

LPGA Amateurs Quad Cities

February Newsletter

News from the Chapter President:

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Our 2025 Chapter Board is planning a great golf season. It's going to be fantastic with new leagues, a clinic led by local female LPGA Teaching pros, lots of social events, and new golf events. Our members can look forward to a busy golf season! It's great to have a vibrant and active community, and we are looking forward to seeing all of you at these events and on the course!

We know that all of our members love to Chip In! Do you have time to volunteer at one event or for a couple of hours? We would love for you to get involved!

Our Chapter would not exist without all of our wonderful members and volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to contribute to the success of our Chapter. Whether it's acting as a League Captain, helping run Chapter Events, or serving on the Chapter Board or one of the Board Committees, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved.

Participating as a volunteer can bring a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment in contributing to the success of our Chapter, provide opportunities to enhance your professional and personal skills, allow you to expand and deepen friendships, andof course-it is a lot of fun!

If you are interested in volunteering or want more information about the opportunities available, you can reach out to our Membership Director, Jeannie Choate (jeanechoate23@gmail.com) or our Chapter President, Sandy Williams (sawilliams.21.sg@gmail.com).

Remember, you can also use the Chapter Directory on the Virtual Community https://virtualcommunity.lpgaamateurs.com/ to find out how to contact Jeannie or Sandy.

All of these events and activities take a lot of planning and organizing. It takes a village to get it all done.

Your enthusiasm and dedication to making this season a success are truly inspiring!

Sandy WIlliams - President



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News from the Membership Director:

Please renew your membership so you don't miss out on important communication from our local or National association.

As of this post, we have 78 paid members. This count is significantly less than our year end count for 2024 because not all members have renewed for 2025. All memberships are calendar year regardless of when you paid your membership last year.

KICKOFF/TEE-OFF EVENT FOR NEW MEMBERS

Do you know someone who might be interested in joining the LPGA Amateurs? Promotion running from January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025.

Chapters can offer a 15% discount to new members who join at the Chapter Kickoff event or a Chapter display at a Golf Show/Expo this year. Please note - this discount is only valid for new members who have never been LPGA Amateurs Association member or listed in the Member database. Here are the discount codes to use: 15Classic; 15Senior; 15YP (also valid for Military).

MEMBER GET A MEMBER DRIVE

The Member Get A Member Drive continues through June 30, 2025. Don't miss the chance to receive gifts ranging from one dozen LPGA Amateur logo Callaway golf balls to a \$500 Callaway gift card by having at least two new members who list you as their referring member when they pay their membership dues. Make certain any new members include your name in the referring member field when they purchase their membership. This perk is offered at no cost to the local chapters.

PROMOTING GOLF AND LPGA AMATEURS

We will again post fliers at the local golf courses and golf related businesses. If you see one of our fliers please thank the organization or business for supporting women's golf, our association and this chapter.

Also remember to frequent our generous sponsors. Please make your appreciation apparent by thanking them when you visit.

Remember: the best promotion we can receive if by your word of mouth.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE GOLF ACCESSORY?

This year we will distribute tokens of appreciation for all new members. This will be a small gift bag that includes some of our current member/golfer favorites. You will receive an email to inquire about your preferences for golf paraphernalia; be it a favorite hat clip with ball marker or golf dots or any number of items? Please reply to this inquiry once received so we can try to include your favorites to make these gift bags more personal and meaningful.

Jean Choate - Membership Director



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News from the Social Events Director:

Happy Hour at Brew in the East Village was a success. They have a delightful selection of draft beers, wine, and some cocktails. Their spinach artichoke dip is not like any other I have ever tasted, soft bread with a creamy dip. Everyone loved the sandwiches that they ordered, and conversation flowed just like the beer taps. I have been back on a Saturday since we had our get together. The breakfast that I saw being prepared looked phenomenal. Please visit our sponsor you will not be disappointed.

February 6th, we had a foursome take part in the fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters at the River Center in Davenport. It is a HUGE innovative miniature golf course. The holes were sponsored and created by local businesses; it was amazing to see the ingenuity put into the construction of the holes. Next year earlier planning will be done to make sure there are tee times for after 5 as well as before. Nachos were provided, but we waited until the end and the meat and cheese were gone. Our advice is to get your food before you golf.

February 20th is Wide River Winery at 4 pm. There will be snacks provided by our chapter, but wine is on your own. Please join us in supporting this generous sponsor. I promise you; you will have a wonderful time socializing!

> Pam Goecke - Social Events Director Text: 563-508-0509 Email: ppgokey@aol.com



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News from the Leagues & Programs Director :

Are you starting to think about which golf league you want to join in 2025? LPGA Amateurs Quad Cities has the following day time options available for 2025.

We are starting a new 9-hole league at Duck Creek Golf Course on Mondays starting at 9:00 a.m. This league is open to all skill levels.

On Tuesdays, we have a travel league that ventures outside of the Quad Cities to play 18 holes of golf at different courses. This league is for the intermediate and advanced golfers with a recommended handicap of 34 or lower.

Thursday, we have an 18-hole league at Emeis Golf Course starting at 9:00 a.m. This league is open to all skill levels. Golfers will have the option to only play 9 holes.

Some golfers may be intimidated by Emeis Golf Course since it used to be a longer course. Emeis completed the construction of new forward tee boxes two years ago, which made Emeis over 500 yards shorter than it used to be. It is now so much more playable for women. They didn't just improve the forward tee boxes; they built brand new forward tee boxes to make the course shorter for women.

Beth Lokenvitz - Leagues and Programs Director



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News from the Golf Events Director:

Working to finalize the date and courses for Girls Golf Getaway 2025.

Should have "Save the Date" info for the March newsletter.

Dena Porterfield - Golf Events Director



A few of our members participated in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Putt Around on Thursday, February 6th. They had fun for a great cause!



Did You Know?

LPGA Amateurs Virtual Community!

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This is a fantastic online platform for connecting with fellow golf enthusiasts and accessing valuable resources. The Member Directory and Golf Education Golf 101 are two of my favorite parts of the Virtual Community.

The Member Directory can help you find playing partners, other members, and business or networking opportunities. If you met someone at an event or social gathering and want to stay in touch, you can search for them using just their first or last name. This is especially handy for finding members in our chapter, the IA Quad Cities Chapter.

Right now our chapter doesn't have a printed member directory, so this online directory is a great way to find members in our chapter. Did you play in an event with another member, but you only remember her first name? No problem. Search the directory using her first name.

To get started, sign in to the Virtual Community at: <u>https://virtualcommunity.lpgaamateurs.com/</u> Use the search box to find the directory for our chapter: IA Quad Cities. Type in your name to find your profile and update your contact information so other members can find you. Then, search for that new golf partner!

Happy golfing!



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Our Board of Directors for 2024 - 2025

- President: Sandy Williams
- Membership Director: Jean Choate
- Finance Director: Paula Peters
- Leagues & Programs Director: Beth Lokenvitz
- Golf Events Director: Dena Porterfield
- Social Events Director: Pam Goecke
- Communications & Social Media Director: Jen Rickman



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Cancellation and Refund Policy:

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