

WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022
President's Report

As I reminisce over the last four years of my presidency it was one wild ride! The first year, 2019, focused on back office infrastructure implementation, which was fortuitous given the second year, 2020, we felt the impact of the pandemic. We developed new programs, such as TopGolf and the Swing Series, and learned new communication channels for Zoom Met Rep and Annual Meetings. Luckily by 2021, my third year, it was a more normal season and gave us the opportunity to introduce spring clinics and plan the first-ever WMGA road trip to Kiawah Island. Then this last and fourth year was met with staffing challenges, as our tournament manager left, executive director went on maternity leave and there was no one clamoring to be our intern. Our focus shifted to prioritize our core responsibilities: membership, Team Matches, which celebrated their 75th Anniversary, and the regular tournament season. But with all of these challenges, the one thing that tops my list over these last four years is meeting and getting to know so many wonderful women golfers. I will cherish the friendships and memories I have made. It truly was the highlight of my presidency.

Recapping this year, we started with our first-ever WMGA Road Trip to Kiawah Island in March, when 48 of our members played three courses, including the famous Ocean Course. The tournament season commenced with the 75th Anniversary of Team Matches, followed by a full repertoire of 29 tournaments. My sincere thanks to our Office Manager, Suzanne Longlade, who went above and beyond this season, and the Board and members who lent a hand, as we had limited staff at the start of our season. Congratulations to Sarah Niemeier, Executive Director, on her new baby boy. Sarah was working hard just days before her son arrived and has jumped back in without missing a beat after her maternity leave. Pasqualina Tartaglione started in mid-June, just days after graduating from SUNY Albany. She had her hands full getting up to speed on our procedures, including Golf Genius as she literally performed "on the job training" while planning and executing our tournament season. This year, more than any other, we could not have held our tournaments without the efforts of our Volunteers, so we continue our Volunteer of the Year Award, recognizing a special member from each of our three districts. The WMGA is very appreciative to the MGA for their generosity in supporting an intern grant formerly known as a P.J. Boatwright Jr. Internship, which has just been granted to our new intern, Ellen Finn. The WMGA is also grateful for its collaboration and partnerships with NJSGA, CSGA and the Met PGA.

This year we honor Player of the Year, Amy Bender, and Player of the Year B, Christine Yi, along with Lann and Board of Director winners Anina Ku and Sue DeRose, respectively, for their accomplishments. Our 2022 Judy Bell recipient is Nancy Rees, for the significant contributions she has made to women's and junior golf, including Girls to The Tee and her work with the USGA. Our Annual Meeting will conclude with a lively exchange with Kathryn Tappen, NBC Sports interviewer and host, as she shares her perspective of women in the sports industry.

As we head into 2023 with Pasqualina in place as our tournament manager, Sarah back at the helm, Suzanne at office command central and introducing our new intern, Ellen, the WMGA is poised to have a terrific year. I am hopeful that some programs placed on hold this year are back, such as Spring Clinics, Swing Series, a NJ based Blue & White and another WMGA Road Trip. I plan on continuing to work with the WMGA through various assignments and on committees, especially the 1899 Committee planning our 125th Anniversary.

Our 2023 Membership process is already underway, and I'm optimistic for a fifth straight year of increased membership topping our 2,458 membership of this year. Our 2023 tournament season is being finalized, so please check the Tournament Schedule throughout the winter as we update the schedule with the clubs' confirmations. Monitor our website and communications like *On the Tee* and 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. With their continued efforts, 6 women were awarded scholarships as well as first-time scholarships were granted for the Connie Brown Scholarship Award and the Susan E. Fisher Scholarship Award. As in previous years, the Board offered WMGA memberships to our scholarship recipients. The Girls To The Tee events with close to 200 young girls attending the Baltusrol (NJ) and Westchester Country Club (WCT) sessions were a phenomenal success.

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: Shannon Boyle, Laura Coash, and Sheila O'Malley. We greatly appreciate their years of service and support of the WMGA. Finally, I would like to thank all the many volunteers, including Met Reps and past Presidents, 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 three video conference calls. During the 2022 fiscal year the following motions were adopted:

- A. Motion to approve to mail Foundation newsletter to past donors.
- B. Motion to approve renewal of Bloomerang in December 2021.
- C. Motion to contribute to Westchester Employee Holiday Fund.
- D. Motion to contribute to Baltusrol Employee Holiday Fund.
- E. Motion to contribute to the First Tee at Eisenhower.
- F. Motion to approve September 20, 2021 minutes.
- G. Motion to approve January 4, 2022 minutes.

*Respectfully submitted,
Judy Cuttone*

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WMGA

The Board of Directors convened six regularly scheduled meetings, one special meeting, and convened in executive session twice during the 2022 fiscal year. All meetings were convened and held via Zoom interactive conference. Minutes of all meetings were taken and approved for filing by the Board.

The Board approved the following calendar, meeting, and programmatic changes:

- A. Board approved April 7, 2022 Met Rep meeting
- B. The A Player of the Year will receive an invitation to the Griscom Cup
- C. Match play tournament entry fee of \$90 is charged to player and if player advances, player pays cart fees and lunch going forward
- D. A/B Better Ball 4 format change to A/B Better Ball 2
- E. Verbiage change for ties - Player not there for playoff, DQ'd from playoff but not tournament, will receive 2nd place
- F. The Tournament Committee will decide on a case by case basis in coordination with the host club whether the player can bring her own caddie or carry her clubs. This pertains to Team Matches too.
- G. Covid-19 procedures eliminated from TSB and can be added to Notice of Player, if needed
- H. Penalty points eliminated in TSB for Team Matches
- I. Same verbiage for junior team matches and junior tournaments
- J. Based on further review, Tournament Committee decided that a player cannot bring their own caddie to tournaments
- K. POY Point System, as follows:
 - a. Eliminate Round Robin, Cross County and Tri-County Match Play Points and Eliminate Stroke Championship Points at GSWG, WLIGA and TCGA
 - b. Increase Points at WMGA One Day A for Winner, Runner Up and 3rd place
 - c. Add 4th and 5th place for Senior tournament and NJ state amateur, same as NY and CT structure
- L. Wording about being late to the tee should include this one sentence: No one should tee off for 5 minutes if one of the 1st players is late to the tee in Team Matches
- M. Rules about situation when course is open but no or some carts allowed
- N. Player can not hold up Team Match when waiting and wanting a ruling
- O. No spectator allowed at Team Matches except Interdistrict Playoffs

- P. Minimum age limit of 18 years old to play in Team Matches
- Q. Advertise Aramco Team Series volunteer and ticket opportunities in OTT
- R. To not partner with Performance 54 on qualifier for Aramco Team Series

The Board elected or approved the following appointments:

- A. Cheryl Brayman as Chair of the Nominating Committee and Committee Members:
 - a. Diane Galtieri
 - b. Marianna Smith
 - c. Phyllis Gusick
 - d. Lynn Thompson
 - e. Theresa Egan
 - f. Darcy Myers
- B. Cathy Marzulli as Captain for the Myra D. Paterson team
- C. Mimi McAndrew as Captain for LI Golf Illustrated team
- D. Amy Bender as Captain for Westchester Golf Illustrated team
- E. Valerie DePiro as Nominating Chair replacing Cheryl Brayman, who stepped down as Nominating Chair
- F. The Judy Bell Award for 2022 to Nancy Rees
- G. Amy Bender as Player of the Year
- H. Christine Yi as B Player of the Year
- I. Black Oak as a Member Club

The Board authorized the amended budget and associated programs for 2022 as well as expenditures of budgeted funds for the following special purposes:

- A. \$90 tournament fee from \$75
- B. \$2,000 in 2022 budget for Senior Intercity tournament
- C. \$1,000 annual dues for IAGA (International Association of Golf Administrators)
- D. Funding \$15,000-\$20,000 for WMGA Marketing/Promo Video produced by professional/business person Laurie White

The Board authorized various changes to the Tournament Schedule Book (TSB) to reflect changes in membership requirements, status, competition procedures, etc. and authorized 2022 TSB publication.

The Board authorized various changes to tournament formats and scheduling for 2023, including team matches for April 25, 27, May 2, 4, 9, 2023.

Membership annual dues for 2023 will increase to \$125 from \$100 and Independent to \$250 from \$200.

The Board conducted other business as necessary and appropriate.

*Respectfully submitted,
Liz Greco*

2022 Tournament Results

ONE-DAY STROKE PLAY EVENTS

Class A

Whippoorwill (31).....	Megan Grehan (Hudson National).....	77
	*Catherine Burger (Independent).....	87-14.....73
Huntington (25).....	Sheila O'Malley (Cherry Valley).....	79
	Pam Dolph (Huntington).....	87-13.....74
Spring Lake.....	CANCELLED.....	
	CANCELLED.....	

Class B

Whippoorwill (35).....	Sue Derose (Forsgate).....	84
	Diane Chen (North Jersey).....	86-16.....70
Huntington (33).....	Caty Corso (North Hempstead).....	88
	Kathleen Williamson (Independent).....	89-17.....72
Spring Lake.....	CANCELLED.....	
	CANCELLED.....	

SPECIAL EVENTS

118th Match Play "A" Championship - Hamlet (7)	
Amy Bender (Ardsley).....	Champion
Lee Ann Lewis (Southward Ho).....	Runner-Up
Chae Hyun Won (Lake Success).....	Semi-Finalist
Cheryl Brayman (North Shore).....	Semi-Finalist
6th Match Play "B" Championship - Hamlet (5)	
Christine Yi (Engineers).....	Champion
Kathy Villaggio (Independent).....	Runner-Up
Lee Andreotti (Brookville).....	Semi-Finalist
Alice Tong (Hamlet).....	Semi-Finalist
20th WMGA/MGA Met Amateur Championship - Mendham (31)	
+Lianna Amoruso (Fairview).....	74
Debbie Catton (Independent).....	84-14.....70
45th Stroke Play A Championship - Bedens Brook (17)	
Anina Ku (Independent).....	73+80.....153
Tiya Chowdary (Independent).....	76+75.....151
22nd Stroke Play B Championship - Bedens Brook (18)	
Beth Lankler (Fiddler's Elbow).....	98+94.....192
Toasty Calhoun (Independent).....	80+74.....154
72nd Seniors' A Championship - Old Westbury (42)	
Cheryl Brayman (North Shore).....	87+84.....171
Misoon Kim (Old Westbury).....	74+74.....148
56th Seniors' B Championship - Old Westbury (34)	
*Kathleen Williamson (Independent).....	93
Soo Chon (Muttontown).....	98-20.....78
61st Better Ball A Championship - Cherry Valley (26)	
+LeeAnn Lewis (Southward Ho) & Gail Flanagan (Westchester).....	72
Joanna Guglani (Fiddler's Elbow) & Lorraine Vultaggio (ID).....	74-8..66
57th Better Ball B Championship - Cherry Valley (18)	
+Peggy Tierney (Rye) & Toasty Calhoun (Independent).....	87
Tanja Balkan & Christina Farrell (Vineyards).....	83-12.....71
80th John B. Mackie Memorial Scotch Foursomes - Inwood (60)	
LeeAnn Lewis (Southward Ho) & Shannon Boyle (The Creek).....	78
Maggie Pizzone (White Beeches) & Hannah Lee (Rockland).....	79-11..68
33rd Sis Choate Memorial Pinehurst Tournament - The Creek (78)	
Helen Bernstein (Paramount) & Kate Platt (Montclair).....	81
Valerie Depiro (Montclair) & Victoria Honan (Green Brook).....	83-12..71
Best-Ball-Of-Four Dream Team Tournament - Fairview (104)	
Cheryl Brayman (North Shore) & Michele Greenfield (Glen Oaks),	
Claudia Josebachvili (Fresh Meadow) & Sharon Hoffman (Seawane).....	70
Maggie Pizzone (White Beeches) & Hannah Lee (Rockland),	
MJ Choi (Manhattan Woods) & Julie Chon (Alpine).....	79-14.....65
Best-Ball-Of-Four Club Tournament - Port Jefferson (78)	
*Rye - Melissa Maurer & Diane Thomet,	
Irene Macaluso & Lynne Gere.....	72
*Muttontown - Gail Siegel & Caryn Senatore,	
Soo Chon & Dawn Goldstein.....	80-19.....61

SPECIAL EVENTS (cont'd)

Better Ball A/B Tournament - Siwanoy (78)	
Kathleen Williamson & Lorraine Vultaggio (Independent).....	78
Susan Choo (Saint Andrews) & Joyce Shim (Montammy).....	85-19.....66
4th Blue and White Cup - The Vineyards (72)	
Blue Team Captain: Barbara Rederscheid.....	48.5
White Team Captain: Nina Santonocito.....	39.5

INTERCITY/INTERDISTRICT MATCHES

118th Intercity Team Matches for the Griscom Cup - Longmeadow (MA)	
Winner: Massachusetts Golf Association - Massachusetts	
81st Junior Girls' Intercity Team Matches - Radley Run (PA)	
Winner: Women's Golf Association of Pennsylvania - Pennsylvania	
97th Competition for the Golf Illustrated Trophy - Meadow Brook (NY)	
Winner: Long Island	
93rd Competition for the Myra D. Paterson Trophy - CC of Darien (CT)	
Winner: New Jersey	
75th Interdistrict Playoff for the Founder's Trophy - Hempstead (LI)	
Winner: Westchester/Connecticut	

JUNIOR EVENTS

96th Junior Girls' Open Championship - Cedar Hill (15)	
CC Kaplan.....	74
Jenelle Valera.....	78+2.....80
63rd Maureen Orcutt Trophy Tournament - White Beeches (8)	
Zoey Zhu.....	79+73.....154
Isabella Del Bosco.....	63+67.....144

FAMILY CHAMPIONSHIPS

83rd Mother-Son - Paramount (64)	
Colleen & Jack Edelman (Ridgewood).....	74
Kellie & Aaron Baldwin (Tuxedo).....	78-16.....62
95th Mother-Daughter - Garden City (10)	
Kate & Jane Platt (Montclair).....	81
Maureen & Kelly Brennan (Garden City).....	87-16.....71
88th Sister-Brother - Garden City (18)	
Erika & Brandon Fuentes (Independent).....	74
Mary Mahon & John O'Brien (Cherry Valley).....	79-13.....66
29th Sister-Sister - Garden City (8)	
Mary & Donna Strong (Independent).....	93
Denise Gilchrist & Jennifer Coster (Lake Isle).....	99-25.....74
75th Father-Daughter - Garden City (6)	
Alyssa & Adam Godfrey (Piping Rock).....	78
Shannon & Jay Boyle (The Creek).....	80-10.....70
92nd Husband-Wife A - Oak Hill (12)	
*Joanna & Dinesh Guglani (Fiddler's Elbow).....	80
Sara & Andrew Tasnady (North Hempstead).....	80-12.....68
68th Husband-Wife B - Westchester Hills (34)	
Tina & Peter Eide (Ramsey).....	80
Kum & Yong Ahn (Upper Montclair).....	84-17.....67

2022 Awards

Class A

Player of the Year	Amy Bender
Low Gross Score	73.....Anina Ku
	Stroke Play "A" Championship.....Bedens Brook

Class B

Player of the Year	Christine Yi
Low Gross Score	84.....Sue DeRose
	One Day Stroke Play Westchester.....Whippoorwill

***Winner on Match of Cards**

+Winner in Play-Off

(Number of Players)

WMGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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VP of Competitions	Kate Platt, <i>Montclair</i>
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Sheila O'Malley, *Cherry Valley - LI*
Ina Kim-Schaad, *Deepdale*

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Katie Renoff, *Trump National - Bedminster*

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Treasurer	Maggie Pizzone, <i>White Beeches</i>

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Kate Platt, *Montclair*
Katie Renoff, *Trump National - Bedminster*

2022 HONOR ROLL

WMGA/MGA Metropolitan Amateur Champion	Lianna Amoruso, <i>Fairview</i>
WMGA Match Play Champion	Amy Bender, <i>Ardasley</i>
WMGA "B" Match Play Champion	Christine Yi, <i>Engineers</i>
WMGA Stroke Play Champion	Anina Ku, <i>Independent</i>
WMGA "B" Stroke Play Champion	Beth Lankler, <i>Fiddler's Elbow</i>
WMGA Junior Girls' Champion	CC Kaplan
Joseph J. Lann Trophy	Anina Ku, <i>Independent</i>
Board of Directors Cup	Sue DeRose, <i>Forsgate</i>
WMGA Player of the Year	Amy Bender, <i>Ardasley</i>
WMGA "B" Player of the Year	Christine Yi, <i>Engineers</i>

WMGA Interclub Team Match Champion
Sleepy Hollow Country Club

Griscom Cup Team

Jennifer Rosenberg, Kaitlyn Lee, Emily Montagnino, Paige Diecidue, Noelle Maertz, Corinna Limbocker, Sammie Dolce, Emily Renoff

Junior Girls' Intercity Team

Isabella Salerno, Lucy Barton, Charlotte Wagner, Chloe Barton, CC Kaplan, Eliza Dana