



MAGNOLIA link

February 2010

From The Board Room...

Happy New Year, Ladies! I trust Santa filled all your stockings with golfing goodies and left the perfect club under the tree. However, I must say that I am glad the holidays are over and a new year of golf is about to begin!

This year, besides all of our regular golf events and fun-filled socials, the Mississippi State-Am will be played at REUNION! That's right ... in our own backyard, practically. This will be a great chance to highlight our organization and introduce to golfers from all over our state what being a Steel Magnolia is all about.

A Steel Magnolia is not just about playing golf. She is about supporting our community and women's issues. She is about friendship and encouragement. She is as extraordinary as the game of golf itself. And, IT IS ALL ABOUT GOLF!!!!!! (Oh, sorry... got a little carried away...)

Your Board is busy finalizing this year's schedule. The calendar will be completed by March 11th's Tee-Off.

One of the biggest changes for this year is that we will return to Lake Caroline for our home course. We will play a Tee-Off Scramble there on March 13th. It will be followed by play dates scheduled throughout the spring and summer, and our year will culminate with our annual Club Championship, October 9th. Kyle Sisk, Lake Caroline's Director of

Golf, is as happy to have us as we are to have Lake Caroline back open for play. And, the Steel Mags will play for only \$35!

As for golf events for the rest of the year, of course, Tuesday League will continue at Bay Pointe. The hospitality afforded us by Bay Pointe and BP Club Pro, Brent Belton, is irreplaceable and appreciated. We will return to The Moors for our spring trip, April, 24-25, which is the last weekend in April. Our fall trip is scheduled for October 23-24. This will be somewhat different, but you'll have to come to the Tee-Off to get all the details!

Our first social is scheduled for February 18th at Pan Asia. Our first social is like coming out of winter hibernation, hopefully, the weather will cooperate. Everybody is keen to see everybody else and there is talk of spring, and golf, and new clubs, and who's going down! IT IS ALL ABOUT GOLF!!!!!! (Oops, there I go again ... sorry ...) Just kidding. Most of the "going down" stuff is at the Tee-Off anyway!

So, from the President's crystal ball, this year looks to be another great year for the Steel Magnolias. I do have one request. Please keep Judy Rhodes in your thoughts and pray for her a strong recovery. She is one of longest serving members, and simply HAS to get better because she has to re-tell the *Story of Archibald*. On the fall trip to



Tunica two years ago, she bought the house down. Now, she needs a hand up. See y' all soon around the greens! IT IS ALL ABOUT GOLF!!!!!!!!!!



President Lynn Harmount speaks out ...

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Friendly Reminders

New Mailing Address

Judy Rhodes

HealthSouth Lakeshore
Rehabilitation Hospital
3800 Ridgeway Drive
Room 112-A
Birmingham, AL 35209



The Steel Magnolias was chartered August, 1998, by 14 local business women — most are still active club members.

Our founder and President, Sherry Stevens, now resides in Nashville, TN, but it is worth mentioning that she and three of her friends that sparked our formation did not know how to play golf!

The Steel Magnolias support all women who desire to play golf—no matter her level of play.



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- 2/13: JWGA Sat. Lunch at Brookwood Country Club
Reservations: Ann Villeret 1.601.331.4611
- 3/11: Steel Mags Kick-Off Party at Colonial Country Club
- 3/13: Steel Mags Sat. Tee-Off Scramble/Lake Caroline
- 4/24-25: Steel Mags ROAD TRIP/The Moors, Florida



RULE CALL: 8-1

By Debbie Allen, Steel Magnolias' Communications Director

In this section called Rule Call, we will highlight a single golf rule in each issue. This issue features Rule 8-1.

Golf is played by a set of rules established by the United States Golf Association and the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

Simply put, you are not allowed to GIVE OR SEEK ADVICE except for a few specific instances. Advice is any counsel or suggestions that could influence a player in determining her play, the choice of club or the method of making a **stroke**. For example, it is allowed to ask the distance between your ball and the hole, or between two objects on the course. It is NOT allowed to ask which club you should use to cover that distance.

Simple enough, but with so many Steel Mags who will play in the MS State-Am Tournament this June, it's important you know that you ARE allowed to ask advice ABOUT the Rules themselves. In addition, a tournament such as the State-Am will have a designated Rules Official who may be called in the event you can not decide the proper procedure, or the **Rule** that applies. Note that you must notify your opponent to claim that you want a ruling. The claim must be made before any player in the match plays from the next **teeing ground**; or, in the case of the last hole of the match, before all players in the match leave the **putting green**.

In an official tournament, it's helpful to have, at a minimum, a working knowledge of the USGA Rules of Golf. You are urged to learn them in full, but a working knowledge at least allows you to know when you may have a **Rule** issue. Should a Rules issue arise, you can refer to your USGA Rules of Golf Manual (which, or course, you have in your golf bag).

