



Tee Talk

Becky Montgelas Wins WMGA 2009 Player of the Year



Becky Montgelas

Congratulations to Becky Montgelas of Wee Burn, our Player of the Year! Last summer was the first time all four of her sons were employed, so, Becky pasted the "Player of the Year Point System" on her desk in the early spring and planned her golf schedule. She placed third in the Metropolitan Amateur at Siwanoy. She reached the semi-finals of the WMGA Match Play Championship. She won the Women's Tri-County Golf Association Championship, the Senior division of the Connecticut State Championship, and reached the round of 32 in the USGA Senior Women's Amateur Championship.

Becky was encouraged to play golf at an early age by her father, Phil Sweet, in Sewickley, PA. When she asked her father how to entertain herself in the rural outskirts of Pittsburgh her father responded, "You have 3 choices, play golf, play golf and play golf." And so she did! The future is bright for Becky Montgelas' golf game and we look forward to many years of her competing in the WMGA.

The Judy Bell Awarded to Gerri Scarpa

This year the WMGA honored Gerri Scarpa with the 12th Judy Bell Award, named in honor of the first female president of the USGA. Gerri is a volunteer extraordinaire at the local, state, regional and national levels of golf. She began her tenure on the WMGA Board as NJ District Captain for Team Matches in 1996. She became Chairman of Team Matches in 1999 and Vice President of Competitions in 2001 for a two-year term. Gerri was President of the WMGA in 2003-2004. She then took the reigns as President of the WMGA Scholarship Foundation from 2005-2008 and now serves as its Vice-President. She is also the 2009 Chair of the WMGA Nominating Committee.

Gerri has also served on the Board of the NJ State Women's Golf Committee and currently is a member of the Women's Eastern Golf Association Board and the USGA Regional Affairs Committee.

Gerri Scarpa and Judy Bell share in their devotion to giving back to the game of golf. Both have a steadfast belief that volunteerism is what makes golf the great game that it is. The WMGA has been fortunate to have Gerri as a guiding force in our organization.



Gerri Scarpa

Outstanding Achievement Award and Lann Trophy Given to Sherry Herman



Sherry Herman

Sherry Herman had a year of which only dreams are made. She started the season winning the WMGA Match Play Championship in June at Baltusrol. She secured Medalist honors with her qualifying score of 72, which also set the mark for lowest 18-hole gross score in a 2009 WMGA stroke play round. This round of beauty on Baltusrol's famed Lower Course earned Herman the coveted Joseph J. Lann Trophy. At the end of July Sherry won the New Jersey State Amateur Championship at Neshanic Valley. In mid-August she claimed victory at the 52nd Women's Senior North-South Amateur at Pinehurst. Saving the best for last, Sherry won the USGA Senior Women's Amateur Championship at the Homestead Resort in Virginia on the Cascades Course. The WMGA was proud to present Sherry Herman with an Outstanding Achievement Award at the Annual Meeting. Few female amateurs have been able to achieve in a lifetime what Sherry has achieved in this one spectacular year. Congratulations, Sherry!



Michael Breed

Michael Breed Gives the WMGA a “Golf Fix”

Michael Breed, the Head Professional at Sunningdale Country Club, 2009 Metropolitan PGA Teacher of the Year and the host of “The Golf Fix,” the popular broadcast on the Golf Channel, delighted the audience at the Annual Meeting with his energy, humor, and insight into the mental approach to golf.

Michael emphasized that one’s mental attitude is the “secret sauce” to success on the golf course. He exhorted the 170 ladies in the audience to trust in their ability, to embrace “the law of possibility” and to believe that they “are the greatest putters in the world” when they stand over a putt. Michael emphasized the power of positive thinking in determining success, “What you tell yourself doesn’t have to be true, you just have to believe.”

Those of us who were lucky enough to be in the audience left the Annual Meeting with a renewed spirit and eager to sink the next double-breaking side-hill 30 foot putt that came our way! Thank you, Michael!

USGA honors Ann Probert with the Ike Grainger Award

At the Annual Meeting, Brigid Shanley Lamb, on behalf of the USGA, surprised her dear friend, Ann Probert, with the highly prestigious Ike Grainger Award for her 25 years of service as a volunteer to the USGA. Ann served the USGA for 11 years on the Junior Girls’ Championship Committee, 9 years on the Women’s Committee and during that time was Chairman of the Senior Women’s Amateur. She spent 4 years on the Past Women’s Committee and was recently on the Women’s Nominating Committee.

What a well-deserved honor for our extraordinary member from Somerset Hills. Ann is a Past President of the WMGA (1991-92), WMGA Match Play Champion (1985), 4- time WMGA Stroke Play Champion (1981, 1982, 1985, 1985) and Lann Trophy Winner (1985). It is fair to say that Ann does it all!



Brigid Shanley Lamb and Ann Probert



Kile Keever and Sheila Torgan
Woodway, Interdistrict Team Match Champions



Amanda Bailey, Scholarship recipient, and
WMGA Foundation President Gale Brudner



Rosemary Mankiewicz, past WMGA president,
and Jay Mottola, MGA Executive Director

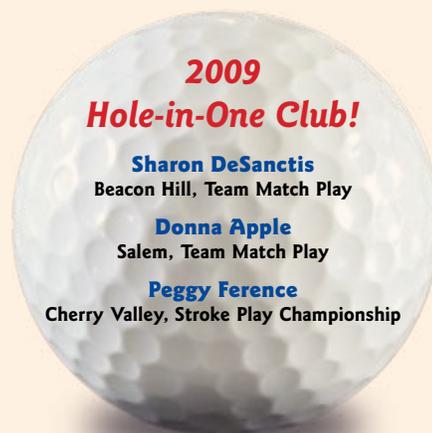


Save The Dates!

Team Matches - April 20, 22, 27, 29 & May 4

Challenge Rounds - May 11, 12, 13

Interdistrict Play-Off - May 12



A Look Back at our Tournaments...

70th Mother-Son Championship

Rock Spring Club, August 11th

Rock Spring Club was a terrific venue for 46 teams to test their golfing skills in the 70th Mother-Son Championship. It was a shot-gun start at 1:30; and when the round was finished the scores were very close. Pam Dolph, Nissequogue, playing with her son, Colin, a Rollins College golfer, won in a match of cards shooting even par. Pam has won this tournament twice before with her older son, Kevin. Pam put Colin in some tricky spots with her drive; yet nothing seem to faze Colin as he found the green for his mom on the second shot, allowing her to employ her superb putting skills.

Suzanne Brett from Siwanoy, teaming up with her son, Sean Finger, a former Gettysburg College golfer, also shot even par but lost in a match of cards. Sean has played in this event with his mother for the past 12 years and thought this was their time. After all Suzanne had just won Mother-Daughter Championship low net trophy with her daughter, Jennifer Finger, the week before at Willow Ridge. Next year, Sean, lucky number 13!



Pam and Colin Dolph, Mother-Son Champions

Joanne Apgar, Metuchen, and her son Rodney Force fired a net score of 61 to take the low net prize. Marie and Chris Gibbons, Indian Hills, and Jeanette and Louis Keleher, Stanton Ridge, shared 2nd low net honors by shooting a score of 64.

Hearty thanks go to the staff at Rock Spring for making the day such a success for all of our players.

79th Husband-Wife "A" Championship

Meadow Brook Club, August 13th

54 Husband-Wife teams had the pleasure of teeing it up at Meadow Brook in mid-August. It was a treat for all involved to play this spectacular course designed by Dick Wilson. The expansive and speedy greens provided a challenge for even the most experienced putter.

Making the long road trip from Pine Barrens, New Jersey did not thwart the rhythm of Dot and Michael Walter on the golf course. They shot an even par 72, carding 10 pars, 4 birdies and 4 bogies to raise the low gross trophy. Just off the mark by one stroke was another New Jersey couple, Jane and Adam Kugler from Alpine. The Kuglers shot a 73 to earn 2nd low gross. In the net category Irene and Christopher Lok, Bonnie Briar, not only had to travel over the bridge to arrive at Meadow Brook for the first tee time at 8am, but they had to wait until the field had finished before they learned that their net



Michael and Dot Walter,
Husband-Wife "A" Champions

score of 64 held up to win the low net award. Gerri and Andrew Schmitz, Huntington, earned 2nd low net with a score of 65.

Meadow Brook's elegant course, clubhouse and gracious hospitality will be remembered and cherished by the members of the WMGA.

55th Husband-Wife "B" Championship

The TPC at Jasna Polana, August 24th



Matthew and Carol Novarro
Husband-Wife "B" Champions

The TPC at Jasna Polana attracted 50 Husband-Wife teams to vie for the Ruth March Trophy. The Club, built on the former J. Seward Johnson's 230-acre estate in Princeton, NJ, opened in 1998. The clubhouse is the Johnson's former main residence making for one of the grandest clubhouses in the country. Gary Player designed the 18-hole championship course.

Carol and Matthew Novarro from Plandome had been busy babysitting their granddaughters the previous two weeks; but wanted to take

advantage of the opportunity to play golf at this magnificent venue despite a lack of practice. Clearly rust was not a factor in this veteran team's game as they carded a 73, just one over par. They outshot the field by 5 strokes! Kum and Yong Ahn from Minisceongo won 2nd low gross with a 78. The low net prize went to Fran and Soon Choi, Twin Brooks, for their solid round of 65, recording 1 net eagle and 6 net birdies along the way.

The WMGA would like to extend special thanks to The TPC at Jasna Polana for providing such a spectacular golf experience to our members.



Soon and Fran Choi
Husband-Wife Net Winners

“Girls to the Tee” Inaugural Clinic

Westchester Country Club, August 17

The WMGA inaugural clinic for junior girls ages 8 to 18 was a huge success! We had 88 girls from all three districts participate along with 12 Met area golf pros. Westchester Country Club was extraordinarily generous and gave us full use of their wonderful practice facility’s enormous range and putting green. It was quite a wonderful sight to see all these young women lined up along the range stations. As one pro said, “I got goose bumps seeing all these junior girls loving golf!”

The girls moved between four stations: long game, shorter irons, chipping, and putting. Gary Weir and Monique Thoresz, two of Westchester Country Clubs top teaching pros, organized the day and recruited fellow pros Christi Dorece (Fairview), Natalie Tucker (Sleepy Hollow), Sandy Jaskol (Fresh Meadow), John Deigan (Wykagyl) Marina Marselli (Apawamis), Claudia Beauchnese (Ridgeway), Allyson Kotes (Beekman), Julie Peluso (Old Westbury), and Cindy Pietrusik (Pine Hollow). Several other Met area pros supported the event as they brought girls from their clubs for the day.

With temperatures soaring into the high 90’s everyone was very grateful for the Adina beverages provided by John Bello, CEO of



Adina and husband of WMGA member Nancy Bello. Literally hundreds of Herbalicious drinks were consumed! Adina also provided tee shirts for all the girls attending the event. Vineyard Vines provided raffle prizes that were a great hit with the girls.

We are already planning for the 2010 season and hope to be able to offer two “Girls to the Tee” clinics next year.

Nancy Rees
Junior Girls’ Chair

84th Junior Girls’ Open Championship and 9-Hole Event

Westchester Hills, August 18



Brooke Rohrbach
Junior Open Champion

It seemed fitting when the fire engines showed up at Westchester Hills Golf Club in White Plains, New York the morning of August 18th. After all, twenty-eight young women were out “burning up” the golf course. Alas, it was only a malfunctioning smoke alarm and things quickly returned to normal at the clubhouse. Out on the course Scotland Preston, Echo Lake, and Brooke Rohrbach, Winged Foot, both shot 79 to force a playoff. Brooke hit a spectacular second shot on the first

playoff hole to best Scotland by one stroke and take the trophy for her first WMGA win. Scotland, our Maureen Orcutt winner this year, came in second. Eliza Breed, Round Hill, and Hanna Lee, Overpeck, tied for 3rd place with scores of 81. In the net division, Catherine McEvoy, Innis Arden, won with a net 70, followed by Hannah Purdy,



Brooke Rohrbach, Champion, Scotland Preston, 2nd low gross, Hanna Purdy, 2nd low net, Carolyn Lydon, 3rd low net

Plainfield, in 2nd place with 71. Caroline Lydon, Brookville, finished in 3rd place with a 72.

Many thanks to the members and staff at Westchester Hills. They were gracious hosts and the course was in wonderful condition and a great test of golf for our junior girls.

Nancy Rees
Junior Girls’ Chair



Laura Burke
9-hole Champion

20th Sis Choate Pinehurst Tournament

Upper Montclair Country Club, August 27th

67 teams squared off for the Sis Choate honors on a beautiful late summer day at Upper Montclair Country Club. It was a special venue as the top LPGA players also tested their skills on this challenging course, most recently at the Sybase Classic in May. This A.W. Tillinghast /Robert Trent Jones design sets the bar at every level.

At the end of the day one team played the Pinehurst format to perfection. Cheryl Brayman from North Shore and Denise Martorana from Southhampton partnered up and added a second Sis Choate title to their trophy case. Cheryl and Denise shot an even par 74 to best the field by 3 strokes. They managed to fire 4 birdies on this challenging course. When asked about their success Cheryl chimed in that Denise's powerful drives gave them a huge advantage and Denise attributed Cheryl's clutch putting for the win. Excellent "ham and egg," Long Island ladies! Fran Gacos from Copper Hill and Kristen Nash from Montclair, a formidable pair from New Jersey, put in a rock-solid performance finishing with a score of 77 to earn 2nd low gross. Low net went to the team of Deborah Agran, Shackamaxon, and Mary Alice Smith, Morris County, who shot a 3 under-par 71, recording 7 net birdies which sealed their victory. Donna Klitzman and Dale Cook of Forsgate were right behind with a 72 to take the 2nd low net prize.



**Denise Martorana and Cheryl Brayman
Sis Choate Pinehurst Champions**

All of our players were so thankful to have the opportunity to test their golfing skills on such a venerable course and greatly appreciated the efforts made by the staff of Upper Montclair on their behalf.

43rd Seniors' "B" Championship

Lake Isle Country Club, September 3rd

The weather was spectacular on this Indian summer day at Lake Isle and all 32 players were delighted to have an opportunity to play golf on a course designed by Devereux Emmet in 1926. At the end of the round there were a host of familiar names at the top of the scoreboard making for a very competitive championship.

Fran Choi from Twin Brooks won the Seniors' Cup with her excellent score of 88. Fran, buoyed by her low net victory in the Husband-Wife "B" just one week earlier at Jasna Polana, continued her winning ways by playing consistent golf. Fran made par on four of the five par 3's, which provided the key to her victory. Louise Di Chiaro, Osiris, shot 89 to give her the 2nd low gross prize. Elaine Gargano from North Hempstead scored a net 66 to take home the low net prize. Elaine had a net eagle and 5 net birdies. Another Long Islander, Gloria Taylor, from Port Jefferson was red hot on the front nine producing 2 net eagles and 4 net birdies to earn 2nd low net with her score of 67.

Well done, ladies! Thank you to Lake Isle for providing the weather, the course, and the warm hospitality. It certainly brought out the best in our players.



**Fran Choi
Seniors' "B" Champion**

45th Better Ball “B” Championship

Woodmere Club, September 30th

The Better Ball “B” was a hotly contested tournament held this year at the Woodmere Club in Woodmere, Long Island despite the chilly temperatures and driving winds. The Robert Trent Jones designed course with its secluded setting, water views, and specimen trees provided the perfect tonic for our determined golfers.

As it turned out the three districts of the WMGA were well represented in this battle for the Better Ball trophy. Donna Conway and Sue Martin from Stanton Ridge in New Jersey won low gross in a match of cards with an 88. The Long Island duo of Kathleen Boyle and Christine Shelley from Rockville Links earned 2nd low gross with a score of 91. The team of Pam Santucci and Linda Shearman from Rye in Westchester lost the gross trophy in a match of cards but secured low net honors with an 88-70. Peggy Richling, Huntington, and Elaine McClusker, Plandome, teamed up to take home the 2nd net prize with a net score of 71.

Everyone enjoyed their day at Woodmere and was thrilled to play the course and dine on a magnificent feast in the wonderful clubhouse. Thank you, Woodmere, for making this a great day of golf!



Sue Martin and Donna Conway
Better Ball “B” Champions

49th Better Ball “A” Championship

Bedford Golf and Tennis Club, October 6th & 7th



Adrienne MacLean and Susan De Kalb
Better Ball “A” Champions with Rosemary Mankiewicz, past WMGA President

Bedford by all estimates is a challenging course for women. It is known as a long and hilly course with nary a flat lie, thick rough, and lightning fast greens. Bedford is also one of the oldest courses in the country and a founding member of the MGA. It opened originally as a nine-hole course in 1891, redesigned by Devereux Emmet, and then Charles Banks added the back nine in the late 1920's.

The weather was pleasant on the first day of competition. Adrienne MacLean, Montclair, and Sue De Kalb, Bamm Hollow, clearly relished the challenge of Bedford. Their opening round of 69 was a masterpiece. They had an eagle and 4 birdies to finish at 4 under par. The second day was a different story weather-wise as a storm blew threw overnight leaving behind blustery winds and a rain-soaked golf course. This New Jersey team was on a mission, however, and managed to shoot par under such tricky weather conditions. Adrienne's double eagle on the 7th hole, a severely sloped uphill hole to a double-tiered green, was deserving of a WMGA standing ovation! Adrienne and Sue handily won the Better Ball trophy with a remarkable combined score of 142 (69-73). Laura Algiero, Westchester Hills, and Yvonne Thiel, Whipoorwill, claimed 2nd low gross with an impressive combined score of 152 (77-75). In the low net category Barbara Hulke from Roxiticus and her partner, Kathy Gerndt from Basking Ridge, had little problem navigating the swirling winds and earned 1st place with their net score of 141 (74-67), carding 9 net birdies on the second day. Inspirational play, ladies!

Bedford has a long history of generosity to the WMGA. Rosemary Mankiewicz, past WMGA President, orchestrated a sensational showcase of golf at her club. Many thanks go to Rosemary, our “Hostess with the Mostest!” and the staff at Bedford.

68th John B. Mackie Memorial Tournament

Inwood Country Club, October 8th



Mary Eichhorn and Deborah Oberg
John. B. Mackie Champions

for a terrific job.

Inwood is a strategic golf course on a calm day; but the gusting winds made it especially demanding. Narrow fairways require straight and long drives and bunkers keep vigilant guard at the entrance to each green. Shots one yard short of the green are punished accordingly.

This was the third time that old friends Mary Eichhorn, Spring Lake, and Deborah Oberg, White Beeches, have played together in this alternate shot tournament. The third time was a charm as both played picture perfect golf from tee to green. Mary attributes their consistent play to Deb's undying enthusiasm that seems to spill onto the golf course. They shot a 78 to win the Mackie trophy and beat the field by 6 strokes. Defending champions Sandy Jackson and Yvonne Thiel from Whipoorwill took home 2nd gross honors with an 84. Carol Goldman and Jadie Shing De Tolla from Port Jefferson claimed first



Jadie Shing De Tolla and Carol Goldman
John B. Mackie Net Winners

place in the net category with a net score of 74. These scores were outstanding given the windy and wet conditions.

Inwood never disappoints and makes every effort to make this tournament the gold standard of the WMGA. Thank you, Inwood, for your perennial hospitality and support.

A nor'easter blew threw Inwood on October 7th leaving the golf course in a disarray of fallen leaves, broken branches and even a downed tree or two. Aided by a delayed start, the staff at Inwood miraculously restored the course to championship shape. Kudos go to Inwood

The
WMGA
Board of Directors
and staff would like
to wish all of our
members a wonderful
holiday season and a
healthy New Year.

One Day "A & B" Stroke Play

Burning Tree Country Club, Aug. 20

Class A Low Gross	74
Sharon Hoffman, <i>Seawane</i>	
Class A Low Net	73
Nancy Cole, <i>Alpine</i>	
Class B Low Gross	87
Teresa Barry, <i>Apawamis</i>	
Class B Low Net	70
Mimi Einstein, <i>Somers Pointe</i>	

Best Ball-of-Four "AB" Stroke Play

Country Club of Darien, Sept. 24

Low Gross	74
Kum Ahn, <i>Minisceongo</i>	
Mia Keum, <i>Minisceongo</i>	
Louise DiChiaro, <i>Osiris</i>	
Kay Hyun, <i>Osiris</i>	
Low Net (Tie)	63
Susie Labriola, <i>Fairview</i>	
Willa Rosenberg, <i>Fairview</i>	
Kim Barker, <i>Silvermine</i>	
Carla Thompson, <i>Silvermine</i>	
Kathy Baker, <i>Salem</i>	63
Barbara Steiner, <i>Quaker Ridge</i>	
Marge Bullis, <i>Osiris</i>	
JoAnn Ryder, <i>Osiris</i>	

Best Ball-of-Four "AB" Stroke Play

Tam O'Shanter Club, Sept. 29

Low Gross	73
Cheryl Brayman, <i>North Shore</i>	
Lola Goldring, <i>North Shore</i>	
Adele Dusenbury, <i>Port Jefferson</i>	
Kay Yun, <i>Port Jefferson</i>	
Low Net	66
Diane Galtieri, <i>Huntington</i>	
Stephanie Partilla, <i>Huntington</i>	
Jeanne Agoglia, <i>Rockville Links</i>	
Nicole Pantony, <i>Rockville Links</i>	

One Day "A & B" Stroke Play

Southward Ho Country Club, Oct. 22

Class A Low Gross	76
LeeAnn Lewis, <i>Southward Ho</i>	
Class A Low Net	70
Pam Dolph, <i>Nissequogue</i>	
Class B Low Gross	91
Kathy Calfa, <i>Indian Hills</i>	
Class B Low Net	73
Gloria Taylor, <i>Port Jefferson</i>	