



# Tee Talk

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## Youth Shines at the 32nd Stroke Play Championship

Brookville Country Club, July 21 & 22



**Dani Mullin**  
Stroke Play Champion

Brookville Country Club hosted the Stroke Play Championship with 47 of our best golfers participating. What made this tournament particularly exciting was the presence of our WMGA college and college-bound youth who put on a spectacular display of golf.

Dani Mullin, a member of Southward Ho and the Elon University women's golf team, won the Championship with a combined score of 82-73-155. On the second day of competition Dani shot one over par, firing 3 birdies on the back nine to edge out Chloe Altchek, a member of Westchester and a Harvard-bound freshman, who

posted a 77-79-156. Ellen Oswald, also a member of Westchester and a St. John's Red Storm player, placed 4th just behind Laura Algiero, Westchester Hills, who shot a 75-83-

158 giving us more mature golfers some hope in our race against time.

No one was more surprised than Kile Keever, Woodway, to find out that her net score of 77-71-148 held up to earn low Net honors. Kile lit up Brookville's back 9 on both days and her birdies on holes #14 and #15 on the second day allowed her to raise the trophy. Claire Rothschild, a member of Cherry Valley and a Fairfield University player, took 2nd low Net honors with a 76-72-148. Lizzie Abbondandolo, a member of Brookville and the WMGA Junior Intercity team, won 3rd low Net with a 76-73-149.

The future of the WMGA is bright with these young women on board! Thank you to the entire staff at Brookville for making such a special effort on behalf of our competitors.



**Kile Keever**  
Stroke Play Net Winner

## 9th Stroke Play "B" Championship

Dellwood Country Club, June 4



**Kay Hyun**  
Stroke Play "B" Champion

The Stroke Play "B" Championship was played this year at Dellwood Country Club in New City, NY. Dellwood has an interesting history, as it was originally part of the private estate of Adolf Zukor, head of Paramount Pictures. Zukor hired A.W. Tillinghast to design an 18-hole championship golf course for his personal use. In 1948 the property was sold and became what is now Dellwood.

At the outset the day threatened rain and thunder and a delay was discussed; but miraculously the weather turned from gray and damp to bright and sunny. Thirty-nine ladies had the good fortune to play a beautiful course among the rolling hills and mountain views of Rockland County. The greens provided a variety of elevations, which made putting especially

difficult. Three and four putts were not unusual. Kay Hyun, Osiris, won the Shore Championship Trophy by shooting a Gross score of 90. Janie Zucker, Minisceongo, earned 2nd low Gross with a 93. A tie for 3rd low Gross went to Randi Birkenholtz, Fairview, and Marie Gibbons, Indian Hills, for their score of 96.

In the Net category, Fran Choi, Twin Brooks, captured the Joseph J. Windle Trophy by shooting a 92-73. Louise Di Chiaro, Osiris, claimed 2nd low Net with a 93-75. Michelle Bellingier, Oronoque, earned 3rd low Net honors with a 98-76.

The competition between these sharpshooters was intense! Congratulations to our winners and many thanks to the staff at Dellwood for providing such an outstanding venue for our players.



**Fran Choi**  
Stroke Play "B" Net Winner

# Woodway REPEATS as Interdistrict Team Match Champions

Engineers Country Club, May 14



**Woodway Interdistrict Team Match Champions**  
(L to R) Beth Rowley, Sheila Torgan, Kile Keever, Lise Sweitzer, and Gail Garcia

The WMGA Interclub Team matches began on April 22nd with 178 teams competing across the region. Three weeks later, on May 14th, there were only three teams left, the best of the best from each region, vying for the Helen Hockenjos-Ruth March Founders Trophy at Engineers Country Club in Roslyn, NY. Both Montclair (NJ) and Meadow Brook (LI) were eager to reclaim the title from Woodway (WC/CT). Meadow Brook has won the Championship six times in the last decade. Montclair has won it twice in the last five years. These seasoned veterans wanted the thrill of raising the trophy once again.

If the team competition was not fierce enough, Engineers, designed in 1917 by Herbert Strong and reworked in 1921 by Devereux Emmet,

provided a daunting challenge with an array of blind shots, uneven lies and often treacherous greens. It put a premium on approach play and greenside recovery shots. Execution and placement were the key ingredients to success. Engineers presented a true test of the game.

The Woodway ladies proved their talent on this course on this day, playing at the start in the steady rain, cold temperatures, wind, and finishing in the mist and fog. Sheila Torgan and Kile Keever set the tone for the match earning 10 ½ points out of a possible 12. Montclair and Meadow Brook worked hard to curb the momentum; but Woodway was on a mission. Beth Rowley and Gail Garcia delivered another 8 points to seal the match and Lise Sweitzer's 3 points gave Woodway a impressive total of 21 ½ points. Montclair finished with 14 ½ points and Meadow Brook with 9 points.

The celebration was a merry one at the conclusion of play, as the competitors were able to warm up with hot soup and a delicious lunch, toasting the victors and rejoicing in a luxurious shelter from nature's harsher elements. Congratulations, Woodway, for a tremendous victory and many thanks to Engineers for providing such a worthy stage of competition.

The WMGA extends a special thanks to Sherry Sloane for her incredible energy, hard work, and devotion to the Interdistrict Match Competition over the past seven years. Her dedication contributed to the success of the program today. Peggy Richling, Sheila Wall, and Amy Hyman also deserve our gratitude for the countless hours spent in ensuring that the matches ran smoothly. Series Captains, Team Captains and Met Reps play a significant role as well in this complex undertaking and all should be congratulated for their tireless efforts on behalf of our community of golfers.



**Montclair MET Team:**  
(L to R) Teresa Belmont, KC Maloney, Valerie DePiro, Adrienne MacLean, Kristen Nash



**Meadow Brook Interdistrict Team:**  
(L to R) Liz Berens, Phoebe Timpson, Lisa Evans, Ann Enstine, Wendy Havens

# New Jersey Wins the Golf Illustrated Trophy

Winged Foot Golf Club, May 19

Winged Foot Golf Club hosted the 84th Competition for the Golf Illustrated Trophy, a triangular match played between the districts of Long Island, New Jersey and Westchester/Connecticut. The battle was intense among these "A" players. WC/CT wanted to retain the trophy and NJ and LI were determined to take it home for themselves.

Alicia Kapheim, the captain of the victorious NJ team, shares with *Tee Talk* her insight on this great day of golf:

"The New Jersey team was thrilled at the chance to play the championship course at Winged Foot. Seems as if everyone asked their caddie on hole #18, 'Where was Phil's ball?' Although that did not prevent most everyone from visiting the challenging rough sometime during the round. The course was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Our matches began with a strong showing from Adrienne MacLean, who collected 6 points in the top spot for NJ. The early lead was soon relinquished. Both LI and WC/CT traded the lead through the next few matches. NJ was able to regain the lead after the 6th position and never looked back. Strong showings by Alison Kucinski (5 points), Kristen Nash (6 points) and Donna Young (6 points) proved to be the turning point of the day."



Front Row (L to R) KC Maloney, Adrienne MacLean, Donna Young, Sue DeKalb, Kristen Nash  
Back Row (L to R) Maura Ballard, Kathy Carter, Sherry Herman,  
Allison Kucinski, Alicia Kapheim

NJ finished with an impressive 36 1/2 pts, LI had 27 points, and WC/CT finished just 1/2 point behind at 26 1/2 points. What a treat for some of the best players in the WMGA to have an opportunity to compete against one another on this magnificent U.S. Open stage. Special thanks to Maura Devaney for her efforts on behalf of the WMGA and to Winged Foot for making this such a memorable day of golf.

# Westchester/Connecticut Wins the Myra D. Paterson Trophy

Twin Brooks Country Club, May 28

The day was overcast with fog gracing the foothills of beautiful Twin Brooks Country Club in Watchung, NJ. Excellent course conditions and an eager and competitive field of 30 "B" players from Long Island, New Jersey and Westchester/Connecticut were set for the 80th competition for the Myra D. Paterson Trophy. Alanna Berger, (who graciously filled in for the WC/CT team due to a last minute cancellation of one team member and the alternate) and Kay Hyun, two veterans of the Myra D. Paterson Tournament, set the stage by sweeping 6 points each. With positive contributions from Sue Bisceglia, Denise Gilchrist, Adrienne Belluscio and Louise DiChiaro, after 6 matches WC/CT was still leading; but only by 1/2 point over New Jersey. The remaining team members of Terry Piscareta, Kate Muldowney, Lynne Gere and Erin Noonan ensured the victory bringing the total point count for WC/CT to 37. New Jersey followed with 28 points and Long Island with 25.

Thank you to all the competitors, the Twin Brooks staff and the WMGA for providing the scene for this exciting day of golf competition. We are proud to have earned the victory of the 80th competition for the



Myra D. Paterson Winners: (L to R) Louise DiChiaro, Kate Muldowney, Denise Gilchrist,  
Alanna Berger, Adrienne Belluscio (capt.), Sue Bisceglia, Kay Hyun, Erin Noonan,  
Terry Piscareta, and Lynne Murphy-Gere

Myra D. Paterson Trophy and look forward to defending our title next year!

**Adrienne Belluscio**

Myra D. Paterson WC/CT Captain

# 104th Intercity Team Matches for the Griscom Cup

Black Rock Country Club, May 27 & 28

The Griscom Cup, the historic match between New York, Massachusetts and Philadelphia, was played at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham, MA. Black Rock is a relatively new course, designed in 2003 by Brian Silva and was built on the site of a hundred-year-old quarry. The architect used much of the quarry rock to enhance the historic character of the course.

Barbara Israel, a member of the 2009 Griscom Cup team, shares with us here an account of this formidable golf competition:

“The course at Black Rock was big and brash, great boulders lining fairways with enormous bunkers skirting them. It was made up of mostly large greens with a few exceptions, difficult deep bunkers that yawned at you on the tee and devoured your ball if you were the least bit off line. The course architect showed an affinity for greens with character, hills, slopes and different levels of elevation. The alternate shot format which we played in the afternoon was great fun and our team experienced some good success despite our lack of course knowledge. At the end of the day the score was Massachusetts 16, NY 14 and Philadelphia 6. We were quite happy with ourselves especially given that the weather was so dismal, delivering a strong dose of bitter cold temperatures and steady rain.

On the second day the singles matches proved to be our downfall. We began the day feeling optimistic and played again in reverse order. Our optimism faded rather quickly as the course proved to be a worthy adversary. The weather was still gray, cold and drizzly although it never



Back (L to R): Sue DeKalb, Sheila Torgan, Alicia Kapheim, KC Maloney Middle (L to R): Adrienne MacLean, Laura Algiero, Donna Young (capt.) Front (L to R): Barbara Israel, Fran Gacos

really rained. The pin placements were equally difficult as the day before; but the big difference was the wind, particularly on the back nine. Youth prevailed as Massachusetts brought three very talented college players to retain the Cup. Philadelphia came on strong and overtook us in the end much to our dismay.”

The WMGA gives hearty thanks to our Griscom Cup team for their efforts and to our captain, Donna Young. The WMGA still leads in Griscom Cup competition, winning the trophy 41 times, Philadelphia follows with 38, and Massachusetts now has 26. The competition returns to our home turf in two years.

# 69th Junior Intercity Team Matches

The Country Club of Fairfield, July 1 & 2

The WMGA Junior Intercity Team was poised to recapture the title from Philadelphia on their home turf at the Country Club of Fairfield. Led by veterans Lizzie Abbondandolo, Brookville, and Eliza Breed, Round Hill, this young team of dynamic golfers demonstrated raw power off the tee, well-executed shots into the green, and precision putting. Unfortunately, the Philadelphia team played nearly



(L to R) Eliza Breed, Lizzie Abbondandolo, Michelle Rosenhouse, Scotland Preston, Christine Silen, and Alexandra Hershberger

perfect golf and never deviated from their goal of retaining the title. Massachusetts also fielded a strong team; but our girls out-dueled them for 2nd place. When the final score was tallied Philadelphia finished atop the leaderboard with 25 points, WMGA second with 13 points and Massachusetts third with 7 points.

Perhaps the most satisfying aspect of this annual competition is the camaraderie and bonds of friendship formed among these eighteen girls, who surely will go on to excel at the collegiate level and continue to compete against one another.

The Country Club of Fairfield miraculously managed to hold off the rain and brought out the sunshine for the finale of the matches. Nancy Rees was tireless in her enthusiasm; and her leadership and organizational skills were without equal. Many thanks go to Nancy and Sally Hayes for their support of our young girls. The WMGA offers a special thank you to the entire staff and membership of Fairfield for supporting such an exciting event.

# Muzzati and Rodgers Take Veteran Field ‘By Storm’ in the Met Am

Siwanoy Country Club, June 3



**Alair Muzzati**  
Met Am Champion

Alair Muzzati, Essex Fells, a former WMGA Jr. competitor and fresh off her sophomore year on the St. Lawrence University golf team showed that spring golf in the Northeast’s adverse conditions can really pay off. At the end of the first 18 holes, she was tied for first place with 2008 Player of the year, Sue DeKalb, Bamm Hollow. They both shot 81. This forced a playoff, which Alair won on the first hole. Becky Montgelas, Wee Burn, posted an 83 which earned her the 3rd low Gross prize.

WMGA stroke play event. This score secured the low Net trophy. Laurabeth, who was playing with her husband’s borrowed driver, said Alair’s game was inspirational. “Alair hits the ball so far and was on almost every green in regulation. We just had such fun!” said Rodgers. Debbie Johnson, Sterling Farms, took 2nd Net with an 83-78 and Sarah Cohn, Fresh Meadow, won 3rd Net in a match of cards with a score of 87-79.

Siwanoy, the beautiful Donald Ross course in Bronxville, proved demanding for most of the WMGA’s veteran golfers. Heavy rain and wind held off until 2 pm, so the lower handicap golfers faced the worst weather. Wet, heavy rough as well as the stream that meanders through many holes combined with lightening fast greens provided a true challenge to the field. The WMGA would like to thank Siwanoy for hosting such a terrific tournament and to the staff who worked so hard to make this a special day.

Laurabeth Rodgers, mother of 22 month-old twins and a member of Fairview, was paired with Alair. She shot an 83-71 in her first

**Helen Stovell**  
WMGA Member

## Brayman Wins the 59th Seniors’ Championship

North Jersey Country Club, June 16 & 17



**Cheryl Brayman**  
Seniors’ Champion

The 59th Seniors’ Championship was played at North Jersey Country Club in Wayne, NJ on June 16 and 17. This golf course, designed by Walter Travis in 1923, rewards the well-considered and well-executed shots. Cheryl Brayman, North Shore, did exactly this over the two days shooting a 78-83-161 which earned her the Clara Rossin trophy for the third time.

Cheryl shares her thoughts with *Tee Talk* on her experience:

“It was probably the first day that it had not rained in a month although the course remained wet and soggy. We played preferred lies on the first day. I have played North Jersey many times, but with very little success. I was determined to do better in this Championship. I tried to do as all the sports psychologists tell us, play one shot at a time and stay in the moment. That first day I

shot a 78. I was as surprised as anyone to have the only score in the 70’s.

Sleeping on the lead for me is always very difficult. Day 2 was also a day of sunshine and the course was drying out, but still had some soggy areas. No preferred lies today. I did not feel as comfortable with my swing the second day, but I still managed to shoot an 83. It was very exciting to win this event once again.”

Well done, Cheryl! Donna Young, Springdale, won 2nd low Gross with a score of 85-81-166. Jean Schob, Winged Foot, took home the low Net trophy with a net score of 81-75-156 and Mia Keum, Minisceongo, earned 2nd low Net with a 78-80-158. Congratulations to all our winners and many thanks to North Jersey for its warm hospitality and generosity in giving us the course for two days.



**Jean Schob**  
Seniors’ Net Winner

# 106th Match Play Championship

Baltusrol Golf Club, June 23-26

The stage is Baltusrol, home to 16 national championships, including 7 U.S. Opens, 2 U.S. Women's Opens, 1 PGA Championship, and a place where Bobby Jones, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson all have come to test their golfing skills. We can now add Sherry Herman, Hollywood, to that impressive list of champions. Sherry won her 5th WMGA Match Play Championship title, tying Carolyn Cudone for 2nd place on the all-time list. Maureen Orcutt holds the record with 10 Match Play crowns.



**Sherry Herman**  
Match Play Champion

Sherry began the tournament shooting a 72 in the qualifying round to earn medalist honors and continued her excellent play all the way to the finish line. Sue De Kalb, Bamm Hollow, did not relinquish her defending title easily, giving everything she could in the finals; but Sherry proved too tough a competitor and put an exclamation point on her performance by shooting one over par for the last 21 holes of the championship with the usual match play concessions.

The lower course at Baltusrol, a beauty designed by A.W. Tillinghast, was set at 6020 yards to challenge our very best players. Massive bunkers, thick rough, and difficult greens did not stop Sherry from finding a way to win holes and expertly manage the course obstacles. Well done, Sherry, and congratulations on such a satisfying week of competition!

In the Sanford flight Lynda Milligan Foster, Silver Spring, delighted so much in playing her first ever WMGA Match Play tournament that she kept winning, and winning some more. It was not an easy road to the Champion's box as Lynda went 19 holes in her first round against the 1st seed, Lee Ann Lewis, Southward Ho, and 25 holes before taking down Helen Oh from Minisceongo. In the finals Lynda played Joanna Gavin, Panther Valley and a collegiate golfer at Holy Cross. Her steady play and cool head earned her the trophy on the 17th hole. Lynda, now that is a blockbuster premiere!

Thank you, Baltusrol, for an unforgettable four days of golf. It is always a privilege to play your course and your hospitality is deeply appreciated by the members of the WMGA.



**Lynda Milligan Foster**  
Sanford Flight Champion



**Sue De Kalb**  
Match Play Finalist



**Joanna Gavin**  
Sanford Flight Finalist

## Siblings Play Nice

Hampshire Country Club, July 16



**Wendy Havens and Phoebe Timpson**  
Sister-Sister Champions



**Michelle and Bob Stelben and Crosby Stelben (Bob's daughter)**  
Sister-Brother Champions

Not pictured: Jackie Hammock and Jay Kennedy  
Sister-Brother Net Winners



**Joy Frederick and Sheila Lightcap**  
Sister-Sister Net Winners

# Maureen Orcutt Tournament Celebrates A Golden Anniversary

White Beeches Golf and Country Club, July 31

The WMGA's 50th Maureen Orcutt Trophy Tournament & 9-Hole Event for Junior Girls was held at White Beeches Golf and Country Club in Haworth, New Jersey on July 31. The WMGA and Miss Orcutt grew up together, literally. The inveterate amateur's lifetime—she was born in 1907—almost spans that of the WMGA. In 1921, at age fourteen, she played in the first WMGA Junior Girls' Championship. The next year she won it, the first of her twenty-eight WMGA trophies. It is little wonder that Maureen Orcutt was named the association's first Honorary Member in 1951.



Scotland Preston  
Maureen Orcutt Champion

Miss Orcutt combined a full amateur golf career with a professional career as a golf writer and reporter for several magazines and joined the staff of *The New York Times* in 1937, remaining there until her retirement in 1972. The WMGA newsletter, *Tee Talk*, was frequently the beneficiary of her no-nonsense writing style.

Her significant career wins include 7 Women's Eastern Amateur Golf titles, 3 North and South Women's Amateur Golf Championships, 3 Curtis Cup wins, 2 Canadian Women's Golf Amateur titles and 10 Metropolitan Women's Amateur Golf Match Play Championships... her first in 1926 and her tenth in 1968...42 years later!

When the New York State Hall of Fame inducted Miss Orcutt in 1991, the program celebrated her astonishing athletic ability, "Perhaps no competitor in any major sport has been a significant factor for so long in top level play." Her championship career spanned seven decades. In 1998, when Orcutt was a youthful 91 years old, the WMGA honored

her with the title, "Maureen Orcutt, Golfer of the Century." She died in 2007 at the age of 99.

The tournament at White Beeches Golf and Country Club is a tribute to Miss Orcutt's life and her memory. Every year the membership graciously extends an invitation to junior girls in the WMGA to test their skills on this very special course.

This year the weather proved unpredictable, rain arriving in buckets followed by bright sunshine and then raining buckets again with little warning. All the girls came in soaked; but they did not let the weather dictate their play. Scotland Preston, Echo Lake, won the Championship Trophy by shooting a 77, an inspiring 3 over par performance. Catherine McEvoy, Innis Arden, won the low Net honors with an 86-65, a terrific accomplishment given that she was the 9-hole winner just last year! Riley Smyth, Knickerbocker, won the 9-hole event this year with a score of 64.

The WMGA would like to thank all of our junior competitors who have participated in this tournament over the past half-century. We salute you, White Beeches, for 50 years of promoting junior golf and honoring Maureen Orcutt's devotion to the game.

## Judy Bentley

Communications Chairman



Catherine McEvoy  
Net Winner



Riley Smyth  
9 hole Champion

## In Memoriam

### Helen Carter

President of the WMGA 1987

### Carolyn Cudone

Judy Bell Award Winner  
5-time WMGA  
Match Play Champion

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# Family Matters at the WMGA!

*I*t was a tight contest for the 62nd Father-Daughter Championship on July 30th at Woodcrest Country Club, Syosset NY. Erica McKenzie and her dad, Andrew Stype, tore up Woodcrest's back nine shooting 5 birdies to take the trophy shooting a 73, one over par. Shannon and Sanjiv Chadha shot a 83-64 to earn low Net honors. In the 82nd Mother-Daughter Championship Eliza Breed and her mom, Ellen, bested the field by 3 strokes to win the tournament on August 6th at Willow Ridge Country Club in Harrison, NY. The low Net prize went to Jennifer Finger and Suzanne Brett for their score of 83-72. Thanks go to both clubs as well as to all of our participants who support this great tradition of family competition.



**Andrew Stype and Erica McKenzie  
Father-Daughter Champions**



**Sanjiv and Shannon Chadha  
Father-Daughter Net Winners**



**Eliza and Ellen Breed  
Mother-Daughter Champions**



**Suzanne Brett and Jennifer Finger  
Mother-Daughter Net Winners**



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