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ASSOCIATION

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## 2013 IWGA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE, RENEE SLONE

On September 18, 2013, the Illinois Women's Golf Association (IWGA) inducted University of Illinois head women's golf coach, **Renee Slone**, into their Hall of Fame. She becomes just the fifth member to be inducted into this prestigious group.

"I am humbled by this honor as it not only recognizes my playing accomplishments but more importantly the impact I have had on women's golf in the state of Illinois," Slone said. "I am privileged to have the opportunity to assist young women achieve their athletic, academic and personal goals every day. I feel fortunate to have been able to introduce the game of golf to numerous individuals through clinics, camps and lessons. I am honored to receive recognition for my 34 years of involvement in this great game."

"The IWGA Hall of Fame was established to recognize women from the State of Illinois who have made exceptional contributions to the game of golf on behalf of the girls and women of Illinois," current IWGA board member Suzanne Younger said. "Renee Slone has impacted golf in Illinois both as an exceptional player and as a role model for the girls and young women who will follow in her footsteps."

Slone is undoubtedly the most decorated women's golfer in Illinois history. During her senior season in 1993, she averaged a school-record 74.33 strokes per round, claimed a school-record eight medalist titles, including the Big Ten Championship, and was named the 1993 National College Player of the Year by both the National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA) and Golf Week Magazine. Throughout her career she was a three-time All-American, claimed three straight top-10 finishes at the NCAA Championships and was a two-time Big Ten Player of the Year and Big Ten Championship Medalist.

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NEWSLETTER  
2014

### THE IWGA IS GOING GREEN

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## 2014 TOURNAMENT SITES

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June 10-13

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July 29-30

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### SENIOR Soangetaha C.C.

Galesburg

September 16-18

Contacts: Mary Robson  
815-528-5835

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2014 has arrived and it looks to be another exciting summer for amateur golf in Illinois!

Through three state tournaments in 2013, IWGA provided the opportunities for women of all ages to participate in tournament play. With the putts, the chips to the green, and those long drives, women challenged the courses and vied for the lowest scores – all while enjoying the game of golf.

In June, the Women's State Amateur Championship Tournament was held at Cantigny in Wheaton. With 80 participants and some on the waiting list, the tournament site was one of the best. Excitement was high as the Championship Match was still tied after 18 holes. Bing Singhsumalee of Naperville defeated Lauren English of Bloomington, with a chip-in on the 19th hole.

Again this year, we saw a record number of girls (74) at the IWGA Junior Girls' Championship Tournament in Savoy. The 2013 tournament winner was Renee Solberg of Wheaton, and the runner up was Angie Kim of Schaumburg. A special presentation of the Julia Dodd's Award was made to Laurel Enstrom, Rock Island.

Last but certainly not least of our tournaments was the Women's State Senior Amateur Championship. The Den at Fox Creek, Bloomington, provided a challenging week to the women — don't ever doubt those women 50 years or plus. The bent grass tees, greens, and fairways complimented the wild prairie grasses for a Scottish links style course. The winners for the tournament were low gross, Leslie Page of Medinah; low net, Laurie Redden of Coal Valley; and super senior, Ruth Femali of Medinah. IWGA recognized Renee Slone, University of Illinois Women's Golf Coach and multiple winner of IWGA events, by inducting her into our Hall of Fame.

Your support of the IWGA Victory Tournaments continues to provide funding for women's golf programs through out the State of Illinois. Again in 2013, we contributed \$2500 to each of our ten public university women's golf teams. We thank you and your clubs for another successful year of Victory Tournaments. We hope your club will participate next year and join in our mission.

As we look ahead, plans for 2014 are set for another strong year of women's amateur golf. Our tournament sites are: State Am – Crestwicke Country Club, Bloomington; Junior Amateur – U of I Orange Course, Savoy; and Senior Amateur at Soangetaha Country Club, Galesburg. Visit our website, [www.iwga.org](http://www.iwga.org) for tournament schedules, entry forms, pictures, 2013 Champions, and Victory Tournament information.

The IWGA Board of Directors continues to volunteer time and effort to provide the best of opportunities in golf for the women of Illinois. Thank you to all!

Keep smiling and keep swinging!!!

Barbara Haberer, IWGA President



## NEW IWGA BOARD MEMBERS

**Sandy Rice** grew up in Hampton, IL, which is where she currently lives with her husband Mark. She has always lived in the Quad City area and became "hooked" on golf when she was 25. No one in her family played golf so she was thrilled that all of her in-laws played and they have enjoyed many family golf outings.

Her step-daughter and family live in St Louis so she and Mark make frequent trips to visit their 4 year old grandson and 21/2 year old twins. Sandy worked as a Senior Business Analyst, supporting the global computer system for Human Resources at John Deere and recently retired after 41 years.

"Over the years I primarily played golf for fun. Exposure to competitive golf outside of local events only came from the IWGA State Senior Championship, which I truly enjoy. I am honored to be associated with such a wonderful organization and look forward to helping the IWGA promote golf for women.

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The apple didn't fall far from the tree for **Ginny Bartges**, who has lived in and near Bloomington all of her life. Reared before Title IX in the small town of Mackinaw, there were no high school sports available for girls. However, the local Lion's Club supported a summer traveling softball team, and it was here that Ginny first got her taste of organized sports.

Moving to Bloomington in 1974, where Ginny married and began to raise a family. Later she began playing in recreational volleyball and softball leagues sponsored throughout the city. Beginning in 1986, she began to devote her time and energies to running a retail business, so any sport activities were set aside.

It wasn't until 1998, when she met her current husband, Dean, that she began play golf. Totally smitten with it, she has belonged to the Highland Park Women's League in Bloomington for almost fifteen years, serving as president, as well as belonging to the BNWGA inter-club committee. Though officially retired, Ginny, has a seasonal job in the pro-shop at The Den at Fox Creek. She has been involved in helping organize their various outings and tournaments. She and Dean spend winters in Arizona, enjoying golf.

Ginny is active in her church helping with the choir, parish council, and bookkeeping. Her other activities include spending time with her family, gardening, and hiking.

Ginny says, "I may be somewhat of a late-bloomer with golf, but as with everything I do, I plan to give my very best while serving on the IWGA Board."

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**Jessica Lederhausen** and her husband moved to Chicago from Sweden with their four children in 1999. They both grew up in Stockholm where most of their family still live.

Jessica started playing golf at an early age and played on the National Team for Sweden from age thirteen until she turned professional at age twenty. After attending UCLA and playing on the golf team as a freshman, she returned to Sweden for dental school. She received a DDS and worked as a dentist until they returned to Chicago.

While living in Chicago she went back for a MPH at UIC, and later, went into to business with a friend. They started Stockholm Objects, a retail store and wholesale distribution center, selling modern Scandinavian clothing, home accessories, as well as other interesting products.

Her four children have all had the opportunity to play, or are playing, on their collegiate golf teams.

"I always make time to play golf with my family and friends. My other interests are yoga, running, fitness, reading and knitting."

## IWGA BOARD AT WORK



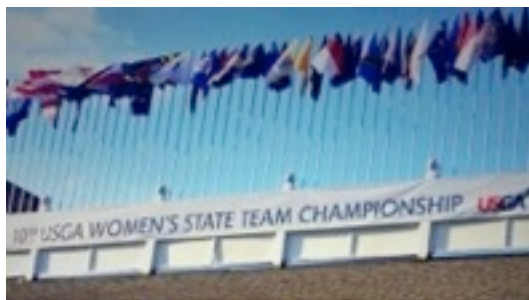
## VICTORY TOURNAMENT

During World War II, the IWGA began the Victory Tournament to show support for our men in uniform. The first tournament was held in 1941 to raise money for veterans' hospitals. Still in existence today, these philanthropic efforts raise over \$20,000 each year. Of all state women's golf organizations, Illinois is the only one with this type of charitable giving. Total contributions exceeding \$1,094,000 have been donated over the past sixty two years to the IWGA Victory Tournament Fund.

## Victory Charities and the John Deere Classic

The IWGA VICTORY CHARITIES qualify for the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity Program. John Deere sponsors the John Deere Classic held at the TPC course in Silvis, Illinois. Pledge cards are available for anyone interested in pledging at least a penny for each birdie they think will be made during play of the John Deere Classic. This year there were 2160 birdies made. If you pledged a penny a birdie, you were billed \$21.60. Every penny of that goes to the charity of your choice. IWGA is pleased to be listed as one of the hundreds of charities. And, if you pick the correct amount of birdies, you win a prize. There were 100 people guessing the correct amount and their names were put in a drawing for a new 2013 Chevy Malibu. Other prizes awarded were a John Deere riding mower, \$500 credit on Allegiant QC flights, A John Deere walk-behind lawn mower, and over 100 other great prizes. If you or your club is interested in participating, please let the IWGA know and we will get pledge cards to you for the 2014 Classic

## USGA STATE TEAM



Nora Lucas, Laura Carson, Alyssa Guadio

The USGA Women's State Team Championship was held at NCR Country Club in Kettering, Ohio on September 17-19, 2013. The event was three days of stroke play with 2 of the 3 team member's scores counting each day. Representing Illinois last year were: Nora Lucas, Laura Carson and Alyssa Guadio. They finished in 20th place, a good finish for Illinois.

The USGA instituted the State Team Tournament in 1995 in celebration of its centennial. The format was similar to the World Amateur Team Championship, where the men and women compete in separate tournaments. Each state sent three men and three women to represent them in the tournament. The tournament was so popular that it has been designated a bi-annual event.

In 1999, the responsibility for team selection was assigned to the IWGA. To aid in determining the best players to represent the State, the IWGA established a point system to assist with the selection process. Points are accumulated by participation in state, local, and national tournaments. Qualifying tournaments are classified by type, including qualifying rounds for match-play tournaments. A committee from the IWGA reviews the tournaments and assigns the maximum point value which will be available for that tournament.

The winner of an eligible tournament receives 100% of the maximum point value for that tournament, with subsequent finishers receiving a percentage of that maximum value as determined by their finish position. To be eligible for selection, the player must reside in Illinois. College players are ineligible due to NCAA rules. Since the goal is to select the women who are most representative of Illinois, the points for Illinois tournaments are weighted heavier than their national counterparts. In addition, since it is a two year selection process, the point values for the first year of the selection period are de-valued by 50%, to attempt to insure that the players who are selected have been performing well in the year prior to the tournament. Visit [www.iwga.org](http://www.iwga.org) for more information.

## Host a Victory Tournament

Pledge a goal amount to be collected. Indicate your preference to receive prizes, a perpetual plaque, or certificate. Prizes are based on the pledged amount and increase accordingly related to the contribution. Anything goes...You set the format.

Low Net/Low Gross  
Nassau  
Blind Draw  
Low Putts  
Closest to the Pin  
Long Drive  
Most/Least Bunkers  
Most Birdies, Chip-ins  
Mixed or Woman only Event  
Door Prizes  
Raffle

A few clubs assess members without holding a tournament.

Contributions in 2013 ranged from \$50 to over \$2,000.

Our continuing success directly depends on the participation of the ladies' golf organizations in our state. We NEED your support more than ever before! Prizes are provided by the IWGA as the fundraising tool and are sent to participating clubs to reward their winners.

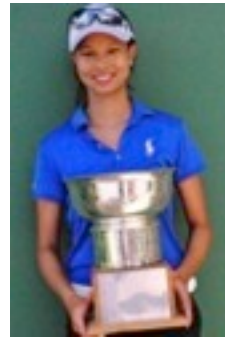
*The IWGA Victory Endowment Fund welcomes individual donations and memorials*

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## ILLINOIS WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

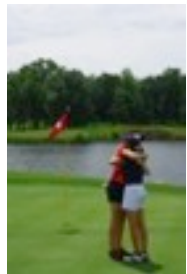
June 28, 2013. On a perfect summer day at Cantigny Golf Club in Wheaton, **Bing Singhsumalee**, Naperville, conquered Cantigny and her opponent to win the 80th Annual Women's State Amateur sponsored by the Illinois Women's Golf Association. Bing defeated **Lauren English**, Bloomington, on the 19th hole with a chip-in to win her first state amateur title. Bing is a 16-year old student at Waubonsie Valley HS and has been playing golf since she was four. Lauren English started playing competitive golf at age 5 with two siblings and her parents who are both golf pros at Crestwicke Country Club. Lauren's brother, Kyle, is an assistant pro at Crestwicke and in the Illinois PGA program. Lauren attends the University of Iowa on a golf scholarship. She is majoring in business.



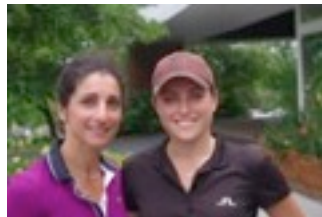
Bing Singhsumalee  
2013 IWGA Amateur  
Champion

18-year old Defending Champion, **Elizabeth Szokal**, Winnetka, and Bing shared medalist honors in the qualifying round. Both shot a one over par 73.

Sisters and a mother/daughter team were well represented at Catigny. Sisters **Allison** and **Kiley Walsh** grew up together playing golf and were paired against each other in the first round. On the eighteenth hole, Allison, who will be a sophomore at Bradley, went one-up to defeat Kiley, a senior at Mt. Prospect High. Sisters **Taylor** and **Connie Ellett**, Hampshire, are both on the NIU golf team. They went on to win their flights. Sisters **Ariana Furrie** (18 years old) and **Gianna** (14 Years old), from St. Charles also participated. Ariana, won her flight. The **Tyler sisters, Sydney** and **Alexa**, Bloomington, are also avid golfers, and like all of the above sisters, have played in several IWGA sponsored tournaments. Alexa, a junior at Wheaton College, was the 2011 winner of the Julia Dodds Award. Allison Walsh also won the award in 2012. New IWGA Board member, **Jessica Lederhausen** and daughter, **Rosanna**, Hinsdale, both competed in the Championship Flight.



Allison and Kiley  
Walsh at end of  
match



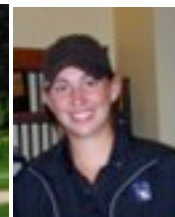
Mother and daughter, Jessica  
and Rosanna Lederhausen



Bing sinks a putt



Lauren English  
blasts out of a  
bunker



Co-medalist,  
Elizabeth Szokal

## FLIGHT RESULTS

### CHAMPION

Bing Singhsumalee  
Naperville  
Runner-up  
Lauren English  
Bloomington

### FIRST FLIGHT

Connie Ellett  
Hampshire  
Runner-up  
Megan Furtney  
South Elgin

### SECOND FLIGHT

Taylor Ellett  
Hampshire  
Runner-up  
Hui Chong Dofflemyer  
Belvidere

### THIRD FLIGHT

Ariana Furrie  
St. Charles  
Runner-up  
Hanna Netisingha  
Carol Stream

### FOURTH FLIGHT

Christine Garmoe  
Arlington Heights  
Runner-up  
Marisa Miko  
Naperville

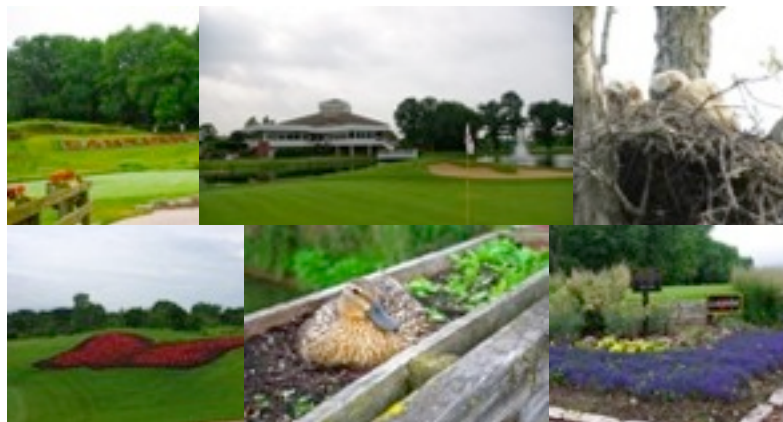
### FIFTH FLIGHT

Carolyn Wong  
Naperville  
Runner-up  
Monica Coleman  
Long Grove

### 6TH FLIGHT

Taylor Lambertsen  
Palos Park  
Runner-up  
Baily Bostler  
Lake in the Hills

## THE BEAUTY AND NATURE OF CANTIGNY



### CHANGES IN ENTRY FORMS FOR 2014

LOOK FOR CHANGES  
IN QUALIFYING AND  
REGISTRATION ON THE  
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# FLIGHT WINNERS

CHAMPION  
RENEE SOLBERG  
Wheaton

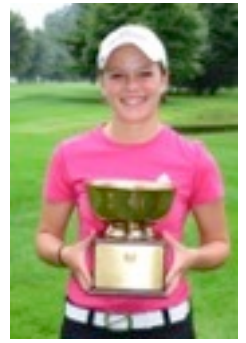
FIRST FLIGHT  
JORDAN KOEHLER  
Galesburg

SECOND FLIGHT  
SARAH LYMAN  
Normal

THIRD FLIGHT  
KARA SCHNOEKER  
Coulterville

## ILLINOIS JUNIOR GIRLS' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

**Angie Kim** of Schaumburg and **Renee Solberg** of Wheaton braved unseasonably cool temperatures and rain to tie for the first round lead in the 34th Illinois Women's Golf Association Junior Golf Championship held at the University of Illinois Orange Course in Savoy, July 30-31, 2013. Kim and Solberg shot one-under-par 75s two strokes ahead of four players who tied with a 77. The battle continued the second day with Renee shooting 150 to edge out Angie by one stroke for the Championship title. Third place went to **Paige Jordan**, St. Charles, with a 153, followed closely by **Kelly Anderson**, also from Wheaton, with a 154.



Renee Solberg  
2013 IWGA Junior  
Girl's Golf Champion

Special event winners included Renee Solberg with the longest drive of 258.6 yards and **Laurel Enstrom**, Rock Island, closest to the pin at 5'8".



Championship Flight Winners



First Flight Winners



Second Flight Winners



Third Flight Winners



Co-Medalists, Renee Solberg and  
Angie Kim



Trying to stay dry

The Julia Dodds Award is given to an outstanding graduating high school senior.

Criteria for selection include:  
Character, Scholarship, Leadership,  
and Sportsmanship.

## JULIA DODDS JUNIOR AWARD

The 2013 Julia H. Dodds Junior Girls' Award winner is an outstanding student, leader, band member, positive role model and all-around talented individual. Her name is **Laurel Enstrom** from Rock Island High School.

Laurel, made the Rock Island Dispatch/Argus Player of the Year for 2012. She was a state qualifier (tied for 46th in Class AA); was runner-up in the sectional, regional and Western Big 6 Conference Meet.

She will continue her golf career at St. Cloud State in Minnesota.



Laurel Enstrom  
2013 Julia Dodds  
Junior Award

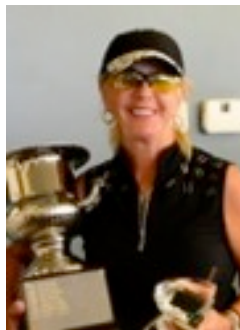
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## ILLINOIS SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR

The Den at Fox Creek in Bloomington, an Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Course, which features bent grass, wild prairie grasses, over 130 bunkers, and water hazards on 9 of the 18 holes proved to be very challenging in the blustery September winds for the 3 day tournament from September 16-18.

**Leslie Page** of Glendale Heights conquered the wind and the field to come from behind and win the 2013 Illinois Senior Championship at The Den at Fox Creek in Bloomington with a 3 day total of 245. **Carol Stack** of Champaign who led after 36 holes finished 2 shots back to take second place and **Mary Ellen Martin** of Winfield took third place at 3 shots behind the leader.

Over-all Low Net was awarded to **Laurie Redden** of Coal Valley. Honors were awarded to players flighted by age as well as over the field. **Ruth Femali** of Bloomington won the Super Senior Award for a player over the age of 75.



Leslie Page  
IWGA Senior Women's  
Amateur Champion

### Flight Low Gross and Low Net Winners

A Flight - ages 50 to 54



B Flight - ages 55 to 59



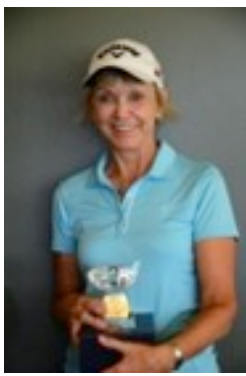
C Flight - ages 60 to 64



D Flight - ages 65 to 69



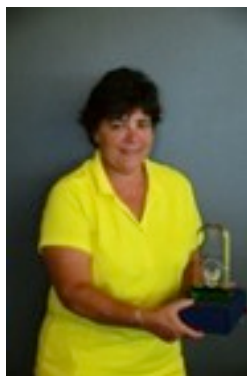
E Flight - ages 70 plus



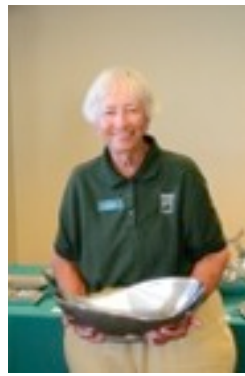
Carol Stack, 2nd Low  
Gross



Mary Ellen Martin, 3rd  
Low Gross



Laurie Redden, Low  
Net



Ruth Femali, Super  
Senior



University of Illinois Alumni



L to R: Renee Slone, Paula  
Smith, Mary Ellen Murphy

Paula Smith, U of I women's  
golf coach from 1978-2006,  
coached both Renee and  
Mary Ellen. Mary Ellen was  
Paula's first recruit. Renee  
became the the U of I coach  
upon Paula's retirement.



Northeast Illinois



Rockford area



Past Champions. L to R:  
Rosalie Barnet, Jackie Schwarz,  
Char McLearn, Salley Wessels

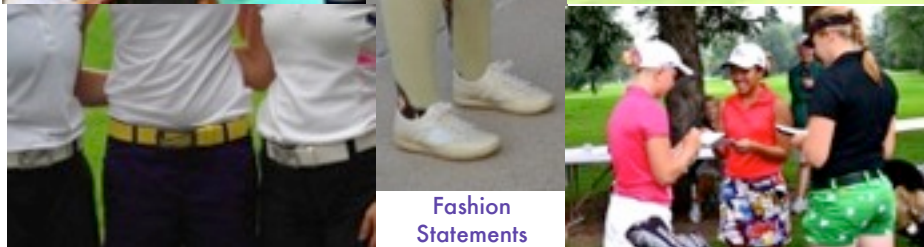
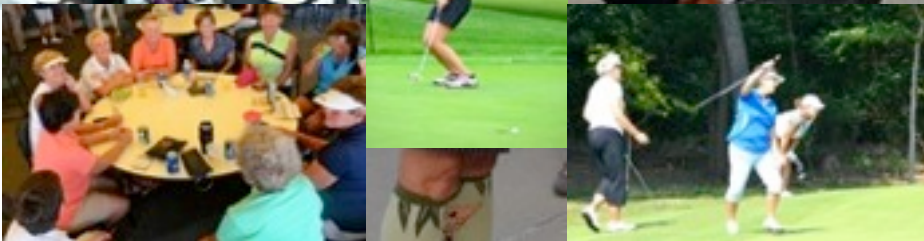
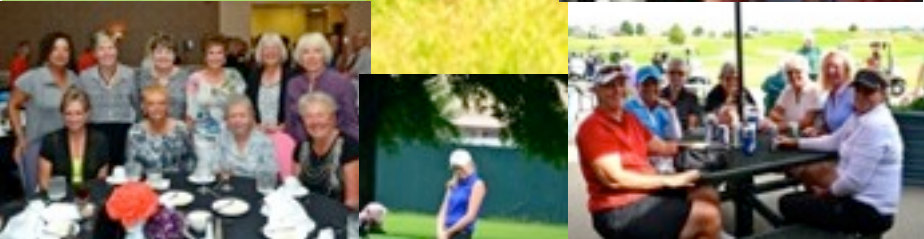
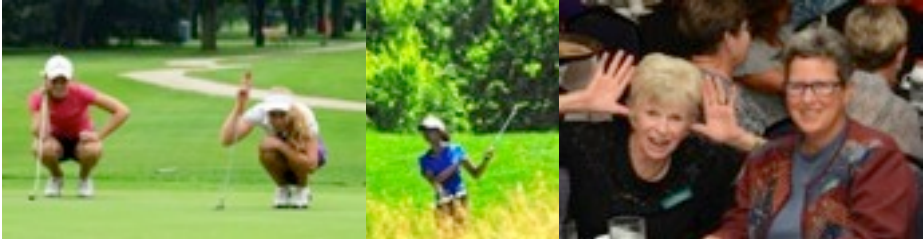
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# PARTING SHOTS



Gillian McLaughlin, Chicago, claimed to have played poorly the first day of the Seniors. She wore a mask the second day. "I didn't want anyone to recognize me."



Fashion Statements



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