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Lynne Frary
IWGA President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

What an honor and challenge it is to be President of such an amazing organization and fantastic group of women! This is a very exciting year for the Illinois Women's Golf Association as we celebrate 75 years. As you read through the newsletter, I'm sure you'll find many interesting facts about our development and growth. A lot of time and energy was spent researching the archives and putting together what we feel are the most relevant aspects of those 75 years. A special thank you to Joann Anderson, Pam Keeling, and Terri Moore who make up the 75 Year Anniversary Committee and everyone else who helped them and contributed in any way. We will be celebrating at each of our tournaments this year.

We are very excited to be at Panther Creek Country Club in Springfield in June for this year's State Amateur Tournament. Panther Creek will be hosting the LPGA Classic in July. I hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to play the same course as the LPGA!

What an exciting year we had last year with our Junior State Tournament. We had a full field of young women ranging in age from 7 (yes 7!) through 18. This tournament is always held in Savoy at the University of Illinois course at the end of July/beginning of August. If you want to see some future stars, that is the place to be at that time of the summer!

This year's Senior State Tournament will be at Timber Point in Poplar Grove just outside of Rockford. It is the home course of Shirley Dommers, an emeritus board member and several-time winner of our tournaments. (See page 5 for more about Shirley). It will be a challenging venue and has a fantastic warm-up/practice area.

Our newsletter highlights how far we've come in our 75 years and how much we've accomplished. This can only be done with the help and support of each of you through the Victory Tournaments. The donations we make each year to promote and support golf for women and girls are greatly appreciated.

As we look to the future, we will be involved with the Solheim Cup at Rich Harvest Farms in August of 2009. We will be supporting another Illinois college golf team and will be making a one-time donation in honor of our 75th celebration. We thank all of you for making the Illinois Women's Golf Association such a successful organization!

Lynne Frary, IWGA President

2008 SITES

AMATEUR
Panther Creek
Country Club
Springfield
June 10 - 13

Contact: Pam Keeling
815-877-6703

JUNIOR
U. of I. Course
Savoy
July 29 & 30

Contact: Marlene Miller
847-234-2154

SENIOR
Timber Point
Golf Club
Rockford
September 16 - 18

Contact: Judy Mott
815-963-6452

IWGA BOARD NEWS

MEET THE TWO NEW ILLINOIS WOMENS GOLF ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

JOAN STOY, from McHenry, did not play golf until 1997, three years after she took an early retirement package from a school district in the southwest suburbs of Chicago. There she spent the last 18 years of a 30+ year career as the principal of a junior high school. After her husband and she retired, they moved to McHenry where they joined the McHenry Country Club.

Joan served as President the McHenry C.C. Ladies Golf Association for two years and has co-chaired the McHenry Women's Invitational Tournament with Char McClear for the past two years, she will work again with Char this year. She voluntarily writes an eight page newsletter for the country club and also does the official golf club calendar with the club pro. She has served for several years and continues to serve on the club's finance and membership committees.

Joan has been married 46 years, has two daughters and six grandchildren. Because they all live in Texas, she and her husband have bought a winter home at South Padre Golf Club.

DOROTHY POWELL, from Rockford, says that golf has been a priority in her life for over three decades. She loves to practice as much as she enjoys playing. Ingersoll, Aldeen, and Willow Creek Golf Course in LeMars, Iowa, are where she is most apt to be found on the golf course. Golf was a perfect sport for her to enjoy during her many years of teaching. To escape the hustle and bustle of the school scene to the beautiful, tranquil links of the golf course or practice range was pure ecstasy.

Dorothy enjoys tournament golf because it provides an extra incentive to practice. In addition, tournaments are a great excuse to travel and meet and compete with new friends. In the past few years she has especially enjoyed playing tournament golf in Florida, Georgia, Oregon and California.

During the summer of 2007, Dorothy worked at Ingersoll Golf Course in several capacities: golf play coordinator, Learning Links course attendant, and cash control attendant. If she wasn't working at Ingersoll, she was probably at Aldeen selling balls at the range. "Getting those credits for Medicare is the driving force behind this madness", Dorothy stated.

VICTORY TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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

The annual Victory Tournament was founded in 1942, by Mrs. Albert Pike, of Aurora, when she was President of the IWGA. It was conceived as a tool through which the golfers could unite in a service to our country. This philanthropic effort is rarely found as part of a state golf association. At the beginning, the Tournament was played at golf clubs on any day selected by the clubs for an entry fee of \$1.00 per player. All profits were used to support worthy and charitable causes. In the first year, 1942, twenty three clubs participated and the profit of \$150 was sent to the Red Cross. Within two years, the Red Cross received \$500. By 1946, other charities shared \$3,500. The fund has continued to grow and in the past several years over \$23,000 has been distributed, each year to veterans groups, cancer research, golf programs for women in our state universities, and local charities. In the 65 year history of the Victory Tournament, contributions have exceeded \$925,000. The Victory Tournament continues in the belief that victory should be won over obstacles when it is in our power to give aid.

LOIS DRAFKE & SHIRLEY DOMMERS

9 TIME IWGA CHAMPIONS



LOIS DRAFKE

Born in Lemont, but raised in LaGrange, **Lois Drafke** lived in a dream neighborhood in a house overlooking a golf course. Lois watched golfers from a very early age. Her father was the grounds superintendent for the Indian Head Golf Club, but he was not a golfer. She remembers starting to play golf between 6-7 years of age. At first, she could be found on the putting green and driving range, but it wasn't long before the pro started giving her instructions when he wasn't busy. She loved to practice and usually played with the men --- from their tees.

The first tournament she recalls entering was the IWGA State Amateur held in 1953 at the Danville Country Club. Lois won at the age of 15, becoming the youngest player to ever become champion. She continued her success with wins in '55, '59, '60, '62, '64, '66, '70 and '73.

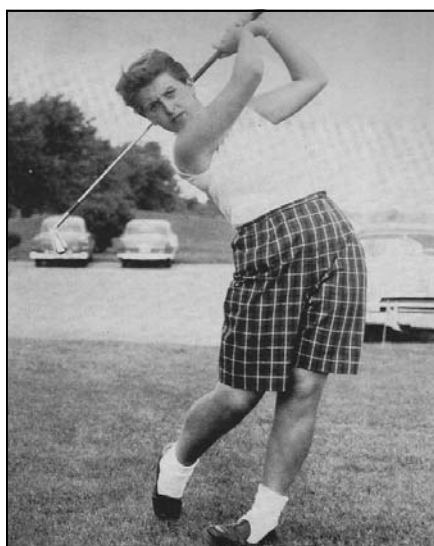
During these triumphant years, one could find Lois practicing her game to excel in her favorite sport. The best part of her game was putting. She says she could, "hit the ball straight, but not necessarily far. I relied on my short game."

Besides golf, Lois was an avid bowler. She had a 165 average while bowling in three leagues. Lois hasn't played golf for several decades. She had a career doing office work for over 20 years for a company in LaGrange and then moved to Naperville where she retired. Lois still resides in LaGrange and was happy to make contact with the IWGA once again.

Lois Drafke's name will be remembered for her many championships and her dedication to fair play and discipline from her first win at age 15 to her last 20 years later. Well done!

Shirley remembers
Lois well:

"I lost one IWGA State Am to Lois when she sank a loooonnnnnnggg putt on the last hole!"



LOIS DRAFKE 1957



SHIRLEY DOMMERS 1957

A dream for some might be to just qualify for the Championship Flight of the IWGA State Amateur, held every year in June for the past 74 years and the Senior Tournament held in September for 38 years. Imagine how each competitor hoped they might be the one to take home the Championship Trophy with their name engraved among all the other champions. Over the history of the Tournament, there are players who have won multiple times, but there are two women who have each won 9 (NINE) times. Congratulations to Lois Drafke and Shirley Dommers for this remarkable feat. In honor of our 75th anniversary it is fitting we remember these women and hear their stories.

SHIRLEY DOMMERS

Shirley Dommers was an athletic youngster and challenged herself in many sports. At the beginning golf was not one of them. Born in Kansas City, MO, Shirley's athletic ability was evident early on. She was a champion at her Missouri high school in tennis as well as ping pong champion in two different schools. Her father continued to encourage her to play golf and she finally conceded at age 14. She took lessons and practiced on the range to effectively "groove" her swing. She remembers the pro would not let her play on the course until the 12 sessions were over, but like many teenagers, she ignored his advice and played anyway. The pro found out and he personally came out and took her off the course. That didn't stop her. She and a friend were soon playing 18-36 holes per day.

Shirley won her first big golf championship in 1946 as a 19 year old Junior in college --- the Iowa Amateur (the 1st post-war tournament). She went on to graduate from the University of Iowa majoring in PE.

Shirley had success in 1954 while playing in Europe at the Swiss and Italian International tournaments where she won both. She was fortunate to make special contacts while abroad. This included a putting contest against Ex-King Leopold (who won?) and making friends with Ken Venturi (a corporal in the army) who was playing in the men's division.

In 1957, at the Bloomington Country Club, she played in her first IWGA State Amateur, defeating Miriam Bailey who was the intercollegiate women's golf champion. She was one of the few women to ever reach the par five 429 yard hole in two. This victory was one of the many highlights of Shirley's golfing career. Shirley remembers Lois Drafke very well. "Lois was a tough competitor, a good sport, an excellent putter with a great short game. I lost one IWGA State Am to Lois when she sank a looonnnnnnggg putt on the last hole."

Shirley went on to win the State Amateur not only in '57 but also in '61, '68, '69, and '74. In addition, she won her first Senior Amateur in '76, followed by wins in '81, '82 and '83.

Shirley's golf tips: find a good pro and take private lessons; follow his advice and practice. Don't play much on the course until you have grooved your swing on the practice tee. Don't waste your money on destination golf schools.

Golf is Shirley's game of choice because you compete with yourself and the course rather than another person. It is a game you can play until you are 90. When not on the course, you can find Shirley at the duplicate bridge table.



IWGA CELEBRATES 75 YEARS 1933-2008



Mary Wheeler

FIRST TOURNAMENT AT EVANSTON G.C.

Entry fee:

\$3.00

Lodging:

\$1.00-3.50 for a

double

\$1.25-4.50 for a

single

The IWGA started as the dream of one woman. In 1933, the Illinois Women's Golf Association (IWGA) was inaugurated by **Mrs. John A. Wheeler (Mary)**, of Aurora, when she was President of the Chicago Women's District Golf Association (CWDGA). Mrs. Wheeler wished for a separate organization, from the CWDGA, be formed to provide a Championship Tournament for all amateur golfers in the State of Illinois.

The tournament was held at the Evanston Golf Club. The entry fee for this first tournament was \$3.00. Only caddies attached to the Evanston Golf Club were allowed to caddy. Rooms were available in the area for \$1.00 to \$3.50 per day for a double, and \$1.25 to \$4.50 per day for a single. The medalist shot an 81 and the first champion was Dorothy Porter, a music teacher from Springfield.

During the first years of the IWGA, the CWDGA continued to offer support to the new organization and contributed \$100 towards the funding of the State Championship. At first, locating tournament sites was not a problem. Clubs let it be known they were interested in hosting the championship. The Championship has been played on courses throughout the State. Sites have been at private clubs, public courses and park district courses. The championships have come from the northern and central parts of the State from 1934-1982. It wasn't until 1983 that the first "southerner" won the Championship.

It was another 37 years, 1970, before the IWGA held its first Senior Tournament for women 50 and over. The first Senior Championship was held at Pekin Country Club, in Pekin, without a champion. The tournament was rained out. The following year, at Illini Country Club in Springfield, the first official champion was Mrs. Wilson Evans, from Peoria. The Senior Championship Tournament is a popular venue for state golfers. The competition is at a very high level and new and renewed friendships have continued throughout the years.

In 1980, the first Junior Tournament was held at the University of Illinois Golf Course in Savoy. The first winner was Penney Hammel of Decatur who went on to have a distinguished career in the LPGA. The first years of the Junior Girls' Championship saw a slow growing interest among young girls to play golf at the tournament level. Today, that is not true. IWGA Juniors attracts players from all over the state. Every year the field gets larger and the handicaps get lower. Currently there are around 90 girls playing each year.

Mary Wheeler had a Dream! Thanks to her vision, the IWGA has continued to advance golf opportunities for women and girls in Illinois by conducting state championship tournaments, and through fundraising to support charitable contributions to individuals and organizations that embody the spirit of amateur golf. Her dream lives on!

In
1933

A GALLON OF GAS WAS \$.10
THE FIRST DRIVE-IN THEATER OPENED
THE ICE CREAM CONE AND CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE
WERE INVENTED

WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

FLIGHT RESULTS

CHAMPION
Kerry Postillion
Runner-up
Hilary Anderson

FIRST FLIGHT
Monica VonGlahn
Runner-up
DeAnne Stolarick

2ND FLIGHT
Nichole Inkel-Pongracz
Runner-up
Lindsey Haines

3RD FLIGHT
Lindsay Burry
Runner-up
Mandi Vavrinchik

4TH FLIGHT
Kathy Niepagen
Runner-up
Jackie Schwarz

5TH FLIGHT
Erin Bradley
Runner-up
Erin McGinnis

The contestants loved playing at Red Tail Run Golf Course in Decatur. The newest Decatur Park District golf course was designed by Raymond Floyd and has been open only one year. The tournament was played at 5,777 yards with an interesting combination of a links style layout for nine holes then wood-lined fairways with several elevation changes for the back nine.

The championship was a match between champions. **Kerry Postillion**, of Burr Ridge, topped a strong field by defeating **Hilary Anderson**, of Decatur, two-time Junior Girl's State Amateur Champion, to capture her fifth State Amateur Championship Title. Postillion closed out the match with a win on the 15th hole.

Seul-Ki Park of North Park, also a former State Junior Champion, shot a two under par 70 to win Medalist Honors in the qualifying round. **Brittany Boon**, Bloomington, won Junior Medalist for the lowest qualifying score (84) for contestants under 18 years of age. In competing against players over 50 years of age, **Ann Harsham**, Decatur, won the Young at Heart Trophy with a net score of 72.9. The Team Play competition was won by University of Illinois team mates **Seul-Ki Park** and **Casey Burden**. Longest Drive honors and the Nancy Perisho Award went to **Lindsey Burry**, Quincy, with a 271 yard, 2 feet, 9 inch drive on the 18th hole.



2007 IWGA Amateur Golf Champion Kerry



Kerry Postillion on the tee



President Ellen Boeye and Tournament Chair Lynne Frary award Champion Runner-up trophy to Hilary Anderson



Team winners Seul-Ki Park and Casey Burden



Seul-Ki Park deals with the long grass

WHAT THEY ARE DOING

Barb Byrnes who played for several years in Illinois amateur golf events retired and moved to Arizona. Since her move, she has worked hard on her golf game and has won the Arizona State Seniors Championship in 2004, 2005 and 2007. Last year she was also selected to be on the Arizona State Team. The team went on to win the USGA State Team Championship but sadly, because of a family accident, she was unable to compete. Barb also serves as President of the Board of the Arizona Women's Golf Association.

Mary Ellen Jacobs, 2000 Illinois Junior Girls' Champion, has had a college career like a "hurricane". Actually, it was Hurricane Katrina that set her on a three year, three college odyssey. She was starting her sophomore year at Tulane when the hurricane hit. She safely made it home to Godfrey with only her computer, three days of clothes and her golf clubs. When she was able to return to New Orleans there was nothing left of her apartment. The golf team was able to reassemble in Dallas and enroll at SMU. It was a temporary situation with eligibility ending after a year. The following year she decided to go to the University of Arizona so she could continue playing the game she loves.

SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

1977 Illinois State Amateur Champion and five-time Illinois Senior Women's Champion, **Salley Wessels**, of Mt. Morris, fired a final round of 75 to capture the title for sixth time. She edged out **Sue O'Conner**, from Lake Bluff, by 3 strokes. Third Low Gross was **Ann Harsham**, of Decatur. Defending Champion, **Char McClear**, McHenry, was a close fourth. **Ginny Chase**, from Buffalo Grove, won Low Net for the Field. A full field of 120 contestants played the 54 hole stroke play tournament and vied for prizes in five classes determined by age, starting at age 50 up to age 70 and over.



2007 Illinois Senior Women's Amateur Champion Salley Wessels

The 38th Illinois Senior Women's Amateur Championship was played at the historic Rock Island Arsenal Country Club which celebrated their 110th anniversary in 2007. The club is unique in that it is a private club on land leased from the U.S. Government that sits on an island in the middle of the Mississippi River. The Rock Island Arsenal was established during the Civil War and continues in operation today. Playing golf in these surroundings made everyone more aware of the current war effort. In light of the fact that the tournament began on 9/11, the local committee carried out a patriotic theme throughout the week.



Local Committee



Rock Island Arsenal C.C. President Retired Colonel Tom Byrd



The tough par 3 ninth hole



The historic Rock Island Arsenal Country Club

PATTY BERG'S IWGA CONNECTION

In 1934, **Patty Berg** won her first amateur tournament at age 16. She not only went on to win many championships, she also enjoyed promoting the game of golf by means of her clinics and exhibitions throughout the nation. Patty believed that the young golfer, particularly the college-age player would be the potential golfing star of the future. The photo (taken in 1950) shows Patty at the Illinois Women's Amateur Golf Championship at the Illini C.C. in Springfield. She conducted clinics, for several years, at the IWGA State Championships.

Patty Berg passed away in 2006 at age 88. In her career, she won 15 major championships in addition to the 1938 U.S. Women's Amateur. She was a founding member of the LPGA and its first president.



JUNIOR GIRLS' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

FLIGHT WINNERS

CHAMPIONSHIP
Samantha Sloane
Lansing

RUNNER-UP
Lauren English
Bloomington

FIRST FLIGHT
Nora Lucas
Glenview

SECOND FLIGHT
Katherine Hepler
Lincoln

THIRD FLIGHT
Kathryn Koester
Effingham

FOURTH FLIGHT
Caitlyn Miklsz
Naperville

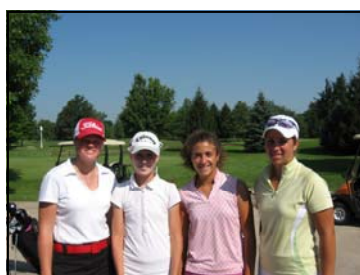
FIFTH FLIGHT
Amanda Bruski
Naperville

A full field of 100 players from every corner of the state competed in the 27th Illinois Junior Girls' Golf Championship. In the terrific field, 11 girls were under par for the two day event. Included in the field were two girls whose golf bags were bigger than they were: 12 year old **Ariana Furrie**, from St. Charles, and **Madasyn Petterson**, from Rockford, who was 7 years old, the youngest entrant in the history of the tournament. Madasyn will be eligible to play in the Junior Girls' Championship for maybe 10 more years!

Samantha Sloan from Lansing outlasted **Lauren English**, of Bloomington, in a two-hole play-off to win the Illinois Junior Girls' Golf Championship on the University of Illinois Orange Course in Savoy. Sloan and English were tied at 147 after 36 holes on the par 76 course. Samantha Sloan also was the Medalist for her first day score of 71, and was on the team with **Meg Gilley**, Flossmoor, for the Bernie Mulliken Low Gross Team winners. Lauren English and **Kaitlyn Wampler**, both from Bloomington, won the Low Net Team prize. The Longest Drive Award went to **Ember Schuldt** from Sterling.



President Ellen Boeye and Tournament Chair Marlene Miller with Junior Girl's Golf Champion Samantha Sloan



Final Foursome



2nd play-off hole



Madasyn Petterson



Ariana Furrie

JULIA DODDS JUNIOR AWARD

The Julia Dodds Award is given to an outstanding graduating high school senior who has played in the Illinois Junior Girls' Golf Championship. Criteria for selection include: Character, Scholarship, Leadership, Sportsmanship and Love for the game of golf.

This was the 15th year of the awarding of the Julia Dodds Junior Award. Julia Dodds was a long time member of the IWGA. The IWGA is aware that many of the girls who have played in the tournament exemplify these qualities but only one may be selected.

The 2007 recipient was **Elizabeth Fernandez** from Champaign. In her application Elizabeth wrote: "The etiquette of the game was drilled into my head by my dad and my golf pro. It's not worth winning unless you do it with grace."

Elizabeth was All Big 12 Academic Athlete all 4 years, Senior Honor Athlete in baseball and golf, captain of the golf team for 3 years and volunteer at several golf events. She balances these activities with her love of art. She continues her career in college playing for Western Illinois University



Elizabeth Fernandez, 2007 Julia Dodd Junior Award Winner



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ORIGINAL RULES OF GOLF

In 1744, the first known written rules of golf were recorded by the Gentlemen Golfers of Leith for the Annual Challenge for the Edinburgh Silver Cup. There were 13 of them. Here are a few of them (with a few explanatory comments in parentheses) Most of the rules survive in some form today.

"You are not to change the ball which you strike off the tee." (Look at that – the one ball condition way back then! Actually, holing out with the same ball with which you teed off – with a few exceptions – is **Rule 15-1**)

"If your ball comes among watter, or any wattery filth, you are at liberty to take out your ball and bringing it behind the hazard and teeing it you may play it with any club and allow your adversary a stroke for so getting out your ball." (Origin of the 1-stroke penalty for a ball in a water hazard. **Rule 26**)

"At holling you are to play your ball honestly at the hole, and not to play upon your adversary's ball, not lying in your way to the hole." (Don't do something petty such as trying to hit your opponent's ball with your own. It's OK in croquet, not in golf)

"If a ball be stopp'd by any person, horse, dog, or anything else, the ball so stopp'd must be played where it lyes." (Deflection by an outside agency. Play it as it lies. **Rule 19-1**)

"He whose ball lyes furthest from the hole is obliged to play first". (Virtually unchanged after all this time. **Rule 10**)

From Brent Kelly, *Your Guide to Golf*



2008 RULE CHANGES

The Rules of Golf continued to be developed over time, taking a huge step forward in 1897 when the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews formed a Rules Committee. Since 1951 the R&A and the USGA have met every two years to set down a uniform code of Rules. Every four years a revised book on the Rules of Golf is published. 2008 is such a year. Here are a couple of changes. For a complete list and explanations go to www.usga.org.

The most significant changes have to do with identifying a ball lying in a hazard and playing a wrong ball. (**Rules 12-2 and 15-3**). Previously players were not allowed to lift a ball for identification when the ball lay in a hazard. Consequently, players did not incur a penalty if the only strokes made with the wrong ball were made while the ball lay in the hazard. Under the revised rules, players are permitted, by **Rule 12-2**, to lift a ball lying in a hazard in order to identify it and will be in breach of **Rule 15-3** if a wrong ball is played.