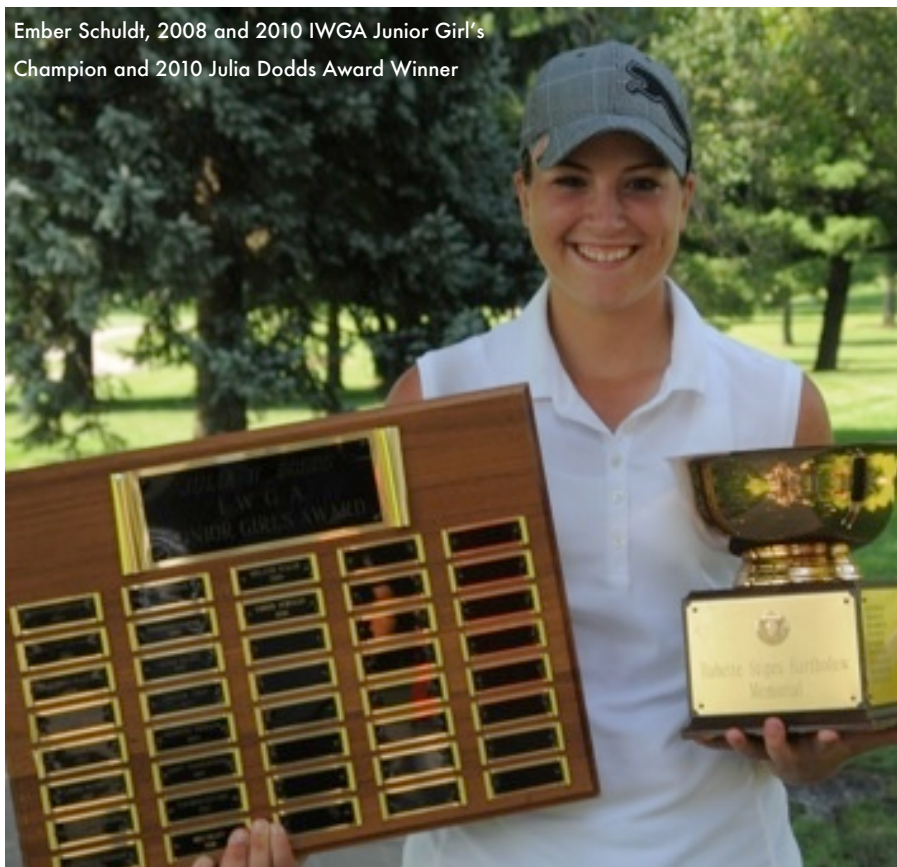




SPRING 2011

Ember Schuldt, 2008 and 2010 IWGA Junior Girl's Champion and 2010 Julia Dodds Award Winner



Four who excel on and off the golf course

Ember Schuldt, Sterling, 2008, and 2010 IWGA Junior Girl's Amateur Champion and 2010 Julia Dodds Award Winner, joins a very select group of women who have won both an IWGA tournament and have received the Julia Dodds Award. Along with Ember, **Laura Patrick**, 1996 Junior Champion and 1997 Julia Dodds Awardee, **Elizabeth Burden**, 1999 Awardee and 2001 State Women's Amateur Champion, and **Chelsea Bach**, 2002 Junior Champion and 2003 Awardee, have been double recipients.

The **Julia H. Dodds Junior Girl's Award** was established in 1992 to honor an outstanding graduating high school senior. The award is in honor of Mrs. Dodds who was the first 50 year member of the IWGA. She believed that golf is a sport that combines the best that nature and man have to offer, making it a game of character and sportsmanship.

To be considered for the award, the player must have letters of recommendation from two high school teachers and must meet the award criteria. Criteria for selection include: Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Sportsmanship.

For more information on the Julia Dodds Award go to our website at www.iwga.org

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NEWSLETTER



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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

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JUNIOR
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August 2 & 3

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SENIOR
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Coal Valley
September 20 - 22

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Dear Friends,

Many of you may not realize that the Illinois Women's Golf Association is an all-volunteer organization. Our members come from all over the state with a goal of promoting the game of golf to the girls and women of Illinois.

We are lucky to have formed lasting friendships as a result of our association with the IWGA both within our board and through getting to know the participants, local volunteers, professional staffs at host clubs and all who help to make the IWGA tournaments run smoothly.



As 2010 comes to a close we are reminded of how fortunate we are to be able to participate in a game which teaches us all so much about ourselves and each other. Golf requires patience, persistence, mental focus, respect for others, agility, integrity, courtesy, confidence - while allowing us four (or more) hours in a beautiful and natural setting. Our three annual championships are reflective of the cultivation of these core values and an appreciation of the golf course environment.

The IWGA Junior Girls Championship provides stiff competition for the top spot, while flight divisions allow other young women the opportunity to compete with their peers for flight championships including a variety of ability levels. The IWGA State Amateur has become an extremely competitive four-day match play event with a 32-person championship flight, the majority of whom sport handicaps in the low single digits. The IWGA Senior Championship attracts a waiting list to its three-day competitive stroke play event for women 50 and over while providing senior women of varying ages and ability levels the camaraderie and fun of playing with other golf-loving women from across the state.

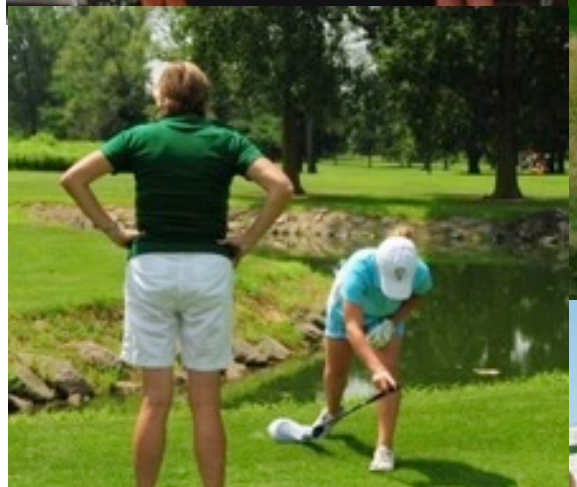
IWGA Victory Tournaments held at clubs around the state continue to provide funding for girls' and women's golf programs - including all nine of our public university women's golf teams. These funds are vital to our mission of passing the love of golf on to the next generations of women in Illinois and ultimately to the future of golf and country clubs who will only succeed with a broad base of future golfers. Victory Funds have provided over \$1,000,000 of grants since its inception.

Please visit our website, www.iwga.org, for our tournament calendar, information on the Victory Tournaments and how your club can participate, 2010 champions, and lots more. We look forward to seeing you all in 2011.

Pam Keeling
IWGA President



THE IWGA BOARD IN ACTION



2010 CLUB CHAMPIONS

The following IWGA Board members and players in our tournaments were listed in *Chicago District Golfer Magazine*.

IWGA Board

Char McLearn
Barb Haberer
Mary Robson
Pam Keeling

Players in Our Tournaments

Nichole Inkel-Pongracz
Pam Sherry
Kathy Braun
Sandra Honaker
Liz Gore
Emily Miller
Joyce Duncan
Laura Schmitt

Southern Illinois clubs were not included in this list and some names may have been omitted. For these omissions we apologize.

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

Friendship & Sportsmanship at 2010 IWGA Tournaments



Life is Like a Round of Golf

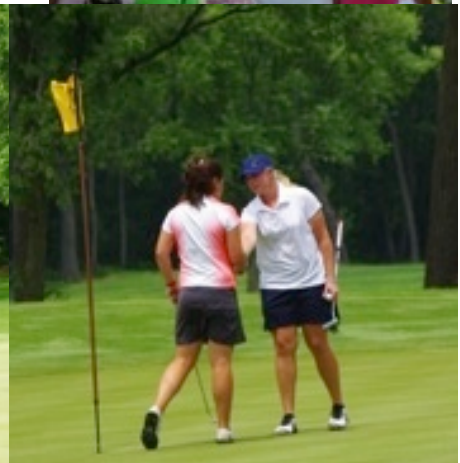
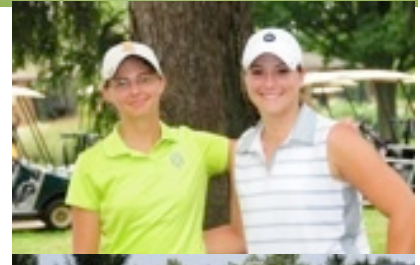
Life is like a round of golf
With many a turn and twist.
But the game is much too sweet and short
To curse the shots you've missed.

Sometimes you'll hit it straight and far,
Sometimes the putts roll true.
But each round has its errant shots
And troubles to play through.

So always swing with courage
No matter what the lie.
And never let the hazards
Destroy the joy inside.

And keep a song in your heart.
Give thanks that you can play.
For the round is much too short and sweet
To let it slip away

by Criswell Freeman



2011 Marks Victory Tournament's 50th Year

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 \$1,000,000 have been donated over the past fifty years to the IWGA Victory Tournament Fund.

Two public clubs, **Wilmette G.C.** and **Buffalo Grove G.C.** love the prizes and add such things as advertising on holes by local companies, raffles, and including male golfers in the event. Both usually are able to donate over \$2,000. Private clubs who may not be able to have a public event with outside advertising may have large donations because they assess their members. **Medinah C.C.** with their very large membership raised \$2,562 by charging the golfers \$15. **Oakwood C.C.** was able to raise \$500 with an assessment. Other large donations, ranging from \$900 to \$1,590, came from: **Butterfield C.C., Itasca C.C., Kishwaukee C.C., McHenry C.C., and Oak Park C.C.**

The IWGA urges any group considering a donation that the Victory Tournament Fund is not a race to the largest amount. If your group only has 20 golfers and chooses to donate \$5 for the season, that is \$100 and lots of one hundreds go a long way to support our in-state causes.



Stone Creek G.C. Local Ch. Donna Fackler, IWGA Senior Tournament Chs. Sue Young and Suzanne Younger, and President Pam Keeling award a check for \$1500 to the Center for Women in Transition. Clubs hosting tournaments are given a donation from the Victory Fund to be given to a charity of their choice.

Victory Fund Welcomes New Team

In 2010 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.

About 100 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GOLF COURSES across Illinois host IWGA Victory Tournaments. These Victory Tournaments enable the IWGA to contribute \$22,500 per year to the (now) nine 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 stipend to USGA Junior and state team qualifiers, the IWGA hold 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 2010 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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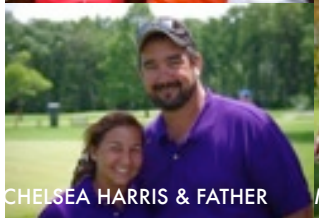
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TOWNS AND CLUBS BROUGHT LARGE GROUPS TO SENIORS



ROCKFORD



DECATUR



PEORIA



OAKWOOD C.C., COAL VALLEY

ILLINOIS WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

The 77th annual Illinois Women's Amateur Championship was held at Flossmoor Country Club on June 8 - 11. The classic 110 year old course designed by Herbert J. Tweedie, was recently renovated by golf architect, Raymond Hearn, and was selected as the 2009 Renovation of the Year by Golf Magazine.

Even with overnight rain and day-long drizzle, opening qualifying day on the 5942 yard, par 74 course didn't deter **Katherine Hepler** from Lincoln, the 2009 Junior Champion, from shooting a 76 to capture the Medalist and Junior Medalist Awards. On the first day of match-play, **Chelsea Michalek** of Glenview made a hole-in-one on the 122 yard 13th hole. The last time a hole-in-one took place in the IWGA sponsored Women's Amateur was in 1999, when **Lynne Frary**, past IWGA President, got an ace.

In the final championship match, **Brittany Atterbury** of Rockton, a University of Northern Iowa senior, waged a battle with **Jamie Lavin** from Deerfield, a Junior at Penn State. Atterbury took an early lead and closed the match on the 15th hole to win the match 4 & 3.

At the kick-off dinner on Tuesday night, President **Pam Keeling** announced the opening day event winners. Besides the afore mentioned Katherine Hepler, Lincoln Elks teammates **Jan Bower** and **Susan Shigemura** won the low net team trophy, and **Pam Sherry**, Springfield, was the Young at Heart recipient. **Ember Schudt** of Sterling won the prestigious Julia Dodds Junior Award.



2010 Illinois Women's Amateur Champion, Brittany Atterbury receiving trophy from IWGA President, Pam Keeling



"Eleanor's Teeth" bunker on 16



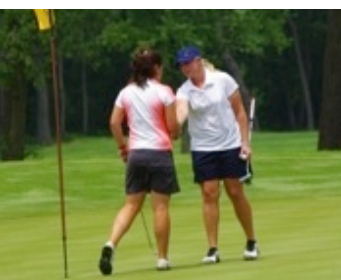
Chelsea Michalek with Hole-in-One Medal



4th hole from 5th tee at Flossmoor C.C.



Nora Lucas blasts out of a bunker



Jamie Lavin congratulates Brittany Atterbury after the Championship Match



Katherine Hepler shows putting form

What does it take to be a champion?

Desire, dedication, determination, concentration and the will to win.

Patty Berg

FLIGHT RESULTS

CHAMPION

Brittany Atterbury, Rockton

Runner-up

Jamie Lavin, Deerfield

FIRST FLIGHT

Lindsey Harris, Crete

Runner-up

Nicole Bronson, Carol Stream

SECOND FLIGHT

Jaymie Voorhees, East Alton

Runner-up

Alyssa Gaudio, Western Springs

THIRD FLIGHT

Keegan Ryan, Groveland

Runner-up

Sandy Prisby, Hinsdale

FOURTH FLIGHT

Katherine Kuhn, Clarendon Hills

Runner-up

Bree Veazey, Olympia Fields

FIFTH FLIGHT

Abigail Hanrahan, Oak Park

Runner-up

Keiko Kushida, Sleepy Hollow

SIXTH FLIGHT

Nancy Ahito, Hinsdale

Runner-up

Kathy Braun, St. Charles

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FLIGHT WINNERS

CHAMPION
EMBER SCHULDT
Sterling

RUNNER-UP
KATHERINE HEPLER
Lincoln

FIRST FLIGHT
HANNAH LUCKETT
Hillsboro

SECOND FLIGHT
ALISON GORMAN
Rockford

THIRD FLIGHT
ALEXA TYLER
Bloomington

FOURTH FLIGHT
ALINA ALLANAS
Oregon

ILLINOIS JUNIOR GIRLS' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Ember Schuldt of Sterling, the 2008 Junior Girls' Champion, had a winning streak of 8 under par on the first day of the 31st Illinois Junior Girls' Championship at the University of Illinois Orange Course, followed by a 7 under par on the second day, to win the tournament. Her total score of 137, a IWGA tournament record, was 7 strokes ahead of **Katherine Hepler**, Lincoln, the 2009 Junior Girls' Champion. **Kaitlin Reid** of Normal placed third. **Cynthia Bounleutay**, Rockford, edged out **Bree Veazey**, Olympia Fields, in a play-off for fourth place.

Ember showed her strength by winning the long drive hole in her age group and the field with a 245 yard drive. Team Event winners were: **Katherine Hepler** and **Sheinnera Gerongay**, University High School in Bloomington, for the Low Gross, and **Rachel Lawless** and **Emily Mick**, Mt. Prospect High School, for the Low Net.



Ember Schuldt, 2010 Illinois Junior Girls' Champion shows her winning form



Katherine Hepler, Ember Schuldt, Kaitlin Reid



Tourn. Chair: Jan Fuller & Cynthia Bounleutay Championship 4th place



Happy winners



Ember Schuldt receiving Julia Dodds Junior Award



Lizzy Dombroski



Waiting for results

Two Former Juniors Now University Coaches

Renee Heiken, 1987 and 1988 Junior Girls Champion, is now the Ladies' Golf Coach at the University of Illinois.

Laura Meyerscough, 1998 IWGA Julia Dodds Award Winner is the Ladies' Golf Coach at the University of Arizona.

JULIA DODDS JUNIOR AWARD

As mentioned on the front page of this newsletter, **Ember Schuldt** joins an elite group of women to win both an IWGA tournament and the Julia Dodds Junior Award. She is the only one to win both in the same year. The Julia Dodds Junior Girl's Award was established in 1992 to honor an outstanding graduating high school senior.

Ember graduated second in her Sterling High School class. Her chemistry teacher wrote: "Ember has a strong work ethic and is always willing to help her peers when needed. Beyond academics she is viewed by her peers as a leader and role model. She is one of the most outstanding athletes in our school's history."

In golf, Ember was captain of the team all four years, undefeated in dual and triangular meets, and placed third in the Illinois State High School Tournament. She also played basketball, was Junior Class Treasurer, in the marching band and numerous clubs. In her free time she works at Rock River C.C. and Emerald Hills Golf Learning Center mowing greens. She is looking forward to continuing her golf career at the University of Illinois.

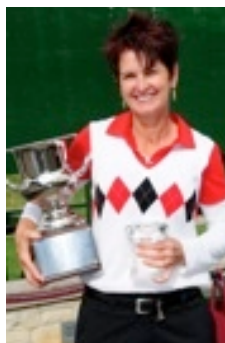
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ILLINOIS SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIOSHIP

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 14 - 16 at Stone Creek Golf Club in Urbana, Illinois. A very talented field of amateur women golfers, age 50 and older competed in the tournament.

On the 5486 yard par 72 course, four players carded a 76 on the first day to lead the field: **Carol Stack**, Champaign; **Laura Carson**, Lake Bluff; **Mo Sheehan**, Grayslake; and **Roberta Sentel**, Marion. Following one stroke behind were: **Colleen Dold**, Decatur, and **Salley Wessels**, Mt. Morris, a seven time winner of IWGA Tournaments.

The weather was beautiful the first two days of play, but on the third day the wind picked up and changed the course into a different, meaner animal. In the final round, Roberta Sentel shot a 79 for a 54 hole total of 234 to capture the tournament championship. **Laura Carson** and **Ann Harshman**, Decatur, both shot 77 for a total 238 to tie for second place. Low Net for the field was **Connie Pierce** from Champaign with a net 215.



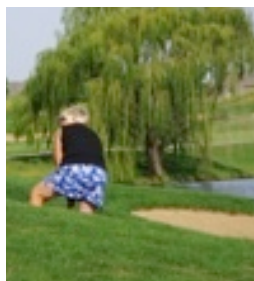
2010 Senior Women's Amateur Champion, Roberta Sentel



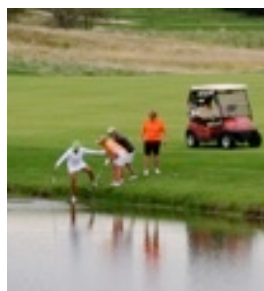
Roberta Sentel is interviewed after final round



Stone Creek G.C. Local Committee



Tough Lie



Be careful!



Past Champions: Salley Wessels, Char Mclear and Rose Barnet



At the end of play

Always keep learning. It keeps you young.

Patty Berg

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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 and above



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AT THE JUNIOR TOURNAMENT & COLLEGES THEY WILL BE ATTENDING



Missing from photo:

Kelly Farina - Augustana

Kaitlin McCurdy
John A. Logan

Alexis Gatton -
John A. Logan

Kaitlin Reed -
ISU

Back row L to R: Tala Mumford - Austin Peay, Ashley Rushing - SIU Carbondale, Caitlin Osburne - U of I Springfield, Ember Schuld - U of I,

Front row L to R: Katie Klosterman - Illinois Wesleyan, Kelsey Nelson - Morningside College, Kelly Voigt - Valparaiso, Arisa Thammavong - Quincy



ILLINOIS WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

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License plates spotted at the IWGA Senior Women's Amateur Tournament



Do you have or have you spotted a good vanity plate? Send a photo to the editor, Carol Fruit, at: cfruit103@gmail.com. She will try to add it to the next newsletter.

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