

WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023
President's Report

On the cusp of our 125th Anniversary, I am delighted to once again serve as President of the WMGA. What a treat it is to be part of an organization that has stood the test of time. The vision of the five women that founded the WMGA in 1899 was extraordinary. The 1899 Statement of Purpose reads, "Object of this Association shall be the promotion of the interests of golf, and more particularly the encouragement of team play and the holding of an annual championship tournament." We have certainly come a long way in 125 years. With 23 founding clubs, many that are still in existence today, we celebrate our heritage as we run 21 tournaments for members plus our invitational tournaments, have a YouTube Communications Channel that features our Swing Series episodes, and host an E-museum on our website that celebrates our members and legendary history.

Recapping this year, team matches once again started the WMGA season. Approximately 900 members played at our member clubs around the tristate region, and while the primary focus was the golf competition, new friendships were formed, old friendships were renewed, and there was a weather story that could not be ignored - hail! Highlights from our invitationals include the WMGA winning the Griscom Cup at Somerset Hills CC over WGAP and Mass Golf, and a crew of our seniors playing in the first-ever Senior Intercity at LedgeRock CC in Reading, PA. Our Stroke Play Championship at Woodway CC was cut to 27 holes due to inclement weather, and Tiya Chowdary was victorious in the "A" division, while Lori Ann Cerullo won the "B" division. Our oldest championship, the Match Play, underwent a change in format, cutting the final in the "A" division to 18 holes. This allowed us to play the tournament in three days rather than four, hopefully making it easier to procure sites in the future. Congratulations to Tia Chowdary, a current Foundation Scholarship recipient and winner of the "A" Match Play Championship. Congratulations, also, to Michele Le Moal-Gray, our "B" Match Play champion. My sincere thanks to our staff, Executive Director Sarah Niemeier, Tournament Manager Pasqualina Tartaglione, Office Manager Suzanne Longlade, Operations Assistant Ellen Finn and GolfWorks Intern Marisol Holguin. They are responsible for keeping our organization moving forward on a daily basis. In addition, we could not have held our tournaments without the efforts of our volunteers, so we continue to recognize those that help us, along with honoring our three Volunteers of the Year: Linda Jenkins, Michele Le Moal-Gray and Mike Rosenberg. I encourage all of you to volunteer; whether it is at a tournament or offering your services in other areas; we always welcome your time and expertise.

This year we held our first-ever awards evening at the Links Club in Manhattan. Hats Off! was an undisputed success, and we look forward to continuing the tradition of an awards ceremony, separate from our Annual Meeting, in years to come. At the event, we honored Player of the Year, Tiya Chowdary, one of our scholarship recipients, and Player of the Year "B," Lori Ann Cerullo, along with Lann and Board of Director winners, Madison Chen and Susan Kim, respectively, for their accomplishments. Our 2023 Judy Bell recipient, Heidi Komoriya, was also recognized for the significant contributions she has made to women's and junior golf. As we head into 2024, the WMGA is poised to have a fantastic celebratory year. The 1899 Committee has been working closely with our Sites Chair, Lynne Gere, to produce an incredible schedule, including a majority of our Founding Clubs serving as host sites. Our 2024 Membership process is already underway, so be sure to monitor our website and communications, such as On the Tee and Instagram, to keep up to date on our activities and schedule.

I would like to express my gratitude to the entire Board for all that they have done this year. Special thanks to Wendy Dominick and Megan Grehan, who are leaving the board this year. We greatly appreciate their service and support of the WMGA.

One of the greatest attributes of the WMGA is friendship. We have all formed countless relationships with women that love golf, and those friendships are the driving force that keeps the WMGA alive. Thank you to all the many volunteers, including Met Reps and past Presidents, for their service and to our Member Clubs for their support. Now, let's get ready to celebrate our next 125 years!

Respectfully submitted.

Cheryl Brayman

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WMGA FOUNDATION

The Board of Trustees convened for three video conference calls during the 2023 fiscal year. All meetings were convened and held via Zoom interactive conference.

- A. Motion to contribute to Westchester Employee Holiday Fund.
- B. Motion to contribute to Baltusrol Employee Holiday Fund.
- C. Motion to approve February 7, 2022 minutes.
- D. Motion to approve September 19, 2022 minutes.

*Respectfully submitted,
Judy Cuttone*

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WMGA

The Board of Directors convened six regularly scheduled meetings and convened in executive session 4 times during the 2023 fiscal year. All meetings were convened and held via Zoom interactive conference. July's meeting was held in person and via Zoom. Minutes of all meetings were taken and approved for filing by the Board.

The Board approved the following calendar, meeting, and programmatic changes:

- A. Reduce Match Play Final round to 18 holes
- B. Eliminate "Walking Only" stipulation from Match Play
- C. Charge players for Caddie Fees incurred by the WMGA due to cancellation
- D. Board approved March 30, 2023 Met Rep meeting
- E. Husband Wife A, Husband Wife B and Family Day into 3 different days & sites
- F. Junior Membership to have an Active GHIN number to join the WMGA
- G. Alternate logo for the 125th WMGA Anniversary
- H. Combining 2024 the Husband/Wife A and Husband/Wife B tournaments
- I. Thursday, November 17th at 7pm the WMGA Virtual Annual Meeting

The Board elected or approved the following appointments:

- A. Shannon Boyle as Chair of the Nominating Committee and committee members:
 - i. Diane Galtieri (LI)
 - ii. LeeAnn Lewis (LI)
 - iii. Amy Bender (WCT)
 - iv. Lori Ann Cerullo (WCT)
 - v. Fiona Miesner (NJ)
 - vi. Sue Sardi (NJ)
- B. Marie Gibbons as 2023 Captain for the Myra D. Paterson team
- C. Jennifer Meyers as 2023 Captain for the Golf Illustrated team
- D. The 2023 Judy Bell Award to Heidi Komoriya
- E. Tiya Chowdary as A Player of the Year
- F. Lori Ann Cerullo as B Player of the Year
- G. Griscom Cup Team of Judy Cuttone, Paige Diecidue, Sammie Dolce, Ami Gianchandani, Yoona Kim, Corinna Limbacker, Emily Montagnino, Christina Parsells and Amy Bender
- H. Senior Intercity Team of Amy Bender, Helen Bernstein, Judy Cuttone, Leeann Lewis, KC Maloney, Kate Platt, Nancy Cole (Super Senior) and Sue Sardi (Super Senior)

The Board authorized the amended budget and associated programs for 2023 as well as expenditures of budgeted funds for the following special purposes:

- A. Renewal of General Business Insurance
- B. \$95 tournament fee from \$90
- C. Cancellation fee of \$20
- D. \$1000 annual dues for IAGA (International Association of Golf Administrators)
- E. \$75 per person for the Hats Off event, Board Members to pay and staff free.

The Board authorized various changes to the Tournament Schedule Book (TSB) to reflect changes in membership requirements, status, competition procedures, and authorized 2023 TSB publication.

The Board authorized various changes to tournament formats and scheduling for 2024, including team matches for April 25, 30, May 2, 7, 9, 2024.

Membership annual dues for 2024 will remain the same at \$125 and Independent at \$250.

The Board conducted other business as necessary and appropriate.

*Respectfully submitted,
Liz Greco*

2023 Tournament Results

*Winner on Match of Cards

+Winner in Play-Off

(Number of Players)

ONE-DAY STROKE PLAY EVENTS

Class A

Patterson (23).....	Cheryl Brayman (North Shore).....	80
	Addy Park (Rye).....	89-15.....74
Westhampton (32).....	*Nina Santonocito (Vineyards).....	76
	Sheila Stoltz (North Fork).....	82-12.....70
Shackamaxon (17).....	Erika Fuentes (Ind.).....	75
	*Nina Santonocito (Vineyards).....	79-5.....74

Class B

Patterson (31).....	Christine Yi (Engineers).....	91
	Bernadette Jackel (Patterson).....	100-27.....73
Westhampton (41).....	Suzanne Longlade (Lake Isle).....	88
	Jane Byrne (Vineyards).....	97-28.....69
Shackamaxon (25).....	Susan Kim (Ind.).....	84
	*Michele LeMoal-Gray (Bellport).....	85-15.....70

SPECIAL EVENTS

119th Match Play "A" Championship – Metuchen (13)

Tiya Chowdary (Ind.).....	Champion
Amy Bender (Ardslley).....	Runner-Up
Sue Sardi (Cherry Valley).....	Semi-Finalist
Kate Platt (Montclair).....	Semi-Finalist

6th Match Play "B" Championship – Metuchen (11)

Michele LeMoal-Gray (Bellport).....	Champion
Wendy Dominick (Powelton).....	Runner-Up
Christine Yi (Engineers).....	Semi-Finalist
Khristine Briggs (Ramsey).....	Semi-Finalist

21st WMGA/MGA Met Amateur Championship – Essex County (32)

Sofia Nogalo (Hollow Brook).....	77
Ellen Oswald (Westchester).....	79-5.....74

46th Stroke Play "A" Championship – Woodway (33)

Tiya Chowdary (Ind.).....	39+74.....113
Joette Fullerton (Tuxedo).....	29+75.....103

23rd Stroke Play "B" Championship – Woodway (19)

Lori Ann Cerullo (Rye).....	42+97.....139
Diane Thomet (Rye).....	37+77.....114

73rd Seniors' "A" Championship – Sunningdale (22)

+ Helen Bernstein (Paramount).....	85+80.....165
Miyoung Lee (Liberty National).....	74+70.....144

57th Seniors' "B" Championship – Sunningdale (24)

Victoria Honan (Green Brook).....	91+91.....182
Michele LeMoal-Gray (Bellport).....	77+74.....151

62nd Better Ball "A" Championship – Southward Ho (38)

Mimi McAndrew (Piping Rock) & Helen Stovell (Fairfield).....	68
Asma Naeem & Carolyn Lyall (St. Andrews).....	75-11.....64

58th Better Ball "B" Championship – Southward Ho (42)

Maureen Brennan (Garden City) & Kathleen Williamson (Ind.).....	83
* Sandra Symon (Ind.) & Catherine Strick (Ind.).....	86-13.....69

80th John B. Mackie Memorial Scotch Foursomes – Inwood (50)

Yong Park (Ind.) & Donna Joseph (Ind.).....	80
* Lorraine Vultaggio (Ind.) & Toasty Calhoun (Ind.).....	75

34th Sis Choate Memorial Pinehurst Tournament – Navesink (80)

+ Nancy Cole & Debra Fromer (Alpine).....	80
Carolyn Raia & Stacie MacCourtney (Richmond).....	84-16.....68

Best-Ball-Of-Four Dream Team Tournament – Laurel Links

CANCELLED

Best-Ball-Of-Four Club Tournament – Winged Foot (72)

Barbara Klestadt, Ashley Bohlen	
Catelyn Letizia, Maureen Wright (Sleepy Hollow).....	68
Elizabeth Paik, Dudley Sullivan	
Caryn Cirella, Mary Breen (North Hempstead).....	75-15.....60

SPECIAL EVENTS (cont'd)

Better Ball A/B Tournament – Trump Bedminster (80)

Miryoung Park & Youngjoo Choi (Lake Success).....	79
* Wanda Taktikos (Trump HV) & Donna Apple (Salem).....	82-13.....69

5th Blue and White Cup – The Vineyards (72)

Blue Team Captain: Barbara Rederscheid.....	48.0
White Team Captain: Nina Santonocito	42.0

INTERCITY/INTERDISTRICT MATCHES

119th Intercity Team Matches for the Griscom Cup – Somerset Hills (WMGA)

Winner: Women's Metropolitan Golf Association - WMGA

82nd Junior Girls' Intercity Team Matches – Wyantenuck (MASS)

Winner: Women's Golf Association of Pennsylvania - Pennsylvania

98th Competition for the Golf Illustrated Trophy – GlenArbor (W/CT)

Winner: Westchester/Connecticut

95th Competition for the Myra D. Paterson Trophy – Cold Spring (LI)

Winner: Long Island

76th Interdistrict Playoff for the Founder's Trophy – Fairmount (NJ)

Winner: Long Island

1st Senior Women's Intercity Matches - LedgeRock (PA)

Winner: Women's Golf Association of Pennsylvania - Pennsylvania

JUNIOR EVENTS

97th Junior Girls' Open Championship – Seawane (8)

+ Yasmina Oralkhan.....	79
Veronika Niklin.....	86-8.....78

64th Maureen Orcutt Trophy Tournament – White Beeches (14)

Madison Chen.....	62+72.....134
Lily Patel.....	68+64.....132

FAMILY CHAMPIONSHIPS

84th Mother-Son – North Hempstead (66)

+ Helen & Brandon Bernstein (Paramount).....	77
Pam & Kevin Dolph (Huntington & Deepdale).....	77-9.....68

96th Mother-Daughter – Rockland (12)

Kate & Jane Platt (Montclair).....	84
* Sarah & Emily Cohn (Fresh Meadow).....	86-13.....73

89th Sister-Brother – Rockland (20)

Sheila O'Malley & James Fury (Cherry Valley).....	78
* Terri & John Lyman (Ind.).....	89-15.....74

30th Sister-Sister – Rockland (14)

Liliana Bedrosian & Oksana Manoukian (White Beeches).....	85
Susan Kim (Ind.) & Linda Lee (Ind.).....	94-21.....73

76th Father-Daughter – Rockland (2)

Alyssa & Adam Godfrey (Piping Rock).....	78
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93rd Husband-Wife A – Pelham (36)

+ Peggy & Brian Flanagan (Rye).....	78
* Maki & David Drake (Inwood).....	79-9.....70

69th Husband-Wife B – Muttontown (50)

Maureen & Joseph Abraham (Engineers).....	79
* Jacqueline & Michael Celestino (Bonnie Briar).....	81-15.....66

2023 AWARDS

Class A

Player of the Year.....	Tiya Chowdary
Low Gross Score.....	62.....Madison Chen
	Maureen Orcutt Trophy Tournament.....White Beeches

Class B

Player of the Year.....	Lori Ann Cerullo
Low Gross Score.....	84.....Susan Kim
	One Day Stroke Play New Jersey.....Shackamaxon

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Kate Platt, *Montclair*
Katie Renoff, *Trump National - Bedminster*

2023 HONOR ROLL

WMGA/MGA Metropolitan Amateur Champion	Sofia Nogalo, <i>Hollow Brook</i>
WMGA Match Play Champion	Tiya Chowdary, <i>Independent</i>
WMGA "B" Match Play Champion	Michele Le Moal-Gray, <i>Bellport</i>
WMGA Stroke Play Champion	Tiya Chowdary, <i>Independent</i>
WMGA "B" Stroke Play Champion	Lori Ann Cerullo, <i>Rye</i>
Joseph J. Lann Trophy	Madison Chen, <i>North Shore</i>
Board of Directors Cup	Susan Kim, <i>Independent</i>
WMGA Player of the Year	Tiya Chowdary, <i>Independent</i>
WMGA "B" Player of the Year	Lori Ann Cerullo, <i>Rye</i>

WMGA Interclub Team Match Champion North Shore Country Club

Griscom Cup Team

Amy Bender, Judy Cuttone, Paige Diecidue, Sammie Dolce, Ami Gianchandani, Yoona Kim,
Emily Montagnino, Corinna Limbocker, Christina Parsells

Junior Girls' Intercity Team

Chloe Barton, Lucy Barton, Isabella Salerno, Sophia Travlos, Stella Travlos, Elena Zreik

Senior Intercity Team

Amy Bender, Helen Bernstein, Judy Cuttone, LeeAnn Lewis, KC Maloney, Kate Platt, Nancy Cole, Sue Sardi