

Griffin earns tourney title

Greenwich C.C. golfer shoots 160 for low gross at Women's MGA Stroke Play event

Lisa Griffin of Greenwich Country Club shot a 77 yesterday for a two-day total of 160 to garner low gross honors in the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Stroke Play Championship at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck. Gail Flanagan of Westchester Country Club finished with a total of 170 to finish in seventh position.

Maura Quinn of Spring Brook finished with an adjusted 153 to win low net. Missy Crisp of Piping Rock ended with a score of 157 and Kay Hyun from Osiris finished just behind with a 158.

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Griffin rallies to golf title

You don't shoot an 83 and get cocky about winning a golf tournament.

You don't even get confident.

But Lisa Griffin found yesterday that you can shoot 10-over par one day and remain comfortable that the prize is still within reach.

"Yeah, I felt comfortable," she said. "It was not insurmountable. I was only three strokes back."

When the dust settled at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y., Griffin was the one in front by three strokes after shooting a 77. Time had run out on her opponents, however, giving the Greenwich resident her first Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Stroke-Play championship.

"It was great to get this under my belt," she said, noting that she still hopes to win a WMGA Match-Play title in the future.

It was her first tournament win since claiming a record sixth Greenwich Women's Golf Championship

June 4. Griffin, who plays out of Greenwich Country Club, finished with a total of 160, leaving her three strokes in front of runner-up Laura Agiero of Bonnie Briar. Diana D'Alessio of Newton, N.J., was third with a 164. Ann Enstene of Shinnecock Hills, who was in the lead after Tuesday's first round with an 80, fell out of contention with an 89.

While the course played long, Griffin credited her putter for the victory on the challenging Winged Foot greens.

"My short game is my strong point, but (Tuesday) it wasn't working too well. Today, I was making great two-putts from all over the place."

She scored a birdie on the sixth hole on her way to finishing the front nine 1-over. After another birdie on the 14th, she walked up the 18th 2-over before double-bogeying the hole to jeopardize her round.

"I thought I would die if I lost by one stroke," she said, admitting she felt nervous on the final hole.

It wouldn't matter, as she finished with a comfortable three-stroke victory to take the top spot in the 80-player field.

"I just got lucky," she said. "Anybody could have done it, I was just the lucky one."

— John Breunig

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1.	Lisa Griffin	Greenwich	83-77—160
2.	Laura Algiero	Bonnie Briar	82-81—163
3.	Diana D'Alessio	Newton	86-78—164
T4.	Lee Ann Vogel	Southward Ho	82-83—165
	Sherry Herman	Shore Oaks	87-78—165
6.	Ann Enstine	Shinnecock Hills	80-89—169