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**WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020**

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**President's Report**

A year like no other is the best way to describe 2020. While the WMGA has experienced and navigated through two world wars, a depression, two stock market crashes and six epidemics in its 121 year history, this pandemic was new to us. As the second oldest women's golf association in the United States, our longevity is our stability. COVID-19 turned our world not only upside down but inside out. It has impacted everyone and everything: the health of our loved ones, the local businesses we rely on, our global economy and the way we live our daily lives. I, along with the WMGA Board, hope that you and your family are all healthy and safe.

As we all faced cancellations and postponements and had to adapt, so, too, did the WMGA face challenges. In March when the government forced offices to shut down, the WMGA was able to seamlessly continue to function. Thanks, in part, to our fortuitous technology implementation last year but mainly due to our incredible staff. They didn't miss a beat.

As we navigated through the new world of flattening the curve and social distancing, we were bracing for a cancellation of our entire season. However, while golf was not an essential business, golfing became an essential outlet. Social distancing is possible and equipment isn't shared, so people flocked to the golf course. Tee sheets were filled and handicap posting increased 30% throughout the season. Unfortunately, our beloved Team Matches could not be held, and we were broken-hearted to have to cancel them. Yet, while Team Matches are the heart and soul of the WMGA, we are so much more than Team Matches.

Then, in time for our first tournaments in June, state governments loosened their restrictions and mandates for golf. We are so grateful to those member clubs that worked with us to host events while complying with all regulations and protocols. The tournament committee modified our procedures to accommodate the mandates, including grab and go lunches, individual scorecard baggies, and only electronic handout distributions. We held 21 of the 29 scheduled tournaments, an amazing 75%, with only a 16% drop in attendance. Also, our Maureen Orcutt junior competition had the highest attendance ever of 34 competitors - a 62% increase over the 2019 field.

They say that necessity is the mother of invention, and the pandemic proved that true and revealed its silver lining. To fill a void and maintain contact with our membership during our social isolation, we held a Question and Answer session with Patty Sheehan, in conjunction with Kinona Sports. Beth Lankler led the lively discussion, which included a surprise appearance by Ann Beard, a former WMGA President and USGA rules official, who delivered the rules decision that would lead Patty to a Monday playoff win against Juli Inkster during the 1992 Women's US Open at Oakmont Country Club! We received such positive feedback, we have continued with our *Swing Series*, featuring experts on a wide variety of golf-related topics of interest to our membership. To date, we have held nine sessions, including golf drills, TPI golf fitness, mindset coaching, golf club fitting, a rules discussion with our own Wendy Dominick and our most recent session on using KT Tape and CBD products for pain management. Look for the *Swing Series* to continue in 2021.

We also developed other tools that were not originally planned such as a Membership Exchange, Tournament Highlight Videos, a Volunteer Tutorial Video and a Volunteer Sign In process. To highlight our growing playlist of videos from tournaments and the *Swing Series*, we now host a WMGA Communications channel on YouTube so members can watch at their leisure.

2021 will be a continuance of the Year of the Member, starting with a membership drive to match the 2020 record of 346 new members, which is 60% more than our 2019 increase. As with this year, we are looking to host winter events, such as TopGolf and a virtual live putting contest. In addition to new *Swing Series* sessions and a spring golf clinic, we will continue to strengthen our Met Rep relationship, solicit member feedback and engage with our Roundtable Panel. We are cautiously optimistic for the Team Matches starting April 27th and our sites committee is hard at work on the 2021 Tournament schedule. Next year Family Day will be extended to each district to provide both flexibility and scheduling options. Monitor our website and communications like *On the Tee* and Facebook/Instagram to keep up to date on our activities and schedule.

Also, we thank Valerie DePiro, WMGA Foundation Chair, and her Board of Trustees for their dedication. The pandemic hit non-profits and kudos to the Foundation for awarding 13 scholarships. This was an amazing feat, given the tough economic climate. This year the Board offered WMGA memberships to our scholarship recipients. Unfortunately, like Team Matches, Girls To The Tee events were cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. We are looking forward to having them next year.

We would like to thank our office staff: Sarah Niemeier, Executive Director; Martin Connor, Tournament Manager; Suzanne Longlade, Office Manager, and Robbie Irwin, P.J. Boatwright Intern. The WMGA is very appreciative to the USGA and MGA for their generosity in supporting our P.J. Boatwright Jr. Intern grant. The WMGA is also grateful for their collaboration and partnerships with NJSGA, CSGA and the Met PGA.

I would like to express my gratitude to the entire Board for all that they have done during this most difficult and demanding year. Special thanks to Heidi Komoriya, Course Rater extraordinaire, who is leaving the Board, and Beth Lankler and Tara Fleming, who both resigned in May. They have given many years of service to the WMGA and their efforts and support of the WMGA are greatly appreciated. We are also saddened at the recent passing of two Past Presidents: Ellie Lazare (1977-78) and Rosemary Mankiewicz (1989-90). While I did not know them, tributes poured in for these extraordinary women. Finally, I would like to thank all the many volunteers, including Met Reps, for their service, and our Member Clubs for their support.

Respectfully submitted.

**Lori Ann Cerullo**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WMGA FOUNDATION**

The Board of Trustees convened for one in-person meeting and two via ZOOM interactive conference during the 2020 fiscal year. The following motions were adopted:

- a) To approve September 18, 2019 minutes.
- b) To approve Judy Cuttone as Secretary.
- c) To approve contract with Bloomerang for donor database.
- d) To approve December 13, 2019 minutes.
- e) To approve removal of handicap limit for the Fellowship Stipend.
- f) To approve a Fellowship Stipend for Malini Rudra.
- g) To approve \$250 Stipend for Megha Ganne for US Women's Amateur Championship.
- h) To approve March 11, 2020 minutes.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Judy Cuttone*

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WMGA**

The Board of Directors convened for six regularly scheduled meetings, three special meetings, and convened in executive session eight times during the 2020 fiscal year. All, except one regular meeting, were convened and held via Zoom interactive conference. Minutes of all meetings were taken and approved for filing by the Board.

In conformance with government regulations and directives pertaining to the COVID -19 pandemic, the Board approved the following calendar, meeting, and programmatic changes:

- a) Suspension of all in person meetings including Board, Met Rep, and Course Rating events.
- b) Cancellation of WMGA Team Matches for 2020, April 2020 Clinic at Rye Golf Club.
- c) Rescheduling the 2020 Golf Illustrated and Myra D. Paterson competitions.
- d) Delay of opening tournament registrations until April 15, 2020.
- e) Suspension of Judy Bell and Player of the Year (A & B) Awards for 2020.
- f) Authorization of Competitions Committee to determine circumstances and procedures for remaining 2020 tournaments, including freezing handicaps one week prior to event.

The Board elected or approved the following appointments:

- a) Cheryl Brayman as Chair of the Nominating Committee and Committee Members: Diane Galtieri, Barbara Kohut, Barbara Paonessa, Maggie Pizzone, Sara Tasnady, and Lynn Thompson.
- b) Team Captains for the 2020 Golf Illustrated and Myra D. Paterson teams.
- c) Judy Cuttone as WMGA Foundation Secretary.
- d) Donna DeMarco to fulfill remainder of term (through 2021) of position of Vice President Marketing and Communications vacated by Beth Lankler.
- e) Barbara Briamonte to fulfill remainder of term (through 2021) of Director position vacated by Ms. DeMarco.
- f) Hiring Office Intern effective Winter 2020, part-time office assistant Spring 2020, and Tournament Manager effective June 1, 2020.
- g) Alexis Hios as Westchester captain Golf Illustrated Team.
- h) Election at annual meeting 2020 of President and Secretary to one year terms in 2021 and to mandated two year terms in all subsequent years.

The Board authorized the amended budget and associated programs for 2020 as well as expenditures of budgeted funds for the following special purposes:

- a) Attendance at conferences/professional events for Executive Director Sarah Relyea and President Lori Ann Cerullo.
- b) Contributions to Host Club Holiday Funds, Local Caddie Foundations.
- c) \$5,000.00 for various initiatives and events.
- d) Authorized the President and Treasurer to apply for and accept all temporary financial assistance for which WMGA eligible due to pandemic, and subsequently to withdraw application for federal EIDL loan.

The Board authorized the following changes to the By-Laws:

- a) Section I Membership, Junior Membership, para 1. Incorporate the word "guardian".
- b) Addition of Article XVIII: Policy Regarding Interactions with Media and Use of Social Media. This new policy was approved by the Board.

The Board authorized various changes to the Tournament Schedule Book (TSB) to reflect changes in By-Laws, membership requirements, competition procedures, etc. and authorized 2020 TSB publication.

The Board authorized various changes to tournament formats and scheduling for 2021, including team matches scheduled for April 27, 29, May 4, 6, 11, 2021.

The Board authorized various changes and clarifications to membership requirements and status.

Membership annual dues for 2020 will not be refunded and will remain at \$100 for 2021.

The Board conducted other business as necessary and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Michele Le Moal-Gray, Secretary*

# 2020 Tournament Results

## ONE-DAY STROKE PLAY EVENTS

### Class A

<b>Lake Mohawk (14)</b>	Ami Gianchandani (Watchung Valley).....	77
	Joanne Ornstein (Rye).....	89-14.....75
<b>Lake Isle (26)</b>	*Maki Drake (Inwood).....	76
	Rebecca Carretta (Manhattan Woods).....	76-8..... 68
<b>Lawrence (27)</b>	Yong Park (Independent).....	75
	Christine Choe (Lake Success).....	82-9..... 73

### Class B

<b>Lake Mohawk (18)</b>	Darenda Sheridan (Baltusrol).....	97
	Catherine Marzulli (Upper Montclair).....	99-23..... 77
<b>Lake Isle (32)</b>	Theresa Pisacreta (Lake Isle).....	88
	Heejung Moon (Aspetuck Valley).....	90-16..... 74
<b>Lawrence (25)</b>	Christine Yi (Engineers).....	92
	Deborah Morea (Huntington).....	103-28..... 75

### SPECIAL EVENTS

<b>43<sup>rd</sup> Stroke Play A Championship – Sleepy Hollow (48)</b>	Liliana Ruiz-Munoz (Trump - Westchester).....	74
	Erica Graham (Sleepy Hollow).....	86-12..... 74
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Stroke Play B Championship – Sleepy Hollow (24)</b>	Marie Gibbons (Indian Hills).....	96
	*Pam Garavano (Rye).....	98-21..... 77
<b>70<sup>th</sup> Seniors' A Championship – Canoe Brook (34)</b>	+Helen Bernstein (Paramount).....	82+41..... 123
	*Valerie DePiro (Montclair).....	125-14..... 111
<b>54<sup>th</sup> Seniors' B Championship – Canoe Brook (34)</b>	Olga Lucia (North Shore).....	90
	Katie Grady (Stanton Ridge).....	91-20..... 71
<b>78<sup>th</sup> John B. Mackie Memorial Scotch Foursomes – Inwood (66)</b>	Cheryl Brayman (North Shore) & Alexis Hios (Westchester).....	80
	*Diane Mock & Marie Gibbons (Indian Hills).....	90-16..... 74
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sis Choate Memorial Pinehurst Tournament – Metuchen (72)</b>	Sue Sardi (Cherry Valley - NJ) & Kathleen Maloney (Spring Lake).....	74
	Addy Park & Irene Macaluso (Rye).....	86-19.....67
<b>Best-Ball-Of-Four Club Tournament – Hackensack (88)</b>	Montclair – Kate Platt, Valerie DePiro, Betsy Cowell & Jennifer Cifelli.....	72
	West Hills – Donna Giannoccaro, Heather Friedman, Prentiss Shaw & Marie Pillmeier.....	77-15..62
<b>Best-Ball-of-Four Open (Dream Team) – Montclair (83)</b>	Renate Green (Manhattan Woods), Rebecca Carretta (Manhattan Woods), Colleen Edelman (Ridgewood – NJ), & Soyoung Cho (Alpine).....	73
	*Christine Choe (Lake Success), Christine Yi (Engineers), Christina Choi (Upper Montclair), & Paula Park (North Shore).....	76-9...67
<b>Volunteer Tournament (Flight 1) – Jasna Polana (6)</b>	Sue Sardi (Cherry Valley – NJ), Dan Schmitz (Cherry Valley – NJ), Lori Ann Cerullo (Rye), & Glenn Scalia (MGA).....	69
	Sue Derose (Forsgate), Laurel Harvey (Springdale), Wendy Richmond (Springdale), & Kathy Villaggio (Independent).....	78-14..64
<b>Volunteer Tournament (Flight 2) – Jasna Polana (8)</b>	Joan Steere (Apawamis), Patty Savage (Beacon Hill), Randi Walker (Beacon Hill), & Eleanor Shih (Independent).....	85
	Anne Marie Hannaford (Fairmount), Nena Green (Fairmount), Lori Roth (NJ National), & Hyun Kang (NJ National).....	86-18..68
<b>2nd Blue and White Cup – The Vineyards (68)</b>	White Team Captain: Nina Santoncito.....	47
	Blue Team Captain: Barbara Rederscheid.....	38

### JUNIOR EVENTS

<b>94<sup>th</sup> Junior Girls' Open Championship – Indian Hills (12)</b>	Sammie Dolce (Basking Ridge).....	73
	Srishti Dhurandhar.....	82-6.....76
<b>61<sup>st</sup> Maureen Orcutt Trophy Tournament – White Beeches (34)</b>	Jenna Han (Gallop Hill).....	68+71...139
	Emily Renoff (Trump – Bedminster).....	75+73...148

## FAMILY CHAMPIONSHIPS

<b>81<sup>st</sup> Mother-Son – North Hills (36)</b>	Colleen & Jack Edelman (Ridgewood – NJ).....	76
	Claire & David Hogan (Independent).....	80-12..... 68
<b>93<sup>rd</sup> Mother-Daughter – Brooklake (6)</b>	Natalie & Patricia Stilo (Plainfield).....	80
	Toby Schuman (Tumble Brook) & Wendy Weinstein (Mountain Ridge).....	83-14..... 69
<b>86<sup>th</sup> Sister-Brother – Brooklake (4)</b>	Jennifer & Jack Rosenberg (Glen Oaks).....	77
	Theresa Pisacreta & Gerard O'Reilly (Lake Isle).....	87-19..... 68
<b>73<sup>rd</sup> Father-Daughter – Brooklake (3)</b>	Caraline & Michael Oakley (Southampton).....	72
	Rajiv & Malini Rudra (Independent Junior).....	79-7..... 72
<b>90<sup>th</sup> Husband-Wife A – Powelton (40)</b>	Peggy & Brian Flanagan (Rye).....	73
	Catherine & Dean Burger (Independent).....	74-11..... 63
<b>66<sup>th</sup> Husband-Wife B – Burning Tree (48)</b>	*Kum & Yong Ahn (Upper Montclair).....	88
	*Lisa & Peter Wallburg (Trump – Colts Neck).....	88-14.....74

### (Number of Players)

\*Winner on Match of Cards

+Winner in Play-Off

## INTERCITY/INTERDISTRICT MATCHES

<b>95<sup>th</sup> Competition for the Golf Illustrated Trophy – Trump – Bedminster (NJ)</b>	Winner: Westchester/Connecticut
<b>91<sup>st</sup> Competition for the Myra D. Paterson Trophy – Brookville (LI)</b>	Winner: Long Island

**WMGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**OFFICERS**

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Heidi Komoriya, *Trump - WC*  
Dale Kramer, *Fresh Meadow*  
Kate Platt, *Montclair*

**2020 HONOR ROLL**

<b>WMGA/MGA Metropolitan Amateur Champion</b>	Tournament Not Contested
<b>WMGA Match Play Champion</b>	Tournament Not Contested
<b>WMGA “B” Match Play Champion</b>	Tournament Not Contested
<b>WMGA Stroke Play Champion</b>	Liliana Ruiz-Munoz, <i>Trump - Westchester</i>
<b>WMGA “B” Stroke Play Champion</b>	Marie Gibbons, <i>Indian Hills</i>
<b>WMGA Junior Girls’ Champion</b>	Sammie Dolce, <i>Basking Ridge</i>
<b>Joseph J. Lann Trophy</b>	Jenna Han, <i>Junior</i>
<b>Board of Directors Cup</b>	Theresa Pisacreta, <i>Lake Isle</i>
<b>WMGA Player of the Year</b>	Not Contested
<b>WMGA “B” Player of the Year</b>	Not Contested

**WMGA Interclub Team Match Champion**  
Not Contested

**Griscom Cup Team**  
Not Contested

**Junior Girls’ Intercity Team**  
Not Contested