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Phoebe Timpson – 2011 WMGA Player of the Year



Phoebe Timpson (middle) and L to R: Flossie Chase (mom) and Wendy Havens (sister)

First time winner, for the WMGA's Player of the Year, was Phoebe Timpson from Meadow Brook Club on Long Island. Said Phoebe upon accepting this prodigious award, "I have to be honest, over the last few years when I have received the guidelines for 'Player of the Year,' I never thought in my wildest dreams that it would be me. It seemed like an impossible task to accomplish."

Starting with Team Matches, Phoebe was part of the LI district winning team from Meadow Brook; she captured the 108th Match Play Championship; won the Sister/Sister with Wendy Havens; and, paired with Eileen Moriarty, won the Mackie Cup.

Phoebe started playing golf 25 years ago when she was dating her future husband, Billy. After some sound advice from her mother, Flossie Chase, "You better pick up that game because if you don't, you'll be left at home." And so she did! Today she enjoys playing golf with her husband and their two sons; not to mention the ongoing matches with her mom and sister.

Phoebe would like to thank the WMGA and "all the people who work so hard to make the courses so great. I am honored and lucky to be a part of such a fine organization."

Westchester Country Club Receives the Judy Bell Award



L to R: Beth Post, Nick Cammarano, WCCC President; Monique Thoresz, WCCC Pro; Muffy Finken, Prize Chair; & John Kennedy, WCCC Director of Golf

This year the 2011 Judy Bell Award was given to the Westchester Country Club in recognition of its long time generosity to the WMGA. Founded in 1922 in Harrison, NY, and a member of the WMGA from its inception, the club has hosted many memorable events.

It is Westchester's dedication to the game of golf and specifically its dedication to junior golf that is exceptional. Beginning in 2009, Westchester and three of its professional staff have been integral in the WMGA's "Girls to the Tee" program. Director of Instruction Gary Weir and Teaching Professional Monique Thoresz along with Nancy Rees for the WMGA, conceived the idea of "Girls to the Tee" and through their enthusiasm have recruited fellow teaching professionals to donate their time and energies into bringing the game of golf to over 300 young women in the past three years. Director of Golf, John Kennedy, has made it possible for the WMGA to use the club's large and impressive practice facility for the day.

Lann Trophy goes to Junior Faith Garcia



Lann Trophy Winner Faith Garcia

Faith Garcia, one of the WMGA Junior Fellowship players, won the Joseph J. Lann Trophy this year with her medalist performance at Glen Oaks Club with a round of 70. The Lann Trophy is awarded to the member who returns the season's lowest 18-hole gross score for a WMGA stroke play round. Faith was a product of "Girls to the Tee" and met Gary Weir, Westchester CC's teaching pros three years ago, and he immediately identified her as someone who could be a great golfer. From "Girls to the Tee" to winning the WMGA Lann Trophy is indeed a terrific accomplishment.

Congratulations, Faith, we know you will have a bright future in golf!

Guest Speaker - Carol Semple Thompson



Carol Semple Thompson

At the annual meeting Carol Semple Thompson entertained us by sharing stories about her amateur golf career with a delightful slide presentation, highlighting the Curtis Cup.

Growing up in a prominent golfing family in Sewickley, Pennsylvania she graduated from Hollins University in 1970. She won her first tournament by defeating her mother. She went on to win the US Women's Amateur in 1973 and the following year won the British Ladies' Amateur. Among her other amateur victories are the 1976 & 1987 North and South Women's Amateur, two US Women's Mid-Amateurs, and the US Senior Amateur four years in a row, from 1999-2002. In all, she has participated in 114 USGA events. She has been on more Curtis Cup teams (12) and earned more victories than any competitor in the history of the tournament. In 2006 and again in 2008, Mrs. Thompson served as the Curtis Cup Team Captain.

In 2005 she received the PGA "First Lady of Golf Award" and in 2008 she was elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame in the Lifetime Achievement category. Mrs. Thompson's past accomplishments span the decades and she continues to distinguish herself in the world of golf.

WMGA Scholarship Foundation

The Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Foundation, Inc. was established in 2001 as a charitable organization to financially assist deserving young women who have exhibited an interest in golf or golfing activities in attending college. The Foundation Scholarship Tournament at Sleepy Hollow CC will be held on August 21, 2012. If you wish to support the Foundation you may send a check payable to WMGA Scholarship Foundation and mail to 49 Knollwood Rd., Elmsford, NY 10523, or make an online donation at www.wmga.com.

Congratulation to the current 2011 Scholarship Recipients:

Casey Alberding, NJ – Michigan State – uncle started her in golf
Jessica Caruso, NY – U. of Massachusetts – on HS varsity golf team
Jacqueline Fagan, NJ – Fairfield U. – works at Raritan Valley CC
Rachel Ford, NJ – Georgetown – active in Renaissance Golf & 1st Tee
Elizabeth Krack, NY – SUNY Maritime - #1 on her HS golf team

Amanda Scott, NJ – Rowan University – started golf at YMCA camp
Arisa Wada, NJ – Rutgers – Captain and MVP on her golf team
Gabrielle White, NY – SUNY Oneonta – varsity golf team for 4 years
Dominique Wilcher, NJ – Albright College – varsity golf team

WMGA'S Past Presidents



Standing L to R: Gerri Scarpa, Valerie Lazar, Brigid Shanley Lamb, Nancy N. Paton
Seated L to R: Dot Paluck, Rosemary Mankiewicz, Kathy Dennis

Even past presidents of the WMGA were present at the 2011 Annual Meeting. Their leadership was invaluable over the years they served on the board. Many of them are still active within the WMGA and they are appreciated by those who follow. It is because of them that the WMGA is a fine and well run golf organization....Thank You!

Interdistrict Champion Montclair Golf Club



Val DePiro accepting award from Muffy Finken

Save the 2012 Dates!

Team Matches – April 24 & 26, May 1, 3, 8
Challenge Rounds – May 15, 16, & 17
Interdistrict Play-Off – May 17

Beth Post Presides over Annual Meeting

Beth Post, President of the WMGA, welcomed members for its Annual Meeting on October 26, 2011 at the Yale Club in New York. She dedicated the meeting to volunteerism and had members stand if they are presently volunteering or have volunteered in the past. A majority of members in the beautiful ballroom were on their feet. Beth thanked the group for their time and energy to golf and specifically to the WMGA, the second oldest women's golf association in the US.

Highlights of the year included a new Critical Needs Committee with its mission to review and revise the workings of the WMGA. Those recommendations approved by the Board will be put into effect immediately improving the efficiency of the WMGA. A new membership policy is in place for 2012 – an increase in the USGA Handicap Index to 23.0 for membership. This will increase club participation and deepen the bench for team matches. The board instituted the Junior Fellowship Program, which awards an annual WMGA junior membership to junior girls who do not belong to a member club. The purpose of this membership is to allow competitive juniors the opportunity to play competitive golf.

She then thanked the current board for their service and welcomed the incoming new board members.



Beth Post

2011 Annual Meeting



Diane Mock & Alex Michielini



John Kennedy, WCCC Director of Golf; Nick Cammarano, WCCC President; Beth Post, WMGA President & Gene Bernstein, President of the MGA



Amy Hyman, Carol Thompson & Becky Montgelas

Board of Directors Cup Goes to Ellen Cuty



Muffy Finken presented new "B" Trophy to Ellen Cuty

The inaugural Board of Directors Cup was presented to Ellen Cuty of Southward Ho for her stellar play during the Senior "B" Championship. Ellen recorded her all time low round of 82 at Westhampton CC. This trophy recognizes the lowest 18 hole gross score for a WMGA stroke play for a B player. Congratulations, Ellen.

The WMGA

Board of Directors and staff would like to wish all of our members a wonderful holiday season. See you all next year!

**2011
Hole-in-One Club!**

**Nancy Preston
Canoe Brook
Team Match Play**