyone got to finish.

It was nice that some of our new members got out to join us. Hope you had fun. We still have some ladies who are: out of town for the winter, recovering from "off season" surgeries or are tied up doing "Taxes". We should have even better turn outs as the season moves forward.

Since we are out of practice, here are a few reminders:

- Please arrive, at least, 30 minutes ahead of your scheduled tee time. Jim has the habit of getting us out early and I don't want any of you to miss playing because there is no one to play with when you arrive.
- Pace of Play: Stay aware of the group ahead and behind you. If you can't see the group ahead of you or the group behind is right on you waiting, you might be playing too slow. Don't take too long to look for lost balls either in the rough or in the creek. Take your clubs with you when you go to find your ball, only 2 "practice strokes" and then take your shot.
- Call the course Monday morning if you are unable to play so Jim knows. He frequently moves ladies around to keep the course busy.
- You are out there to HAVE FUN!

That's it from me for this week. Until next time, I hope the weather stays good on Mondays and to see YOU at the golf course!

Debbie Fagin - MLGA Secretary

### Week of April 8, 2024

Ladies,

That eclipse this week must have fried my mind. It's Saturday and I am just now getting around to writing my "Weekly Messages".

**NOTE:** Our "hacker" was at it again on Saturday with many of you getting a bogus email from "Elaine" (brasil.soporte@atrebo.com) whoever the he\_\_ that is. Some jerk who needs to get a "real job". I trust you all deleted it after saying "not again!" like I did.

What a difference a week makes, we only had 54 players for week 2 of our season. Sure hope we do better this coming Monday. I guess many of you were off fighting traffic to get someplace to view the Eclipse Totality. 8 of us stayed around or came back to the course to watch it together. I must say, 2017 was a much better eclipse, but we had totality then. It was fun to watch with some of our "Golf Sisters" like we did in 2017, however. I have attached a few pics. taken by the lovely Anne who works at Ballwin and Diane Muhlke (she took the one with the bird...no that's actually a Blackhawk Helicopter that flew over with 3-4 others).

This Monday, April 15 is our 1st Game of the Season. We are playing "Closest to the Pin" on holes 4 and 9 (the 2 Par 3's). Markers will be set up next to the greens to mark your distances. Rules are pretty simple:

1. Your drive lands on the green
2. Look at the sheet to see if you think your ball is closer than the last marked distance
3. If you think it might be, measure and write your name and the distance on the sheet
4. Place the marker back outside the green
5. Closest on 4 and 9 win.
6. Prize money available the following Monday.

Next Genius Sign Up for May will be opened around 5 PM on **MONDAY**. We have a "Shotgun Start Event" on May 20th with the "2 Person Scramble". Please note that we can only accommodate 72 golfers for this event. That means 2 groups of 4 teeing off on each of the 9 holes. Carol will only have Genius set up to hold 72. If it is full when you try to sign up, let Carol know, she can add you to a "wait list" and if ladies find they are unable to play you will be added. (We have NEVER had a time when everyone who wanted to play wasn't able to, so don't fret.)

When signing up for **May 20th**, keep this in mind:

1. We allow YOU to select your playing partner for this event.
2. Talk to your "partner" and only 1 of you sign you both up as a pair.

3. When you go out to Genius, select 2 for the number of players and enter your partner's name.

4. Don't have a "preferred partner", no problem, just sign yourself up and I will pair you up.

I will use these pairs when figuring starting holes. Since you all have done this before (maybe not our new ladies, but they know Genius), it shouldn't be too hard. Problems, let Carol Laupp know or let me know and I will make sure the pair is set up correctly for the event.

We also have a lunch after this Scramble. More info about that later, as our Social Co-Chairs are still working on it. An E-Vite will be coming about 2 - 3 weeks prior to the event. Cost for the lunch should be \$15, as usual.

That is it from me for another week. Until next time, talk to your "preferred partner" for the scramble, and I hope to see YOU at the golf course.

Debbie Fagin  
MLGA - Secretary

#### Week of April 15, 2024

Don't have anything for this week.

#### Week of April 22, 2024

Ladies,

It turned out to be a lovely day to play golf on Monday. We had 56 players. 9 signed up but didn't play. Can hardly wait to see how many ladies we start averaging in May when our "snow birds" return.

From the looks of the May 20th "2 Person Scramble" we should be having, at least 70 every week in May. Speaking of the "2 Person Scramble", we are currently at 72 actually signed up to play in the scramble with 5 on the added "Wait List". There are 3 ladies who are NOT ACTUALLY SIGNED UP BUT HAVE BEEN LISTED AS "A PREFERRED PLAYING PARTNER". That is NOT good! That means we actually have 79 ladies who WANT to play in the event!

Please let me know ASAP if you find out that you cannot play on May 20th. I would LOVE to get everyone who wants to and can play out on the course that day. There are a couple of possible options, but I don't want to broach those just yet. Right now we will need to order 6 additional carts at \$50 each for this event. That's a cost that has been budgeted but a pretty large expense, if ladies DO NOT SHOW ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT.

Your Officers are meeting, after golf, this coming Monday, April 29 to finalize the Scramble details. The "E-Vite" for lunch after the scramble will be out next week.

On another note, because our numbers have been low, Jim has been getting you ladies out EARLY. That means if you don't arrive, at least, 30 minutes prior to your tee time, you may be playing with different ladies than you signed up with or you MAY NOT GET OUT AT ALL, if the last group has already gone out. We CANNOT expect the golf course to wait to send our groups out at the tee times selected, if that means the course will not be used efficiently. When we get out on the course early, Ballwin can AND WILL start sending out players who are NOT in our league. Keep this in mind when you get ready to on Monday mornings. Thanks so much!

I have some sad news to share. Many of you knew Dave Conover who used to work Monday mornings with Jim. He passed away Sunday morning from a form of blood cancer that he had been fighting for 4 years. He as a wonderful man with a smile for everyone he met. He will be missed.

Well, that's it from me for another week. Until next time, set your alarms 15 minutes earlier, and I hope to see YOU at the golf course!

Debbie Fagin  
MLGA - Secretary

Week of April 29, 2024

Lovely Ladies,

What a rain-soaked Monday we had this past week. What would have been one our best attended Mondays to date, with 72 ladies signed up to play, we ended with only 28 hearty souls who went out and soaked their socks.

Your Officers got together to sort through the details about the upcoming "2 Person Scramble" scheduled for May 20th. This is what we came up with to try and get everyone who wants to play, out on the course that day. (This is only scramble event, where we can do this and not limit participation to the first 72.)

- With 80 ladies, that I know of, who want to play and a MAX of 72 in the morning for the 8:00 AM "Shotgun Start", we have opted to **ask 8 of you to play in the afternoon, at 12:30 and 12:40.**
  - Let me know ASAP, if you would do that. Should something crazy happen and we end up with only 72 prior to May 20th, we will ALL PLAY in the Morning.
  - If you can play in the afternoon, you can still attend the lunch which will start at 11:00. So you could EAT and then PLAY!
- I will let you know, if you are playing AM or PM before the 20th.
- We will still need to order 6 carts, as we don't want any walkers for the "Shotgun Start".
- With 72 ladies playing in the morning, we ***ABSOLUTLEY NEED TO KEEP UP THE PACE OF PLAY.***
  - I have allowed 3 hours per round, but we should be able to be all done by 11:00, if every group keeps the pace.
- Anyone who did NOT get their name on either list for the 20th and would like to play, LET ME KNOW ASAP.
  - I will keep a "paper list" as we may have an opening or 2 prior to the 20th and I can get you in.

**This WILL be the MOST WELL ATTENDED EVENT EVER!**

The "E-Vite" for the lunch on May 20th, went out earlier today. **DUE DATE is MAY 13TH for "YES" or "NO" to attend and payment of money (\$15).** An envelope will be at the course the next 2 Monday's so put a check or money in your golf bag NOW so you won't miss out!

Well, that's it for another week. Think about playing in the afternoon on May 20th. Until next time, RSVP for the lunch, put money in your bag and I hope to see YOU at the golf course!

Debbie Fagin  
MLGA - Secretary