

Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Stroke Play Championship



Low Net winner Emilie Cullen posing with her trophy



Dani Mullin and WMGA President, Valerie DePiro, during the trophy presentation



Ellen Oswald and Caroline Araskog full of smiles on the first tee.

On July 8 and 9, the WMGA 38th Stroke Play Championship at Nassau Country Club in Glen Cove, NY experienced another fantastic finish. Our field of 40 ladies took on Nassau's fairways, which were forgiving if you were able to stay in the middle, because the two-tiered rough provided lots of problems. The greens complimented the fairways by rolling fast but staying true to the players. Even with these tenacious conditions in mind, the players also had to deal with Mother Nature since rain was in the forecast for both days. Shooting low was going to be an absolute must to become our Stroke Play Champion and this proved to be true with only eight players able to break 80 over the two 18 hole rounds.

On the first day of the championship, the players experienced the true test that Nassau had to offer. Defending champion, Dani Mullin, completed her first round with a 2-over par, 74 even with a triple bogey on Hole #9. This was thought to be the low score of the day until Princeton sophomore, Caroline Araskog, posted a 71 to become the only player to record a red number and become the first day's leader. Ellen Oswald earlier in the week at the Women's Met PGA Open was able to share the low amateur title with fellow friend, Dani Mullin.

The players, now more familiar with the course, were determined to catch Caroline during the second round. Tara Fleming shot an even-par, 72 and Christina Paulsen was able to go low with a one-over, 73. Dani Mullin was eager to retain her championship title and her determination showed with a second round, 71. With Dani coming in with an aggregated score of a 145, and Caroline shooting a two-over par, 74, there was a tie for the championship. An aggregated three-hole playoff was necessary to determine the 38th Stroke Play Champion. After tying the first hole, Dani was able to pull ahead of Caroline by one stroke on the second hole, and then hold that one stroke lead to retain the Championship. Emilie Cullen received the Low Net trophy with a combined score of 146.

The WMGA would like to thank Nassau Country Club for its wonderful hospitality and assistance in making our event such a success. Congratulations to all the participants for a great couple of days, and we look forward to another flourishing Championship next year!



Dani Mullin and Caroline Araskog lining up their approach shots



WMGA members watch the playoff between Dani and Caroline



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<u>Previous Winners</u>	
2014	Dani Mullin
2013	Ellen Oswald
2012	Phoebe Timpson
2011	Denies Montorana
2010	Laura Algiero