

# Women's Metropolitan Golf Association



## TEE TALK

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## 2014 Annual Meeting

The WMGA's 115th Annual Meeting was held on Thursday October 30th at Cold Spring Country Club on Long Island. This completed our rotation of the Annual Meeting through the districts. It was highly successful and well attended by over 180 members, guests, award winners and honorees from New Jersey, Westchester/CT and Long Island.

Laura Algiero from the Whippoorwill Club earned one of our most distinguished honors, 2014 Player of the Year. Since retiring from PepsiCo a few years ago, Laura has had her eye on this trophy. Laura earned her 1100 points throughout the season by competing in the WMGA Match Play, Seniors' A, Women's Met Am and Stroke Play Championships; Tri-County's Match and Stroke Play Championships; and the US Senior Women's Amateur Championship. Our other award recipients included Interdistrict Team Match Champ, Meadow Brook Club; Board of Directors Cup winner, Phillis MacDonald who recorded the lowest "B" stroke play round, an 86 at Southward Ho; and the Joseph J. Lann Trophy awarded to Dani Mullin and Katie Renoff for the lowest stroke play round of the season, a 70 at Sunningdale in the Stroke Play Championship. Congratulations to all for a fabulous season.

Honorary guests were fourfold. The Judy Bell Award, presented to a person or organization that made significant contributions to women and/or juniors in the Metropolitan area, was awarded to Missy Crisp. Honorary memberships were bestowed upon Dot Paluck, Ann Probert and Brigid Shanley Lamb for their long and accomplished histories with the WMGA, women's golf and the entire realm of golf.

Amy Hyman, WMGA President, conducted the business portion of the meeting. Beth Post spoke about our Foundation and showed a great video highlighting what the Foundation means to girls' golf. The meeting concluded with Amy handing the gavel over to Valerie DePiro.

Dottie Pepper was our guest speaker and was incred-



**Player of the Year, Laura Algiero**

ible at the podium relaying golf stories, her life in golf and insights from the booth. In addition, Dottie conducted a book signing of her children's book series, *Bogey Tees Off*. This was extremely well received. Every child, grandchild and friend of a member now owns a *Bogey* book!

The day was a terrific tribute to the WMGA and we thank so many who made this day possible. Special thanks to our host, Cold Spring Country Club, Dottie Pepper, award winners, honorees, guests and all our members in attendance. We hope you all have a 'mild' winter and we look forward to seeing you in the Spring.

**Mary Anne Kelly, Membership Chair**

# Annual Meeting Memories



Board of Directors Cup Winner, Phyllis MacDonald



Honorary Members Dot Paluck, Brigid Lamb & Ann Probert



(L to R) Back Row: Dot Paluck, Ann Probert, Amy Hyman, Brigid Lamb  
(L to R) Front Row: Dottie Pepper, Valerie DePiro, Beth Post



Lann Trophy winners, Katie Renoff & Dani Mullin



Judy Bell Award Recipient, Missy Crisp



Interdistrict Team Match Champion, Meadow Brook Club

## Amy's Farewell



Phyllis Gusick, Amy Hyman & Michele Greenfield

As my tenure as WMGA President closes, I reflect on what has been an incredible journey. Volunteering for the WMGA has been a particularly gratifying experience. I began my WMGA journey as a Series Captain. It

was an educational, enlightening, demanding and extremely rewarding experience. My role evolved, and I was honored to serve on the Nominating Committee. I enjoyed networking with long time golf friends, and forging new relationships. I believe that the board members our committee selected made a significant contribution, especially for our Junior Girls' program.

I began my six years on the Board of Directors as Interclub Team Match WCT District Captain, and many of you know what that entails! Following that, my next Board position was

Membership Chair. Here I was able to draw on my marketing, PR and special events background. I enjoyed working with my fellow Board members and the Met Reps as we developed initiatives to grow membership and increase participation to preserve and expand the legacy of the WMGA.

I was especially honored to be nominated and chosen as WMGA President. I was fortunate to work with dedicated Executive Committees, and Boards that were committed to the traditions of the WMGA, while simultaneously ensuring its viability in an ever-changing golf world. A highlight of my tenure was the expansion of the Critical Needs Committee that examined membership, competition, governance, collaboration, PR, marketing, sponsorships, course rating, sites, club relations, juniors and the Foundation, all in an effort to position the WMGA for the future.

Looking back fondly on the past six years, I am grateful for the many friendships I have made throughout all of the WMGA districts, as well as women's organizations in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and even in France! My service as a volunteer and as a Board member has been a positive, life-changing experience. I strongly encourage you to consider volunteering for the WMGA. Who knows where it might lead?!

**Amy Hyman**

## Sarah Relyea, Tournament Manager

I began my relationship with the WMGA as a summer intern going into my senior year of college at West Liberty University in Wheeling, West Virginia. I captained the women's golf team while studying a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a specialization in Golf Management. My major required that I gain sports administration experience. During my summer internship with the WMGA, I focused on office management, junior tournaments, and the Girls To The Tee clinic.

Shortly after graduating, I became the USGA P.J. Boatwright Intern, while pursuing a Master of Business Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, New Jersey. In this position, I focused heavily on tournament administration, learning how to plan and execute a championship. I became the Communications and Marketing Associate for the 2014 tournament season. I was able to integrate my classroom and field experience by developing content for the WMGA website, social media, and *Tee Talk*.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be the Manager of Tournament Operations for the WMGA. I look forward to my new responsibilities and I am excited for the 2015 season.



# 2014 Foundation Golf Classic

*October 6, 2014*

*The Creek, Locust Valley, New York*

The 2014 WMGA Foundation Golf Classic was held on October 6, 2014, at The Creek, Locust Valley, NY. Our sincere thanks to all who participated in making this day such a huge success! The proceeds from this event will enable the WMGA Foundation to provide college scholarships to young women who have

an interest in the game of golf and to fund our Fellowship program, and Girls to the Tee clinic aimed at growing the game of golf for our junior girls. The girls are truly appreciative! Congratulations to all the winners!!



**Low Gross Winners - Michael Karger, Ellen Oswald, Dan Rifkin & Gale Brudner**



**Diane Mock, Eileen Moriarty, Lauren Monosson & Yvette Loughlin**



**John & Nancy Bello, Beth & Peter Post**

# 2014 French American Challenge



The French-American Challenge is a biennial international team competition between France's Ligue de Paris, and the MGA and the WMGA. The tournament was created to foster sportsmanship, camaraderie and good will between the United States and France. The 17th French-American Challenge was held on October 17th and 18th at Golf de Saint Cloud, whose course is listed among the "1000 Best Golf Courses in the World" according to the Rolex Guide, and is the home of the esteemed Esmond Cup and French Open. The American team is composed of six men and four women who are among

the best amateur players in the Met area. It is quite an honor to be selected to the team. The format consists of fourball, foursome and singles matches played over the course of the two days.

The WMGA was proudly represented by Lillian Ruiz-Munoz, Dani Mullin, Ellen Oswald and Michelle Rosenhouse, with Amy Hyman, WMGA president as captain. The MGA team, led by its president and captain Jeff Holzschuh, consisted of Cameron Young, Trevor Randolph, Dylan Newman, Sam Bernstein, Dave Pastore and Mike Stamberger.

In addition to the actual competition, practice rounds were played at Le Golf National, home of the 2018 Ryder Cup, and the exclusive Golf de Morfontaine, as well as a special Am-Am event played at Saint Cloud, followed by a gala prize reception. There was also a Team presentation and Official cocktail party after the first day of competition celebrating the 30th anniversary of Ligue de Paris (compare that to the WMGA's 115th year!).

Although the French team emerged victorious with a score of 11/12 to 8 1/2, everyone involved in this wonderful event, players, captains, organizers and parents all enjoyed a truly memorable experience, and the spirit of camaraderie and competition endures. The Challenge will return to the Met area in 2016.

## 2014 Volunteer Tournament

October 21, 2014

Knollwood Country Club, Elmsford, New York

### One Volunteer

**Laura Agliero, Amy Hyman,  
Michele Greenfield & Stella Oliver**  
*Low Gross (75)*

**Barbara Briamonte, Nancy Muhlstock &  
Suzanne Schatz**  
*Low Net (65)*

**Volunteer & Club Board Member**  
**Celine Shea, Brian Shea, Diane Mock &  
Lou Severine**  
*Low Gross (73)*

**Liana Chirichella, Michael Chirichella,  
Ratchanee Benson & Mario Fastiggi**  
*Low Net (62)*



Michele Greenfield, Laura Agliero, Amy Hyman & Stella Oliver

# John B. Mackie Memorial Tournament

September 18, 2014

Inwood Country Club, Inwood, New York

The 73rd John B. Mackie Memorial Tournament was held on Thursday, September 18 at Inwood Country Club and believe it or not...the weather was perfect! Seasoned Mackie players came prepared with layers and layers of clothing only to be surprised and delighted at the 75 degree, sunny day. Inwood Country Club, as always was a wonderful host of this event and the WMGA is grateful to them for always making our ladies feel special.

True Scotch Foursomes are fun, yet exacerbating. There were

plenty of "I'm sorry's" out there on the course. Two teams tied at the top with a four over par 76, with the winner determined by a match of cards. Congratulations to Gail Flanagan and Ellen Oswald for hoisting their trophies and becoming the Low Gross Champions. It was serendipitous for the "losers" of the match of cards, Patty Feldman and Pamela Dolph to become the winners of the Low Net trophy. See you all back next year. Let's hope we get lucky and have another perfect golfing day!

**Michele Greenfield, VP of Outreach, Marketing & Initiatives**



Ellen Oswald & Gail Flanagan - Low Gross (76)



Patricia Feldman & Pamela Dolph - Low Net (67)

## Better Ball A Tournament

October 7-8, 2014

North Jersey Country Club, Wayne, New Jersey



Champions, Laura Algiero & Denise Martomana

## Better Ball Gross & Net, WCT

July 30, 2014

Paramount Country Club, New City, New York

**LeeAnn Lewis & Adrienne MacLean**

*Low Gross (72)*

**Gale Brudner & Helen Bernstein**

*Low Net (68)*

## Better Ball Gross & Net, NJ

September 9, 2014

Twin Brooks Country Club, Watchung, New Jersey

**Jane Linn & Leanne Leonard**

*Low Gross (80)*

**Ginny Alworth & Patricia Savage**

*Low Net (70)*

## Husband/Wife A Championship

October 9, 2014

Glen Arbor Golf Club, Bedford Hills, New York

Jennifer & Scott Macksey  
Low Gross (73)

Donna & James McHugh  
Low Net (65)



Jennifer & Scott Macksey - Champions

## Husband/Wife B Championship

October 14, 2014

South Fork Country Club, Amagansett, New York

Suzanne & Tom Dean  
Low Gross (90)

Gloria & Tom Taylor  
Low Net (69)



Suzanne & Tom Dean - Low Gross Winners

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In continuing with our tradition, the WMGA has made a generous contribution to the employee Holiday Funds of our 2014 host clubs, thanking them for their partnership.

*Our Sincere Best Wishes for a  
wonderful Holiday Season!!*

# 2015 WMGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

(as of October 30, 2014 - Subject to Change)

DATE	EVENT	HOST CLUB
April 21, 23, 28, 30 May 5	Team Matches	
May 12, 13, 14	Challenge Rounds	
May 14	Interdistrict Playoff	Fresh Meadow (LI)
May 19	Golf Illustrated Trophy Tournament	Bonnie Briar (WCT)
May 21	Myra D. Paterson Trophy Tournament	Richmond (NJ)
May 27, 28	Griscom Cup Matches	WGAP
June 3	Metropolitan Amateur Championship	Tuxedo (WCT)
June 9-12	Match Play Championship	Canoe Brook (NJ)
June 23	One Day Stroke Play (A&B)	Huntington Crescent (LI)
June 25	Better Ball Gross & Net Tournament	Maplewood (NJ)
June 29	Seniors "B" Championship	Roxiticus (NJ)
June 29, 30	Seniors "A" Championship	Roxiticus (NJ)
June 30, July 1	Junior Intercity Team Matches	Trump Colts Neck (NJ)
July 8, 9	Stroke Play Championship	Nassau (LI)
July 21	Mother-Son Championship	Knickerbocker (NJ)
July 28	Better Ball Gross & Net Tournament	Huntington (LI)
July 28	Better Ball "B" Championship	Huntington (LI)
July 31	Maureen Orcutt Trophy Tournament	White Beeches (NJ)
August 11	Mother-Daughter, Father-Daughter Championships	Metropolis (WCT)
August 11	Sister-Brother, Sister-Sister Championships	Metropolis (WCT)
August 12	One Day Stroke Play (A&B)	Rock Spring (NJ)
August 18	One Day Stroke Play (A&B)	Winged Foot (WCT)
August 20	Junior Girls' Open Championship	Rye (WCT)
August 27	Sis Choate Tournament	Navesink (NJ)
September 1	Best Ball of Four Tournament - New for 2015	Innis Arden (WCT)
September 17	"B" Stroke Play Championship	Fairview (WCT)
September	Husband-Wife "B" Championship	Raritan Valley (NJ)
September 29	Husband-Wife "A" Championship	St Georges (LI)
September 30	John B. Mackie Memorial Tournament	Inwood (LI)
October 7, 8	Better Ball "A" Championship	Whippoorwill (WCT)
October 15	Volunteer Tournament	Seawane (LI)