



WDLG – Hey, Deaf Ladies Can Play!

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The old San Marino Golf Course was opened in 1963 and purchased by the City in 1978. In 1990 and 1996, the residents identified expanding San Marino to 18 holes as a high priority in a community survey of recreational needs. In June of 1998 the City acquired the Eleven Pines property following an extensive environmental review. In 1999 the City also acquired twenty acres of school property adjacent to San Marino. This purchase made it possible to include a driving range to the new development.

These events laid the ground work to build a new nine holes, a beautiful new clubhouse and totally rebuild a redesigned nine holes on the San Marino property. A tunnel was built under Halsted Road to link both nines and a new golf and parks maintenance campus with buildings was built on the southwest corner of the golf course. They renamed to Farmington Hills Golf Club. The weather was raining off and on and the course was wet from thunderstorm the night before so we decided not playing golf. We had a long meeting with our coffee and toasts. See next page of minutes meeting.

MDLGA News.....



Joanne and I enjoyed MDLGA tournament very much at Galena, ILL last Aug 1st-4th. Its gorgeous resort surrounding valleys, homes, and villas. We learned that they had terrible rain storm a week before. They had 18 inch of rain with 12 hours! They had flooding thru their resort and town of Galena. Sadly, they lost 4 lives that area. We saw lot of damage along the creek, bunkers and fairways at the South course. They did a wonderful job cleaning up for our tournament. We took a ride to see waterfall in the resort. We had to park where the end of road closed because one lane of 2 lanes was destroyed. After seeing the

waterfall, we drove to town and explored in Galena. This town is one of 100 best Midwest Small-Town. A visit to Galena is truly like stepping back in time. Fully 85 percent of Galena's buildings are in a National Register Historic District! Even the scenic beauty of the surrounding hills and valleys overlooking the banks of the Galena River is a testament to being untouched by time. We never saw a mile long of shopping in downtown of Galena. First day of tourney was 98 degree (was 118 degree heat index). Men and women had a lunch after golfing at outside at the tent. 3 men had WD because of the heat. The 2nd and final round, the weather got cooler – 80's degree. The first 4 holes was very tight and scary look! It was very hilly, creek along the side of fairways. I lost 7 balls that week! The trolley took us ladies a free ride to downtown Galena for dinner on Wednesday night! It was total 36 women (broke record)! We had a fabulous time. Congrats fine Wolverine golfer, Lauri. Lauri won 18 holes Championship!





Lauri won 1st flight at Women Mid-Am Championship by Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) last August 17th and 18th. The tournament was held at Oak Pointe Golf Club in Brighton. It was crazy course I ever play. It was hilly, doglegs, water, and fast green. It was confused where the next hole is. She shot 81-80. She was leading by 3 strokes. She was the first deaf woman to win 1st flight this championship. I was so surprised that I won. I have been playing this Championship for years. I always shoot high 80's and low 90's. I just wanted my scores low as possible. My putting and short game was hot on both days. It helped lot. I received a beautiful crystal shape golf ball trophy from GAM president. Congrats to her!

State Tournament will be at Summit Golf Course at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire on September 10 & 11th. We will follow the men at the front 9 on Saturday. Sunday, we will play back 9. **Tee time is 12:30pm on Saturday. Sunday tee time is 9am.** Direction map is on the next page.

2012 Tentative Schedule – Mark it down on your calendar!

April 22nd – Scramble – both men and women
May 20th - Outing
June 10th - Outing
July 15th - Outing
Aug 12th - Outing
September 8th & 9th - State Tourney

2012 Additional Tournaments Schedule:

July 31st – August 2nd – 48 years Annual Midwest Deaf Ladies Golf Tournament at Aurora, Illinois

Secretary,
Lauri Ponikiewski