

# Jones wins WMGA laurels

SPRINGFIELD, N.J. — Barbara Jones of Ridgewood Country Club narrowly defeated Ann Probert of Somerset Hills CC 3-and-2 Friday in the championship round of the 79th annual Woman's Metropolitan Golf Association championship at Baltusrol Country Club.

Jones took the championship after a 36-hole match play round at the par 36-36—72, 6,975-yard course.

Jones advanced to the finals by beating Coleen Luker and Probert gained the finals by defeating Amanda Presto of Lakeover CC, both Thursday.

In other WMGA action Carol Strobel of Salem GC took the Sanford Cup by defeating Adelle Russo of Alpine CC, 4-3, also played at Baltusrol.

The Sanford Cup represents the 33rd-thru-48th finishers in the medal round Monday.

BOTH THE STAR-LEDGER,  
**Jones defeats Probert  
for match-play crown**

**By BRUCE MORAN**

Barbara Jones of Ridgewood held a confab with herself during the lunch break of yesterday's 36-round final in the 79th Women's Metropolitan Golf Association match-play championship yesterday at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield.

Jones, who had a 1-up lead after the morning round, went on to defeat Ann Probert of Somerset Hills, 3 and 2, and clinch her biggest tournament victory on the 5,963-yard lower course. Now the 24-year-old blonde is considering turning professional in the fall.

"I told myself over and over to concentrate on wanting to make my putts instead of being scared of putting," said Jones, who bowed in last year's final, 1-up, to Amanda Presto.

"And I guess it must have worked because I enjoyed my finest putting of the week on the final round.

"I felt like I could beat Jack Nicklaus after winning on the 34th," said Jones, while fighting back tears as she accepted the championship cup.

Jones took her slim one-hole lead after the first 18 when she parred the 368-yard, par four 15th hole. Both golfers then matched par, par and bogey to halve the last three holes of the morning round.

"I was not too happy with my putting in the morning and I knew that I would have to knock in my putts to beat a golfer as good as Probert," she said.

Jones believes that her play on the first three holes of the afternoon set the tone for her victory. After hitting her third shot in a sand trap, Jones belted a wedge to the green.

While Probert was missing on a 10-foot birdie putt attempt, Jones came through with a sparkling 35-foot putt for a halving par.

"I didn't think she would make that shot and that really hurt," said Probert, who has won the Met Women's stroke title twice.

On the 20th hole, Jones relied on a 100-foot wedge shot that placed the ball within a foot of the pin for a par. Probert also parred the 20th.

"Instead of possibly losing those holes, I remained 1-up and that is when I felt I would win," said Jones.

Her confidence increased on No. 21 when she took a par and Probert suffered a bogey. Jones increased her lead to 3-up lead with a 10-foot birdie putt on the 24th hole.

with a degree in physical therapy.

“I took the summer off and began playing more and more,” said Jones. “Since then, I’m devoting all my time to golf. I have spent the past three winters practicing in Vero Beach.”

Probert will bid for her third Met stroke play title on July 21-22 at Piping Rock in Locust Valley, N.Y..

Jones has arranged a busy summer schedule. She will compete in the Trans National in Texas in July and attempt to qualify for the U.S. Amateur in Colorado Springs and the state amateur at Canoe Brook, both in August, before giving the pro circuit a try.

“Winning the Met has given me the confidence for the pros,” said Jones. “But, for now, I will take the day off from golf.”

On the 27th, Jones was in a trap following a poor tee shot. But she rescued herself by wedging to within four feet of the pin. Probert took a bogey to fall 4 down

Both women halved the next five holes. Probert kept her slim hopes alive when she won the 33d hole with a par. But, on No. 34, Probert's birdie try on a 30-foot putt was a foot short. Jones also missed a birdie attempt with an 18-footer that stopped two inches from the cup. But the halving par was enough to win the match.

"It was very important for me to win this tournament," said Jones, minutes after taking the biggest championship of her young career. "It shows that all my hard work is beginning to pay off."

Jones took up golf seriously after graduating from Ithaca College in 1979

# New York Met

Given a year to turn the tables, Barbara Jones did just that when she won the Amateur Championship of the Women's Metropolitan (N.Y.) GA at the Baltusrol GC in Springfield, N.J. And she did it the hard way by beating the organization's two-time stroke-play titleholder, Ann Probert, by a 3 and 2 count over the famed, but slightly shorter, Lower Course which has been host to six U.S. Opens.

Jones, 24 and a serious golfer only since she was graduated from Ithaca College in 1979, last year also gained the 36-hole final only to lose to Amanda Presto on the last hole. This year was a different story as the blond shotmaker led most of the long day against the housewife from the Somerset Hills CC.

Jones forged ahead when she won the 15th hole in the initial trip over the 5,963-yard course and relentlessly husbanded the margin the rest of the way. She repeatedly thwarted Probert's attempt to get even with some wonderful wedge work—coming out of a bunker on the 19th and knocking it stiff on the 20th to halve the holes in par. Wins at the 21st and the 24th holes

gave Jones her eventual margin as they played even shot-for-shot the rest of the way except for exchanges at the 27th and 33rd holes.

In setting up the final confrontation, Jones and Probert followed slightly different routes. Jones, despite complaining of putting problems, had no appreciable difficulty in defeating Coleen Luker of the Beacon Hill CC in New Jersey, 4 and 3. Probert, the tournament medalist with par 37-38—75, had to play the full course to eventually outlast defending champion Presto from New York's Lakeover CC. All even at the turn, wins at the 10th and 11th gave Probert a two-up advantage which ultimately prevailed.

—Red Hoffman

# 1982 WMGA MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

## BARBARA JONES 1982 CHAMPION

The Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, New Jersey, was the host club for the 1982 seventy-ninth annual WMGA Match Play Championship. A full field of 100 golfers teed off on Monday, June 14th, and despite a full day of rain on Sunday, no one cancelled. The course was more difficult due to a yardage of 5963 and the wet conditions.

Ann Probert was medalist with a score of 75 and Barbara Jones and Amanda Presto (last year's champion who gave up her placement in order to play the course) also scored in the seventies. Every golfer of the 100 qualifiers was ready to play in either the Championship or the Sanford Cup and so the competition was excellent.

The matches proceeded on Tuesday with several extra hole matches in the afternoon round. Despite already having played 36 holes, many of the participants followed along as spectators, thoroughly enjoying the competition.

On Wednesday the quarterfinals saw very close matches with Ann Probert defeating Mary Cabriele, Amanda Presto defeating Lise Anne Russell, Barbara Jones defeating Nancy Platzer, and Coleen Luker defeating Colleen Binkiewicz all by the scores of 2 and 1.

In the semi-finals on Thursday, Ann Probert defeated Amanda Presto 2 up and Barbara Jones defeated Coleen Luker 4 and 3.

Friday and the finals were next with Ann Probert and Barbara Jones. Barbara went 1 up when she birdied the par 4 second hole, and the match proceeded to go back and forth leaving Barbara again leading by 1 when the morning round was over. The afternoon round was again a hard fought battle with Barbara eventually emerging victorious by a margin of 3 and 2. The afternoon round saw a gallery of about fifty people following the match and all attended a punch party and awarding of prizes on the patio.

The Sanford Cup had some great competition as can be seen by names of the participants and by the closeness of the scores. In the finals, Carol Strobel defeated Adele Russo by 3 and 2.

This really was a very successful Championship with everyone enjoying the week. The sportsmanship and cooperation were superb and we are proud of both the contestants and of Baltusrol. A lot of people worked very hard to make the week a success and they deserve our thanks.

Barbara Jones is a wonderful golfer and champion. We are very proud of her as we are of our runner-up Ann Probert.

DOT PALUCK  
WMGA Match Play Chairman  
Baltusrol Golf Club

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Self: Probert  
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Opp: Jones

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3	402	5	6 -	5
4	101	3	3	3
5	342	4	5 +	6
6	406	5	3 +	4
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Player: Ann Probert vs.  
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