
WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017

President's Report

The Women's Metropolitan Golf Association had a remarkably successful 118th year. Our organization continues to thrive thanks to the continued service of the Board of Directors. The enthusiasm for making the WMGA better is refreshing. I would like to thank the Executive Committee, Phyllis Gusick – Secretary, Barbara Klestadt – Treasurer, Teresa Egan – VP of Competitions, and Michele Greenfield – VP of Marketing and Outreach for all their hard work and support. Michele will be leaving the Board, but we welcome Beth Lankler to the VP position.

The heart and soul of the WMGA are team matches. We have over 900 women playing on each of the 5 days in late April and early May. We congratulate Meadow Brook on another win in the Interdistrict Playoff. The 2 year trial period eliminating the Challenge Rounds is over and the Board has voted for this change to become permanent.

The Board had two important initiatives this year:

The first, was our Independent Membership initiative. The representatives from each member club came in person to vote on changing the by-laws to add Independent Membership at the Met Rep Meetings in early April. The vote was passed overwhelmingly. With this mandate to open up our membership to women who are not members of member clubs, we started our golf season on a mission to find these new members. Keeping the first year of our initiative low key we acquired 19 Independent Members. There are both A and B players, from all three districts. We are now receiving inquiries regarding Independent Membership for the 2017-2018 season. We would like to thank Sarah Cohn for providing her legal expertise in guiding us through this process.

The second, was the inauguration of the "B" Player of the Year Program along with the "B" Match Play Championship. Fourteen ladies came to Old Westbury to compete in the 4 days of golf for the Championship. It was a long week with the second day being 36 holes. Bravo to these wonderful ladies! Wendy Dominick won both the "B" Match Play Championship and the "B" Player of the Year.

Our juniors had a very successful summer under the leadership of Board member Diane Mock. The WMGA retained the Enos Cup defeating WGAP and WGAM. We expanded the Maureen Orcutt Trophy Tournament to 2 days and the winner received 2 AJGA stars for the event.

We thank Valerie DePiro, WMGA Foundation Chair, and her Board for their dedication. The non-event fundraiser was certainly a new and creative way to raise money for the Foundation. Donations to the Foundation go towards girls' college scholarships, Girls to the Tee, and supports participation and growth in our local communities. We thank our sponsor, Snapple, for donating the refreshments for our Girls to the Tee events.

We thank our office staff for the professionalism that they offer. Sarah Relyea, Director of Operations; John Ratta, Tournament Director; and Jennifer Browne, P. J. Boatwright, Jr. Intern. Ally Steffen, Kaitlyn Cramer, Juliana Freiberg our summer interns, all did a wonderful job. The WMGA is very grateful to the USGA for their generosity in approving our intern grant. We thank the MGA Foundation for the grant of a Golf Works Intern. The WMGA is also grateful for their collaboration with the NJSGA, CSGA, and the Met PGA.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Board for all that they have accomplished this year. Michele Greenfield, Mary Anne Kelly, Sarah Greenhill, Donna McHugh and Carol Steadman, who are leaving the Board this year, have given many years of service to the WMGA, they will be missed. Finally, we would like to thank all of the many volunteers for their service and our Member Clubs for their support.

Respectfully submitted.

Cheryl Brayman

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WMGA

The Board of Directors convened for six regular meetings and six executive sessions during the 2017 fiscal year. The following motions were adopted:

1. To approve \$500 donations to MGA Foundation and the Caddie Scholarship funds of NJSGA, WGA and LIGA.
2. To approve holiday fund contributions for clubs who hosted 2017 tournaments.
3. To approve 2017-18 Nominating Committee slate.
4. To approve the Bylaws additions for Independent Membership.
5. To approve the addition of a 'B' Player of the Year Award.
6. To approve the addition of a 'B' Match Play Tournament.
7. To approve sending Sarah Relyea to WARM conference.
8. To approve proposed 2017 budget.
9. To approve the distribution of \$13,000 to WMGA Foundation.
10. To approve Team Captains for 2017.
11. To approve a change to the Sis Choate, Senior B, Husband Wife A & B, Better Ball B, and John B. Mackie from Match of Cards to playoff.
12. To approve a change to the Stroke Play Low Net to a Match of Cards from a playoff.
13. To approve to change waiting list procedures to allow a one-time change of partner or partners without moving to bottom of waiting list.
14. To approve the 2017 Griscom Cup team.
15. To approve a new trophy for the 'B' Player of the Year donated by Gale Brudner and to be named The Gale Brudner B Player of the Year Trophy.
16. To approve a new trophy for the 'B' Match Play donated by Cheryl and Rod Brayman to be named The Harriet Brayman B Match Play Trophy.
17. To approve Team Match dates for 2018 April 24, 26, May 1, 3, 8 with Interdistrict on May 16 or 17.
18. To approve permanent elimination of Challenge Matches.
19. To approve handicap freeze for Invitational Tournaments as of Nov 1 revision.
20. To approve 2017 Junior Intercity Team.
21. To approve Stella Oliver as an Honorary Member.
22. To approve Nancy Paton as the 2017 Judy Bell recipient.
23. To approve to contribute all WMGA FY 2017 unrelated business income to 501 © (3) organizations.
24. To approve to contribute all monies received as payment for allocated expenses from WMGA Foundation back to WMGA Foundation.
25. To approve a contribution of \$1,000 to the Ann Liguori Foundation in lieu of annual meeting speaker fee.
26. To approve Liliana Ruiz Player of the Year A.
27. To approve Wendy Dominick Player of the Year B.

Phyllis Gusick

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE WMGA FOUNDATION

The Board of Trustees convened for four telephone conference calls during the 2017 fiscal year. The following motions were adopted:

1. To continue the Swing for Scholarships program at member clubs and the Rounds of Golf fundraiser.
2. To elect Valerie DePiro, Chair to a two-year term. To elect Michele Greenfield, Vice President for a one-year term. To elect Heidi Komoriya, Trustee for a two-year term.
3. To hold the Inaugural Non-Event Fundraiser.
4. To hold our Girls to the Tee clinics at Westchester CC and Ridgewood CC.
5. To award six college scholarships for a total of \$42,000.
6. To renew five scholarships for the Class of 2015.
7. To award six junior girls fellowships to the WMGA and secure mentors for them.
8. To award three stipends to junior members playing in the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship.
9. To organize the Board of Trustees into four Committees: Scholarship, GTTT, Fundraising and Outreach.
10. To accept the resignation of Annesley MacFarlane as a Trustee.

Dale Kramer

WMGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

President..... Cheryl Brayman, *North Shore*
VP of Competitions..... Teresa Egan, *Spring Lake*
VP of Outreach, Marketing & Initiatives Michele Greenfield, *Glen Oaks*
Secretary Phyllis Gusick, *Mount Kisco*
Treasurer Barbara Klestadt, *Sleepy Hollow*

DIRECTORS

Long Island

Ellen Asnis, *Lake Success*
Dale Kramer, *Fresh Meadow*
Diane Mock, *Indian Hills*
Carol Steadman, *Rockaway Hunting*

New Jersey

Tara Fleming, *NJ National*
Kathy Flicker, *Cherry Valley - NJ*
Beth Lankler, *Fiddler's Elbow*
Donna McHugh, *Upper Montclair*

Westchester/CT

Lori Ann Cerullo, *Rye*
Sarah Greenhill, *Round Hill*
Mary Anne Kelly, *Winged Foot*
Heidi Komoriya, *Trump – WCT*

WMGA FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OFFICERS

Chair..... Valerie DePiro, *Montclair*
Vice President Michele Greenfield, *Glen Oaks*
Secretary Dale Kramer, *Fresh Meadow*
Treasurer Barbara Klestadt, *Sleepy Hollow*

TRUSTEES

Sarah Cohn, *Fresh Meadow*
Judy Cuttone, *Somerset Hills*
Heidi Komoriya, *Trump - WC*
Diane Mock, *Indian Hills*

2017 HONOR ROLL

WMGA/MGA Metropolitan Amateur Champion.....Alix Lowe, *Colonial Springs*
WMGA Match Play Champion..... Liliana Ruiz, *Trump - WC*
WMGA Sanford Cup Champion Stephenie Harris, *Watchung Valley*
WMGA “B” Match Play Champion Wendy Dominick, *Powelton*
WMGA Stroke Play Champion Ina Kim, *Deepdale*
WMGA “B” Stroke Play Champion.....Sally Hayes, *Bellport*
WMGA Junior Girls’ ChampionMalini Rudra, *Fellowship*
Joseph J. Lann Trophy Ina Kim, *Deepdale*
Board of Directors Cup.....Sally Hayes, *Bellport*
WMGA Player of the Year Liliana Ruiz, *Trump – WC*
WMGA “B” Player of the Year Wendy Dominick, *Powelton*

WMGA Interclub Team Match Champion

Meadow Brook Club

Griscom Cup Team

Helen Bernstein, Susan DeKalb, Tara Fleming, Ami Gianchandani, Alexis Hios, Adrienne MacLean,
Denise Martorana, Liliana Ruiz, Michelle Stelben Murphy

Junior Girls’ Intercity Team

Alice Hodge, Caroline Hodge, Kaitlyn Lee, Malini Rudra, Alexis Steffen

2017 Tournament Results

ONE-DAY STROKE PLAY EVENTS

Class A

Manasquan River (27)	Ina Kim (Deepdale)	72
	Marie Slate (Spring Brook).....	85-15..... 70
Powelton (13)	Denise Martorana (Southampton).....	79
	Liliana Bedrosian (White Beeches) ..	82-9..... 73
South Fork (17)	Sarah Dana (Maidstone)	84*
	Christine Yi (Hamlet)	91-16..... 75

Class B

Manasquan River (39)	Malissa Franke (Peddie School)	93
	Janet Smith (NJ National).....	95-27..... 68
Powelton (19)	Lynn Thompson (Powelton).....	91
	Judy DeVoe (Lake Isle)	97-25..... 72
South Fork (14)	Kim Hovey-Kuzon (South Fork)	89
	Annette Morrill (Innis Arden).....	95-19..... 76

SPECIAL EVENTS

114th Match Play Championship – Old Westbury (46)

Liliana Ruiz (Trump – WC).....	Champion
Michelle Stelben Murphy (CC of Darien).....	Runner-Up
Adrienne MacLean (Somerset Hills).....	Semi-Finalist
Phoebe Timpson (Meadow Brook)	Semi-Finalist
Stephenie Harris (Watchung Valley)	Sanford Cup Winner
Kee Baek (Lake Success)	Runner-Up

Inaugural B Match Play Championship – Old Westbury (14)

Wendy Dominick (Powelton)	Champion
Kathy Ohashi (North Shore)	Runner-Up
Deborah Brooks (Old Westbury)	Semi-Finalist
Joan Hochberg (North Shore)	Semi-Finalist

16th WMGA/MGA Met Amateur Championship – Mountain Ridge (65)

Alix Lowe (Colonial Springs).....	73
Peyton Greco (Huntington).....	77-10..... 67

40th Stroke Play A Championship – Westchester (51)

Ina Kim (Deepdale)	70+75 .. 145
Joanne Ornstein (Rye)	72+70 .. 142

17th Stroke Play B Championship – Garden City (35)

Sally Hayes (Bellport)	84
Theresa Pisacreta (Lake Isle).....	85-17..... 68

67th Seniors' A Championship – Fiddler's Elbow (29)

Helen Bernstein (Paramount).....	76+83 .. 159
Miyoung Lee (Liberty National).....	71+70 .. 141

50th Seniors' B Championship – Fiddler's Elbow (41)

Natsuki Mason (Shinnecock Hills)	88
Linda Hudson (Osiris)	91-22..... 69

57th Better Ball A Championship – Crestmont (30)

Adrienne MacLean (Somerset Hills) & LeeAnn Lewis (Southward Ho).....	69+74 .. 143
Valerie DePiro & Kate Platt (Montclair)	68+71 .. 139

53rd Better Ball B Championship – Crestmont (44)

Dorie Scully & Andrea Danch (Peddie School).....	80
Ruth Barrack & Susan Schaefer (Greenacres)	90-19..... 64

76th John B. Mackie Memorial Scotch Foursomes – Inwood

RAIN OUT

28th Sis Choate Memorial Pinehurst Tournament – Nissequogue (34)

Cheryl Brayman (North Shore) & Michele Greenfield (Glen Oaks).....	75
Marie Gibbons & Kathy Calfa (Indian Hills).....	77-14..... 63

Better Ball Gross & Net Tournament – Cold Spring (54)

Amy Lane (Atlantic) & Ann Enstine (Shinnecock Hills).....	72
Donna DeMarco & Suzanne Longlade (Lake Isle).....	78-13..... 65

Better Ball Gross & Net Tournament – Shorehaven (36)

Barbara Paonessa & Sr. Marie Cecile (Westchester Hills).....	75*
Diane Sisca (Shorehaven) & Jean Schob (Winged Foot).....	76-12..... 64*

Best-Ball-Of-Four Club Tournament – Montclair (96)

Cherry Valley - NJ – Monique Allen, Susan Sardi, Julie Manahan & Mary Pucciarelli	71*
Alpine – Nancy Muhlstock, Gail Landis, Elizabeth Schuman & Ellen Goldfein	77-18..... 59

SPECIAL EVENTS (cont'd)

Volunteer Tournament – Mount Kisco (24)

Sandra Jackson (Whippoorwill), Mary Jane Bartholomew (Port Jefferson), Diane Galtieri (Huntington) & Patricia Ellis	77
Carol Goldman (Port Jefferson), Michele Greenfield (Glen Oaks), Phyllis Gusick (Mount Kisco) & Diane Radwill (Basking Ridge)	62

Volunteer & Guest Tournament – Mount Kisco (20)

Ratchanee Benson & Mario Fastiggi (Brooklake), Howard Meditz & John McGroarty (Sterling Farms)	74
Ann Comfort & Jennifer Fox (Rockland), Maira Snover & Elizabeth Klotz (Rockrimmon)	65*

JUNIOR EVENTS

91st Junior Girls' Open Championship – Forest Hill (13)

Malini Rudra (Fellowship).....	81+
Molly Ryan (Canoe Brook).....	81-8 73

58th Maureen Orcutt Trophy Tournament – White Beeches (24)

Eunice Kim (White Beeches).....	75+74 .. 149
Rebecca Chan (Fellowship)	70+72 .. 142

FAMILY CHAMPIONSHIPS

78th Mother-Son – Plandome (64)

Amy Oyer & Zach Oyer (Fairmount).....	73*
Jeanette Keleher & Louis Keleher (Stanton Ridge).....	78-12 66

90th Mother-Daughter – Cedar Hill (26)

Judy Cuttone & Grace Cuttone (Somerset Hills)	77
Lynn Ivans & Heather Ivans (Fairmount)	98-27 71

83rd Sister-Brother – Cedar Hill (28)

Rebecca Chan (Fellowship) & Christopher Chan	72
Betsy Cowell & Lawrence Schiffenhaus (Montclair).....	85-15 70

24th Sister-Sister – Cedar Hill (8)

Jill Buttermark & Kim Buttermark (Richmond County).....	83
Cathy Fischberg (Brooklake) & Sue Fishler	85-14 71

70th Father-Daughter – Cedar Hill (20)

Caraline & Michael Oakley (Southampton).....	79
Valerie & Robert DePiro (Montclair).....	85-13 72

85th Husband-Wife A – Burning Tree (32)

Susan & Joseph Skowronski (Upper Montclair)	74
Paula Park & Chong Seong Lee (Lake Success)	81-13 68

63rd Husband-Wife B – Lawrence (18)

Suzanne & Tom Dean (Shorehaven).....	86+
Romana Grant & Simon Garfinkel (Cold Spring).....	88-14 74*

(Number of Players)

*Winner on Match of Cards

+Winner in Play-Off

INTERCITY/INTERDISTRICT MATCHES

114th Intercity Team Matches for the Griscom Cup – CC of Fairfield (CT)

Winner: Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia

77th Junior Girls' Intercity Team Matches – Concord Country Club (MA)

Winner: Women's Metropolitan Golf Association

92nd Competition for the Golf Illustrated Trophy – Alpine (NJ)

Winner: Long Island

88th Competition for the Myra D. Paterson Trophy – Engineers (LI)

Winner: Westchester/Connecticut