

**WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021**  
**President's Report**

After the turmoil of last year, 2021 was a welcome respite for the WMGA. Focusing on our mantra, "The Year of the Member," our 2021 season began with two pre-season clinics held at The Vineyards Golf Club on Long Island and Rye Golf Club in Westchester. These highly successful clinics were sold out and we are planning to hold clinics in all three districts in 2022. Our beloved Team Matches returned to the lineup, and Westchester Country Club (W/CT) held onto the Interdistrict Championship title, after playing Montclair (NJ) and Lake Success (LI) at Quaker Ridge Golf Club.

The spring portion of our season following team matches turned the spotlight on our Invitational Tournaments. In the Golf Illustrated, NJ conquered its LI and W/CT competitors, while W/CT claimed victory over LI and NJ in the Myra D. Paterson. The exclamation point for the Invitationals was when the WMGA teams were victorious against their Massachusetts and Philadelphia rivals in both the Griscom Cup and Enos Cup competitions! Then it was time for our tournament season, featuring 29 tournaments, 50% of them oversubscribed. We were able to conduct all of our scheduled tournaments, including one postponement and the shortening of the Seniors "A" to one day due to major storms. Of special note, the restructuring of Family Day in all three districts was well-received, as several members played in multiple tournaments with their family members.

We have continued with our *Swing Series*, featuring experts covering a wide variety of golf-related topics of interest to our membership. This year's sessions focused on Golf's Mental game, Fashion and Putting Tips. Over the past two years there have been twelve sessions, and our collective *Swing Series* has been viewed over 3,000 times on the WMGA Communications Channel on YouTube. Look for the *Swing Series* to continue in 2022 with some short game instruction and rules review sessions.

This year's Annual Meeting marks the return, after a COVID-19 hiatus, of top honors for our "A" and "B" Players of the Year, Alexis Hios and Barbara Matas. In addition, we are posthumously honoring one of our members from the Roaring Twenties, Miss Marion Hollins, with the 2021 Judy Bell Award. This incredible trailblazer for women's golf is due to be inducted into The World Golf Hall of Fame in 2022. We could not have completed our season without the efforts of our volunteers, so we are also recognizing our 2021 Volunteers of the Year from the three districts: Carol Goldman, Beth Lankler and Theresa Pisacreta. Finally, our keynote speaker this year is Kelley Brooke, Director of Golf at Bethpage and 2018 LPGA Club Professional.

Off the golf course, WMGA staff, board members and volunteers have been busy throughout 2021. Spurred by the work of our historian, Theresa Pisacreta, we highlighted 31 WMGA members during Women's History Month, leading to the creation of our E-Museum. We will continue to develop this repository of our rich history as we prepare for the WMGA's 125th Anniversary in 2024. The WMGA also participated this season in the Golf Institute's Radio Show from Bethpage as a guest host for "The Ladies Tee" section of the program. On the tech front, based on member feedback about our website, we refreshed our home page to be more dynamic with simpler navigation. We also migrated to a new membership database to improve our membership renewal process.

2022 will continue to be the "Year of the Member," starting with our membership drive. Our 2021 membership topped 2,400 for the first time since 2016, continuing a 4-year-upward trend. Then, we turn our attention to several winter activities, including Top Golf in Edison, NJ, and Holtsville, NY, and our sold-out Kiawah Island Trip at the end of March. April will feature some spring clinics prior to gearing up to celebrate 75 years of Team Matches. Our 2022 tournament season is currently being planned, so please check the Tournament Schedule for updates.

Now for the thank-yous. To begin, we thank Valerie DePiro, WMGA Foundation Chair, and her Board of Trustees for their dedication. The pandemic hit all non-profits, so kudos to the Foundation for awarding 11 scholarships, as well as WMGA memberships to our scholarship recipients this year. The return of *Girls To The Tee* was met with great joy and close to 200 young girls attended the Baltusrol (NJ) and Westchester Country Club (W/CT) sessions. Unfortunately, the Eisenhower Park (LI) session was cancelled due to damage sustained during Hurricane Henri.

We would also like to thank our office staff: Sarah Niemeier, Executive Director; Brian Levy, Tournament Manager; Suzanne Longlade, Office Manager, and Addison Burdett, 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. In addition, the WMGA is grateful for its collaboration and partnerships with NJSGA, CSGA, MGA and the Met PGA.

I would like to express my gratitude to the entire Board for all that they have done this year. Special thanks to those leaving the Board: Mary Jo Gray, Skye Gregory, Michele Le Moal-Gray, Fiona Miesner and especially Diane Mock, who has been on the Board for 10 years. We greatly appreciate their years of service to and support of the WMGA. 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 four ZOOM interactive conferences during the 2021 fiscal year. The following motions were adopted:

1. To approve October 14, 2020 minutes.
2. To approve January 11, 2021 minutes.
3. To approve \$250 Stipend for Megha Ganne for US Women's Open.
4. To approve \$250 Stipend for Katie Li for US Girls Junior.
5. To approve May 17, 2021 minutes.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Cuttone*

## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WMGA

The Board of Directors convened for six regularly scheduled meetings, and convened in executive session three times during the 2021 fiscal year. All 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. Replacement of all in person meetings including Board, Met Rep, and Course Rater events with virtual meetings and trainings, including virtual Annual Meeting on November 18, 2021.
- b. Approved the COVID-19 Team Match Protocols, Policies, and Rules as proposed by the Team Match Committee to supersede any other such pertinent policies for Team Matches, and authorized insertion of these protocols in the TSB in a highlighted format.
- c. Approved the TSB publication date of April 1, 2021 to be circulated to members electronically for the 2021 year in a downloadable 8 ½ x 11 paper form, with possibility of downloadable booklet form. Printed copies are to be made available through the WMGA office for those members who request them.
- d. Approved change of Stroke Play championship to one day event for A and B for 2021.
- e. Schedule opening of tournament registrations for April 11, 2022.
- f. A publications schedule of: (1) Tee Talk distributed annually (January) to review previous season and preview upcoming season, including new member clubs and new teams for Team Matches; (2) On The Tee distributed approximately every two weeks; (3) Inside the Ropes distributed Spring and Fall.
- g. Authorization of Competitions Committee to determine circumstances and procedures for remaining 2021 tournaments.
- h. The player's handicap effective November 1 of previous year will be required handicap for Myra D. Paterson team consideration. The player's handicap effective one week prior to tournament start date will be used to determine WMGA tournament eligibility.
- i. The Board authorized Executive Director Niemeier to sign an inter-organization proposal to Empire State Development Agency seeking consideration for changes to

the NY State COVID-19 rules governing golf courses for Spring 2021.

The Board elected or approved the following appointments:

- a. Diane Galtieri (LI) as Chair of the Nominating Committee and Committee Members Cheryl Brayman (Past President, ex officio), Christine Shelley, JoAnn Ryder, Lynne Gere, Shiobian Kelly, Suzy Walsh, and Carol Goldman.
- b. Jeannie Gaston to fulfill remainder of term as Director, Volunteer Chair to the renamed and restructured Course Ratings Chair position vacated by Heidi Komoriya.
- c. Award the Judy Bell Award for 2021 posthumously to Marion Hollins and to allow her nephew to accept the award on her behalf.
- d. WMGA Tournament Manager Brian Levy and USGA P.J. Boatwright Intern Addison Burdett.
- e. Barbara Klestadt as Westchester captain for the Myra D. Paterson team (3 year term).

The Board authorized an amended cost-saving budget and associated programs for 2021 as well as expenditures of budgeted funds for the following special purposes:

- a. Attendance at conferences/professional events for Executive Director Sarah Niemeier and President Lori Ann Cerullo.
- b. Contributions to those organizations to which the WMGA normally donates funds on a pro-rata basis sufficient to meet any requirements for maintaining the WMGA not-for-profit status (Host Club Holiday Funds, Local Caddie Foundations, etc.)
- c. \$5,000.00 for various initiatives and events
- d. \$1,000 donation to Westchester Country Club program booklet for US Women's Amateur event.
- e. Membership in the IAGA (International Assoc. Golf Administrators).

The Board modified The Bylaws of the Association regarding Nominating Committee composition by adding language as follows:

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD, Section 2.  
Standing Committees of the Board...  
(b) Each Standing Committee so appointed, other than the Executive and Nominating Committees, shall consist of two (2) or more Directors.....  
(c) ..... The President shall be an ex officio member of all Standing Committees, except the Nominating Committee.

The Board authorized various changes to the Tournament Schedule Book (TSB) to reflect changes in By-Laws, membership requirements, competition procedures, etc. including the elimination of penalty points in computation of Team Match points schedule and the elimination of back nine points for settling ties in Team Matches standings.

Membership annual dues for 2022 will remain at \$100.

The Board conducted other business as necessary and appropriate.

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

# 2021 Tournament Results

## ONE-DAY STROKE PLAY EVENTS

### Class A

<b>Saint Andrews (28)</b> .....	Alexis Hios (Westchester).....	70
	Melissa Maurer (Rye).....	79-12.....67
<b>Fresh Meadow (42)</b> .....	Emily Montagnino (Indian Hill).....	76
	Debbie Capozzi (Bellport).....	82-12.....70
<b>Beacon Hill (11)</b> .....	Maki Drake (Inwood).....	79
	Donna De Marco ( Lake Isle).....	85-11.....74

### Class B

<b>Saint Andrews (39)</b> .....	Olga Lucia (North Shore).....	86
	Carolyn Lyall (Saint Andrews).....	89-19.....70
<b>Fresh Meadow (35)</b> .....	Susan Newman (Sunningdale).....	88
	*Margo Ratafia (Whippoorwill).....	93-19.....74
<b>Beacon Hill (18)</b> .....	Wendy Dominick (Powelton).....	84
	Darcy Myers (Peddie).....	89-16.....73

## SPECIAL EVENTS

<b>117<sup>th</sup> Match Play Championship – Ardsley (19)</b>		
	Alexis Hios (Westchester).....	Champion
	Noelle Maertz (Independent).....	Runner-Up
	Michelle Stelben-Murphy (Darien).....	Semi-Finalist
	Amy Bender (Ardsley).....	Semi-Finalist
<b>4<sup>th</sup> B Match Play Championship – Ardsley (11)</b>		
	Barbara Matas (Inwood).....	Champion
	Wendy Dominick (Powelton).....	Runner-Up
	Angela Giorgi (Rye).....	Semi-Finalist
	Christine Briggs (Ramsey).....	Semi-Finalist
<b>19<sup>th</sup> WMGA/MGA Met Amateur Championship – Southampton (42)</b>		
	Paige Diecidue (Smithtown Landing).....	74
	*Christine Choe (Lake Success).....	85-14.....71
<b>44<sup>th</sup> Stroke Play A Championship – Deepdale (71)</b>		
	Alexis Hios (Westchester).....	74
	Natalie Grainger (Apawamis).....	79-9.....70
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Stroke Play B Championship – Deepdale (60)</b>		
	+Lorraine Vultaggio (Independent).....	89
	Sherry Hsu (Scarsdale).....	91-21.....72
<b>71<sup>st</sup> Seniors' A Championship – Spring Brook (24)</b>		
	Leela Narang-Benaderet (Shorehaven).....	80
	Rabecca Carretta (Manhattan Woods).....	82-10.....72
<b>55<sup>th</sup> Seniors' B Championship – Spring Brook (25)</b>		
	Barbara Matas (Inwood).....	89
	Niamh Flood-Finnan (Independent).....	90-19.....70
<b>60<sup>th</sup> Better Ball A Championship – Tamarack (42)</b>		
	*Yvonne Thiel & Lynn Neeck (Whippoorwill).....	76
	Asma Naeem & Linda Fox (Saint Andrews).....	76-11.....65
<b>56<sup>th</sup> Better Ball B Championship – Tamarack (38)</b>		
	Christine Yi (Engineers) & Christina Choi (Upper Montclair).....	83
	*Lori Ann Cerullo & Angela Giorgi (Rye).....	84-15.....69
<b>79<sup>th</sup> John B. Mackie Memorial Scotch Foursomes – Inwood (44)</b>		
	Lee Ann Lewis (Southward Ho) & Shannon Boyle (The Creek).....	78
	*Sheila O'Malley (Cherry Valley) & Diane Mock (Indian Hills).....	84-12.....72
<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sis Choate Memorial Pinehurst Tournament – Apawamis (40)</b>		
	Lee Ann Lewis (Southward Ho) & Cheryl Brayman (North Shore).....	79
	Asma Naeem (Saint Andrews) & Stephanie Lary (Independent).....	85-17.....68
<b>Best-Ball-Of-Four Dream Team Tournament – Knickerbocker (64)</b>		
	*Helen Bernstein & Denise Feldman (Paramount)	
	Jane Kugler & Jennifer Park (Alpine).....	76
	Joanne Ornsteine & Lynne Gere, Angela Sposato & Lori Ann Cerullo (Rye).....	76-11.....65
<b>Best-Ball-Of-Four Club Tournament – Bonnie Briar (80)</b>		
	Otterkill – Corinna Limbocker, JoAnn Ryder, Virginia Urban, Joanna Wu.....	68
	*White Beeches – Liliana Bedrosian, Yeonah Jung, June Lee, Maggie Pizzone.....	72-9.....63

## SPECIAL EVENTS (cont'd)

### **A/B Best-Ball-of-Four – Maidstone (80)**

	Nina Stamberg & Joanne Graf (Alpine), Corinna Wong (Hamilton Farm) & Chau Shearer (Fiddler's Elbow).....	70
	Cheryl Russell (Muttontown), Kathleen Grayson (North Fork), Annette Broderick & Dawn Maher (Port Jefferson).....	74-12.....62

### **3rd Blue and White Cup – The Vineyards (73)**

	Blue Team Captain: Barbara Rederscheid.....	51.5
	White Team Captain: Nina Santonocito.....	38.5

## INTERCITY/INTERDISTRICT MATCHES

### **117<sup>th</sup> Intercity Team Matches for the Griscom Cup – The Union League (PA)**

Winner: Women's Metropolitan Golf Association - New York

### **80<sup>th</sup> Junior Girls' Intercity Team Matches – Arcola (NJ)**

Winner: Women's Metropolitan Golf Association - New York

### **96<sup>th</sup> Competition for the Golf Illustrated Trophy – Knollwood (NY)**

Winner: New Jersey

### **92<sup>nd</sup> Competition for the Myra D. Paterson Trophy – Springdale (NJ)**

Winner: Westchester/Connecticut

## JUNIOR EVENTS

### **95<sup>th</sup> Junior Girls' Open Championship – Leewood (12)**

	Isabella Salerno.....	76
	*Mackenzie McManus (Huntington Crescent).....	85-15.....70

### **62<sup>nd</sup> Maureen Orcutt Trophy Tournament – White Beeches (11)**

	Ava Lozito.....	75+79.....154
	Jillian Parrino.....	68+76.....144

## FAMILY CHAMPIONSHIPS

### **82<sup>nd</sup> Mother-Son – Essex Fells (74)**

	+Beth & Justin Lankler (Fiddler's Elbow).....	74
	Kathy Kimber & Sean McDonald (Hamilton Farm).....	76-16.....60

### **94<sup>th</sup> Mother-Daughter – Otterkill (12)**

	Kate & Jane Platt (Montclair).....	76
	Emily & Sarah Cohn (Fresh Meadow).....	79-8.....71

### **87<sup>th</sup> Sister-Brother – Otterkill (10)**

	Erika & Brandon Fuentes (Independent).....	72
	Sheila O'Malley & James Furey (Cherry Valley).....	80-9.....71

### **28<sup>th</sup> Sister-Sister – Otterkill**

No Participants

### **74<sup>th</sup> Father-Daughter – Otterkill (2)**

	Lorraine & Richard Vultaggio (Independent).....	94
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### **91<sup>st</sup> Husband-Wife A – Lake Success (26)**

	Sherri & Anthony Tichner (Inwood).....	76
	Mindy & John Lee (Lake Success).....	83-15.....68

### **67<sup>th</sup> Husband-Wife B – Manasquan River (26)**

	Lori & Cliff Bohling (Forsgate).....	78
	Darcy & Joe Myers (Peddie).....	87-22.....65

## 2021 Awards

### Class A

<b>Player of the Year</b> .....	Alexis Hios	
<b>Low Gross Score</b> .....	Alexis Hios.....	70
	One Day Stroke Play Westchester/Connecticut.....	Saint Andrews

### Class B

<b>Player of the Year</b> .....	Barbara Matas	
<b>Low Gross Score</b> .....	Wendy Dominick.....	84
	One Day Stroke Play New Jersey.....	Beacon Hill

\*Winner on Match of Cards

+Winner in Play-Off

(Number of Players)

## WMGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS

President	Lori Ann Cerullo, <i>Rye</i>
VP of Competitions	Mary Jo Gray, <i>Mendham</i>
VP of Outreach, Marketing & Initiatives	Donna De Marco, <i>Lake Isle</i>
Secretary	Michele Le Moal-Gray, <i>Bellport</i>
Treasurer	Skye Gregory, <i>Osiris</i>

### DIRECTORS

#### Long Island

Shannon Boyle, *The Creek*  
Sheila O'Malley, *Cherry Valley - LI*  
Ina Kim-Schaad, *Deepdale*  
Diane Mock, *Indian Hills*  
Barbara Briamonte, *Lake Success*

#### New Jersey

Kathy Flicker, *Cherry Valley - NJ*  
Kate Platt, *Montclair*  
Katie Renoff, *Trump National-Bedminster*  
Fiona Miesner, *Hackensack*

#### Westchester/CT

Laura Coash, *Westchester*  
Wendy Dominick, *Powelton*  
Jeannie Gaston, *Lake Isle*

## WMGA FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### OFFICERS

Chair	Valerie DePiro, <i>Montclair</i>
Vice President	Diane Mock, <i>Indian Hills</i>
Secretary	Judy Cuttone, <i>Somerset Hills</i>
Treasurer	Skye Gregory, <i>Osiris</i>

### TRUSTEES

Lori Ann Cerullo, *Rye*  
Pam Charles, *Fresh Meadow*  
Katie Renoff, *Trump National - Bedminster*  
Dale Kramer, *Fresh Meadow*  
Kate Platt, *Montclair*

## 2021 HONOR ROLL

**WMGA/MGA Metropolitan Amateur Champion**

Paige Diecidue, *Smithtown Landing*

**WMGA Match Play Champion**

Alexis Hios, *Westchester*

**WMGA "B" Match Play Champion**

Barbara Matas, *Inwood*

**WMGA Stroke Play Champion**

Alexis Hios, *Westchester*

**WMGA "B" Stroke Play Champion**

Lorraine Vultaggio, *Independent*

**WMGA Junior Girls' Champion**

Isabella Salerno

**Joseph J. Lann Trophy**

Alexis Hios, *Westchester*

**Board of Directors Cup**

Wendy Dominick, *Powelton*

**WMGA Player of the Year**

Alexis Hios, *Westchester*

**WMGA "B" Player of the Year**

Barbara Matas, *Inwood*

**WMGA Interclub Team Match Champion**

*Westchester Country Club*

### **Griscom Cup Team**

Ami Gianchandani, Alexis Hios, Kaitlyn Lee, LeeAnn Lewis, Katie Li, Yoona Kim, Noelle Maertz, and Emily Montagnino

### **Junior Girls' Intercity Team**

Lucy Barton, Eliza Dana, Caroline Fixter, Claire Galante, CC Kaplan, and Charlotte Wagner