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2011 IWGA Hall of Fame inductee, Marlene Miller, in her trademark straw hat and dark glasses

## 2011 IWGA HALL OF FAME

The 2011 Illinois Women's Golf Association Hall of Fame Inductee, **Marlene Miller** of Lake Bluff, has spent a lifetime developing her unique talents and sharing them with others. Her list of golf-related activities would exhaust even the most energetic golf enthusiast. She has served on the IWGA Board of Directors since 1975, including a two-year term as its president, as well as co-founding the IWGA Illinois Junior Girls' Tournament in 1979 and chairing it from its inception until 2010. She also co-founded the Julia Dodds Scholarship Award in 1992 and continues to chair the project.

Other volunteer activities include serving as Director of the Women's Western Golf Association for three years, member of the USGA Junior Girls Committee for eight years, Illinois Junior Golf Association Governing Board, and USGA Women's Committee from 1995-1999. Locally in Lake Bluff she has been president of the Lake Bluff Park Board and chair of its golf committee. She has been awarded the Chicago District Golf Association Distinguished Service Award and has been inducted into four other Halls of Fame.

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## NEWSLETTER 2012

### THE IWGA IS GOING GREEN

CHECK OUT OUR NEW IMPROVED WEBSITE. YOU WILL FIND TOURNAMENT INFORMATION, APPLICATIONS AND PHOTOS; PLUS CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES, LINKS TO ILLINOIS GOLF SITES, USGA STATE TEAM, AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

[www.iwga.org](http://www.iwga.org)

## 2012 TOURNAMENT SITES

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

What an honor and privilege it is to be President of such an amazing organization and wonderful group of women! 2011 was a great year for the IWGA. All three tournaments were well attended and we had some of the strongest fields ever. The State Am was held at Kishwaukee CC in DeKalb. Fifty-one of the 72 participants had an index of 10.0 or less.

The junior tournament held annually at the U of I orange course remains strong. This year there were 68 participants, less than we hoped for, but efforts to avoid conflicts with other tournaments were nearly impossible.

The senior tournament remains the most popular of all three. Each year we have a full field of 120 ladies and have a waiting list. The host club this year was Oakwood CC in Coal Valley. We added a super senior division this year. There were eight in the class of 75 and over. This was a wonderful addition to the championship.

If you haven't checked our website, you need to!! This is something that the IWGA board has worked very hard to develop and keep current so you have the latest information for upcoming IWGA events. Char McLearn and Mary Robson have taken the lead on this project and have done an outstanding job.

Marlene Miller was inducted into the IWGA Hall of Fame, established in 2008. Marlene's many golf accomplishments and volunteer involvement with golf were shared with everyone at the state senior championship banquet. Marlene joins past recipients, Shirley Dommers and Lois Drafke (2008) and Evelyn Davis (2009). CONGRATULATIONS Marlene!

IWGA Victory Tournaments continue to provide funding for girls' and women's golf programs within the state. These funds are vital to our mission of passing the love of golf on to the next generations of women in Illinois. We contribute to ten of our public university women's golf teams. Victory funds have provided over \$1,050,000 of grants since its inception.

2012 will be another exciting year with great tournament sites: State Am - Ravisloe GC; Juniors - U of I orange course; Seniors - Jacksonville CC. Visit our website, [www.iwga.org](http://www.iwga.org), for our tournament calendar, pictures, information on the Victory Tournaments and how your club can participate, 2011 champions, and lots more.

I'm looking forward to seeing you, and know that 2012 will be another great year.



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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2012 U.S. MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP AT CONWAY FARMS G.C.

Conway Farms G.C. in Lake Forest is hosting the 2012 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship from September 5 - 13. The Mid-Amateur for male amateur golfers of at least 25 years of age, provides a formal national championship for the post college golfer, for whom the game is truly an avocation. The winner receives an automatic invitation to play in the Masters.

Conway Farms is thrilled to host such a prestigious tournament and is seeking more than 350 volunteers to assist with the Championship. Since it is in Illinois, the USGA is hoping that some of our IWGA golfers might be interested in volunteering. To sign up for volunteering or to learn more about the 2012 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship, please visit: [www.usga.org/midam](http://www.usga.org/midam) or contact Robin Martin: [martin@conwayfarmsgc.com](mailto:martin@conwayfarmsgc.com).

## 2011 IWGA HALL OF FAME (continued from page 1)

A most important aspect of Marlene's career is her current job as the girls' golf team coach at Lake Forest High School, a position she has held for thirty-three years. Under her tutelage, her teams won the Illinois State High School Championship in 1996 and 1998 and were runners-up in 1997 by one stroke.

If any of her administrative tasks should fall through, Marlene is also an accomplished amateur golfer. Playing competitively since she was in her teens, her wins include titles in Minnesota and Illinois from the mid-1950's, when she was a student at the University of Minnesota, to IWGA Senior Women's Champion in 1987 and 1988. For example, before she married and moved to Illinois, Marlene won the Minnesota Amateur Championship in 1954, 1955 and 1960. She was NCAA medalist in 1954. With her Minnesota connections, she was asked to play three exhibition games with Patty Berg, a highlight of her career.

Marriage and motherhood followed soon after college and replaced golf for awhile but even with four children, she never completely abandoned the sport. Interestingly, because she still participates in amateur competitions, it is not unusual for her to be paired with a younger woman who knows her as "Coach" Miller. Such a unique situation exemplifies how golf can close the generation gap and emphasizes the importance of strong role models. "I think young people really need to know that they are supported by adults," says Marlene. "They need to be able to come to our tournaments and sense a friendliness and encouragement from us." With Marlene Miller, the human side always prevails. "A quality that is most easy for me to use, whether I'm rules chairman or something else is that I feel most natural to be in a kind of nurturing position."

When asked what is her greatest accomplishment, Marlene doesn't hesitate to say her marriage to Wendell, her children Julie, Robin, Muffet and Peter, and her five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Marlene at Illinois Junior Girls Tournament



Marlene and family at awards dinner



IWGA Board of Directors honor Marlene with "Hats On"

## NEW BOARD MEMBER PAT BURGY

**Pat Burgy**, of Rockford, hasn't moved far from her roots on the South Side of Chicago where she grew up with her 2 brothers and an identical twin sister. After high school she went to work for a stock brokerage firm and spent 32 years in the business, studying nights at DePaul University.

In 1990 she married her husband Bryan. He accepted a job in Rockford and by 2000 they made the move and Pat left her full time job. To meet new people in town, they joined the Rockford C.C. which also fed her passion for golf.

As an avid jogger Pat has run 7 marathons including Boston and New York. Other hobbies include bowling, skiing and a daily fitness class. She is active in the Rockford Park District LPGA Jr. Girls golf program in the summer. In the winter she does volunteer work with the Salvation Army, Read to Kids, Rockford Garden Club and Golden Apple observing. As a member of the IWGA Board of Directors Pat says, "I hope to make a difference in women's golf".



## Looking for Future Sites

The IWGA Board of Directors is looking for sites to hold our Women's State Amateur and Senior Tournaments. If you think your golf course or club might be interested or you would like more information contact us through our website: [www.iwga.org](http://www.iwga.org)



## 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, 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. Total contributions exceeding \$1,050,000 have been donated over the past fifty one years to the IWGA Victory Tournament Fund.



Oakwood C.C., host of the 2011 Senior Women's Amateur Championship, raised an additional \$2500 through member donations for the Victory Tournament Charities Fund. The surprise donation was awarded to IWGA Tournament Chair and Victory Tournament Co-Coordinator, Pam Henning.



Left: Kishwaukee C.C. donates \$1500 to Safe Passage.  
Right: Winnie's Place receives \$1500 from Oakwood C.C.  
The IWGA Victory Fund donates \$1500 to tournament hosts to give to the charity of their choice



## Victory Fund Welcomes Chicago State University

In 2011 the IWGA Board of Directors voted to add Chicago State University to the list of public state universities receiving \$2500 stipends to support their women's golf teams. Of their six varsity team members, five are from Chicago.

About 100 public and private golf courses across Illinois host IWGA Victory Tournaments. These Victory Tournaments enable the IWGA to contribute \$25,000 per year to the (now) ten Illinois public university women's golf teams. In addition to supporting our universities, an individual award is granted to a graduating high school senior, and stipends to USGA Junior and state team qualifiers. The IWGA holds true to its origins with support of veterans' programs and medical research.



Chicago State University Women's Golf Team

## 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 2011 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*

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VICTORY TOURNAMENTS AND TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS VISIT OUR

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AT THE JUNIORS held at the U of I Orange Course, Savoy



AT THE SENIORS held at Oakwood C.C., Coal Valley





AT THE STATE AM held at Kishwaukee C.C., DeKalb



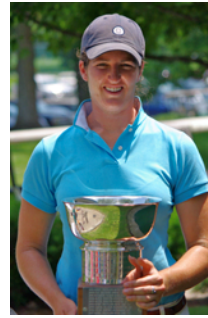


## ILLINOIS WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

The 78th annual Illinois Women's Amateur Championship was held at Kishwaukee Country Club, DeKalb on June 14-17. The local committee headed by **Ruth Heal** and **Bobbie Cesarek** was outstanding, and the Kishwaukee staff was extremely helpful and conscientious helping all the contestants endure sometimes cold and rainy weather. In the field of 72 players, 51 had handicap indexes of less than 10.0.

University of Illinois senior **Nora Lucas**, Chicago, took advantage of two late bogeys by Defending Champion, **Brittany Atterbury**, Rockton, in a 2 and 1 victory in the final match. After an errant drive on the dogleg 14th hole that cost her a bogey, two time State Am long drive champ, Lucas, put her driver in her bag, ended up winning the 15th hole, and did not not relinquish her lead. "Nora made a putt when she had to make a putt," Atterbury said. "That shows what a good player she is."

The format of the Tuesday night sit-down dinner was changed to a casual Mexican buffet starting at 5:00 PM. Awards were given for qualifying day special events: Medalist was **Katlyn Wampler**, Bloomington. Junior Medalist was **Madasyn Pettersen**. The Young at Heart Trophy for lowest net by someone 50 and over, went to **Mo Sheehan**, Grayslake. The Team Play Event was won by **Hailey Koshmann**, Lake Forest, and **Kaitlyn Wampler**. Nora Lucas's Long Drive was 256 yards. **Alexa Tyler** and her family from Bloomington attended the dinner where Alexa was honored for winning the 2011 Julia Dodds Award.



Nora Lucas 2011  
Illinois Women's  
Amateur  
Golf Champion

## FLIGHT RESULTS

### CHAMPION

Nora Lucas, Chicago  
Runner-up  
Brittany Atterbury,  
Rockton

### FIRST FLIGHT

Tanya Olson,  
Naperville  
Runner-up  
Erin Ahern, Hinsdale

### SECOND FLIGHT

Hu Chong Dofflemyer  
Belvidere  
Runner-up  
Tiffany Wolf, Mattoon

### THIRD FLIGHT

Mallory Carr, Minooka  
Runner-up  
Jennifer Gorman,  
Long Grove

### FOURTH FLIGHT

Colleen Ahern,  
Hinsdale  
Runner-up  
Mary Kate Rohn,  
Elmhurst

### FIFTH FLIGHT

Sarah Scaccia,  
Arlington Heights  
Runner-up  
Jill Saiki, Northbrook



Five players in play-off for  
Championship Flight



5 time IWGA Champion Kerry  
Postillion and daughter  
Samantha



Junior Medalist, Madasyn  
Pettersen



Colleen and Erin Ahern shared  
their father and grandfather as  
caddies



Runner-up Brittany Atterbury



Coach Pam Syska and student  
and alumni golfers from  
Northern Illinois University

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SITE: [iwga.org](http://iwga.org)

## FLIGHT WINNERS

CHAMPION  
**MICHELLE MAYER**  
Flossmoor

RUNNER-UP  
**CYNTHIA  
BOUNLEUTAY**  
Lincoln

FIRST FLIGHT  
**SIERRA  
MYERSCOUGH**  
Charleston

SECOND FLIGHT  
**JOCELYN MATSON**  
Springfield

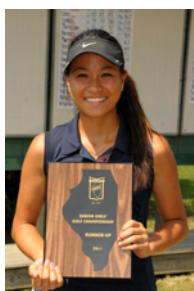
THIRD FLIGHT  
**KELSEY GALLIVAN**  
Bloomington

## ILLINOIS JUNIOR GIRLS' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

**Michelle Mayer** of Flossmoor, the 2011 IWGA Junior Girls' Champion, followed up her even par round on Tuesday with a 3 under par Wednesday for a two day total of 149 at the 32nd Illinois Junior Girls' Golf Championship at the University of Illinois Orange Course. Mayer's two eagles on Wednesday solidified the win over **Cynthia Bounletay**, Rockford, and **Renee Soldberg**, Wheaton, each finishing with a two day total of 152. **Taylor Ellet**, Hampshire, finished 4th with a total of 155.



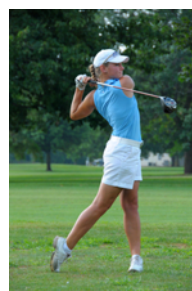
Michelle Mayer,  
2011 Illinois Junior  
Girls' Golf  
Champion



Cynthia  
Bounletay



Sierra  
Myerscough



Michelle Mayer



Jocelyn Matson



Kelsey Gallivan



Seniors



Sisters



Rochester School District

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.

## JULIA DODDS JUNIOR AWARD

The 2011 Julia H. Dodds Junior Girls' Award winner is an outstanding student, leader, positive role model and all-around talented individual. Her name is **Alexa Tyler** from Bloomington. Alexa graduated at the top of her class, and was a National Honor Society member and President. She was enrolled in Honor/A.P. courses in most disciplines. Her extracurricular activities demonstrated her diverse achievements in speech, dance, chorus and leading roles in musicals. She contributed strongly to her church and community volunteering and initiating special projects. Her sports achievements included lettering in swimming and golf. Her golf commitment was extensive as a 4 year Varsity player and Captain. She was a Big 12 and IHSA scholar athlete. Alexa is attending Wheaton College.



Alexa Tyler, 2011  
Julia Dodds Junior  
Award Winner

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## ILLINOIS SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

A full field of 120 golfers competed in the 41st annual Illinois Senior Women's Golf Championship, conducted by the Illinois Women's Golf Association, September 20-22, at Oakwood Country Club in Coal Valley. A very talented field of amateur women golfers, age 50 and older played in the tournament.

The beautiful Oakwood Country Club's course was designed by Pete Dye in 1965 and underwent a major renovation in 2009. Although sometimes windy and overcast, the weather cooperated all week with no rain. This year's champion was **Mary Kay Thanos-Zordani** from Chicago with a 235 total. Runner-up was a tie between three time champion **Char McLearn**, McHenry, and defending champion **Roberta Sentel** from Marion, both with a three day total of 240. Roberta also had the lowest round of 77. Low net for the field was **Kathy Parker**, Virden, with a net 218.

There were 8 contestants age 75 and over. To honor them the IWGA added a super-senior class. Low gross was awarded to **Lois Stephen**, Mt Morris, and low net went to **Claudie Dietrich** from Buffalo Grove.

A highlight of the Tuesday evening dinner was the induction of **Marlene Miller** into the IWGA Hall of Fame.



Mary Kay Thanos-Zordani,  
2011 Senior  
Women's  
Champion



Players from Rockford area



Super Senior Low Gross  
Winner Lois Stephen  
with Pam Henning



Golf Professionals Butch  
Haverland and Phil Gornowich  
did a surprise skit at the banquet



Oakwood golfers and committee



Former U of Illinois  
teammates Gail  
Hannam and Janice  
Kimpel reunited at the  
Seniors and played 2  
days together



Past IWGA Champions (L to R)  
Paula Smith, Jackie Schwarz,  
Marlene Miller, Roberta Sentel,  
Char McLearn

## 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



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## 2012 RULES OF GOLF CHANGES

Change comes slowly in golf, a game that traces its origins to 15th century Scotland. Its longstanding rules endure even when they seem to defy logic. But change is not unheard of and every four years the USGA and R&A (formerly the Royal and Ancient Golf Club) agree to changes to improve clarity and ensure penalties are proportionate.

A noticeable procedural change is that for the first time in the history of the two governing bodies they will jointly publish one "Rules of Golf". Of the nine changes to the 34 playing rules, two are particularly notable.

No longer will a player be penalized a stroke if the wind moves a ball while he is in stance to swing when he is virtually certain that he did not cause the ball to move. *Ball Moving After Address (Rule 18-2b)*

It will now be OK for a player to smooth the sand in a bunker any time even before playing a shot as long as he doesn't gain an advantage. *Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions (Rule 13-4)*

The complete text of all changes to the Rules and video summaries of the changes can be found at: [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org)

## NEW VANITY PLATES SPOTTED IN 2011



Darlene Pillers and Dena Kay Hayes, mother and daughter, both played in the 2011 IWGA Senior Tournament. They spotted several vanity plates.



Do you have or have you spotted a good vanity plate? Send a photo to the editor, Carol Fruit, at: [cfruit103@gmail.com](mailto:cfruit103@gmail.com)

She will try to add it to the next newsletter.



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