



WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION INC. JUNIOR ROAD MAP

September 2020

Several years ago, at a strategic planning meeting, the WMGA Board contemplated the ongoing role of the WMGA Foundation, the WMGA's charitable arm. The Board was mindful of the importance of the Foundation's interaction with the WMGA, complementing the WMGA's mission to foster women's amateur golf and to encourage the participation of junior girls in the sport we all love. The expansion of the Foundation's mission to support junior girls golf along with its origins as a scholarship fund are an integral part of what we call the Junior Road Map. This month we highlight the Junior Road Map and how your support of the Foundation is helping this vision take shape.

Since 2008, over 1,000 girls ages 6-18 have participated in free junior girls golf clinics, "Girls to the Tee", hosted by the WMGA Foundation. Girls to the Tee is just the beginning of the road, which we hope leads to golf for life. At these events, we look to educate parents and the local professionals, who volunteer their time, about the WMGA, the benefits of junior membership, and junior tournament opportunities. We also highlight the Foundation's scholarship opportunities. Often, current and former Junior Members and Scholarship Recipients, volunteer their time, helping organize the event and assisting in teaching the girls.

Right now, the road is incomplete. There are many points of entry and not everyone takes the same path; however, in the last few years, we have begun to see the connection and ultimately the movement along the road and to golf for life.

In 2008, Gary Weir, Director of Instruction and co-Founder of Girls to the Tee, identified a young golfer's unique talents. Her name was Faith Garcia and she was 12 years old when Gary first saw her swing a club. Faith participated in numerous tournaments offered by the WMGA over the ensuing years. After a standout junior golf career, which included representing the WMGA on the Junior Intercity Team and winning the WMGA Joseph J Lann Trophy in 2011 (Lowest Competitive Round of 2011), Faith received a golf scholarship to Monmouth University. Faith was a 2014 WMGA Foundation Scholarship Recipient.

At the age of 15, Yoona Kim learned about the WMGA from her neighbor, Gerri Scarpa, who served as the Chair of the WMGA Foundation for many years. Yoona applied for and received a WMGA Junior Fellowship Membership, allowing her to participate in WMGA events and tournaments. With her partner, she won the 2017 WMGA/MGA Mixed Pinehurst Championship. In August 2019, at the age of 17, Yoona won the UHY/Celadon AJGA Championship hosted by Marina Alex and successfully defended her title in 2020. Yoona will be attending Harvard College this fall and is a 2020 WMGA Scholarship Recipient.

The Nethercotts are no strangers to the WMGA and local Junior Girls Golf. Sisters Kendyl and Sydney attended Girls to the Tee clinic at Westchester in 2011. Kendyl began playing in WMGA events in 2012 and was a Junior Fellowship Member and was a 2015 Scholarship Recipient. Her younger sister Sydney, is currently a Junior Independent Member and began playing in WMGA events in 2013. In 2018 and 2019, she won the Maureen Orcutt Low Gross Championship. She was also a member of the 2019 WMGA Junior Intercity Team. Sydney is a 2020 Scholarship Recipient.



GIRLS TO THE TEE

"Growing the Game One Swing at a Time"

FREE junior girls golf clinics in all three districts. Ages 6 to 18, catering to all levels of golfing experience. With expert instruction from local golf professionals.



GOLF FORE LIFE

With a common interest, form friendships that will last a lifetime. Play in competitive tournaments and social events. Spend the day out on the course and plant the seed for a healthy life.



MEMBERSHIP

Become a WMGA Junior Member or apply for Junior Independent Membership. Both give juniors access to the WMGA's full tournament schedule throughout the summer.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Award scholarships to girls to pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees. Besides a passion for golf, scholarships are also awarded based on

- Integrity, character, leadership
- Academic achievement and extracurriculars
- Financial need



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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Participate in the Maureen Orcutt Trophy Tournament to obtain AJGA Stars. The Junior Girls' Open Champion receives an exemption to play in the North & South Junior Amateur. Junior members who qualify for USGA Championships receive a stipend to offset costs.





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"The mission of the WMGA Foundation is to provide scholarships to deserving young women attending an institution of higher learning who have an interest in golf and golf activities; to foster girls' junior level involvement in golf and competition; and to promote the game of golf to all women."

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