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### 57th Maureen Orcutt Trophy Tournament White Beeches Golf & Country Club

*Jin makes two Eagles and two Birdies to win title*

On Friday, July 29th, some seriously impressive golf was played by our junior girls while competing for this year's Maureen Orcutt Trophy Tournament title. The top five players finished at even par or BETTER! Madeline Jin (age 15) shot 70, four under par, to capture the title and Caroline Hodge (age 15) placed second with an impressive three under 71. Madeline and Caroline were paired together and, oh, what a competition. The real excitement began on the par-3 13th hole, where Jin, who was one stroke behind Hodge, had a double bogey giving Hodge a 3 stroke lead. Hodge made birdie on 14, a par-5, to capture a 4 stroke lead, but Jin fired back with an eagle to lessen the gap. Jin birdied 15 and Hodge made bogey. They were now tied going into 16 which they both parred. On the 17th hole, another par-5, Hodge made birdie but Jin, once again, made an eagle to take the lead by one. Both girls ended with a par on 18. Wow! Kudos to Malini Rudra (age 15) who took Low Net honors with a 6 under par round. We also had 3 girls participate in the 9-hole division. Their enthusiasm, mutual encouragement and success in overcoming inaugural competitive "jitters" represents the "why" the WMGA supports and promotes junior girls' golf. Congrats to Mary Cate McGlone (age 15) for an impressive 45 and first time victory. The WMGA would like to thank White Beeches Golf & Country Club for making this annual event another great success!



MADELINE JIN

### 90th Junior Girls' Open Championship North Hempstead Country Club

*Hodge claims Junior Girls' Open title 2 years running, mirroring her swing coach Debbie Doniger's double victory 30 years ago!*

On Thursday, August 18th, junior girls Caroline Hodge and Madeline Jin, paired together again, exhibited some amazing golf. Both were two over par through the front nine. Caroline took the lead with a birdie on 10. Madeline matched Caroline's birdie on 12 but all was even going into the final 18th hole. Hodge, however, determined to reclaim her title from 2015, birdied the 18th hole for another win. What makes this event DOUBLE the fun is the fact that Hodge's swing coach, Debbie Doniger, was also a back to back victor in 1986 & 1987 when she captured the WMGA Junior Girls' Open Championships. Nice repeat of history 30 years later. Congratulations to Madeline Jin for taking second place honors. We would be remiss if we failed to acknowledge the awesome golf of Taylor Miano (age 14) who earned Low Net honors with 2 under par but also had a gross score of 75, AND qualified for Drive, Chi & Putt Regionals later that afternoon! North Hempstead Country Club did a fantastic job assisting us run another successful WMGA Junior Tournament, thank you so much!



L-R: MADELINE JIN, GIO KIM, CAROLINE HODGE & MALINI RUDRA



L-R: DEBBIE DONIGER & CAROLINE HODGE



CAROLINE HODGE



JUNIOR GIRLS' CHAIR, DIANE MOCK & TAYLOR MIANO

## Girls to the Tee<sup>2</sup>

It was double the fun this summer as the WMGA Foundation sponsored two Girls to the Tee free golf clinics for girls under the age of 19. On August 8 at Westchester CC in Rye, New York, over 100 girls participated in the 8th GTTT annual clinic. A second GTTT clinic was held on August 22nd at Ridgewood CC in Paramus, New Jersey with over 75 participants. Both events were tremendously successful; instruction was flowing from top local PGA professionals and fun was had by all! Given the growing participation in these clinics, the Foundation hopes to add a third next season on Long Island. As always, many thanks to all our pros and volunteers, couldn't happen without your support!

