

# **WMGA drought ends for Schnoll**

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**Persistence finally paid off for Linda Schnoll.**

**The long-time Women's Metropolitan Golf Association member completed a two-day, 36-hole total of 150 at the Westchester Country Club Tuesday to win her first WMGA Stroke-Play Championships title.**

**Schnoll, 46 and a member of Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains, N.J., shot rounds of 75 on both Monday and Tuesday to win the 10th Annual Championships by three-strokes over Debbie Jamgochian of Mamaroneck's Winged Foot Country Club.**

**Schnoll's total was a tournament record, edging the 151 recorded by Ann Probert of Somerset Hills in 1985.**

**Schnoll entered the final day of competition trailing Jamgochian and Helen Aitkin, Montclair, N.J., by a stroke. Schnoll moved into the lead for good with a 37 on the front nine, and followed that with a closing 38 for her three-shot cushion.**

**"I'm very, very thrilled," Schnoll said. "I've been playing in the tournament for a number of years, but have never done anything until now."**

**According to Schnoll, the 5,540-yard, par-72 layout played to her game both days of the tournament.**

**"The course is nice," Schnoll said. "It isn't real tight (narrow) so you don't have to try to steer the ball, and it's not so long that you feel like you have to hit monster tee shots. That allows you to swing a little more freely, I think."**

**Until Tuesday, Schnoll's success had come primarily in the match-play competition, where she is a former finalist and two-time semifinalist in the WMGA Championships.**

**"I've been working on some swing theories and things seem to have come together," Schnoll said. "Usually, I play better in match-play because I worry too much about my score exploding out of sight and I get nervous.**

**"I wasn't nervous today, though, because I never in a million years thought I could win. It didn't dawn on me until I made the turn that I was still in it."**

**Barbara Young, playing out of Connecticut's Aspetuck Country Club, finished third at 154, with Aitkin finishing fourth at 155.**

**In the handicap division, Paula Fairley of Innis Arden Country Club finished first at 141. She was followed by Michelle Robinson (Ardsley) at 143 and Carol Pitzer (Innis Arden) at 144.**

# **Schnoll's Record 150 Wins WMGA Title**

Consistency in the form of two consecutive rounds of 75 carried Linda Schnoll of Shackamaxon Country Club to a record 150 and the stroke play championship of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association.

The two-day competition (July 13-14) was held at the Westchester Country Club, Rye, N.Y.

Schnoll, out of the Westfield, N.J. club, trailed Helen Aitken of Montclair and Debbie Jamgochian of Winged

Foot by a stroke after the opening round.

In the finale, however, Jamgochian, representing the Mamaroneck, N.Y. course, had a 79 and settled for the runner-up spot at 153.

Aitken zoomed to an 81 and finished fourth at 155, a stroke behind Barbara Young of Aspetuck Valley CC, Weston, CT, who had rounds of 80-74.

Debbie Campbell of Canoe Brook CC, Summit, N.J. completed the top five at 156 on 76-80.