



39th Stroke Play Championship *Ina Kim, a WMGA newbie, captures the title at Somerset Hills*

On July 20 and 21, the 2016 Stroke Play Championship was held at Somerset Hills Country Club in Bernardsville, NJ. The A.W. Tillinghast design, opened in 1899, presented a stunning links-style front nine and a demanding mountain retreat-like back, playing to a par 72, with tees from 5788 yards for the championship. But don't be fooled by its beauty, it's a beast to play! Despite the warm temperatures, there were many chilling snowmen on scorecards of players not used to such humbling numbers. But, for Ina Kim, this "immaculately groomed, spectacular layout,

was just a blast to play." And she played beautifully shooting 75 and 77 for a two-round total of 152 to win the championship and gain her second WMGA title this season; her first being the WMGA/MGA Met Am Championship in June. Ina is no stranger to competitive golf, as she played as a junior and then at the collegiate level for Northwestern University. But, this is her first year back, after taking a decade off to pursue her career in finance abroad. Her final 9 holes were highlighted by a hole-in-one on the Par 3, 107 yard, 12th hole. In her own words, "I was in between clubs, so I used a knock down PW into the wind with a baby draw; there was a back to front and right to left slope with water left that I knew would bump it closer to the hole. My shot landed just past and to the right of the hole, and the spin and slope took care of the rest." [Editors



Ina Kim

note: This ace tied her sister's record of 9 holes-in-one!] Denise Martorana, 2011 Stroke Play champion, grabbed the Low Net trophy with a smile! Whether you had a low round or an index booster, everyone had a great time playing this beautiful layout. Somerset Hills is the kind of course you want to play again and again; it is a welcomed challenge.

16th "B" Stroke Play Championship *With a score of 88, Suzanne Longlade captures the "B" title*

On Wednesday, August 3, ladies gathered at Glen Head CC on Long Island to compete for the "B" Stroke Play Championship. This Devereaux Emmitt design is considered one of the finest clubs on Long Island. What makes this course historical is the fact that in the 1920's, this beautiful course was created and designed for women only! While no longer just for the ladies, Suzanne Longlade would have made those founding members proud with her solid round of 88, only 14 over par. For Suzanne, a member at Lake Isle CC in Eastchester, NY, playing this beautiful unfamiliar terrain was an advantage, an "ignorance is bliss" kind of situation, as she did not have any preconceived bad thoughts running through her head. In fact, her play seemed so good that she likened it to an "out of body" experience. Who was that girl hitting so well, staying out of trouble and making so many putts? Well, it was really you Suzanne and congratulations on some fabulous golf. Mary Moore from the Wee Burn Golf Club returned home with the Low Net trophy.



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Suzanne Longlade



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66th Seniors' "A" Championship *Jill Robbins wins her first WMGA trophy*

Another beautiful and challenging Tillinghast design, Old Oaks Country Club in Purchase, NY was the host for the "A" and "B" Seniors' Championships held on Tuesday, June 28 and Wednesday, June 29. Playing from 5570 yards, this par 72 was a perfect venue to challenge our golfers. Jill Robbins, who has played in a number of WMGA events over the last couple of years, was thrilled to capture her first victory at her first Seniors' championship at her home course. Round one, Jill was even par after her opening nine holes and finished her round with an impressive 77. She continued to play more great golf for the second round, shooting 80, but admits that pin placements were more difficult than usual. As Jill commented, "Old Oaks is a challenging course that really prepares a player when competing elsewhere." Hopefully, she's on the road for another victory soon! Claudia Josebachvili graciously accepted the Low Net trophy recording a 145 for the two rounds.



(LtoR): Jill Robbins & Claudia Josebachvili

50th Seniors' "B" Championship

Terry Pisacreta regains "B" title with her victory at Old Oaks

For the "B" players, the championship consists of only 18 holes, but the same tees and the same challenges faced these ladies as well. Theresa Pisacreta, from Lake Isle CC in Eastchester, NY, was ready and able and shot an 88 to retake her title as "B" Seniors' Champion having last won the championship in 2012. Terry played solid golf on the front 9 with a near hole-in-one on the 3rd hole, a par 3, but she really turned it up a notch on the back carding a 43. She credits her win to "a few good shots, a few good putts and a lot of luck!"; however, we might need to add skill and confidence as factors as she and her teammate, Suzanne Longlade, captured the Better Ball "B" Championship both in 2015 and 2016. Congratulations "again" to Terry and to Linda Greene, Low Net winner!



Theresa Pisacreta



Linda Greene