



Tee Talk

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The President's Message

As I sit down to write this message, the winter Olympics are in full force and I am totally enthralled with the games. For those that don't know me, I am a lifelong avid skier. My dream as a kid, was to ski slalom in the Olympics. Dreams don't always come true but I still get out to the slopes every day I can in season. I also love watching the new skiing events. Last winter I had the incredible opportunity to spend some time with the US Snowboard Cross Women's team; it's a roller derby on snow!



With the help of many, this past year has been a remarkably productive year for the WMGA. In April of 2017 the representatives of our member clubs approved our new Independent Membership classification which enabled 19 women from all over our territory to join. These new members range in age and handicap and participated in many of our tournaments; great additions to our organization. If you know anyone, who is not a member of a member club, please spread the word.

Our second initiative for 2017 was our "B" Player of the Year title. Our Match Play Championship was expanded so that "B"s could compete alongside "A"s in their own bracket. So much fun was had by all who played. Just ask any of the them. Increased participation by "B" players was seen across the board for most of our events. It was a win/win for all.

I would like to thank the WMGA Board of Directors: Officers: Teresa Egan, Beth Lankler, Phyllis Gusick, and Barbara Klestadt; Directors: Ellen Asnis, Dale Kramer, Diane Mock, Diane Galtieri, Donna De Marco, Tara Fleming, Kathy Flicker Rosenberg, Kate Platt, Colleen Edelman, Lori Ann Cerullo, Heidi Komoriya and Wendy Dominick. Each lady, in her own capacity, brings a unique expertise to the Board.

I would be remiss if I failed to acknowledge how grateful and proud I am of Sarah Relyea who has done an outstanding job in her first year as Director of Operations. I am also pleased to announce that Jen Browne, our PJ Boatwright Intern, has accepted the position of Tournament Manager.


As we want 2018 to be the year to come out and play, we initiated an amnesty program in February for alumni membership to come back to the WMGA. Ladies who were once members but now have indexes that exceed 23.0 were given an opportunity to return. We are thrilled to welcome many women back.

The WMGA needs you to come out and play in our tournaments. A tremendous amount of effort goes into securing venues and organizing events for us to enjoy. We are more than just Team Matches. So do what you do to get yourself ready and in shape for all the fun to come; text that personal trainer, go to the gym, or simply hit the range. Just come out and support the WMGA.

Cheryl Brayman, President

2018 WMGA Board of Directors



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Donna De Marco, Membership Chair (WTC/CT)

Donna resides in Eastchester, NY, and is a member of Lake Isle. Following her graduation from NYU as a journalism major, Donna boarded a bus for Tauck Tours and spent seven years guiding people on their vacations across the United States and Atlantic Canada. When she returned to NY, she obtained a master's degree in education and has spent the past 26 years teaching on the middle school and high school levels, with a brief stint as a teacher trainer in the Bronx Zoo's Education Department. Currently, Donna is a teacher/administrator at Westchester Hebrew High School in Mamaroneck, where she teaches English, oversees the Learning Center, and is the Coordinator of General Studies. She also serves as coach of the golf club and advisor for the debate and Envision Shakespeare teams. Outside of school, Donna can be found chasing a deal as a licensed sales agent for Claire D. Leone Real Estate, playing golf with old friends or new friends she met through her involvement with the WMGA and EWGA, attending advisory board meetings at Lake Isle or keeping her dog Elmer away from squirrels, rabbits and chipmunks.



Wendy Dominick, District Captain Westchester/Connecticut Team Matches (WTC/CT)

We like to call Wendy our "Queen B", as she was the inaugural "B" Player of the Year for 2017 and the first winner of the "B" Match Play championship. Wendy, a former Kindergarten teacher for 30 years, took up golf with her free summers. A self-proclaimed "Rules Geek," Wendy has been a Rules Official with the Metropolitan Golf Association since 2011 and currently serves as the Westchester/Connecticut Regional Chair of the Rules and Competitions Committee. Wendy plays over 100 rounds of golf a year and, has traveled to Scotland, her happy place, a dozen times. Wendy joined the WMGA in 1984 and has served as a Met Rep, Team Captain, Series Captain, and is very glad to now serve on the Board as District Captain.



Colleen Edelman, Site & Club Relations Chair (NJ)

Colleen, a true "Jersey girl", currently resides in Ho-Ho-Kus with her husband, Kirk, and their three boys. She has been a member of Ridgewood Country Club [RCC] in Paramus for 6 years, and prior to that a member of White Beeches Golf and Country Club. Colleen took up golf after graduating from college based on her father's thinking that in order to be a success in the male-dominated field of banking, she should play either golf or tennis. As both her father and brother were single digit handicappers, golf was the only real option. Colleen developed a real love for the game, particularly competing with her Dad in many of the WMGA Father/Daughter Championships. She "retired" from banking with the birth of her oldest son Sean in 2000, and the twins Jack and Payne quickly followed thereafter in 2002. Colleen was the Women's Bergen County Golf Association Tournament Chair and then served as their President. Three times she has earned the title of RCC Women's Club Champion in addition to serving as President of their Women's golf association as well as serving on the RCC Executive Committee. She is excited to have all three of her boys playing golf for the Northern Highlands Regional HS this spring where she will be an Assistant Coach for the girls' golf team for the second year. We are thrilled to have Colleen on board.



Diane Galtieri, District Captain Long Island Team Matches (LI)

Diane lives in Laurel Hollow, NY with her husband James and is a member of Huntington Country Club where she has served as the Ladies Golf Chair and is currently a member of the Greens Committee. She is an avid participant of WMGA team matches and tournaments. Diane has served as the Long Island team captain for the Myra D. Paterson tournament. Diane currently divides her time between New York and the Dominican Republic where she and her husband are members of the La Romana Country Club. She has served on the board of the Family Service League and is a member of the Garden Club of America. She is also a member of the Long Island Course Rating Team. Diane is honored to be on the WMGA Board of Directors.



Kate Platt, Communications and Branding Chair (NJ)

Kate lives in the "golf capital of the world" New York City. She began playing golf in her mid-forties as a way to get out of the work-mom routine. She grew up in Grosse Pointe, Michigan where, much to her dismay, she never once held a golf club. Kate received a BS in Architecture from Lawrence Technological University near her home town, and received her Masters of Architecture from the University of Virginia after which she moved to Naples, Florida -where again she did not pick up a golf club! Finally settling in New York City in 1999, she founded Platt Dana Architects with a colleague. The office focuses on the residential market; renovating brownstones, townhouses, apartments and building new homes. Kate is married to non-golfer Adam Platt and they have two teen-age daughters; Jane and Penelope. Kate's favorite golf partner is her daughter Jane who competes in junior golf tournaments in the tristate area. When not working or being mom, Kate can be found at Montclair Golf Club in NJ. Kate is excited to be serving on both the WMGA Board and the Foundation Board.



Sarah Relyea
Director of Operations



Jennifer Browne
Tournament Manager

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From Left to Right: Kate Platt, Beth Lankler & Teresa Egan
(Not Pictured): Colleen Edelman, Tara Fleming & Kathy Rosenberg

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From Left to Right: Diane Galtieri, Ellen Asnis, Cheryl Brayman & Diane Mock
(not pictured Dale Kramer)

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Interclub Team Captain: Wendy Dominick, Powelton



From Left to Right (Back Row): Phyllis Gusick & Donna De Marco
(Front Row): Barbara Klestadt, Wendy Dominick, Heidi Komoriya & Lori Ann Cerullo

WMGA Junior Golf 2018 Events

The Enos Cup

[Junior Intercity Matches]-Invitational
June 26 & 27, 2018
The Apawamis Club Rye, NY

Please come out and support our girls as they seek another victory in their home territory against junior players from Massachusetts and Philadelphia.

Maureen Orcutt Trophy Tournament

July 2 & 3, 2018
White Beeches Golf &
Country Club Haworth, NJ

Open to any Junior girl with or without a USGA Handicap Index. Players may choose to participate in either the 36 Hole Trophy Tournament or play in the 9-Hole Event.

Junior Girls' Open Championship

August 22, 2018
Rye Golf Club Rye, NY

Open to any Junior girl with or without a USGA Handicap Index. Players may choose to participate in either the 18 Hole Championship or play in the 9-Hole Event.

Be a Mentor Volunteers needed

Every year we approve a number of Fellowship Junior members [ages 12-18]. We need WMGA members to serve as mentors to these aspiring golfers. Responsibilities include: fostering good sportsmanship, encouraging participation, following and supporting the player's progress. If interested, please contact Diane Mock [dianemock@me.com] or call the office.

To help you prepare for Team Matches, please read these helpful tips on rules of Match Play:

Players may not give or ask for **advice** in either stroke play or match play (except for partner or caddie). However, information on the rules is NOT advice. It is permissible (and good sportsmanship) to prevent an opponent from breaching a Rule. *Example: You may not ask your opponent, nor can your opponent suggest, that you take or not take relief from a situation or if you should declare a ball unplayable, but you may ask or give information on how to proceed under the Rules.*

Important differences between match play and stroke play:

- **Pursuant to Rule 1-3, "Players must not agree to exclude the operation of any Rule or to waive any penalty incurred"**
-Unlike stroke play, which obligates players to report every breach of a Rule witnessed, in match play, a player MAY overlook an opponent's breach of a Rule provided that you do not say anything to your opponent. *If you are concerned that your opponent may repeat the offense you may acknowledge the error but only after teeing-off at the next hole. To acknowledge the error any earlier would constitute an agreement to waive the rules. Note: You can also choose to simply remain silent.*
[This assumes the opponent does not know a breach has occurred-see Rule 9 below]
- **Pursuant to Rule 10-Order of Play-After both players have started play of hole, the ball farther from the hole is played first. [10-1 Match Play]**
-While there is no penalty in stroke play for playing out of order, in match play if an opponent plays out of order her opponent may immediately require her to cancel the stroke and replay in the correct order. *So, if a putt is not conceded, mark it and wait your turn.*

Practice Note:

Rule 7-2: "...[a player] may practice putting or chipping on or near:

- the putting green of the hole last played,
- any practice putting green, or
- teeing ground of the next hole...

provided a practice stroke is not made from a hazard and does not unduly delay play (Rule 6-7)."

- **Rule 2-4 : A player may concede a match, a hole or her opponent's next stroke [provided the ball is at rest]. A concession may not be declined or withdrawn.**
-Unlike stroke play which requires one to finish the hole ["hole out"], in match play, a player may concede a stroke to his opponent so that she can pick-up without holing out. *Note, if you concede the putt and your opponent decides to practice and then misses, your opponent still gets the concession.*
- **Rule 2-5. Doubt as to Procedure; Disputes and Claims**
-If unsure of rule or procedure, in match play the Rules do not permit you to play a second ball [different from provisional], as they do in stroke play. You and your opponent must try and resolve the issue. If you can't agree, a claim has to be made before teeing-off at the next hole. You must notify your opponent that you're making a claim, agree to the facts of the situation and make it clear that you'll be asking for a Committee ruling.
- **Rule 9-Information as to Strokes taken; Wrong Information**
-In stroke play, scores need only be correctly ascertained prior to submitting scorecards. In match play, however, a player has the right to ascertain from her opponent the number of strokes taken during and after play of hole. If a player incurs a penalty that was not observed by her opponent she must inform her opponent as soon as practicable. If she fails to do so before then she loses the hole [Rule 9-2b]. Loss of hole also applies if player gives incorrect information during play of a hole regarding the number of strokes taken and does not correct the mistake before her opponent makes her next stroke. *Remember-golf is a game of HONOR, if you know that you breached a rule announce the breach if not possibly noticed!*

Editor's Note: This informative summary was prepared with the help of Board Member and Rules Official: Wendy Dominick



A reminder to all team match players:

Please donate \$1 to the WMGA Foundation for every point YOU win **or** Donate \$1 for every point YOUR TEAM wins.

Last year, WMGA members contributed \$5900 to the Foundation; this year, let's shoot for \$6500. Our scholarship recipients sincerely thank you.



MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS
June 25-28
Class A & Class B
 Essex Fells Country Club
 Essex Fells, New Jersey



STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP
July 24, 25
Class A
 North Shore Country Club
 Glen Head, New York

The Caddie and the Cart

During Team Matches a player may use a golf cart if it is provided and approved by the host club. In addition, the host club has the right to insist on the use of a caddie if available. The player may be responsible for both the cart and caddie fees at the discretion of the host club. If a caddie is available and the player is unable to walk then the player must concede her match unless a cart is available and approved. If there is no caddie or cart available prior to the start of the match, the players are not required to carry their bag or use a pull cart. The match will be rescheduled, but if both players are willing to walk/pull/carry their bags then the match MAY be played as originally scheduled.

It bears repeating....Nobody WANTS their team to play short . . . but life happens.

Even the best laid plans can go awry. So what can Captains do to minimize playing short? First, appreciate the underlying intention of the rule, as stated in the TSB (p. 22 #7): *“Each player must be present and ready to tee off at her scheduled time, with the intent to complete the round.”* Meaning, it is not in the spirit of team matches to have an injured player come to a team match for the purpose of teeing off and then forfeiting to “take a spot.” While we know it can be challenging, please try and have alternates “on call” until the morning of the match out of respect for all the players who have gone to great lengths to be there. Let’s try to do our best to minimize “playing short.”

The new rules of golf to go into effect in 2019, will not be implemented for the 2018 Team Matches and Tournament Season. However, check the notice board for local Rules about embedded ball and accidental movement of the ball on the putting green.

Meet our newest Independent WMGA member: Susan Hess, owner/founder of Golftini.



Unable to find a trendy golf skort that could take her from the course to school pick up, Susan decided to make one for herself; a solid black stretch cotton skort with Golftini’s now signature ribbon trim. All of her friends wanted one, and so it began. In 2005, she got a small 10 x 10 booth (in the worst spot) at the PGA show in Orlando and scored a big \$70,000 order on the first day. It’s been an incredible journey which included relying on help from her friends to serve as models and photographers. Now, thirteen years later, Susan’s line of golf wear has achieved national recognition and is all any woman needs to dress like a winner. But let’s be clear, when work is done, Susan loves to play golf whenever she gets the chance...she’ll play with people from work or with a friend at a member guest or with family on vacation. She

loves an over the top challenge, like the Man-ele course in Hawaii or simply an afternoon at the local links pulling a cart. Susan is really excited to add the competitive events of the WMGA to her golfing repertoire and we are excited to have her as one of our newest Independent members. If you are not familiar with her brand, check it out at www.golftiniwear.com.



Pictured [l to r] Beth Lankler, early Golftini photographer with Susan at photo shoot.



Quaker Ridge Golf Club Hosts the 2018 Curtis Cup Match

Scarsdale, New York June 7-10, 2018

The Curtis Cup, played every two years rivals eight female amateurs from the USA against eight female amateurs from Great Britain and Ireland [GB&I]. The first match was played in 1932 at Wentworth Golf Club, in England. Our very own Maureen Orcutt was a part of the inaugural American Team which prevailed, 51¼ to 31¼ thus earning the silver bowl with the inscription, "To stimulate friendly rivalry among the women golfers of many lands." To date, the USA leads the series 28-8-3.

As golf is intrinsically an individual sport, the Curtis Cup provides young female golfers the unique opportunity to play with an elite team of athletes and represent their country in front of a world audience. The Curtis Cup is often a launching pad for many amateur golfers to play in the LPGA. If you come to Quaker Ridge chances are good that you will see a future LPGA star.

Quaker Ridge Golf Club is the third club to host the Curtis Cup in the WMGA area; the Apawamis Club hosted in 1978 and Somerset Hills CC in 1990. You are invited to take advantage of this unique opportunity to participate in the Curtis Cup as a volunteer or a spectator. Let's show the strength of women's golf in the metropolitan area; **go to www.2018CurtisCup.org and hit the volunteer button to assist.**

The most recent Curtis Cup teams have relied almost solely on college or younger players. Virginia Derby Grimes, who was a member of the victorious 1998, 2000 and 2006 USA Curtis Cup Teams, will serve as the American captain. Elaine Farquharson-Black will captain the GB&I Team for a second time; she too comes with player experience as a member of the 1990 & 1992 GBI Curtis Cup Teams. The 2018 final team selections will not be made until the end of April.

Viewing this match will be a treat. You can walk on the fairways behind the players and get a great view of every swing. If you have ever played at Quaker Ridge, it will be fun to see how your game compares.

Thursday 6/7: Opening Ceremony
Friday 6/8: 3 morning foursomes-3 afternoon four-ball matches
Saturday 6/9: 3 morning foursomes-3 afternoon four-ball matches
Sunday 6/10: 8 singles matches

Aim for the stars!

Go to USGA.org to apply for local qualifiers:

2018 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship July 16-21

Handicap Index Limit: 9.4
 Age Limit: Cannot be 19 on or before July 21
Apply to play: 4/2/18- 6/6/18

Inaugural 2018 U.S. Senior Women's Championship July 12-15

Handicap Index Limit: 7.4
 Age Limit: Must be 50 on or before July 12
Apply to play: 3/5/18-5/23/18

2018 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship August 6-12

Handicap Index Limit: 5.4 No Age Limit
Apply to play: 4/2/18 ~ 6/20/18

2018 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship September 22-27

Handicap Index Limit: 9.4
 Age Limit: Must be 25 on or before September 22
Apply to play: 4/30/18-8/1/18

2018 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship October 6-11

Handicap Index Limit: 18.4
 Age Limit: Must be 50 on or before opening of tournament
Apply to play: 4/30/18-8/22/18

2019 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship April 27-May 1, 2019

Individual Handicap Index Limit: 14.4
 No Age Limit
Apply to play: 5/7/18-8/15/18

In February at the Annual Meeting held in Miami, four new members were elected to the USGA Executive Committee, a 15-member volunteer panel: **Kendra Beard Graham** of Winter Park, Fla.; 3-time major champion and former world No. 1 player **Nick Price** of Hobe Sound, Fla.; **Sharon Ritchey** of Asheville, N.C.; and **Paul G. Brown** of Brookville, Md.

Kendra, a former WMGA member, is the daughter of **Ann Beard**, a past President of the WMGA [1979-1980] and former Chairman of the USGA Women's Committee. Kendra has devoted much of her life to the game of golf, not only as a serious competitive player but also as a key player at the USGA where she worked from 1987 to 2003 in Rules and Competitions. Kendra was one of the first women to serve as a Rules official at the 1994 Masters, and the first American woman to officiate at The Open Championship in 1995. She has worked as a Rules official for more than 20 major championships. Our heartfelt congratulations on this impressive achievement.



Pictured [L to R]; Ann Beard, Kendra, her husband Jack and her father, Lee Beard.