



Holiday Greetings!

It's hard to believe we are well into the holidays. We hope you and yours have happy ones as well as a healthy new year. As the time draws nearer to teeing it up for our first season as a single organization for golfers in Maine, we are happy to share some updates on the transition. For those of you who like to pay your dues as soon as the year turns, go to the MSGA website (www.mesga.org) and click on Membership/Individual to pay online or to download a paper application and send it in. The cost will be \$30, which is a savings for some, especially those of you who used to pay dues to both organizations. As a registered player you will be assigned an account number. Any outstanding voucher values will become active in your account. One benefit with MSGA is that the value of your vouchers will no longer expire, AND you can use money you have on account to pay for carts. As long as you register each year, you will have access to those funds using your account number. We will have more information on these accounts and how they work in future communications.

Our schedule is nearly complete. We will let you know when it is finalized. Our members will be excited to see that the season is extended through October. The Scheduling Committee is working on a schedule that could include some weekend tournaments. Stay tuned.

TOURNAMENT REMINDERS: TriState tournament registration begins early in April. This year's event will be held at Rochester Country Club in New Hampshire June 18-20. Players of all handicaps are eligible since three flights compete for the prize. The New England Women's Golf Association Championship (for players with handicaps 17.4 and lower) comes to Maine this year and will be played July 9-11 at The Woodlands. The Maine Women's Amateur will be held in Rockland July 23-25. Mark your calendars and plan on having a great golfing season.

Barb and Sherrie have been working on integrating our websites with the MSGA website. Soon you will go to the MSGA website and click on the Women's tab for information about our schedule, woman-specific information, and tournament sign-ups. We will send out more updates in late winter.

We still need player representatives at the courses. Sherrie and Barb are compiling a list of player reps. If you would like to continue as a rep, please contact either one to save them a call. Please consider continuing in this capacity if you have been a rep, and please consider becoming a rep if one is needed at your course. Your help is most appreciated.

Members of the transition team are busy working on your behalf. Our board members will begin attending MSGA Board meetings after the first of the year. The Women's Committee will need members. In addition, committees similar to ones we are used to are open for participation and need our input. Please consider lending your voice in helping to grow the game of golf either on the Women's Committee or on one of the following MSGA standing committees: Finance, Tournament, Nominating, Marketing, Junior Golf, Scholarship, Strategic Planning, Personnel, and Technology. Brief descriptions of committee duties will be sent after the first of the year.

Have a wonderful and healthy holiday season. For those who travel south, play a round for us... and travel home safely.

In golf
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