

The history of the WWVGA is incomplete and any information to complete the Women's history would be appreciated. Please call the WVGA at (304)391-5000 with any additional information.

The Origin of
The Women's West Virginia Golf Association
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The Women's West Virginia Golf Association originated in 1916. Miss Virginia Fleming of the Fairmont Country Club, Fairmont, WV and Mrs. Angus MacDonald of the Edgewood Country Club, Charleston, WV were the organizers. This was done in writing various clubs in the State and asking them to elect or appoint a Ladies Golf Committee in their club. By-laws were drawn up, and it was stated in them that each Club was to have a representative in the Women's West Virginia Golf Association, which would be known as the Executive Committee. (This Article (III) read: "The Government of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Committee which shall be composed of one member of the Ladies' Golf Committee from each club unless such club is already represented by an officer of the Association. In the event of the absence of said representative the senior player from that Club shall act. The Executive

Committee is empowered to decide all questions of eligibility and other questions that may arise.”) Over the years, this Article of the By-laws has been changed’ however, it continues to address membership.

The First Tournament was held at the Fairmont Country Club, Fairmont WV in the month of July 1916. There were 30 entrants from 5 clubs. In the years of 1917-1918 and 1942-1947, no tournaments were held because of war conditions. A tournament has been held every other year with The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV being the site of the annual championship from 1927 until 1967, concurrent with the men’s annual championship. In 1968, the site was moved to Clarksburg and has been held at clubs throughout the state since.

The Championship Cup

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The Championship Cup, displayed at the annual Women’s State Tournament, is sterling silver and was purchased in 1925 by several of the ladies participating in the State Amateur. In those day’s, this annual WWVGA Championship Tournament was held at the Greenbrier, concurrent with the Men’s State Amateur. Unlike the Men’s Championship Trophy, which never

leaves The Greenbrier, the current champion holds the women's trophy. Each State Champion's name is hand engraved on this beautiful trophy.

The Cup is now nearly full of hand engraved names and dates of past champions. The Gorham Silver Company made the sterling silver trophy and in 1983 they were pleased to polish and straighten the cup free of charge and informed us that they still have the mold used to make the trophy. In 1989, all engraving other than that done by hand was removed and replaced by a hand-engraver.

Because of the costly insurance premiums, the Association established a trophy savings account and rather than continue insurance premiums, money was placed in a special fund each year for replacement of the trophy should it become lost, stolen or damaged in any way.

The trophy possesses great historical value and because of this value as well as the monetary value of the trophy, the Committee felt that the trophy should perhaps be retired and replaced with a replica trophy in silver-plate.

Mary Morton of Beckley has been an active participant of the WWVGA for a number of years and knows the history of the Association, the trophies, past winners and those who devoted their time and energy to making the WWVGA successful. For that reason, she was chosen to chair a committee composed of

Sue Vail, Carol Hess, Peggy Cline, Martie Bollman-Jarrell and Maxine Gilmore, to discuss possible retirement of the trophy with permanent occupancy at The Greenbrier since numerous tournaments were held there. The Greenbrier agreed to accept the trophy and The Gorham Company will reproduce the trophy in triple silver-plate at the cost of \$3,450. This proposal will be presented at the 1991 annual meeting to be held at Bridgeport Country Club July 21, 1991.

The Fritzi Stifel Trophy

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The Fritzi Stifel Trophy is an award that was donated by Fritzi's children Hull Quarrier and Ann Quarrier Moore and in memory of Fritzi who won the State tournament 10 times. The award is a silver Revere bowl and has been presented to the winner of the annual Amateur Championship since 1970. Any person winning the championship for three years becomes permanent possessor. Since 1970, Nancy Bunton, Sue Vail, and Vicki Moran have all retired the bowl.

The Peg Pelletier Trophy

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The Peg Pelletier Trophy was presented by Mrs. Pelletier's daughter, Nancy Pansing, in memory of her mother who died in 1975. The trophy is presented to the winner of the seniors' tournament in honor of her mother who

served as Association President and Tournament Director. The trophy, designed by Don Miller of Harpers Ferry, is a hand-hammered pewter punch bowl mounted on a cherry pedestal. The champion's name is inscribed on the trophy each year.

**Women's West Virginia
State Amateur Champions**

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1916	Fairmont Country Club, Mrs. E. Curtis Dawley
1917-18	No Tournament (War Years)
1919	Edgewood Country Club, Mrs. Angus MacDonald
1920	Parkersburg country Club, Miss Kathleen Gorman
1921	Wheeling Country Club, Miss Kathleen Gorman
1922	Clarksburg Country Club, Miss Kathleen Gorman
1923	Guyan Country Club, Miss Kathleen Gorman
1924	Fairmont Country Club, Miss Kathleen Gorman
1925	Bluefield Country Club, Mrs. Carl Liebold
1926	Kanawha Country Club, Mrs. Carl Liebold

1927-28 Greenbrier Country Club, Miss Fritzi Stifel

1929 Greenbrier Country Club, Mrs. H. D. Everett

1930-34 Greenbrier Country Club, Miss Fritzi Stifel

1935 Greenbrier Country Club, Mrs. J. D. Hoblitzell

1936-37 Greenbrier Country Club, Miss Fritzi Stifel

1938-39 Greenbrier Country Club, Mrs. J. D. Hoblitzell

1940 Greenbrier Country Club, Mrs. Fritzi Stifel Quarrier

1941 Greenbrier Country Club, Mrs. J. D. Hoblitzell

1942-47 No Tournament (War Years)

1948 Greenbrier Country Club, Miss Nancy McIntosh

1949 Greenbrier Country Club, Mrs. Ann Hoblitzell Cochran

1950 Greenbrier Country Club, Miss Nancy King

1951 Greenbrier Country Club, Mrs. W. I. Hoblitzell Boreman

1952-56 Greenbrier Country Club, Miss Berridge Long

1957 Greenbrier Country Club, Mrs. Nancy (King) Stumpp

1958 Greenbrier Country Club, Miss Berridge Long

1959-60 Greenbrier Country Club, Miss Sally Carroll

1961 Greenbrier Country Club, Miss Berridge Long

1962 Greenbrier Country Club, Mrs. Nancy (King) Stumpp

1963-64 Greenbrier Country Club, Miss Sally Carroll

1965 Greenbrier Country Club, Mrs. Nancy (King) Stumpp

1966 Greenbrier Country Club, Mrs. Nell Carpenter

1967-68 Greenbrier Country Club, Miss Sally Carroll

1969 Wheeling Country Club, Miss Caroline Horner

1970 Kanawha Country Club, Miss Sally Carroll

1971 Parkersburg Country Club, Lisa Mohler

1972 Guyan Gold and Country Club, Mrs. Nancy (King) Stumpp

1973 Bridgeport Country Club, Miss Nancy Bunton

1974 Berry Hills Country Club, Miss Nancy Bunton

1975 Wheeling Country Club, Miss Caroline Horner

1976 Lakeview Golf and Country Club, Miss Sue Vail

1977 Pipestem State Park, Miss Karen Murphy

1978 Sleepy Hollow Golf Club, Miss Nancy Bunton

1979 Canaan Valley State Park, Miss Nancy Bunton

1980 Glade Springs Resort, Miss Nancy Bunton

1981 Williams Country Club, Miss Vicki Moran

1982 Cacapon State Park, Miss Vicki Moran

1983 Glade Springs, Miss Vicki Moran

1984 Wheeling Country Club, Miss Sue Vail

1985 Berry Hills Country Club, Miss Sue Vail

1986 Canaan Valley Resort, Miss Vicki Moran

1987 Parkersburg Country Club, Miss Vicki Moran

1988 Guyan golf and Country Club, Miss Sue Vail

1989 Glade Springs Resort, Miss Sue Vail

1990 Clarksburg Country Club, Miss Sara Neville

1991 Bridgeport Country Club, Miss Stephanie Sparks

1992 Edgewood Country Club, Miss Sue Vail

1993 Wheeling Country Club, Miss Sue Vail

1994 Glade Springs Country Club, Miss Karen Ryan

1995 Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Miss Donna Meyer

1996 Green Hills Golf Club, Miss Yvonne Cox

1997 Parkersburg Country Club, Miss Vicki Matkovich

1998 Cress Creek Country Club, Miss Sue Vail

1999 Kanawha Country Club, Miss Yvonne Cox

2000 Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Miss Brittany Adams

2001 Lakeview Resort, Miss Caroline Ramsey

2002 Guyan Golf and Country Club, Miss Caroline Ramsey

2003 Glade Springs Resort, Brittany Adams

2004 Stonewall Resort, Miss Lindsay Robinson

2005 Oglebay Resort & Conf Ctr., Miss Allyson Hatcher

2006 Sleepy Hollow Golf Club, Miss Allyson Hatcher

2007 Cress Creek Golf & Country Club, Miss Brittany Adams

2008 The Resort at Glade Springs, Miss Nicolle Flood-Sawczynsyn

2009 Sleepy Hollow Golf Club, Miss Nicolle Flood-Sawczynsyn

2010 The Pines Country Club, Miss Nicolle Flood-Sawczynsyn

2011 Parkersburg Country Club, Miss Samantha DiDomenico

2012 Berry Hills Country Club, Miss Brooke Bellomy

2013 The Resort at Glade Springs-Stonehaven, Miss Sydney Snodgrass

2014 The Club at Cress Creek, Miss Adeena Shears

2015 Sleepy Hollow Golf Club, Miss Adeena Shears

2016 Bridgeport Country Club, Miss Chloe Schiavone

2017 Guyan Golf & Country Club, Miss Adeena Shears

2018 Parkersburg Country Club, Miss Adeena Shears

2019 Stonewall Resort, Miss Adeena Shears

2020 Berry Hills Country Club, Miss Kerri Parks

The Louise Carenbauer Memorial Trophy

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Members of the Wheeling Country Club endowed a memorial golf award in Louise Carenbauer's memory in recognition of her faithful attendance at the annual state tournaments. The prize was established as an award for the Low Gross for the flight in which Louise customarily played in the state tournament, which was the Fourth Flight. A silver pitcher was chosen as the trophy and the name of each year's winner of the Low Gross in Fourth Flight was inscribed on the pitcher. The trophy was a traveling prize, however, the winner was given a smaller version of the pitcher to keep. The trophy was permanently retired to the Wheeling Country Club in 1989.

The Virginias Stroke Play Tournament

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This tournament was begun in 1977 by a group of Virginia golfers who were familiar with such a tournament held by the North and South Carolina golfers. They felt that a similar format would be successful in Virginia that

would provide a good medal play tournament and they set out to entice the West Virginia girls to participate, thus giving more contact with one another.

The first tournament was played at the James River Course of the Country Club of Virginia in July 1978. the 3-day 54 hole stroke play tournament had a field of 75 entrants. A different club hosts the tournament each year, which gives entrants an opportunity to play various courses as well as meet competitors from both the "Virginias."

The tournament is held during the last full week in June and the WWVGA President receives notification for the time and tournament site, along with entry applications.

Virginias-Carolinas Team Matches

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In 1956, at the Linville, NC, invitational tournament, Mrs. Dit Henderson and Miss Sydney Elliott decided it would be fun to have an interstate competition and the Virginias-Carolinas Team Matches were born.

Starting in 1957, they were Spring and Fall 2-day meets using a 2-woman team best-ball format. However, in 1972, the event became an annual competition played over 3 days. The first day was played as a Captain's Choice, followed by the Best Ball matches. Some years, when one side has been closed

out at the end of 2 days, the 3rd day has been a fun tournament, with the sides mixed, so that former foes become compatriots.

Specific guidelines have been established to select team members. The object is to select the 22 players between the two states who have demonstrated their ability to win in competitive circumstances. Of the 22 players chosen, four must qualify for senior play (age 50 or over). At the time of invitation to participate four of the selected players will be requested to play as alternates (2 regular and 2 senior). Each alternate will play at least one day on the team. Selection criteria includes State champions, State Finalists, the Virginias stroke play champion for current and past year, senior champions, junior champions, medalists, semi-finalists, captain and co-captain. Since this group includes duplications of personnel, the team's captains look further into the following areas: consistent record of high finish in the state tournaments over several years such as past champions, etc., good showing in area, regional and national tournaments, and players new to the states who have excellent playing records and low handicaps. Clarification of the selection process was done in 1986 and it was determined that the team should consist of the lowest handicap entrants, regardless of which state they represented.

Team players are chosen by and represent their state's golf associations. They should conduct themselves in such a way as to bring credit to their association. Each must meet high standards of good sportsmanship, knowledge of and adherence to the rules of golf and the spirit of the game, courtesy and cooperation, good judgment in wearing proper attire, enthusiasm and enjoyment or the event, and willingness to play any position and with any partner designated by the captains.

Women's West Virginia

Women's Senior Champions

1974	Maxine Gilmore
1975	Maxine Gilmore
1976	Maxine Gilmore
1977	Sally Carroll
1978	Wanda Richards
1979	Maxine Gilmore
1980	Maxine Gilmore
1981	Marie Hall
1982	Marie Hall

1983	Marie Hall
1984	Sarah Beneke
1985	Maxine Gilmore
1986	Sally Wallace
1987	Sally Wallace
1988	Marie Hall
1989	Marie Hall
1990	Marie Hall
1991	Susan Vail
1992	Susan Vail
1993	Susan Vail
1994	Susan Vail
1995	Susan Vail
1996	Susan Vail
1997	Susan Vail
1998	Caroline Ramsey
1999	Caroline Ramsey
2000	Caroline Ramsey
2001	Caroline Ramsey

2002	Mishal Hawthorne
2003	Caroline Ramsey
2004	Caroline Ramsey
2005	Betty Brandon
2006	Caroline Ramsey
2007	Betty Brandon
2008	Caroline Ramsey
2009	Caroline Ramsey
2010	Caroline Ramsey
2011	Caroline Ramsey
2012	Candy Rollyson
2013	Sue Goldcamp
2014	Caroline Ramsey
2015	Caroline Ramsey
2016	Caroline Ramsey
2017	Karen Kinnett
2018	Karen Rainey
2019	Karen Kinnett
2020	Karen Kinnett

