



# Tee Talk

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## MEADOW BROOK WINS SEVENTH INTERDISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

*Meadow Brook Country Club, Jericho, NY - May 17*

Fresh Meadow Country Club hosted our Interdistrict Championship this year. The weather was outstanding and the golf course was in beautiful condition as the top teams from Long Island, New Jersey, and Westchester/Connecticut battled for the title. Meadow Brook, the Long Island team, was no stranger to this event. They have won the Interdistrict six times in the last twelve years. The team, captained by Phoebe Timpson, included players Ann Enstine, Lisa Evans, Liz Berens and Wendy Havens. The New Jersey team from Cherry Valley made its first appearance in the Interdistrict this year. Over the last fourteen years they have steadily moved up through the twelve New Jersey series. Cherry Valley was captained by Sue Sardi and included team mates Kamille Caufield, Peggy Ference, Julie Manahan and Mary Pucciarelli. The top team from Westchester/Connecticut, Winged Foot, won their way to the Interdistrict by half a point. The Winged Foot players were Debbie Jamgochian, Jean Schob, Dani Virtue, Jen Mackesy and Bridget Queally and were captained by Debbie Zboyan.



L to R: Ann Enstine, Lisa Evans, Phoebe Timpson, Beth Post (President of WMGA), Liz Berens, Wendy Havens

The matches were exceptionally close, coming down to the last match. The teams waited anxiously for the results as the last group came up the 18th fairway. In the end Meadow Brook triumphed with 19 ½ points, Cherry Valley came in second with 13 ½ points and Winged Foot finished with 12. Congratulations are due to all these wonderful teams.

### WMGA Griscom Cup Team



Team that represented the WMGA at the 109th Intercity Team Matches for the Griscom Cup at Gulph Mills Golf Club in King of Prussia, PA on May 30 & 31. Back row (L to R): Kuriko Tsukiyama, Susan DeKalb, Frances Gacos, Denise Martorana, Ellen Oswald, Scotland Preston, Alicia Kapheim, Becky Montgelas. Front row (L to R): Laura Algiero, Phoebe Timpson

## Seniors' "A" & "B" Championships

*Spring Lake Golf Club, Spring Lake, NJ - May 22 & 23*



Theresa Pisacreta

The Seniors' Championships were the first on the WMGA calendar for 2012. A tropical depression sat over the New Jersey shore for most of the weekend prior to the tournament so the weather was wet and cool – typical early spring conditions. Spring Lake's Head pro, Bill King, and his staff worked extremely hard to open the course on the first day of play.



Frances Gacos



Lori Bindler

The Seniors' "A" Championship, consisting of 36 holes played over two days, began shortly after the completion of the Seniors' "B" Championship. Frances Gacos from Copper Hill (NJ) was in the hunt after day one, having shot a 78 to put her one off the lead and sealed the deal after she recorded another 78; capturing the trophy with a two-day aggregate score of 156. The Low Net trophy was awarded to Lori Bindler from Battleground (NJ) posting a two-day net aggregate score of 151.

The Seniors' "B" Championship, an 18 hole competition, was won by Theresa Pisacreta from Lake Isle (WCT) based on a match of cards. Judy Decker from Oak Hill (NJ) and Mary Ehlers from Spring Lake (NJ) also recorded low gross scores of 91. The Low Net prize was captured by Bonnie Trexler from Canoe Brook (NJ) who recorded an impressive low net score of 67.

## 87th Competition for the Golf Illustrated Trophy

*Wee Burn Country Club, Darien, CT - May 24*

Luckily the rain stayed away until the 10th position players were sinking their final putts on the 18th green. Then the heavens opened up and soaked the already lush Wee Burn golf course. The final group's points were needed to determine the winner of the 2012 Golf Illustrated Team Match. Long Island earned the bragging rights garnering 34 points. Westchester/Connecticut was just over a match shy with 30 ½ points and New Jersey pulled in 25 ½.



Back row (L to R): Mimi McAndrew, Amy Fromer, Denise Martorana, Eileen Moriarty, Samantha Sessa, LeeAnn Lewis  
Front row (L to R): Sharon Hoffman, Cheryl Brayman, Ann Einstein, Phoebe Timpson (Captain)

A big "thank you" to the Captains; Phoebe Timpson, Allison Kucinski & Laura Algiero, for bringing in many talented WMGA players from their respective districts.

# 83rd Team Competition for the Myra D. Paterson Trophy

*Mendham Golf & Tennis Club, Mendham, NJ - May 30*

This year the Myra D. Paterson was played at the beautiful Mendham Golf and Tennis Club in New Jersey. Ten women from each of the three districts: Long Island, New Jersey, Westchester came together to compete for the trophy. It was great to see the women from all three districts come together and compete with such intensity and friendship for the coveted trophy. This year, the trophy was claimed by the Westchester/Connecticut team, led by Captain Susan Orr, after edging out New York/Long Island by a point and a half. All three districts will return next year for a chance to compete again and bring the trophy home.



Back row (L to R): Martha McDade, Lynn Thompson, Susan Orr, Wendy Dominick, Joanne Hennessy, Linda Jenkins Front row (L to R): Melissa Steffan, Ellen Katchis, Linda Greene, Rosa Cooper, Terry Pisacreta.

## Laura Algiero Wins the 11th WMGA/MGA Women's Met Amateur Golf Championship in Playoff

*The Stanwich Club, Greenwich, CT - June 5*



Laura Algiero

On an unusually chilly June day, 75 women from across the Met Area competed in the 11th WMGA/MGA Met Amateur Championship at the spectacular Stanwich Club, one of the premier courses in the country. Between the wind, occasional showers and lightning-fast greens, tournament experience was a key component to success, and 2010 champion Laura Algiero of Whipoorwill triumphed on the third hole of a sudden-death playoff to win her second Women's Met Amateur title. Algiero was tied at the end of regulation with 2012 St. John's University graduate Ellen Oswald of Westchester Country

Club. Both women shot scores of 4-over 78. The course played 5,686 yards to a par of 74.

"It feels awesome," remarked Algiero. "I've played with Ellen before and I know how she hits the ball, but I'm always the shorter hitter and I just play my game. I don't let it bother me that I get out-hit. It doesn't matter, because my short game is pretty good and I capitalized today when I needed to."

Tying for third were Stanwich's own Susana Vik and Tina Chang, who both came in with a score of 80. Becky Montgelas of Wee Burn was solo fifth place with an 81. Other notables in the field included multiple-time French-American Challenge team member Susan DeKalb (83), former Women's Met Open champion Gail Flanagan (87), and two-time WMGA/MGA Women's Public Links champion Daria Cummings (88). Jill Robbins took home low net honors with a 74.

This is the first year of a new partnership between the WMGA and MGA on this event, and the organizations will also partner on the MGA Mixed Pinehurst Championship, held in September.

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# 109th Match Play Championship

*Trump National Golf Club, Colts Neck, NJ - June 19-22*



**Frances Gacos**

The sun shone brightly on our 109th Match Play Championship held at Trump National Golf Club-Colts Neck, in Colts Neck, New Jersey. Excitement and temperatures rose as the week carried on, with great matchups and fantastic finishes.

In our Sanford flight, the young guns ended up on top as our final match came down to Christine Silen, a rising junior at Boston University versus Faith Garcia, a rising junior at Trinity High School in Stamford, CT. Silen came out with the trophy, besting Garcia 4 & 3. The Championship flight, 36-hole final between Frances Gacos and Phoebe Timpson, was one for the record books, as Timpson was the defending champion and Gacos is already a WMGA winner this year. Through 18 holes, Gacos was looking strong with a 6 up lead over Timpson. Once back on the course after a brief lunch break, Gacos quickly went 7 up; however, Timpson rallied to get back to just 3 down through 27 holes. A 2-hour rain delay prevented the players from continu-



**Phoebe Timpson**



**Christine Silen**

ing onto the final 9 holes until late afternoon. Following the delay, Timpson continued her push and got to only 2 down with 2 holes to play. Gacos finished strong, making a par on the 35th hole to capture the trophy 3&1 over Timpson.

This was the first tournament where live scoring was available for the final matches. The WMGA received great reviews from the membership and hopes to do more at tournaments in the 2012 season. Overall, the week was a huge success, with amazing golf and a perfect host in Trump National-Colts Neck.

## Back to Back wins for the WMGA at the Junior Girls' Inter-City Team Matches

*Old Westbury Golf & Country Club, Old Westbury, NY - June 27 & 28*



**Back row (L to R): back row: Alex Michielini, Anina Ku, Jacquelyn Mullens, Catherine McEvoy, Cindy Ha. Front row: Samantha Sessa**

The WMGA team reclaimed the coveted Enos Cup Trophy at the 72nd Junior Inter-City three-way team match event. The juniors performed brilliantly against the Massachusetts and

Philadelphia teams at the Old Westbury Golf & Country Club on Long Island.

Eleven year old Anina Ku from Basking Ridge, shot an impressive 76 to medal in the sweepstakes round. Her team followed suit the next day, by winning all but three points in the match play round. Including Ku, the members of the WMGA team were Co-Captains Jacquelyn Mullens (Roxiticus) and Alex Michielini (Garden City), Samantha Sessa (Gardiner's Bay), Catherine McEvoy (Innis Arden) and Cindy Ha (Rivervale).

The WMGA team accumulated 27 points to take the Enos Cup while the WGAM team ended with 10 points and WGAP with 8 points.

The future of exciting junior golf at the Women's Met is on the rise with these dynamic, talented junior members. Congratulations Girls! We salute you for the second year in a row!

## New Faces at the WMGA



(L to R): Kaitlin Sabbagh, Kelsey Conway, Nancy Early, Marisa Diaz, Sarah Relyea

Three new faces will be working at the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association this summer, giving WMGA Executive Director Nancy Early plenty of hands to conduct tournaments and other tasks. Kelsey Conway will be the P.J. Boatwright Jr. intern, Marisa Diaz is the new GOLFWORKS intern, and Sarah Relyea will do a summer internship for college credit. In addition, Kaitlin Sabbagh has been promoted to Manager of Tournament Operations.

Sabbagh, the 2011 Boatwright intern and a 2011 graduate from Belmont Abbey College just west of Charlotte, NC, has a degree in sports management and played for her college's Division II golf team, the Crusaders. "Yes, it's a big responsibility. I'm excited for it," Sabbagh said. "I'm going to be in charge at the tournaments."

A native of Ventura, California, Conway, succeeds Sabbagh as the Boatwright intern and started her one-year role just a few days after graduating from the College of William & Mary with a degree in marketing. "It was really exciting [to get the offer]," said Conway,

who has played golf since she was 7 years old. "I'll be planning and managing tournaments and doing tasks on the administrative side in the off-season."

The new GOLFWORKS intern will be Diaz, who graduated from The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., in June. GOLFWORKS is a program that began in 1994 and is run by the Metropolitan Golf Association Foundation. High school students work with club managers, golf superintendents and in other golf-related fields for 10 weeks, exposing them to positive role models and giving them experience in all areas of golf.

The WMGA's final addition is Relyea, a rising senior at West Liberty University in West Liberty, WV. Relyea will maximize her business administration and golf management skills to assist the WMGA this summer.

If you hear the association calling itself the "Women's Met" this summer, the new nomenclature is not only reflective of the growing female office staff, but also the pride in women's golf. When Early traveled across the country to golf conferences, she wanted to emphasize the strong women's component in the Met Section. However, Early stressed that the WMGA will not change its official name or logo. Beth Post, president of the organization, stated, "Golf is filled with lots of initials, USGA, PGA, MGA, WGA, NJGA etc, so the Women's Met is distinctive. We are most well known for our spring Met matches with over a thousand participants, so the Women's Met is already a familiar name in the area."

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### FEATURED GOLF COURSE

## Sleepy Hollow Country Club

Scarborough-on-Hudson, NY

Host of the WMGA Scholarship Foundation Golf Classic - August 14

In addition to being voted one of the top 100 most prestigious country clubs in the United States, Sleepy Hollow Country Club is also one of the most picturesque. In addition to the 2 C.B. Macdonald designed courses, an outstanding 18 hole course as well as a 9 hole course, the Club offers a riding facility, 10 clay tennis courts, a shooting facility and a swimming pool. The main Club House, formerly the palatial home built by Colonel Eliot F. Shepard, husband of Cornelius Vanderbilt's granddaughter, Margaret Vanderbilt, boasts a ballroom, library, grill room, and formal dining.

Sleepy Hollow has just celebrated its 100th anniversary and the WMGA is honored to hold its Scholarship Foundation Golf Classic here. We hope you can all come out and enjoy this magnificent member course!!!

