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# ILLINOIS WOMEN'S GOLF NEWS

SPRING 2010

## IWGA HALL OF FAME

### EVELYN DAVIS

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY,  
EVELYN WAS ASKED TO JOIN THE IWGA!!

SHE BOUGHT GREEN AND WHITE AND JUMPED IN HER CAR,  
DROVE TO THE BOARD MEETING WHICH WASN'T TOO FAR!

THE PRESIDENT ASKED WHAT JOB WOULD YOU LIKE,  
WRAPPING, SCOREBOARD OR MAKING FLIGHTS?

EVELYN SAID RULES!! THEY WILL CAUSE ME NO STRIFE,  
LITTLE DID SHE KNOW SHE WOULD HAVE IT FOR LIFE!!

"SURELY SHE'S LOST IT" WE SAID TO EACH OTHER,  
SHE'S CRAZY, THE RULES??...OH BROTHER!!

SHE WENT TO RULES SCHOOL AND STUDIED THE BOOK,  
LATERAL, EMBEDDED BALLS, SHE KNEW WHERE TO LOOK!!

NOW THIS NICE LADY WITH A SMILE ON HER FACE,  
SAYS "I'M GIVING YOU A WARNING...NOW PICK UP THE PACE!!"

EVERYONE WANTED TO BE ON HER RULES CART,  
BECAUSE OUR RULES CHAIRMAN WAS VERY "RULES SMART"

YOU HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH TO THIS WONDERFUL GAME  
YOU GREATLY DESERVE OUR HALL OF FAME!!

*Composed by and read to Evelyn Davis by Judy Mott at Evelyn's in-  
duction into the IWGA Hall of Fame on September 22, 2009*



**Evelyn Davis  
Inducted into IWGA  
Hall of Fame in 2009**

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

*Nominations must be submitted by May 1. Information and Hall of Fame nomination  
forms are available at [www.iwga.org](http://www.iwga.org)*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### 2010 SITES

#### AMATEUR

**Flossmoor  
Country Club  
Flossmoor  
June 7—11**

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Savoy  
July 27 & 28**

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#### SENIOR

**Stone Creek  
Golf Club  
Urbana  
September 13-16**

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**Pam Keeling**  
**IWGA President**

Dear Friends,

The IWGA all-volunteer board is an amazing group of women from across the state. Together we are able to accomplish a myriad of activities to support statewide women's golf. A few weeks ago I received an email from Pam Tyska, the coach of the Northern Illinois University Women's Golf Team in response to a request for a photo of her team to use on our web site.

Through IWGA statewide Victory Tournaments we contribute \$2500 to each of the eight public university women's golf teams - \$20,000 per year. At the bottom of Pam's email was a quote that reminded me why we do what we do.

"We develop CHAMPIONS in the classroom, in competition and in life."

The IWGA mission is to "... promote the sport of golf to the girls and women of Illinois ...". As a sport that requires and fosters the lifetime skills of honesty and integrity while providing an opportunity for competition, physical fitness and social interaction, we feel that contributing to our state university teams is a natural fit for the IWGA.

We are proud to announce that in 2009 we topped \$1,000,000 in contributions as a result of our statewide Victory Tournaments. Many of you participated in these tournaments at your clubs and we thank you for helping us reach this amazing milestone.

We invite you to join us at one of our three 2010 state tournaments as a participant or an observer. The competition is impressive and the camaraderie is abundant. This year the State Amateur will be held at Flossmoor Country Club from June 8 – 11; the Junior Championship will be held at the University of Illinois Orange Course in Savoy on July 27 & 28; and the Senior Championship will be held at Stone Creek Golf Club in Urbana from September 14 – 16.

At the Senior Tournament 2009 we were pleased to induct Evelyn Davis as the third inductee into the IWGA Golf Hall of Fame in her own backyard at Mattoon Country Club. Evelyn has been a 50 year member of the IWGA board! We are honored to have served with her and congratulate Evelyn on her induction.

Over the winter we renovated [iwga.org](http://iwga.org). We invite you to peruse our interactive new web site and welcome your comments and suggestions. Thank you for being our partner.

Pam Keeling, IWGA President

## IWGA BOARD NEWS

### MORE ABOUT EVELYN DAVIS

Evelyn Davis, a former math teacher from Casey, was inducted into the IWGA Hall of Fame at Mattoon Country Club during the 40th Annual Senior Amateur Championship Tournament banquet. She was honored for her 50 years of service (1959-2009) on the IWGA Board. She served as an officer and the rules chairman for many years. Her specialty was rules but she has always been willing to do whatever was needed to run a tournament. For more than half of those 50 years on the IWGA Board, Evelyn has also played in tournaments, sometimes in the championship flights.

"I met an awful lot of nice people," Evelyn said. Even now she isn't retiring, just stepping up to Emeritus level. "I'll probably go to some of the golf tournaments to be a spectator and visit friends."

EVELYN  
DAVIS  
CELEBRATES  
50TH  
YEAR  
WITH  
IWGA



Receiving plaque and bouquet from Suzanne Younger

Family in attendance to honor Evelyn

Evelyn with 2008 Hall of Fame Inductees Shirley Dommers and Lois Drafke

### PROCEDURE CHANGES

**ELECTRONIC MEASURING DEVICES** that measure distance only will be allowed at the Illinois Women's Amateur Championship and at the Senior Women's Amateur Championship.

**JUNIOR GIRLS' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP WILL LIMIT FIELD TO 84.** Entries will be accepted from the applicants with the lowest handicaps until July 12, 2010, or until the field of 84 players is reached.

### New IWGA Board Member

**Karyl Wackerlin** grew up in Maywood, Illinois but has lived in Champaign for the last 40 years. She and her husband, Gary have two grown children and three grandchildren. She has been a professional photographer for 30 years, specializing in portraiture, weddings, and commercial wall décor for homes, offices, and hospitals. She has traveled to the Philippines, Peru, and the Dominican Republic on various kinds of medical and church mission trips. Karyl has been enjoying golf as a hobby for 30 years.



IWGA Board of Directors

**THE IWGA WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK - CHECK IT OUT!**

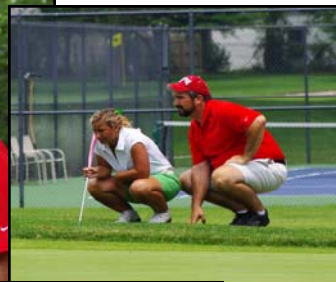
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## 2009 TOURNAMENTS WERE A FAMILY AFFAIR

**PARENTS  
CADDIED FOR  
DAUGHTERS AT  
THE WOMEN'S  
AMATUER  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Beth Weinstein & Chelsea Renee Harris with fathers



Lauren Williams & father



Mallory Carr & father



Claire Costello & mother



Jenna Dombroski & mother



**2002 JUNIOR GIRLS' GOLF  
CHAMPION,  
CHELSEA BACH, WAS IN THE  
GALLERY FOR HER MOTHER,  
CHERYL, AT THE SENIOR  
AMATUER CHAMPIONSHIP**



SEVEN SISTER  
DUOS AT  
JUNIOR GIRLS'  
GOLF  
CHAMPIONSHIP



Rachel & Kelly Lawless



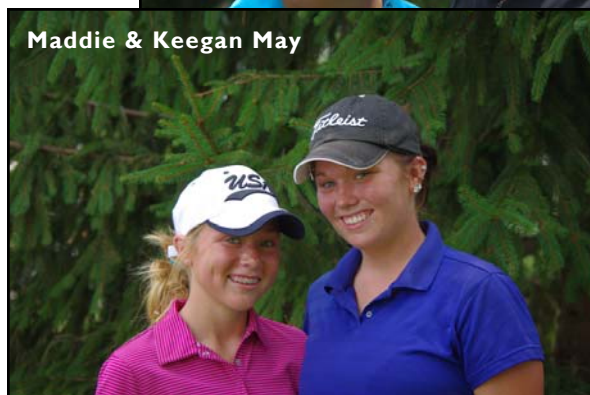
Sydney & Alexa Tyler



Shaina & Shawn Rennegarbe



Lizzie & Jenna Dombroski



Maddie & Keegan May



Mary Rose & Eileen Loftus



Taylor & Sydney Rumble



## VICTORY TOURNAMENT NEWS

## OVER \$1,000,000 TO IWGA VICTORY CHARITY FUND

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



Ginny Chase (center) and friends from Buffalo Grove at the Senior 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, the philanthropic efforts raise over \$20,000 each year. Of all the state women's golf organizations, Illinois is the only one with this type of charitable giving. In 2009 over **\$1,000,000** in total contributions has been donated to the IWGA Victory Fund. Three clubs increased their donations. Buffalo Grove increased its contribution by \$353; Kishwaukee increased \$333; and Medinah came in with a \$2,400 donation, \$690 above the 2008 amount!

## ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S GOLF TEAMS



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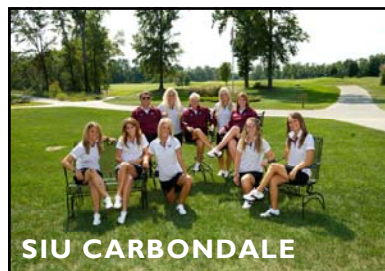
**ABOUT 100 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GOLF COURSES ACROSS Illinois host IWGA Victory Tournaments. These Victory Tournaments enable the IWGA to contribute \$20,000 per year to the eight Illinois Public University Women's Golf Teams. In addition to supporting our universities, an individual scholarship to a graduating high school senior and stipend to USGA junior and state team qualifiers, the IWGA holds true to its origins with support of veterans' programs and medical research.**



U OF I SPRINGFIELD



NORTHERN



SIU CARBONDALE



WESTERN

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VICTORY TOURNAMENTS AND TAX DEDUCTABLE DONATIONS VISIT OUR WEB SITE [iwga.org](http://iwga.org)

## WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

FLIGHT  
RESULTS

## CHAMPION

**Beth Weinstein**

Runner-up

**Chelsea Renee  
Harris**

## FIRST FLIGHT

**Claire Costello**

Runner-up

**Jenna Dombroski**

## 2ND FLIGHT

**Chelsea Michalek**

Runner-up

**Jackie Schwarz**

## 3RD FLIGHT

**Mallory Carr**

Runner-up

**Lauren Williams**

## 4TH FLIGHT

**Pam Shettel**

Runner-up

**Kayla Stueland**

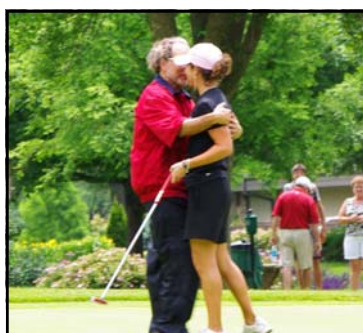
The 76th annual Illinois Women's Amateur Championship was held at Kankakee Country Club on June 16-19. The deceptively fast greens proved to be challenging for the talented field of amateur women golfers. **Brooke Beeler** from Butler, the 2008 Champion, returned to defend her title and four other IWGA champions were in the strong field. 80% of the field had handicaps of 10 or less.

Holding a three-hole lead with only four holes to go, **Beth Weinstein**, Highland Park, looked to have control in the championship flight final match. But her opponent, **Chelsea Renee Harris**, Metropolis, rallied and won three straight holes to force a play-off. Three agonizing holes later, Beth was able to clinch the title. Beth said the tough matches she played all week will help her confidence and resolve in her senior year at Wisconsin.

Event winners from qualifying day were **Sammi Sloan**, Lansing, medalist; **Katherine Hepler**, Lincoln, junior medalist; the low-net team winners, **Alexa** and **Sydney Tyler** from Bloomington High School; and **Laura Carson**, Lake Bluff, was the recipient of the Young at Heart award. In addition the Julia Dodds scholarship award was presented to **Melanie Walsh**, Mt Prospect.



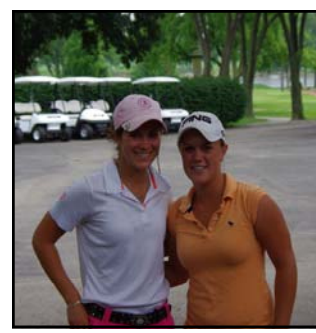
**2009 Illinois Women's  
Amateur Champion  
Beth Weinstein**



**Beth Weinstein being hugged  
by father (and caddy) on final  
hole.**



**Chelsea Renee Harris teeing  
off on #1, final round**



**Beth Weinstein and  
Brooke Beeler before  
quarter final round**



**Tournament Chair Pam Keeling  
& President Lynne Frary  
award Chelsea Renee Harris  
Championship Runner-up  
trophy**



**Kankakee Country Club**



**Katherine Hepler  
Junior Medalist**

FOR TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORMS, RESULTS, PHOTOS, AND TOURNAMENT SITE INFORMATION  
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## JUNIOR GIRLS' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

### FLIGHT WINNERS

**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Kathrine Hepler  
Lincoln

**RUNNER-UP**  
Ember Schuldt  
Sterling

**FIRST FLIGHT**  
Jenna Dombroski  
Champaign

**SECOND FLIGHT**  
Elisa Palluau  
Naperville

**THIRD FLIGHT**  
Caitlin Osborn  
Glen Carbon

**FOURTH FLIGHT**  
Simone Becker  
Quincy

**Katherine Hepler**, Lincoln, won a two-hole playoff over defending champion **Ember Schuldt**, Sterling, to win the 30th Illinois Junior Girls' Championship at the University of Illinois Orange Course. It was the sixth time playing in the tournament for Katherine, who is a sophomore at Normal University High School. She celebrated her 15th birthday on the first day of play by shooting a 6 under par 70 and capturing medalist honors. Ember, now a U of I freshman, almost won the playoff on the first hole. She was ten feet away from the hole with an eagle opportunity when Katherine hit a wedge from 50 yards out that hit the pin and lipped out of the hole to about three feet away. Ember missed her put and they both got birdies to continue the match. Katherine parred the second hole to win the match.

**Lauren English**, Bloomington and **Katie Jean**, Rantoul, finished at 148 tie for third place with Lauren winning a one-hole playoff. All other flights also had ties which were decided by scorecard playoffs.

A side note to the tournament was that seven groups of sisters were in the field. The IWGA thinks this is a first for the tournaments. See photos on page 5.

Note: See Fall Board Meeting Notes (page 3) for change in future Junior Girls' Tournaments



**2009 Junior Girls' Golf Champion**  
**Katherine Hepler**



**Ember Schuldt**  
**Runner-up**  
**Championship**  
**Flight**

**Lauren English**  
**Third place**  
**Championship**  
**Flight**

**Katie Jean**  
**Fourth place**  
**Championship**  
**Flight**

**Katherine Hepler and**  
**Ember Schuldt shake**  
**hands at end of Champi-**  
**onship play-off.**

## JULIA DODDS JUNIOR AWARD

### **The Julia Dodds Award**

**is given to an out-**  
**standing graduating**

**high school senior who**  
**has played in the Illi-**  
**nois Junior Girls' Golf**  
**Championship.**

**Criteria for selection**  
**include: Character,**  
**Scholarship, Leader-**  
**ship, Sportsmanship**  
**and Love for the game**  
**of golf.**

This was the 17th 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 2009 recipient, **Melanie Walsh**, Mt. Prospect, has played in the IWGA Junior Girls' Golf Championship for 3 years. At Mt. Prospect High School her academic, athletic, school activities and leadership contributions were outstanding. Academically, Melanie ranked at the top of her class. She played both varsity golf and badminton. She also participated in many community service projects helping those less fortunate. She achieved extraordinary success in journalism, was editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, and received top honors and awards from state and national organizations for her writing. She is attending St. Louis University, majoring in English and Journalism and playing on the women's golf team.

*"When I make ethical decisions, I check them with my morals, and when I meet others, I treat them with respect. The thousands of miles I've traveled to tournaments, the people I've met, and the situations I've been in could not possibly be expressed in a short letter, But I know these experiences have molded me into a vastly more confident, capable and more principled person—someone who has been changed by a little white ball, someone I can be proud of."*  
Melanie Walsh



**Jan Fuller presents 2009**  
**Julia Dodds Junior Award**  
**to Melanie Walsh**



## SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

The 40th annual Senior Women's Amateur Championship at Mattoon Golf and Country Club will be remembered for its final rained soaked day. The headlines in the local paper "*Rain can't prevent this mudder*" pretty much described the results. **Salley Wessels**, Mt. Morris, hung on to claim her eighth Senior title with rounds of 75, 80, and 83 for a 238 to squeak by runner-up **Laura Carson**, Lake Bluff, by one stroke. This was Laura's second runner-up award. Her first was in 2006 when she turned 50 and qualified for the senior age limit. Playing in another foursome, Laura didn't know how close she was to Salley, but she played well to shoot a 79 to go with her previous days of 80. This was the second championship in three years for Salley, who turned 70 this year. She has been playing in senior events a bit longer than Laura and won her first senior title when she was 52. She said she lifts weights in the winter to keep up with all the younger women.

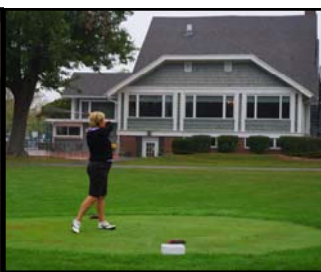
With rain soaking the course for 2 out of the 3 days, local player, **Brenda Fletcher**, and Course Superintendent, **Tom Woodward**, felt the course held up very well and was in great shape considering the sometimes heavy rain. All of the players found the course to be challenging but fun. The contestants also appreciated the many volunteer ball spotters and delicious on course snacks. Third Low Gross for the field was **Rosalie Barnet**, Moline with 243, **Judy Parr**, Rockford won Low Net for the field.



**2009 Senior Women's Amateur Champion  
Salley Wessels**



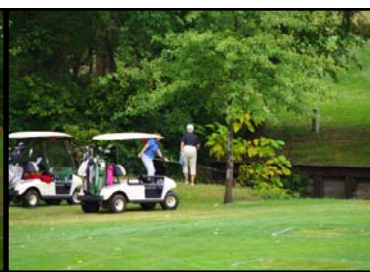
**Laura Carson  
Runner-up**



**Kathy Gugger on 1st tee  
at Mattoon Golf and  
Country Club**



**The local committee**

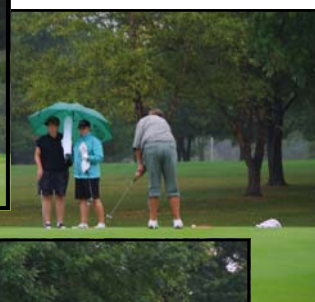


**The creek on #12 caught a lot  
of golf balls.**

## RAINY DAY IN MATTOON

**"We're all pretty good mudders, I think"**

Salley Wessels said of the senior women





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## **HISTORY OF THE JUNIOR GIRLS' TOURNAMENT**

In the late 1970's **Jan Fuller** (IWGA Board member since 2007) approached **Marlene Miller** (IWGA Board member since 1975) about having the IWGA sponsor a Junior Tournament. They were both high school coaches and knew there were not many tournaments for girls. The IWGA Board accepted the idea and went to work on a plan.



**Jan Fuller and Marlene Miller**

It was decided to base it in Champaign because a number of Board members lived in the area. Also to have it at the U of I course where the cost would be modest and it would be centrally located in the state. It was to be modeled after the Women's Western Junior Tournament. One of the dorms on campus was contracted for a place for the girls to stay. The IWGA provided transportation to and from the golf course and had a picnic at a local park. These things were done to make young girls who had not much tournament experience away from home feel welcome. As the years went on, these things became unnecessary.

The first year (1980) there were about 60 entries. The number slowly went down for a few years but recently has stabilized to between 80 and 90. Starting in 2010 the field will be limited to 84 (see *Board Notes* on page 3).

## **IWGA RELIES ON LOCAL PROS AT TOURNAMENTS**



**Kankakee C.C. Course Superintendent Greg Coyne and Golf Pro Paul Reinking receiving plaque signed by the players**



**Kankakee Country Club Pro Paul Reinking**



**Mattoon Golf Pro Mark Lee and Course Superintendent Tony Woodward receiving signed plaque from IWGA President Lynne Frary and players**

The IWGA has a close relationship with the golf pros and course superintendents at the tournaments we hold. We sometimes get credit for running a smooth tournament but the credit also should also o to local professionals who condition the courses and supply local and professional knowledge on golf issues.

The Head PGA Professional at Kankakee Country Club, **Paul Reinking**, is a outstanding pro. 2009 was Paul's 34th season at Kankakee C.C. He has been involved with the PGA at a state level since 1977 and served as President in 1993-4. At the national level he has served on the National PGA Board since 2001. He has won numerous awards, including Illinois Professional of the Year 1994, Illinois Junior Golf leader Award 1955, 1957, and Illinois Junior Golf Association Distinguished Service Award 1999. He was named to the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame in 2005. Among the highlights of his long career were playing golf with Nancy Lopez and Fred Couples when they visited Kankakee.

**THANK YOU PAUL, MARK AND ALL THE PGA OFFICIALS AND COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS AND CREWS THROUGH THE YEARS FOR ALL YOU DO TO MAKE OUR TOURNAMENTS SUCCESSFUL**