



Tee Talk

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2018 WMGA Player of the Year: Cheryl Brayman



Cheryl Brayman

Cheryl grew up in New Hyde Park, New York. She attended Adelphi University where she played first singles on the varsity tennis team for 4 years. At age 40, when running on the court became a struggle on her knees, Cheryl decided to start playing golf. How hard could it be? Well, with much practice and a great pro, Sue Marino, Cheryl accepted the challenge and, not surprisingly, she made it look easy. In 2005, Cheryl won numerous local events, made it to the round of 16 in the USGA Senior Women's Amateur and won the WMGA Player of the Year for the first time. She repeated that honor in 2010 and now for the third time in 2018 by racking up 925 points; she won our Match Play Championship at Essex Fells CC, she placed 3rd in the our Stroke Play Championship at North Shore, she won the WLIGA Match Play event as well as being runner up in the their Stroke Play Championship. Cheryl is married to Rod for 43 years. [Note: the longevity of their marriage and the fact that Rod does not

play golf.] She has two sons, Greg and Chad and two daughters-in-law, Amy and Kristen. Her time is greatly consumed now with her grandsons, Mack and Jack. Cheryl has been a winner on the golf course but more importantly a winner in our hearts for her hard work and dedication to this organization. She shined on the golf course as well as in her position as President.

2018 WMGA "B" Player of the Year: Theresa Pisacreta

Theresa grew up in Inwood, NY, which is at the northern end of the island of Manhattan, so, not surprisingly, she is a die-hard Yankees fan. While she watched golf on TV as a kid, the closest she got to playing the game was miniature golf at the Jersey shore on family vacations. Theresa and her husband Ed of 41 years have three children and one grandchild; their pride and joy! Theresa worked in publishing and advertising but retired to stay home after her third child was born. Once their children were older, Theresa and Ed took up golf in the 1990's. She plays regularly at Lake Isle Country club and has had great success in many WMGA events over the years. This year she accumulated 520 points in route to becoming the B POY. She won the B Match Play Championship at Essex Fells and placed 5th at the B Stroke Play Championship at Scarsdale. Congratulations to a wonderful player and super fun lady!



Theresa Pisacreta

2018 Judy Bell Award Recipient: Metropolitan PGA

Named after the first female President of the USGA, the WMGA established the Judy Bell Award in 1998, "to recognize significant contributions to the game of golf for women and/or juniors in the Metropolitan area."



In honor of their commitment to their mission of "Growing the Game", the Metropolitan PGA was selected as this year's recipient of the Judy Bell Award. The PGA of America is divided into 41 geographical sections across the US, and currently includes over 28,000 professionals. While the Metropolitan PGA may rank only 16th in total number of members, this or-

ganization is at the forefront of the National PGA given their leadership, innovativeness and hard work. The Metropolitan PGA Foundation focuses their charitable efforts to three arms: Youth Golf, the Military, and Diversity and Inclusion. The next ten years will be an energizing force for golf in the Met area as New York will host both the 2019 PGA Championship and the 2024 Ryder Cup at Bethpage State Park. The WMGA is proud to honor the Met PGA for their partnership and help in hosting the WMGA/Met PGA Open and, most importantly, for facilitating and enlisting instructors for our Girls to the Tee Clinics.

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- @womens_metgolf
- Women's Metropolitan Golf Association



Joseph J. Lann Trophy Winner:
Ina Kim-Schaad



Board of Directors Cup Winner:
Jadie Shing De Tolla

The 119th Annual Meeting of the WMGA was held on Wednesday, October 24th at the **North Jersey Country Club** in Wayne, New Jersey. It was well attended by members, guests, award winners and honorees from Long Island, New Jersey and Westchester/CT.

Vice President of Competitions, Teresa Egan, introduced our big winners of the season. **Cheryl Brayman** (North Shore) was named our 2018 Player of the Year and **Theresa Pisacreta** (Lake Isle) our "B" Player of the Year. Other award recipients included Interdistrict Team Match Champion, **Westchester County Club**; the Joseph J. Lann Trophy winner, **Ina Kim-Schaad** (Deepdale), as the player with the lowest gross score in Class A with a 71 at the 17th WMGA/MGA Metropolitan Amateur Championship at St. Andrew's Golf Club and the Board of Directors Cup winner, **Jadie Shing DeTolla** (Port Jefferson), as the player with the lowest gross score in Class B with an 88 at the B Stroke Play Championship at Scarsdale Golf Club. Congratulations to all on a fabulous season.

The Judy Bell Award was presented by WMGA President Cheryl Brayman with great pride to the **Metropolitan PGA**, as we felt that their mission of "Growing the Game" has been fulfilled with tremendous hard work and sincere commitment. President **Brian Crowell** accepted the award with humor and a brilliant sensitivity to his overwhelming female audience.

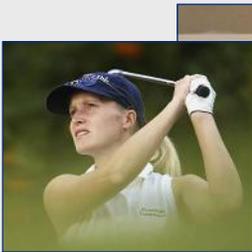
A heartfelt thank you to **Grace Jin** who so generously donated her beautiful and unique scarves to all in attendance. What a give away! Cheryl conducted the business portion of the meeting; Val DePiro spoke about our Foundation and Barbara Klestadt presented the Treasurer's report.

We thank **Janice Moodie**, for being a truly entertaining guest speaker. Janice played 14 seasons on the LPGA tour with two victories. A native of Scotland, she began playing at age 11 and won the 1992 Scottish Ladies title. She came to the states to attend and compete for the San Jose University Women's Golf team. With her subtle brogue, she regaled us with wonderful stories of her experiences on tour, growing up in Scotland, representing Great Britain/Ireland in the '94 & '96 Curtis Cup matches, her participation in three Solheim Cup events as well as life on the tour with two small children. Truly a treat for all attending the meeting.

A special thank you is due to **Donna DeMarco** for organizing this successful meeting, you would never know that it was her first as Membership Chair. Special thanks also to the members of North Jersey Country Club, particularly **Gerri Scarpa** and **Barbara Kohut** for hosting our meeting. And kudos to **Stephenie Harris** for her help in arranging our speaker, Janice Moodie.



Annual Meeting room



Guest Speaker: Janice Moodie



Grace Jin gift scarves



Metropolitan PGA staff

Make the
WMGA Foundation
a part of your
year-end giving.



Former WMGA Presidents



Gail Flannigan & Laura Coash, accepting on behalf of Westchester CC, Interdistrict Champion Team



Members who qualified for a 2018 USGA Championship

U.S. Girls' Junior

Handicap Index Limit: 18.4
Age Limit: Cannot be 18 before completion of tournament

Ami Gianchandani (Montclair)

U.S. Women's Amateur

Handicap Index Limit: 5.4 No Age Limit
Ina Kim-Schaad (Deepdale)
Anina Ku (NJ National)

U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur

Handicap Index Limit: 9.4 Age Limit:
Must be 25 on or before opening of tournament
Fran Gacos (Copper Hill)
Amy Hajjar (Independent)(Round of 64)
Ina Kim-Schaad (Deepdale)(Round of 64)
Alyssa Roland (Independent)

U.S. Senior Women's Amateur

Handicap Index Limit: 18.4 Age Limit:
Must be 50 on or before opening of tournament
Tara Fleming (NJ National)
Adrienne MacLean (Somerset Hills)(Round of 32)
Eileen Moriarty (Meadow Brook)

U.S. Senior Women's Open

Handicap Index Limit: 7.4 Age Limit:
Must be 50 on or before opening of tournament
Tara Fleming (NJ National)

Do you want to make next year's list? Visit www.USGA.org to register for the 2019 local qualifiers.

Success at the State Level

New Jersey State Golf Association

Women's Amateur:
Allison Herring (Jasna Polana)(Quarterfinals)

Women's Mid-Amateur
2nd: Donna McHugh (Upper Montclair)
3rd: Stephenie Harris (Watchung Valley)

Women's Sr. Amateur:
Champion: Helen Bernstein (WGA of NJ)
T3: Frances Gacos (Copper Hill)
T5: Susan Sardi (Cherry Valley)

Women's Four-Ball:
Champions: Frances Gacos (Copper Hill) & Kelsey Solan
2nd: Helen Bernstein (WGA of NJ) & Donna McHugh (Upper Montclair)

New York State Golf Association

Women's Amateur:
3rd: Alice Hodge (Bonnie Briar)
6th: Caroline Hodge (Bonnie Briar)

In keeping with our tradition-a generous contribution has been made by the WMGA to the employee Holiday Funds of our 2018 host clubs to show our appreciation for their partnership

Wishing All a Very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

Gone But Not Forgotten:

With great sadness, we share the loss of a very special member:

Marilyn Bratz passed away on November 21, 2018. She was a long time member of Canoe Brook CC and served as their Met Rep since 2007.



Fran Gacos & Kelsey Solan



Helen Bernstein

A Special Thank You to Junior Girls Chair Diane Mock



After 8 years of incredible service as Junior Girls Chair, Diane Mock will be stepping aside to allow Ina Kim-Schaad the opportunity to take over this role. Diane will remain involved with the Board, however, as the Foundation liaison. The most fitting tribute to Diane's incredible success in this role are the smiling faces of all the girls she mentored and captained since 2011. While she is so proud of her outstanding record: seven out of eight Enos Cup victories, she is even prouder of the friendships forged by all these wonderful girls.

Retiring their Blue Blazers....

A special thank you to Phyllis, Teresa and Ellen for their time and efforts as WMGA Board members. Your hard work and dedication to our organization was exemplary and you will be missed.



*Phyllis Gusick
Secretary [2017-2018]
VP of Competitions [2013-2016]*



*Teresa Egan, V.P. of Competitions
[2017-2018]*



*Ellen Ashis, Outreach & Initiatives
Chair [2017-2018]*



2018



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2016



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