



Tee Talk

Women's Metropolitan Golf Association

WINTER 2022

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President's Message

Our 2021 season, while still in the grips of the pandemic, was closer to our normal lineup of WMGA activities. Team Matches kickstarted our WMGA spring season, Invationals showcased top level competition, including wins by our Griscom and Enos Cup teams, and the summer and fall calendar was filled with a full complement of tournaments. During our second virtual Annual Meeting, the spotlight focused on our Players of the Year, Judy Bell Award recipient Marion Hollins and our 2021 Volunteers of the Year. Kelley Brooke, Director of Bethpage Golf, was our keynote speaker, and her candid commentary about the industry, women's golf and her plans for 2022 had us engaged and entertained. If you were not able to join us, the meeting is on the WMGA Communications channel on YouTube to check out our playlist for keynote speakers and meetings or click here.

As we prepare for the 2022 season, excitement is building for our celebration of 75 Years of Team Matches! Wendy Dominick, Team Match Chair, and her District Captains, Sheila O'Malley (LI), Kathy Flicker (NJ) and Laura Coash (W/CT), are busy brainstorming how we will commemorate this milestone event. Before we kick off Team Matches on April 26th, several winter events are on our calendar. We return to TopGolf in Edison, New Jersey, on February 12th (rescheduled from 1/29 due to snowstorm) and then go to the newest TopGolf facility in Holtsville on Long Island on Saturday, March 5th. To register for either TopGolf event, click here to view our registration page. With team matches and tournaments in the offing, there is no better time than now for a review of the Rules of Golf with our own Rules Aficionado, Wendy Dominick. During her February 23rd Swing Series session, Wendy will highlight a few of the common rules, as well as answer specific questions from our membership. To help Wendy tailor the session, submit any questions you might have, along with pictures/videos, to rules@wmga.com.

Then we head South to Kiawah Island at the end of March for WMGA's first road trip. Our staff is hard at work arranging the three rounds of golf for 48 women. We will warm up and refine our games on the Turtle and Osprey courses, in hopes of being prepared for our round at the famous Ocean Course, which recently hosted the 2021 PGA Championship. We will post updates on our social media for those who aren't able to join us, so all can share in our excitement.

Heading into April, our focus will shift to tournament mode. Building on last year's successful spring clinics, we are working to solidify a clinic in each of the three districts, prior to Team Matches. May and June will feature our invitational tournaments, Golf Illustrated and the Myra D. Paterson, along with our Intercity Matches with our sister organizations in Philadelphia and Massachusetts. We have an exciting line up of host clubs for 2022, including Spring Lake, Old Westbury, and Whipoorwill. Stay tuned for our tournament schedule, which will be posted on our website shortly. Tournament registration will open April 11th at 8 am on Golf Genius.

I want to also welcome our newest board members: Judy Cuttone (Foundation Liaison), Jeannie Gaston (Volunteer), Lynne Gere (Sites), Liz Greco (Secretary), Alair Muzzatti (Communications), and Maggie Pizzone (Treasurer). Read more about them in this issue.

2022 looks to be another fun and busy year for the WMGA, and I am excited to welcome everyone back in the spring. - Lori Ann Cerullo



Kiawah



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Who's Coming and Who's Going?!

The WMGA is fortunate to have many members with a wide range of talents, on and off the golf course, and we are thrilled to introduce six of our members who have recently joined our Board...

Judy Cuttone - Foundation Liaison



Judy is originally from Socorro, New Mexico. Growing up in a small town with limited things to do, Judy followed her older brother Adam to the golf course and started playing at the age of 10. New Mexico has a great junior golf program, so every summer she would be driven around the state to compete in Junior PGA tournaments. When she was in high school, Judy traveled to other states to compete in AJGA tournaments, as well as the USGA Girls Junior Championship. While competing in California for the Junior America's Cup, Judy was recruited by the University of Southern California. She accepted and teed it up as a Trojan for the next four years.

Judy remained in LA for a total of 10 years working for a Wall Street firm. Always interested in big cities, Judy relocated to NYC with Salomon Brothers and continued to work for several years after she married her husband Joe and moved to New Jersey. They always enjoyed playing golf together, and when they had their three children, they told the kids, "Everyone has to learn to play golf because we are a golfing family!"

Judy has always been involved with her children's schools, holding a couple of Board positions. In addition, she is on the Board of Directors for Somerset Hills CC, Co-Chair of the SHCC Golf Committee and the head of Ladies Golf. Judy is a Club Champion at Hamilton Farm GC, 5-time Club Champion at Roxiticus GC, and 7-time Club Champion at Somerset Hills CC. She will defend her title again this fall. She won the GSWGA Round Robin in 2021, has played in WMGA Team Matches for over 20 years and played on multiple Golf Illustrated teams. When Judy is not on the golf course you may find her travelling with her family, visiting her dad in NM, cooking for her family or trying to learn a new language. Currently the secretary for the WMGA Foundation, Judy enjoys giving back to the game that has given so much to her over the years, so we know that she will be the perfect fit as the WMGA Board's Foundation Liaison.

Jeannie Gaston - Volunteer Chair

Jeannie grew up in Manhasset and started playing golf at the age of 9 at the IBM Club at Sands Point. She played competitive golf as a teenager, including playing in the Maureen Orcutt and competing on the WMGA Junior Girls Team. During and after college, Jeannie worked in the golf shop at North Hills CC and The Woodmere Club, and then she moved on to be Assistant to the Executive Director of the Met PGA.

After marrying, Jeannie moved to Westchester and currently lives in White Plains. She worked in the telecommunications industry until she decided to be a stay-at-home mom. While at home, she volunteered with The American Cancer Society, driving patients to their radiation or chemo treatments. When her two daughters were a bit older, she worked part time at the Met PGA, assisting with their Junior Golf Tour and running their Junior Golf School at Westchester CC. She then went on to coach the Women's Golf Team at Fairfield University for 8 years.

Jeannie has been a member at Lake Isle CC for 31 years and has participated on the club's WMGA Team, volunteered her time as Met Rep and Series Captain, and established the Women's Member Guest. Never one to pass up the opportunity to work within the golf industry, over the past 15 years, Jeannie has worked in local pro shops, including Old Oaks, Fenway and Century. In 2009, the Woman's Tri-County asked Jeannie to be its tournament administrator, and she served in that capacity for ten years. Then last year, Women's Westchester Fairfield County Golf Association hired Jeannie to be its tournament administrator. Therefore, when the WMGA created the Volunteer Chair position, it was a no-brainer that Jeannie would be the perfect candidate with her passion for volunteering and golf.



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Lynne Gere - Sites Chair



Lynne grew up on Long Island, in Savannah, and Seattle, lived in NYC for 15 years, and has been a resident of Larchmont, NY, for the last 20 years. She retired two years ago from a 34-year-career in Information Technology, Consulting and Finance. She worked as a corporate systems executive, most recently with Gartner, the technology research firm, and previously with Columbia University, Merrill Lynch, Pricewaterhouse Coopers and Chase Manhattan Bank. Over her consulting career, she traveled to clients in North America and Europe, so Lynne is happy to "get off the road" via retirement. She now enjoys volunteering as a STEM mentor for women.

Lynne played various sports growing up and soccer for Indiana University, but picked up golf with her husband Rick after their wedding in 1995. While they lived in NYC, Lynne and Rick took subways to the NYC public courses to learn the game. When they bought a vacation home on a Donald Ross course, they began playing in golf tournaments, and after moving to Larchmont, they joined Rye Golf Club (RGC). Lynne joined the WMGA in 2003 and enjoys the competition of tournament golf and the camaraderie aspect of team golf, especially after her years of playing team sports. She served as WMGA Team Captain for RGC for 10 years, serves on the RGC Ladies Association, and runs their annual Solheim Cup. She enjoys volunteering for the USGA, MGA, and WMGA, especially when scoring or course rating.

Lynne seeks to bring her project management expertise to the Sites Chair role in engaging the Met Reps, managing the outreach, and tracking the progress of scheduling our WMGA tournaments so that we have successful future seasons.

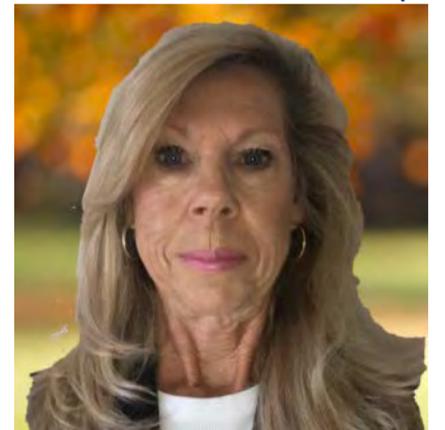
Liz grew up in Mineola, NY, and after college lived and worked in NYC for 20 years. When she and her husband married, they moved to Dix Hills, NY, where she currently resides. However, she is also fortunate enough to spend some of her time in Naples, FL, so that she can enjoy her sporting activities throughout the year.

Sports and fitness have always been a major part of Liz's life. She has run six marathons, is a triathlete, swam around Manhattan Island on a relay team and has completed numerous century rides. She recently competed in the Naples half marathon. Golf and pickleball are new sports for Liz. Her husband and three boys all love and play golf, so it has become the perfect sport for the Greco family. Liz is a member of the Hamlet Golf and Country Club, and she has been the Hamlet's Team Captain, as well as Long Island Series 5 & 6 Captain for WMGA Team Matches for over five years.

Volunteering is also an important facet of Liz's life, whether she is in New York or Florida. She co-chairs the Blue Zone Project, a wellness program at her golf and country club at Twin Eagles in Naples. Never one to shy away from an opportunity to volunteer, Liz is kept busy throughout the year volunteering for a variety of programs, especially those focusing on poverty, hunger and domestic violence.

Liz was the editor-in-chief of her high school newspaper and a sports writer in college. That, combined with her experience as a teacher and financial advisor, make her the perfect person to serve as our Board's Secretary.

Liz Greco - Secretary



Alair Muzzati - Communications Chair



Alair grew up in Essex Fells, NJ, and that is where she currently resides. She grew her competitive spirit for golf when she played on the Boy's Varsity Golf Team at West Essex Regional High School, and Alair was named co-captain her senior year in 2007. Alair continued playing golf on the collegiate level and was a four-year varsity player and team captain for the St. Lawrence University Women's Golf Team. St. Lawrence went to the NCAA Division III National Championship three of the four years Alair was on the team.

Since 2005, Alair has been a member of Essex Fells Country Club where she has won the Women's Club Championship six times. As a junior, Alair competed in WMGA junior events, and while she was in college, she won the 2009 WMGA Metropolitan Amateur Championship at Siwanoy Country Club in a playoff. While her job at a financial firm in New Jersey keeps Alair away from the golf course most of the time, she has been able to occasionally play on her club's Met Team for team matches, and she was invited to play on the Golf Illustrated Team in 2019. Alair always makes sure to clear her calendar for the Blue and White Cup and enjoys the two-day competition; 2021 was even sweeter with a victory for Blue!

When Alair has time off, away from work, she loves traveling to play golf at some of our country's most beautiful and challenging courses. She has also taken advantage of the opportunity to play golf while traveling in New Zealand and Scotland. Alair joins us as our Communication Chair, and she is happy to be part of the WMGA team and promote women's golf.

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Maggie Pizzone - Treasurer



Maggie was raised in Rutherford, NJ, and currently resides in Parsippany, NJ. Although her family belonged to White Beeches G & CC, Maggie played softball and volleyball throughout high school and college. Then her dad convinced her to give golf a shot, and she immediately took a liking to the game.

After graduating from Montclair State College in 1981, majoring in Business Management, Maggie worked for a real estate management firm before joining the family business in 1985. She is currently the COO/CFO of Columbia Filters, Inc. and Marido Industries Inc., both firms servicing the real estate management industry within the Metropolitan Area. Maggie met her husband Tom, handsome, charming and an avid golfer, in 1993. When they married in 1998, Tom joined her as a member of White Beeches.

As a second-generation member at White Beeches, Maggie has served as the Women's Chair for 4 years, and she has been the club's Met Rep for the past 10 years. It's no surprise that she became involved with the governance of the club, initially serving on numerous committees and then becoming a Board Member. Maggie is the first woman to serve on the Board of Governors of White Beeches G & CC, the first woman to chair the Greens Committee, and the first woman to serve as an Executive Officer of White Beeches. She is a 13-time Club Champion, a 9-time winner of the Women's Bergen County Association 3 Day Championship and she enjoys participating in the WMGA's competitive events. Of special note, in 2015, Maggie became the second woman (the first was Maureen Orcutt) to be inducted into the White Beeches Hall of Fame! With her knowledge of women's golf and business acumen, Maggie is a natural to serve as the WMGA's Treasurer!

At the same time that we welcome new Board Members, we say thank you to those who have retired their blue blazers...



Mary Jo Gray
VP of Competitions (2019-2021)



Skye Gregory
Treasurer (2020-2021)



Michele Le Moal-Gray
Secretary (2019-2021)



Fiona Miesner
Communications (2020-2021)

And a special thank you to Diane "Mama" Mock (2011-2021)

Ten years. A decade. 120 Months. 521 Weeks. 3,650 Days. 87,600 hours. For some, it is an interminable stretch of time. But when you are Diane Mock, and you have your Wonder Woman cape wrapped around you, and you are junior girls golf's greatest cheerleader, ten years fly by with a blink of the eye! For most of Diane's tenure, she was our Junior Chair, a position that was her passion. Known to many a junior golfer as Mama Mock, Diane encouraged and fought for the junior girls at every turn. Whether she was recruiting participants for the Junior Open, cheering girls on at the Maureen Orcutt or serving as Team Captain for the WMGA Team at the Enos Cup, Mama Mock was always ready for action.

One of the biggest promoters of the Girls To The Tee program, Diane works tirelessly with Gary Weir of Westchester Country Club to get those girls to that tee. Diane swells with pride as she watches every girl hit a drive, chip or pitch a ball to the dinosaur and sink a putt. As Val DePiro said, "Diane's enthusiasm for Girls To The Tee has only grown with time and I look forward to continuing to work with her to make that program even better!"

After eight years as Junior Chair, and winning seven Enos Cup titles with her girls, Diane served as our Foundation Liaison for the past two years. While Diane is stepping down from the WMGA Board, she will continue her work on the Foundation Board. Furthermore, we can all rest easy that when volunteers are needed for junior events in the tri-state area, Diane's cape will magically appear and she will be whisked to wherever junior girls are teeing it up!



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Views From Other Fairways

Have you ever wondered what's going on at some of our member clubs? Well, here's a peek at those other fairways...

The WWPB Award, as related by Vyvyan Burns



In 2018, a tradition was launched at Silvermine Golf Club (SGC) that recognizes the MET Team Match member whose commitment, spirit and excellence positively impacts the Team. The award was affectionately named the "WWPD" (What Would Poppy Do?) in honor of Poppy Holmes, Silvermine Team founder and Captain from 2001 to 2014.

The phrase was the brainchild of long-time teammate, Joan Evans, who adapted it from a Florida ad campaign, "What would Jesus Do?" To this day, many of Silvermine's golfers think to themselves, 'What would Poppy Do' when making strategic decisions on the course, particularly during competition. The honoree is named at our annual end-of-team-match-season celebration, and her name is engraved on a special plaque displayed in our Clubhouse. Appropriately, the first honoree was Poppy, followed by Janet Karabin in 2019 and Lynne Scerbo in 2021. Unfortunately, COVID took the 2020 slot! Another recent tradition is the presentation of a poem at our season-end celebration. Here are a few sample stanzas from recent seasons:



L-R Back: Vyvyan Burns, Lynne Scerbo, Vivian Sweeney, Poppy Holmes, Leslie Caruso
L-R Front: Grace Hansford, Joan Evans, Janet Karabin, Anne Trinklein

*Our season commences in fall,
When the handicap index is fixed for all.
Then we pursue hobbies like bridge,
Or go south - escape the fridge,
Come April; we heed the M-E-T call.*

*We are known as the 'ladies in pink,'
Spotting each other clear across the links.
When we think we might win,
We wave with a grin,
Or roll your eyes, and that means your score stinks.*

*We are the MET Team from the Mine,
Who love golf as much as our wine.
We social distanced and zoomed,
Wore face masks and fumed,
2020 forever enshrined.*



L-R: Mary Jo Weiss, Carla Thompson, Vivian Sweeney, Poppy Holmes, Donna Phillips, Vyvyan Burns, Anne Trinklein, Lynne Scerbo, Amy Blount, Leslie Caruso, Janet Karabin

The SGC MET Team experience is positive in so many ways. Not only does it present access to some amazing golf courses and an opportunity to improve our competitive game, there is the enriching camaraderie of our Team and the friendships we have formed and that will endure.



Huntington Country Club's First-Ever WMGA Tournament as related by Diane Galtieri

Throughout our team matches and tournament season, we meet other WMGA members and often say, "Wouldn't it be great to meet again and play another round of golf together..."

Well, this year, we decided to add a tournament to our Huntington Country Club season. It was billed as our WMGA Tournament, and our pro shop and club staff made sure that the day was perfect. An email was sent to all the WMGA members at our club, and they were told that they could invite 1, 2 or 3 WMGA members from other clubs that they have met over the years.

It was a beautiful September day, and we kicked it off with a brunch before our 11:30 am shotgun. Following the golf, we gathered for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and awards. While there were low gross and low net winners, we were all winners that day because we got to enjoy a wonderful day of golf with our WMGA friends. We can't wait for next year's event!

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A Year to Remember

Our 2021 Player of the Year, Alexis Hios of Westchester Country Club, had a year worthy of celebration and has secured her spot in the WMGA annals. She kicked off her WMGA season by winning her matches against Long Island and NJ competitors, while representing Westchester/CT, in the Golf Illustrated Cup at Knollwood Country Club in May. Later that month, she was part of the Westchester CC Team that hoisted the Interdistrict Trophy at Quaker Ridge. Team competition continued in June, as Alexis and her WMGA teammates secured the Griscom Cup at the Union League Golf Club at Torresdale. At the end of June, Alexis captured the Stroke Play "A" Championship title with scorching play that matched the temperature that day at Deepdale GC. July was the Match Play Championship, and Alexis did not disappoint with an exciting 4 and 2 victory over good friend and teammate Noelle Maertz in their 36-hole final at Ardsley CC. Her final individual victory for the year was her even par 70 at Saint Andrews GC in August in the One Day Stroke Play "A" tournament. This helped Alexis claim the 2021 Lann Trophy, which goes to the player with the lowest gross score in an "A" tournament. Alexis' exclamation point for the year was being one of four women (Megha Ganne, Ina Kim-Schaad and Noelle Maertz were the other three) on the winning MGA Carey Cup Team! Alexis is turning pro and has begun her PGA Associates Program. As she closes the pages on her WMGA chapter, we asked Alexis to reflect on her most meaningful moments from the 2021 season.



"The Stroke Play Championship at Deepdale was another one of my most meaningful accomplishments. I had always come so close to reaching my goal of winning this tournament, but I always came up short. Now I can finally say I did it!"



"The Match Play Championship meant a lot to me this season. My Grandmother had recently passed away, and she was the one who taught me how to play match play golf. This event was a week of mental toughness and endurance, especially since I had to play my best friend in the finals. Noelle Maertz may be one of the toughest competitors I have played against. She really made me work for that win, and it was one of the best golf battles I have had."



Griscom Cup Winning Team

L-R Back: Emily Montagnino, Katie Li, Noelle Maertz, Alexis Hios
L-R Bottom: LeeAnn Lewis, Ami Gianchandani, Kaitlyn Lee, Yoona Kim



Alexis teeing off during the Match Play Championship

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The Amazing Marion Hollins

The WMGA established the Judy Bell Award at its 1997 Annual Meeting to recognize "... significant contributions to the game of golf for women and/or juniors in the Metropolitan area." Judy Bell is a formidable presence in the world of golf. In 1996 she was the first woman elected president of the USGA. An able administrator, Miss Bell earlier served as the first woman on the sixteen-member USGA Executive Committee. As a golfer, Miss Bell won many championships, played on the 1960 and 1962 Curtis Cup teams, and served as Curtis Cup Captain in 1986. This past November, the Judy Bell Award was posthumously presented to an individual who advanced golf for women and the industry as a whole, the legendary Marion Hollins.

Growing up in East Islip in the early 1900s, Marion played tennis and swam with the Morgans and Vanderbilts, was a star polo player, raced cars and won our Match Play Championship three times between 1913 and 1924, not to mention beating Alexa Stirling for the Women's Amateur title in 1921.

Then, 100 years ago, on January 20, 1922, a headline in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* announced, *Plan Golf Club for Women Only*. That plan was the move that would make Marion more than an outstanding amateur golfer. When the Creek Club on Long Island banned women and other clubs would not let women play on the weekends, a women's group in New York, with Marion at its helm, pushed for a change. In fact, her vision was a club on Long Island strictly for women golfers and tennis players. That vision would become the Women's National Golf and Tennis in Glen Head (now Glen Head Country Club). Wanting to learn more about course design, she traveled to the UK to study golf architecture and then returned to the West Coast, which would become her home for the rest of her short life.

Marion started a real estate company and, blending her passion for golf and business, collaborated with golf architect Alistar MacKenzie to develop a golf course on the Monterey Peninsula called The Cypress Point Golf Club. Then, spotting another parcel of land north of Pebble Beach, she continued her design relationship with MacKenzie and built the Pasatiempo Golf Club in 1929 - inviting Bobby Jones to be in her foursome to christen the course. What great company she kept! It's no wonder that the accomplishments of Marion Hollins will be celebrated this March when she is inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

In 2021, the WMGA honored Marion's contributions to women's golf and the industry by posthumously awarding her the Judy Bell Award. Accepting the award on behalf of Marion at our virtual annual meeting was her great-nephew Tony Grissim, who is currently at work to build the world's awareness of his great-aunt's achievements by creating the Marion Hollins Memorial at her gravesite. If you were unable to join us in November, click MarionHollins.org to learn more about the Marion Hollins Memorial.



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A Community of Volunteers

Volunteering is the basic core of the WMGA, initiated by our five founders, and whether you serve as a board member, committee participant, tournament volunteer or course rater, the WMGA would not be the organization it is today without you, our volunteers. So last year the Board decided to annually recognize the individuals who go above and beyond to advance the WMGA's mission.

Our Volunteer Appreciation Program acknowledges those members who have either volunteered at three tournaments or have served in multiple volunteer positions, such as Met Rep or Series Captain, and also helped out at our tournaments. The 2021 recipients will receive a voucher for a tournament entry for the upcoming 2022 season. Thank you and congratulations to **Cheryl Brayman, Lynne Gere, Liz Greco, Linda Jenkins, Darcy Myers, Terry Pisacreta** and **Nancy Rees**.

Additionally, each year our Board will honor three individuals, one in each of our districts, who exemplify the volunteer spirit. We are proud of our second set of recipients of the 2021 Volunteer of the Year recognition, and we thank them for their time and dedication to the WMGA.

Carol Goldman



Most players don't understand the complexity (and math) that goes into the two numbers of slope and rating printed on a scorecard, but Carol Goldman of our Long Island District knows. Carol's expertise in course rating helps establish those two numbers for both women and men as she traverses courses, clipboard in hand. As our WMGA Course Rater District Captain for Long Island, Carol not only rates the courses, she coordinates the work of our women raters with the MGA Course Rating Team. Not limited to Long Island, Carol is occasionally spotted on a Westchester course or two! Carol joined the WMGA in 2006, and while at Port Jefferson, she was the club's Met Rep and Team Captain. She has also served on the Board as Chair for Team Matches. For three years, Carol volunteered to be the Captain for the Long Island team for the Myra D. Paterson, and she willingly gave of her time to mentor Nicolette Dilluvio, one of our Foundation Scholarship recipients. Her volunteering has extended to helping out at tournaments and Girls To The Tee, and she even traveled to Massachusetts to cheer on our Junior Intercity team and Diane Mock! Carol is an avid supporter of the WMGA, as she proved in her submission last year to our *Show Your Swag Photo Contest*. Carol exemplifies the spirit of our founding members, and we are thrilled to acknowledge Carol as one of our 2021 Volunteers of the Year.

Beth Lankler



Representing the New Jersey District is Beth Lankler, the Met Rep from Fiddlers Elbow Country Club. The WMGA asks our Met Reps to assist with membership recruiting and renewals, scheduling the team matches and securing tournament events. Beth takes this role very seriously. Beginning back in 2013 when she became Fiddlers' Met Rep, Beth worked diligently to recruit players for Team Matches, and what was once one team grew to two and then in 2021 became three teams to represent the club. Now that is high energy and perseverance! Those are the same two attributes she brought to the Board when she served as VP of Marketing. Many may remember her interviewing skills, as well, as she served as the moderator for the first Swing Series chat with Patty Sheehan. Beth is a super supporter of women's golf, putting in the extra effort to recruit and include junior golfers. In recognition of her support of the WMGA, we are delighted to acknowledge Beth as one of our Volunteers of the Year.

Theresa Pisacreta



When our staff began a winter project to organize our basement storage, we discovered several bins of WMGA memorabilia. Figuring there was a gold mine of information amidst pages and pages of disintegrating clippings, we knew we needed the attention of a detail-oriented and patient person. So we asked Terry Pisacreta of the Westchester/CT District to become the WMGA Historian to help organize, classify and digitize a vast array of scrapbooks and photo albums. Her efforts were instrumental in the launching last March of *31 Days of WMGA Women*, along with our e-Museum. When Terry joined the WMGA back in 2006 as a member of Lake Isle, she was determined to play in as many events as she could, and she continues to do so as evidenced by her name on quite a few trophies, including "B" Player of the Year in 2018. However, playing in events is not enough for Terry. She volunteers to serve as a Series Captain, has captained the Westchester team for the Myra D. Paterson, helps out at tournaments, and participates in Roundtable discussions. Terry will do anything to help advance women's golf! For all her tireless efforts, we are pleased to acknowledge Terry as one of our Volunteers of the Year.

*2021's recipients received a personally autographed copy of *Letters to a Future Champion: My Time with Mr. Pulver* by 2020's Annual Meeting keynote speaker, Dottie Pepper, along with an award certificate. Congratulations and thank you to our 2021 Volunteers of the Year for your continuous support of the WMGA.*

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We Are The Champions! 2021 Tournament Results and Special Awards

ONE-DAY STROKE PLAY

Class A

Saint Andrews
Gross: Alexis Hios (Westchester)
Net: Melissa Maurer (Rye)

Fresh Meadow
Gross: Emily Montagnino (Indian Hills)
Net: Debbie Capozzi (Bellport)

Beacon Hill
Gross: Maki Drake (Inwood)
Net: Donna De Marco (Lake Isle)

Class B

Saint Andrews
Gross: Olga Lucia (North Shore)
Net: Carolyn Lyall (Saint Andrews)

Fresh Meadow
Gross: Susan Newman (Sunningdale)
Net: Margo Ratafia (Whippoorwill)

Beacon Hill
Gross: Wendy Dominick (Powelton)
Net: Darcy Myers (Peddie)

JUNIOR EVENTS

**95th Junior Girls' Open Championship
Leewood**
Gross: Isabella Salerno
Net: Mackenzie McManus (Huntington
Cresecent)

**Maureen Orcutt Trophy Tournament
White Beeches**
Gross: Ava Lozito
Net: Jillian Parrino

SPECIAL EVENTS

Stroke Play A Championship - Deepdale
Gross: Alexis Hios (Westchester)
Net: Natalie Grainger (Apawamis)

Stroke Play B Championship - Deepdale
Gross: Lorraine Vultaggio (Independent)
Net: Sherry Hsu (Scarsdale)

Seniors' A Championship - Spring Brook
Gross: Leela Narang-Benaderet (Shorehaven)
Net: Rebecca Carretta (Manhattan Woods)

Seniors' B Championship - Spring Brook
Gross: Barbara Matas (Inwood)
Net: Niamh Flood-Finnan (Independent)

John B. Mackie Memorial Scotch Foursomes - Inwood
Gross: LeeAnn Lewis (Southward Ho) & Shannon Boyle (The Creek)
Net: Diane Mock (Indian Hills) & Sheila O'Malley (Cherry Valley)

Sis Choate Memorial Pinehurst Tournament - Apawamis
Gross: LeeAnn Lewis (Southward Ho) & Cheryl Brayman (North Shore)
Net: Asma Naeem (Saint Andrews) & Stephanie Lary (Independent)

Best-Ball-Of-Four Club Tournament - Bonnie Briar
Gross: Otterkill
(Corinna Limbocker, JoAnn Ryder, Virginia Urban, Joanna Wu)
Net: White Beeches
(Liliana Bedrosian, Yeonah Jung, June Lee, Maggie Pizzone)

Best-Ball-of-Four Open (Dream Team) - Knickerbocker
Gross: Helen Bernstein & Denise Feldman (Paramount), Jane Kugler & Jennifer Park (Alpine)
Net: Joanne Ornstein, Lynne Gere, Angela Sposato, Lori Ann Cerullo (Rye)

Better Ball A Championship - Tamarack
Gross: Yvonne Thiel & Lynn Neeck (Whippoorwill)
Net: Asma Naeem & Linda Fox (Saint Andrews)

Better Ball B Championship - Tamarack
Gross: Christine Yi (Engineers) & Christina Choi (Upper Montclair)
Net: Lori Ann Cerullo & Angela Giorgi (Rye)

Blue and White Cup - The Vineyards
Champions: Blue Team, Captain: Barbara Rederscheid
Runner-Up: White Team, Captain: Nina Santonocito

Match Play Championship - Ardsley
Champion: Alexis Hios (Westchester)
Runner Up: Noelle Maertz (Independent)

B Match Play Championship - Ardsley
Champion: Barbara Matas (Inwood)
Runner Up: Wendy Dominick (Powelton)

FAMILY CHAMPIONSHIPS

82nd Mother-Son - Essex Fells
Gross: Beth & Justin Lankler (Fiddler's Elbow)
Net: Kathy Kimber & Sean McDonald
(Hamilton Farm)

Mother-Daughter - Otterkill
Gross: Kate & Jane Platt (Montclair)
Net: Emily & Sarah Cohn (Fresh Meadow)

Sister-Brother - Otterkill
Gross: Erika & Brandon Fuentes (Independent)
Net: Sheila O'Malley & James Furey (Cherry Valley)

Father-Daughter - Otterkill
Gross: Lorraine & Richard Vultaggio (Independent)

Husband-Wife A - Lake Success
Gross: Sherri & Anthony Tichner (Inwood)
Net: Mindy & John Lee (Lake Success)

Husband-Wife B - Manasquan River
Gross: Lori & Cliff Bohling (Forsgate)
Net: Darcy & Joe Myers (Peddie)

INTERCITY/INTERDISTRICT MATCHES

**117th Intercity Team Matches for the Griscom
Cup - The Union League (PA)**
Winner- Women's Metropolitan Golf Association

**80th Junior Girls Intercity Team Matches -
Arcola (NJ)**
Winner- Women's Metropolitan Golf Association

**Competition for the Golf Illustrated Trophy -
Knollwood (NY)**
Winner: New Jersey

**Competition for the Myra D. Paterson Trophy -
Springdale (NJ)**
Winner: Westchester/Connecticut

ANNUAL MEETING AWARDS

Player of the Year "A" - Alexis Hios
(Westchester)

Player of the Year "B" - Barbara Matas (Inwood)

The Lann Trophy - Alexis Hios (Westchester)

The Board of Directors Cup - Wendy Dominick
(Powelton)

Holes In One - During Team Matches
Eileen Bellavia (Southward Ho) at Muttontown
Chris Petrone (Rockville Links) at The Vineyards



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Team Matches Sesquicentennial

Sesquicentennial - the fancy numerical name for 75 years - and if anything deserves a fancy term, it's our celebration of 75 years of Team Matches.

However, the history of the matches goes back to April 27, 1900, when the Constitution and By-Laws of the WMGA were adopted and the object of the Association was defined as "...the promotion of the interests of Golf, and more particularly the encouragement of team play and the holding of an annual championship tournament."

The founders took the mission of encouraging team play seriously and, between May and October of 1900, eleven teams, each with six members, were set to play 66 matches. For a newly formed association, this was an ambitious schedule for interclub matches. The victor of those first matches was the Morris County Golf Club Team. One of the 23 founding clubs of the WMGA, Morris County Golf was considered to be one of the best in the country, with a cadre of good golfers, a schedule of golf events and a team of strong women golfers that other clubs dreaded facing in competition!



1900 Morris County Team

| WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION NEW YORK CITY | |
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| Interclub Team Matches | |
| Monday, May 14th, 1907, 11:00 A.M. Timber Point, West River | Cherry Valley vs Women's Nat'l Tipton Brook vs Pomsnok Saginaw vs Nassau |
| Tuesday, June 18th, 1907, 10:30 A.M. Pomsnok, Flushing, L.I. | Nassau vs Cherry Valley Pomsnok vs Saginaw Women's Nat'l vs Tipton Brook |
| Monday, June 24th, 1907, 10:30 A.M. Tipton Brook Golf Club, Locust Valley, L.I. | Saginaw vs Cherry Valley Pomsnok vs Women's Nat'l Tipton Brook vs Nassau |
| Thursday, September 6th, 1907, 10:30 A.M. Women's National Golf & Tennis Club, Glen Head | Tipton Brook vs Saginaw Pomsnok vs Cherry Valley Women's Nat'l vs Nassau |
| Rules of Competition | 1 - Matches play in holes 2 - Nassau system of scoring 3 - Regardless of weather conditions all matches must be played on date scheduled. 4 - All matches must be prepared to tee off within 15 minutes of starting time. 5 - No stipines to be played. |
| Miss Florence Loew Long Island Captain Mrs. Carroll H. Alker Team Captain | |

1927 Interclub Team Match Schedule



1935 Match at Century

| WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION NEW YORK CITY | |
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| Rules for Interclub Team Matches - 1934 | |
| 1. A team consists of five (5) players and substitutes. | |
| 2. A team's captain must post her team in writing with the person in charge at the score board fifteen (15) minutes before starting. After posting, team positions cannot be changed. | |
| 3. All players must come to the board at the end of their round. | |
| 4. No match may be postponed. | |
| 5. There shall be a default of one (1) point after fifteen (15) minutes' delay on the part of a player after the line-ups are posted. | |
| 6. A player defaulting must do so in her position; for instance, if No. 3 on a team defaults, No. 2 on the opposing team wins the point. | |
| 7. Method of scoring: One (1) point shall be awarded each winning player, and one-half (1/2) point to each player in case of tied match. | |
| 8. Starting time shall be given by District Captain. | |
| 9. Inter-club matches shall be finished in 90 minutes. | |
| 10. A player may not play or substitute on two different club teams, but a "B" player may substitute on the "A" team of the same club. | |
| 11. A player whose handicap is reduced to nine (9) or under during the season shall continue to be eligible in the position her handicap places her in at the beginning of the season. | |
| 12. No player with a handicap of nine (9) or less is eligible to class "B". | |
| 13. A club may have both an "A" and a "B" team. | |
| 14. If an entire team defaults once, it is out for the season. | |
| 15. No team may play unless its club has paid the annual dues to the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association. | |
| 16. Captains of any kind must be presented in writing to the Team Captain, also Executive Secretary, 150 East 64th Street, New York, New York. | |

1934 Rules for Interclub Team Matches

A year later, the WMGA knew that changes had to be made, so the number of members on a team was reduced from 6 to 4, and if there were more than 10 teams, there were to be two sections, A and B. That lasted until 1908, when team matches were discontinued with plans for one day tournaments as a substitute. Then, in 1913, the WMGA Board gathered to discuss that its team was failing to win the Griscom Cup because its players lacked match play experience! That year two teams of 15 players were formed; the NY/CT team was captained by Georgianna M. Bishop and Mrs. Frank Enos captained NJ's team. Miss Bishop's team won three out of the four matches, and that experiment died the next year.

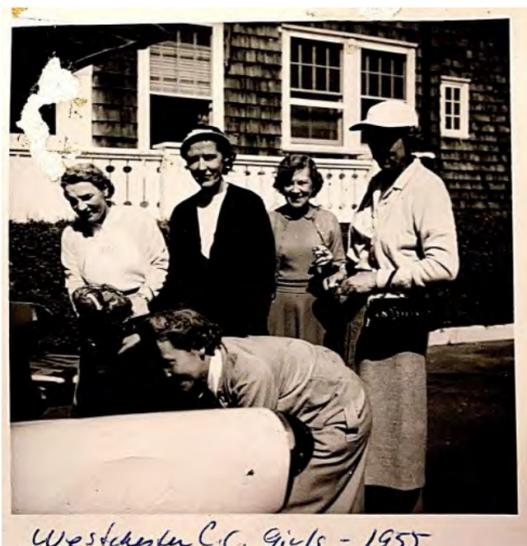
In 1915, a new system of interclub play was inaugurated. Four players on each team and districts of Long Island, New Jersey, and Westchester would play sectionally, with the winners competing intersectionally to determine a championship team of the Association. There were 27 teams in 1915, and Englewood defeated Tuxedo for the interclub title. The next year a team championship cup was purchased for \$100. Team matches were suspended in 1918 because of WWI and when they returned in 1920, they continued without any major changes until 1930, when it was voted that the scoring be changed from Nassau to one point scoring. By 1938, interest in interclub team matches lagged, and following the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, interclub matches were dropped.

After WWII, interest in golf returned and by 1947, the WMGA had 100 member clubs and 911 women golfers with WMGA handicaps. Mrs. Henry March, the interclub chair, took charge that year and used the formula developed by the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia for interclub matches. Within each of the three WMGA districts, Long Island, New Jersey and Westchester/CT, she organized teams, composed of five members, into series of six teams. The winner of each series, the team that accumulated the most points in its matches against the other teams in the series, would challenge the team in the bottom position of the series above. In 1947, 98 teams participated in 8 series. Piping Rock won top honors, winning Series 1. So for the record books, WMGA Team Matches officially began in 1947!

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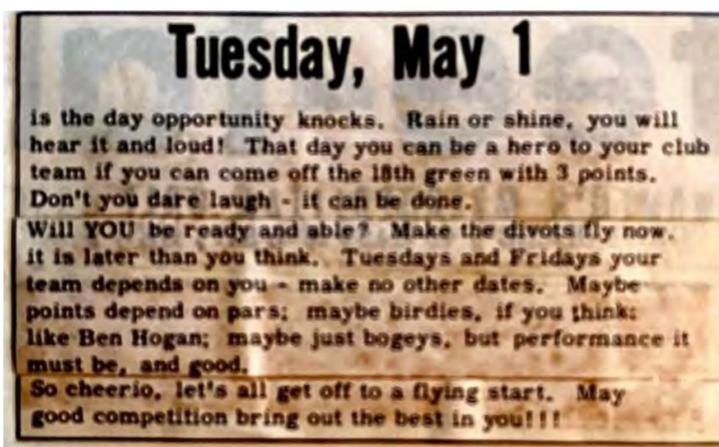
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Team Matches Sesquicentennial cont...



Westchester C.C. Girls - 1955

1955 Westchester Team



1951 Notice about Opening Day of Team Matches



Meadowbrook Team
Mrs J. Walker, Mrs J. Gurney
Mrs F. Maloney, Mrs R. Torgerson
Mrs Watson Blair (absent)

1957 Meadowbrook Team

The successful team matches expanded to 106 participating teams in 1948, and eight bronze plaques, one for each series, with plates for 25 years, were purchased at a cost of \$1,005. By 1949, the 50th Anniversary of the WMGA, the Interclub Team Match Committee reported that with 142 teams and 900 women participating in the matches, the popularity of the matches was established, and they believed all participants would benefit from the experience of match play.

As the matches became more popular, modifications had to be implemented. Originally, clubs could enter as many teams as they wanted, but by 1959, a limit of three teams per club was imposed, and it was reduced to two teams in 1960. Interestingly, it was decided in 2020 that clubs could once again field up to three teams. Another modification was that the Intersectional Playoff between the winners of all series, except for the first series, was eliminated in 1964. Furthermore, the one point scoring returned to Nassau scoring, which continues to give players the opportunity to recoup some pride and a point even after a miserable front nine! In the 1970's, the "Super Jump," which had allowed a team that had won 80% or more of its points to challenge the 5th place team of the series that was two series above them, was eliminated. Finally, 2016 marked the end of challenge rounds.

Whatever the rules might be and whatever changes the future might hold, what we know today is that the Team Matches are the heart and soul of the WMGA. Every year, our members look forward to the five days of team match play, even if those matches are contested in pouring rain, snow or sleet. We relish the competition and camaraderie that women throughout our organization's history have enjoyed. So here's to another 75 years of matches - cheers!



Championship Club Team of the W. M. G. A
Somerset Hills

Front row, left to right, Miss Jane Goss, Mrs. Joseph Frelinghuysen Jr., (Captain), Mrs. DeWitt Alexandre. Back row, left to right, Mrs. Wright Goss, Mrs. Joseph Gallagher, Mrs. Percy Pyne III.

1950 Somerset Hills Team



1965 Montclair Team 1



THE CHAMPION Apawamis Club team which clinched an 11th Women's Metropolitan Westchester District Series I Inter-Club golf title for the Rye club Tuesday consists of, left to right, Mrs. Charles Crawford, Mrs. Allison Choate, Mrs. Thornton Gerrish Jr., Mrs. Robert Estes and Mrs. John Tobin. They played the No. 1 through 5 matches, in that order. Apawamis, which won for the third straight year, will bid for its sixth Met Intersectional Inter-club team championship next Thursday at Fresh Meadow on Long Island against Somerset Hills, the repeat Jersey District champion which thereby qualified to defend the Intersectional trophy, and Piping Rock, which similarly retained the Long Island District Series I title. — Staff Photo by Howie Swetz.

1970 Apawamis Team

