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IWGA HALL OF FAME



**IWGA HALL OF
FAME
ESTABLISHED
TO
RECOGNIZE
WOMEN
FROM THE
STATE OF
ILLINOIS
WHO MADE
EXCEPTIONAL
CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE
GAME OF GOLF**

Shirley Dommers, Rockford, and **Lois Drafke**, La Grange, were honored at the IWGA Senior Banquet by being named as inaugural members of the newly created IWGA Hall of Fame. These two women were honored for having impacted golf for women in Illinois both as exceptional players and role models to the young women who were to follow in their footsteps. From 1953 to 1974 these two individuals dominated Illinois Women's Golf Association Tournaments. In 1953 the State Am was won by 15-year old Lois Drafke and for the next 20 years either Lois Drafke or Shirley Dommers won this tournament fourteen times.

Nominations must be submitted by May 1. Information and Hall of Fame nomination forms are available at www.iwga.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Lynne Frary
IWGA President

Dear Friends,

What an exciting year to have the honor of being President of the IWGA! Celebrating our 75th Anniversary was a reminder of the amazing accomplishments this organization has made since its inception. Selecting the highlights from our historical files gave us an opportunity to reflect on the road from past to present. The video we put together honoring past champions, many contestants, and board members brought laughter and tears to all. It was wonderful to have some guests at this year's tournaments who were a part of the IWGA in years past. Thank you to everyone, especially our 75th Committee, for making it a celebration to remember!

We began a "Hall of Fame" this year to honor women who have supported our mission statement throughout their lives. Two very deserving women were inducted during the dinner at the Senior Tournament - Lois Drafke and Shirley Dommers. Lois has won more State Amateur titles than any other player - a total of 9. Shirley won 5 State Am titles and 4 Senior Championships. A nomination form along with guidelines and deadlines is available on our website at www.iwga.org.

We look forward to being at Kankakee Country Club for the State Am from June 16-19. The new format of 32 players in the championship bracket has been well received. The field of players has been extraordinary and the competition fierce...perfect for a state championship! The Junior Championship, July 28 and 29, will once again be held at the University of Illinois Course in Savoy. We look forward to being back at Mattoon Country Club for the Seniors September 22-24.

Thank you to all the clubs who were a part of another successful year of Victory Tournaments. Your donations have stayed consistent in difficult times which we greatly appreciate. This year we increased donations to all the State University Women's Golf Teams from \$2,000 to \$2500 and added the U of I Springfield to our list of recipients.

The Illinois Women's Golf Association is excited to be a part of the Solheim Cup being held at Rich Harvest Farms in Sugar Grove, IL in August. We have a link to the Solheim on our website if anyone would like more information about the events, dates, tickets, etc.

In closing, I'd like to thank all our members, especially our board members, for making this year such a memorable year. 2009 will also be exciting with great tournament sites, the new venture: the Kids Golf Foundation, and the Solheim Cup.

Lynne Frary, IWGA President

***Past
Champions
at the 2008
Senior
Tournament
Banquet***



L to R: Kay Rossmiller, Marlene Miller, Jackie Schwarz, Ruth Heal, Rosalie Barnett, Char McLear, Salley Wessels, Lois Drafke, Shirley Dommers

IWGA BOARD NEWS

MEET THE TWO NEW ILLINOIS WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

JANE PIPER, from Champaign, was born in Illinois and was a graduate of the University of Illinois where she met her husband Steve. After many years in Illinois where they reared their three children, Steve's job with Prudential Insurance Company took them to the Southeast in 1997. They lived in Richmond, Atlanta and Charlotte for the next 10 years. They loved the South, the warm weather, and the year around golf, but returned to Illinois when Steve retired. They wanted to be close to family and friends and the ILLINI. They now take 2-3 months every winter to go back south.

Since returning three years ago, Jane has been active with golf in Champaign, particularly the Pink Ball Classic Golf Tournament which donates all proceeds to the Mills Breast Cancer Institute. Last year they donated \$10,000 to the Institute for their music program.

Jane says, "I am honored to be on the IWGA Board. I have met so many wonderful women and look forward to a great summer of tournaments in 2009".

MARY ROBSON, from Galesburg, is a Professor at Sandburg College where she teaches Health and Physical Education. Born and reared in Rockford, Mary graduated from Illinois State University in 1974. Immediately, she began teaching for the Galesburg School District where she taught physical education at Lombard Junior High and coached volleyball, basketball, track and golf for the school district. In 1982 Carl Sandburg Community College in Galesburg offered her a teaching and coaching position. Currently she is in her 35th year of teaching at the college.

Mary says, "Golf has taught me so many lessons along my life's journey. Serving on the Board would allow me to give back to a sport that has been generous to me. I am grateful for this moment in time to serve with the IWGA Board Members".

2009 SITES

AMATEUR Kankakee Country Club Kankakee June 16-19

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SENIOR Mattoon Country Club Mattoon September 22 - 24

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IWGA CELEBRATES 75TH YEAR WITH \$7500 CONTRIBUTION

KIDS GOLF FOUNDATION OF ILLINOIS RECIPIENT OF DONATION

In celebration of IWGA's 75th year anniversary, the Board of Directors made a one time donation of \$7500.00 to be administered through the Victory Charity Fund, to the Kids Golf Foundation. Lynne Frary said, "in doing some research, we found that the Foundation best supports our mission statement, and by giving this grant, we are hoping to encourage young girls to play golf.

The Kids Golf Foundation of Illinois is dedicated to bringing the sport into the lives of children ages 5 -18 and providing them with an opportunity for personal growth and career enhancement through programming, special events, activities, and more.

Together, we will host a one-day tournament to promote amateur golf for girls. The purpose will be to expose girls from all over the state to competitive play which, hopefully, will give them confidence and experience to enter more tournaments. Kankakee Country Club has graciously agreed to host the tournament.

See more about the Kids Golf Foundation at www.kidsgolffoundation.org



THE MEMORIES



VICTORY TOURNAMENT NEWS

INDIVIDUAL RAISES \$1899 FOR IWGA CHARITY

The IWGA
Victory
Endowment Fund
welcomes
individual
donations and
memorials

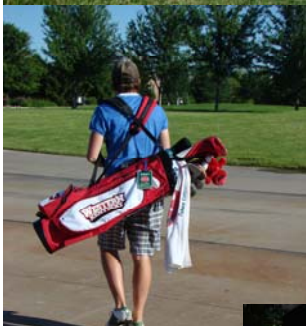
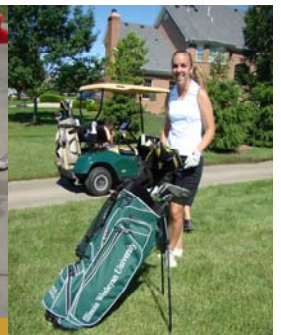


Ginny Chase of Buffalo Grove felt so strongly about the purpose of the Victory Tournament, that she took it upon herself to run a Victory Tournament on a grand scale. With advice from **Mickey Poulos** of Wilmette, who is a consistently high donor, she raised a whopping \$1899 for the IWGA charity.

Ginny Chase

She held the tournament on a Saturday and charged each player \$95. The entry fee included golf and a buffet lunch. \$20 from each entry went to the Victory Fund. There were only 24 players but she felt that wasn't too bad for a first time event in a small town. The Victory prizes were used as golf prizes and she had merchant donated prizes that were raffled off or given as door prizes. She had towels embroidered for every contestant and had a 50/50 raffle which raised \$200 for the Fund. Her largest amount of money came from tee sponsors which gave her \$700 more. Ginny said this was the first time she had ever done anything like this and really appreciated the help from the Buffalo Grove Golf Club pros. She had so much fun, she is going to try it again and be bigger and better!

TEAM BAGS SEEN AT 2008 TOURNAMENTS



\$2500 GRANTS TO WOMEN'S GOLF TEAMS IN ILLINOIS

PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Northern Illinois University
Illinois State University
Western Illinois University
University of Illinois
University of Illinois Springfield
Eastern Illinois University
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Southern Illinois University Carbondale



WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

FLIGHT RESULTS

CHAMPION
Brooke Beeler
Runner-up
Marisa Milligan

FIRST FLIGHT
Jaime Reints
Runner-up
Char McLear

2ND FLIGHT
Katie Jean
Runner-up
Ann Harshman

3RD FLIGHT
Elizabeth
Fernandes
Runner-up
Emily Brink

4TH FLIGHT
Abby Vorreyer
Runner-up
Amy Doehring

5TH FLIGHT
Shannon Delaney
Runner-up
Joann Ryan

6TH FLIGHT
Denise Perry
Runner-up
Sarah Stannard

The 75th annual Illinois Women's Amateur Championship was held at Panther Creek Country Club in Springfield. The links style course designed by Hale Irwin played at 5864 yards for the tournament. The talented amateur field of 80 players included players with handicaps from +0.9 to 20.7 with 55 of the entrants having less than a 10 handicap.

The Championship match between Medalist **Marissa Milligan** from Normal, 2005 State Amateur Champion, and Junior Medalist **Brooke Beeler** of Butler, 2006 Junior Girl's Champion, got underway on a rain-delayed, soggy and cold June morning. After a back and forth start, Beeler pulled away to go 3 up after 6 holes. Milligan came back with birdies on holes 7, 9, and 12 to even the match. Beeler then won holes 15 and 16 and chipped in for a birdie on hole 17 to win the title. Milligan is a junior at Illinois State University and Beeler is a freshman at Texas Christian University.



2008 Illinois Women's Amateur Champion Brooke Beeler

More event winners from qualifying day were: the team winners, **Jaymie Voorhees** and **Carrie Riordan** from Eastern Illinois University with a combined score of 141; and the Young at Heart Trophy, that goes to the low-net winner over 50 years old, won by **Holly Barding** and **Dianna Sutphen** who both shot a net 75.



Runner-up Marissa Milligan blasts out of a bunker



Team winners Jaymie Voorhees and Carrie Riordan



Hailey Koschmann and Jaclyn Jensen tied for third in Championship Flight



Jaimie Reints and Char McLear-1st Flight Finalists



Tournament Chair Pam Keeling & President Lynne Frary award trophies and flowers to Champion Brooke Beeler

JUNIOR GIRLS' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

FLIGHT WINNERS

CHAMPIONSHIP
Ember Schuldt
Sterling

RUNNER-UP
Ashley Armstrong
Flossmoor

FIRST FLIGHT
Gianna DiGrazia
Addison

SECOND FLIGHT
Marissa Cook
Edwardsville

THIRD FLIGHT
Brittany Holmes
Forsyth

FOURTH FLIGHT
Shawn Rennegarbe
Addieville

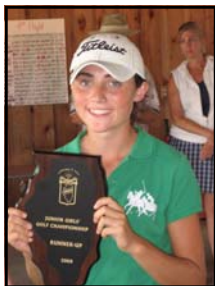
Molly O'Connor of Wheaton captured Medalist Honors by firing a 5 under par 71 in the first round of the 29th Junior Girls State Championship Tournament. She also had the longest drive and was closest to the pin for her age group. Seven other players also had sub-par rounds on the long Orange Course at the University of Illinois Golf Course in Savoy. On that day, 8 eagles and 166 birdies were recorded in the strong field of 86 players. **Ember Schuldt**, Sterling, drove the 279 yard 11th green. The youngest player again this year was 8 year old **Madasyn Petterson**, from Rockford.



**2008 Illinois Junior
Girls Golf
Champion
Ember Schuldt**

A rain-delayed start on a grey and gloomy day had contestants, spectators and officials concerned about getting the second (final) round completed. However, for **Ember Schuldt**, the sun was shining as she shot a 68 to win the Championship with a two day total of 143. The Runner-up, **Ashley Armstrong**, Flossmoor, was one stroke behind. **Jackie Leonard**, Streator, who shot a 69, edged out **Molly O'Connor** for third place in a play-off.

The Bernie Mulliken Low Gross Team Event winners in a scorecard play-off were **Katherine Hepler**, Lincoln and **Kaitlyn Wampler**, Bloomington, and Low Net Team winners were **Abby Vorreyer** and **Sarah Stannard** from Springfield.



**Ashley Arm-
strong, Runner-up
Championship
flight**



**Jackie Leonard, 3rd
Place Champion-
ship flight**



**Molly O'Connor,
Medalist & 4th Place
Championship flight**



**Abbie Horan & Gianna
DiGrazia, USGA Junior
Girls Championship
Team Members**

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 16th year of awarding 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 2008 recipient was **Meg Gilley** from Flossmoor. Meg played four years on the very successful Marion Catholic High School golf team. She finished 4th in the IHSA State finals her senior year.

She grew up in a family that loved golf, supported it and volunteered many hours of time and effort in promoting the game. Her two older sisters, Emily and Elizabeth were active in IWGA Junior and State Amateur Tournaments. Meg is attending and playing on the golf team at Southern Illinois Carbondale.



**Meg Gilley, 2008
Julia Dodds Junior
Award Winner**

SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Char Mclear, of McHenry, shot one over par to lead the field in the opening round of the 39th Annual Senior Women's Amateur Golf Championship at The Golf Club at Timber Point in Poplar Grove. Still leading on the third and final day, Mclear's tee shot sailed out of bounds on No. 5 only to luckily bounce back in. That made it obvious right there that no one was going to keep her from winning her third Illinois Senior Women's title. She was so happy to escape with a bogey that she ran to the next green. "That was my goal," Mclear said of never making worse than bogey. "I wasn't hitting the ball very well but my putter kept me in the game." Her good green skills led her to 54 hole total of 230, seven strokes better than 2nd Low Gross winner **Ann Harshman** of Decatur. 2008 was the third Seniors title for Mclear who had previously won in 2005 and 2006. **Mau-reen Sheehan**, of Grayslake, was 3rd Low Gross winner with 241. **Gillian McLaughlin**, of Chicago, won Low Net for the field.

The full field of 120 players, ranging in age from 50 to 82 years and 2.3 to 29.5 handicap, were delighted with the playability of the lovely links style course. The golf superintendent, **Tyler Rieches**, did an amazing job of getting the course ready after a rain-drenched weekend. The volunteer spot-ers and golf assistants, under the direction of PGA Professional **Randy Schairer**, helped to make the tournament a success.

Each year the tournament includes a banquet on Tuesday night. The entire field joined in a celebration in honor of the IWGA's 75th Anniversary which included honoring past champions who traveled to Rockford for the evening's festivities. The IWGA also unveiled its brand new "Hall of Fame" and inducted **Shirley Dommers** of Rockford and **Lois Drafke** of La Grange as inaugural members.



**2008 Senior
Women's Amateur
Champion
Char Mclear**



**Teresa Hageman and Judy Carts
setting up banquet decorations**



**Gillian McLaughlin
Low Net winner**



**Char Mclear putting on the 16th
green**



**Pros Randy Schairer and
J.J. Maville with plaque
signed by the contestants**

PENNY HAMMEL WINNER OF FIRST ILLINOIS JUNIOR GIRLS TOURNAMENT



In 1980 eighteen year old Penny Hammel of Decatur won the first Illinois Junior Girls Championship at the U. of I. Golf Course in Savoy (where it has been held every year since then). She shot a 36 hole total of 147 and a 10 stroke lead over Kim Johnson of Evanston and Barb Anderson of Edwardsville.

Hammel's Illinois win was one year after she won the U.S. Golf Association Junior Amateur Championship by 5 strokes. That year she was chosen to be a member of the U.S. Junior Cup Team and toured South America. In 1980 she also played in the Illinois Women's Amateur Championship where she finished second. By then she also had won 3 Decatur city titles.

She went on to play for the University of Miami golf team and joined the LPGA Tour in 1985. Hammel won the Rolex Rookie of the Year award, and eventually went on to win a total of four victories on the LPGA tour during her career. She lives in Delray Beach, Florida and still has playing status on the LPGA Tour but has not played any tournaments since 2006.



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*CELEBRATING
76 YEARS*

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GOLF CLUBS THEN AND NOW

FIFTY YEARS AGO

A full set of golf clubs consisted of just seven clubs. Three woods and four irons and every club had a name, not a number.

The driver was just that, the driver

A #2 wood was a Brassie

A #3 wood was a Spoon

A #2 iron was a Mid-iron

A #5 iron was a mashie

A #9 iron was a Niblick



GOLF CART AND BAGS 1958
(golfers unknown)

**LOIS DRAFKE &
BARBARA ANN SLOBE**

2008

