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Oswald Tops Timpson to Win First Match Play Title

The beautiful Quaker Ridge Golf Club was the host of our 110th Match Play Championship on June 25-28. The week provided a number of entertaining moments, fun memories and great competition.

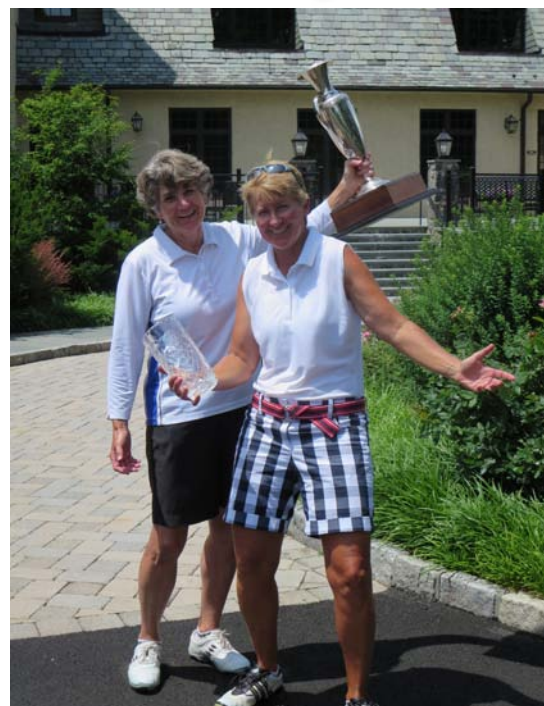
Fifty-five of the top Women's Met players came out on Tuesday, June 25th to try and qualify for the Championship or Sanford flight. The course did its best to challenge the players, and succeeded, with only six shooting in the 70's. The cut-off for the Championship flight was set at 85, but with only two spots available and five players tied at 85, there was a necessary playoff. As the day was cooling down and the sun was setting, Laura Algiero, Jill Boughrum, Barbara Jones, Alicia Kapheim and Michelle Stelben went back out to the first tee. Two pars later, Algiero and Stelben found themselves in the Championship flight, while Boughrum, Jones and Kapheim bogeyed the playoff hole and were placed in the Sanford flight.

Throughout the week, there were many upsets and surprises in both flights, and come Friday, it was down to Alicia Kapheim vs. Barbara Jones in the Sanford final and Phoebe Timpson vs. Ellen Oswald in the Championship flight. Kapheim and Jones were ranked #1 and #2, respectively, in the Sanford flight, so the match was a memorable one, with Jones making an eight-footer for par on the 18th hole of the match to win 1 up. In the Championship flight, we had a strong match-up between Timpson, last year's Match Play runner-up, 2011 Match Play Champion, and 2012 Stroke Play Champion and Oswald, the 2012 Stroke Play runner-up and New York State Women's Amateur Champion. Oswald started the 36-hole match strong and continued to play well, finishing the first 18 holes, 3-up. The second half of the match had a similar theme, and Oswald closed out the match with a par on the 14th hole to win 6&5 over Timpson.

Oswald noted that her preparation leading up to the Championship, especially with her short game, helped her confidence throughout the week. She faced many tough competitors in her matches, including Cheryl Brayman and Jennifer Lee, but Oswald considered her final match with



Championship Flight Runner-Up, Phoebe Timpson & Champion, Ellen Oswald



Sanford Flight Champion, Barbara Jones & Runner-Up, Alicia Kapheim

Timpson to be her favorite. "She (Timpson) is a great competitor and I knew that was going to be an especially tough match," says Oswald, "she is a great player, and awesome at match play." Oswald and Timpson are used to playing with each other, as they were paired together in the final group for the 2012 Stroke Play Championship and have been on both the Griscom Cup Team and French-American Team together. Going into her championship match with Timpson, Oswald knew she would have to be consistent, hitting as many greens in regulation as possible and putting as well as she could. Even though she was 3-up after 18 holes, Oswald said she "tried to pretend like we were starting back at even for the second match and play as hard as I could." This mentality paid off for Oswald, who was overjoyed with her first Match Play win, "I worked hard and it paid off... it was great to go all the way."

The WMGA would like to give a special thank you to Quaker Ridge for its wonderful hospitality and assistance in making the event such a success. Congratulations to all the participants for a great week, and we look forward to next year at North Shore Country Club in Glen Head, New York!