

# Elaine's Summary on going to the EWGA Nationals!



Playing the EWGA Nationals in Nashville was certainly an experience although I finished somewhere past the middle of the pack. I loved the Hermitage course itself: broad, rolling, relatively fast, lateral hazards right and left and many nasty sand traps. Our practice round on a beautiful, overcast but sunny afternoon was lots of fun. But the weather made a marathon out of the golf tournament itself.

The first day was my longest day of golf ever - 9 1/2 hours from start to finish! I had hit twice when we were first called into the club house for possible lightning. After an hour of playing "Hand and Foot" with my caddie husband, we were sent back out to the course. We played through frequent and hard rain showers until our second lightning horn sounded 13 holes later. Unfortunately, everyone on the two courses were crowded into the clubhouse while they were trying to serve lunch. I waited over an hour in a lunch line and then had to return to the course before getting any food. Purchased separately, my dear husband shared his chicken tenders and fries with my threesome. The golf round finished at a snail's pace. It did not help that carts had not been allowed on the course all day. Our initial tee time was 8:02 a.m., and we left the course after 5:30 p.m.

We spent the entire second day on the course - all 6 1/2 hours. There were fewer downpours but again carts had to remain on the cart paths. Our threesome had to wait over an hour between the ninth and tenth holes because other groups were still teeing off (not everyone had finished the day before because of darkness).

Overall it was a very slow and wet two days. But, most of all, I met some wonderful people, had delicious food, got to play golf and had a good time! I really want to encourage other chapter members to participate in our tournaments and seize the opportunities to meet members in other places. -- Elaine