

*Garden State Women's Golf  
Association*

*50th Anniversary  
1953 - 2003*

# GARDEN STATE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

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Founded November 10, 1953

Incorporated 1965

### ~ The Founders ~

In the fall of 1953, Mary Kelly of Essex County Country Club called a meeting of ten other prominent New Jersey golfers who shared Mary's interest in forming a low handicap group. In the short space of three hours, the group was formed and officers were elected: Helen Hockenjos, President; Ruth Cowen, Vice-president; Mary Kelly, Treasurer; and Betty Whelan (Donovan), Secretary. Also elected were Emily Frelinghuysen, Tournament Chairman, Charlotte DeCozen, Admissions Chairman, and Juliet Bryant, Handicap Chairman. Others present included Carolyn Cudone, Doris Marks, Helen Sofferman and Joanne Tracy.



**Founders and guests gathered at Glen Ridge for the first tournament:**

L-R: Charlotte DeCozen, Montclair; Doris Marks, Mountain Ridge; Mrs. Lengfeld, guest and editor of "The Golfer;" Mary Kelly, Essex County; Helen Hockenjos, Baltusrol; Mr. Lloyd Beatty, guest and member of Glen Ridge; Emily Frelinghuysen, Somerset Hills; Helen Sofferman, Crestmont; and Betty Whelan (Donovan), Springdale.



**Other Founders:** Clockwise from top left: Juliet Bryant, Upper Montclair; Ruth Cowen, Hollywood; Joanne Tracy, Essex Fells; and Carolyn Cudone, Montclair.

### ~ Other decisions at that first meeting included:

1. Chose the name: Garden State Women's Golf Association.
2. Reviewed and adopted a constitution offered by Mary Kelly and Helen Hockenjos.
3. Decided to extend invitations of membership to all 12-and-under handicap women golfers from private New Jersey clubs.
4. Handicapping would be based on the ten best scores from the previous season. If a member's handicap exceeded 12, she would be on probation for the following year.
5. Dues were set at \$10. Members joining by April 1, 1954 would be Charter members. After that date the initiation fee would be \$10.00.
6. Competition would be gross only in 4 handicap groups of: 0-5, 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12.
7. Four one-day events were proposed for 1954 with discussion given to a Mixed Match Play event as well.
8. Purchase of a Championship trophy by the Founders, each to contribute \$15.00.



### Objectives of the Association

1. To provide keen competition for skilled amateur women golfers with handicaps of 12 or under from eighteen hole private clubs in New Jersey.
2. To stimulate sportsmanship and friendship among its members.
3. To promote an incentive toward better amateur golf.



## The Early Years...

The concept behind establishing the Garden State Women's Golf Association fifty years ago reflected the tremendous growth in women's golf during the mid-1900's in the Metropolitan area, a second surge of interest that began earlier in the century with the growth and popularity of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association. The pioneer WMGA was founded in 1899 and by the 1920's, had grown to include championship and secondary tournaments annually in Long Island, Westchester and New Jersey for the women of its private member clubs.

Spurred by the affluent economy of the '20's, the number of golf clubs and golfers increased, but super highway construction as we know it now was still a long way off, as was the custom of owning multiple cars. A trip to the Jersey Shore from New York City in 1925 took about five hours—and that was making pretty good time! Clearly, more local competitions were needed. Rising to that call were the Women's New Jersey in 1922, Westchester-Fairfield in 1923 and Women's Long Island in 1930.

| TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR 1954  |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
|    |                                      |
| June 4 (Friday)<br>Glen Ridge Country Club<br>Note: "Brunch" at 9 am. Starting times after 9:30 on both nines                 | Glen Ridge, NJ<br>Glen Ridge 7-7800  |
| July 20, 21, 22, 23 & 24 (Tues. through Sat.)<br>Crestmont Country Club   | West Orange, NJ<br>Orange 5-6060     |
| <b>CHAMPIONSHIP</b><br>3 flights of 16<br>No beaten flights but medal round on Thursday<br>Mail entry not later than July 9th |                                      |
| August 6, 7 & 8 (Fri., Sat. & Sun.)<br>Montclair Golf Club  | Montclair, NJ<br>Montclair 3-1900    |
| <b>MIXED FOURSOME</b><br>Match Play—Alternate Shots<br>Entry Fee: \$10.00 per team      16 teams to qualify                   |                                      |
| August 11, 12 (Wed. & Thurs.)<br>Plainfield Country Club  | Plainfield, NJ<br>Plainfield 6-6800  |
| August 24, 25, 26 (Tues., Wed., Thurs.)<br>ELIZABETH GOSS ROUND ROBIN   | Clubs to be announced                |
| Entry Fee: \$5.00   | Flights of 16                        |
| August 19 (Thursday)<br>Hollywood Golf Club   | Deal, NJ<br>Deal 7-4600              |
| October 5 (Tuesday)<br>Mountain Ridge Country Club  | West Caldwell, NJ<br>Caldwell 6-6200 |
| October 14 (Thursday)<br>Essex Fells Country Club<br>The Annual Meeting will be held at 3 p.m. after golf.                    | Essex Fells, NJ<br>Caldwell 6-3800   |

1st Tournament Schedule showing original logo on cover

In the interim of the next two decades, the Great Depression had slowed golf, then World War II stopped it. When play resumed, the first really effective inter-club team play was instituted by the WMGA in 1947. This brought out even more golfers and contributed to the problems for the host clubs. The need for keener competition and smaller fields that would move faster became very clear to the more prominent tournament players. So evolved the sectional organizations for 12-and-under handicappers. Long Island led the way in 1949 with the Women's Cross County. In 1950, Westchester followed with the Women's Tri-County, and in 1953, the Garden State Women's Golf Association.

Over the years, the tournament schedule grew from eight tournaments in 1954 to the present ten events plus the Triangular and Tri-County Team Matches. The original Championship which was contested from 1954 through 1968 ultimately gave way to the Elizabeth Goss Round Robin as the GSWGGA's premier match-play event. In 1955, the Tri-County Team Matches against Westchester were initiated, followed in 1961 with the Tri-Angular Team Matches, pitting the GSWGGA against Long Island's Cross County GA and Westchester's Tri-County GA in three-way Scotch four-some match play. 1960 saw the beginning of the Better Ball of Partners Match Play Championship; in 1961 the 36-Hole Stroke Play Championship was established; and in 1964, the first Special Invitational was held. The next decade saw the beginning of the trophy for the Net Stroke Play Champion in 1975 and the start of the Senior Championship in 1976. In 1983, the 36-Hole Pinehurst Championship was added to the schedule, and in 1993, in response to the fitness and ability of our older players, the Super-Senior Championship was begun.

Much has evolved in the last fifty years: the Round Robin no longer runs for five days, and the Mixed Invitational is no longer contested on a week-end. But the principles of the GSWGGA remain true to the dreams of the founders—to provide keen competition for New Jersey's best women amateurs, and to offer these players an important bridge between competitive golf on the local and national levels.

### The First Champions

Marge Mason (left) won both the inaugural Elizabeth Goss Round Robin and the Championship (Match Play) in 1954.

Jan Tracy (right), in addition to being a professional figure skater, was the first Stroke Play Champion in 1961.



# Presidents of the Garden State Women's Golf Association



Helen Hockenjos  
1954-55



Emily Frelinghuysen  
1956-57



Mary Kelly  
1958-59



Betty Whelan (Donovan)  
1960-61



Bobby Doubilet  
1962-63



Eleanore Foote  
1964-65



Dorothy Crabb  
1966-67



Muriel Denney  
1968-69



Ann Beard  
1970-71



Cynthia Alexandre (Foshay)  
1972-73



Eugenia Van Tassel  
1974-75



Lucy Larson  
1976-77



Lynn Russell  
1978-79



Doris Rudnick  
1980-81



Joan Toner  
1982-83



Rona Skaller (Lake)  
1984-85



Joan Appleby  
1986-87



Roberta Lonoff  
1988-89



Nancy Avis  
1990-91



Isa Von Hessert  
1992-93



Ruth Salmon  
1994-95



Coleen Luker  
1996-97



Honey Miller  
1998-99



Anna Zorlas  
2000-01



Dot Paluck  
2002-03

## Match Play Championship

The first Match Play Championship was contested in 1954 at the Crestmont Country Club which measured 6,420 yards, par 77 for the tournament. Judy Frank, a 20 year old Barnard College junior nudged Marge Mason by one shot to claim medalist honors with a 4-over 81. But it was Marge who prevailed in the finals against Jane Goss, marking the beginning of an incredible record of GSWGA victories that would span sixteen years.

The fifteen years in which the Match Play Championship was contested saw lots of excitement. The closest match came in 1962 when it took Marge Mason 37 holes to finally defeat Charlotte DeCozen. Marge's third victory in 1956 over young Judy Frank was another close one, going all the way to the 36th hole.

In 1957 Helen Sofferman was 1 down to Betty Whelan (Donovan) after 12 holes. She took the lead after the 14th and clinched the upset victory over Betty with a birdie 4 on Mountain Ridge's tough 17th hole to oust the co-medalist in the first round.

Ann Beard contributed her share of drama in the 1965 Championship. Standing at 3 down with 4 to play in the semi-final against Pat Johnstone, Ann won all four finishing holes to gain a berth in the finals against Marge Mason. In the final, Ann lost a close decision to Marge that began when Ann holed a 70 yard shot for a birdie on the first hole at Mountain Ridge.

The early dominance of Marge Mason and Judy Logan was toppled in 1959 when Betty Whelan (Donovan) garnered this, her first major tournament victory. Playing strong, steady golf all week, she ousted Marge Mason in a close semi-final which then pitted her against Marion Silberberg in the final. Never losing a hole, Betty clinched her victory on the 22nd hole of the 36 hole final!

The Match Play Championship was discontinued in 1969 and the trophy, which was donated by the Founders, became the trophy for the Net Winner of the Stroke Play Championship in 1975.



*Betty Whelan (Donovan) (left) & Marge Mason in 1957*



*Jan Tracy (left) & Charlotte DeCozen-1961*



*Jane Goss (left) & Terry Logan-1957.*



*The First Championship-1954: Emily Frelinghuysen presents the Founders Bowl to Marge Mason (right) while Jane Goss, runner-up, looks on.*



| <i>Year</i> | <i>Club</i>    | <i>Champion</i>        | <i>Runner-up</i>  | <i>Medalist</i>             |
|-------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1954        | Crestmont      | Marge Mason            | Jane Goss         | Judy Frank (81)             |
| 1955        | Essex County   | Marge Mason            | Judy Frank        | Judy Frank (76)             |
| 1956        | Springdale     | Marge Mason            | Judy Frank        | Judy Frank (77)             |
| 1957        | Mountain Ridge | Terry Logan            | Jane Goss         | Betty Whelan (Donovan) (77) |
|             |                |                        |                   | Marge Mason (77)            |
| 1958        | Canoe Brook    | Terry Logan            | Marge Mason       | Catherine Park (81)         |
| 1959        | Springdale     | Betty Whelan (Donovan) | Marion Silberberg | Marge Mason (79)            |
| 1960        | Green Brook    | Marge Mason            | Charlotte DeCozen | Joanne Tracy (73)           |
| 1961        | Essex County   | Joanne Tracy           | Charlotte DeCozen | Joanne Tracy (75)           |
| 1962        | Forest Hill    | Marge Mason            | Charlotte DeCozen | Bobby Doubilet (81)         |
| 1963        | Hollywood      | Joanne Tracy           | Marge Mason       | Joanne Tracy (81)           |
| 1964        | Twin Brooks    | Joanne Tracy           | Hatsy Hart        | Joanne Tracy (75)           |
| 1965        | Mountain Ridge | Marge Mason            | Ann Beard         | Pat Johnstone (76)          |
| 1966        | Metuchen       | Marge Mason            | Kathy Linney      | Doris Thatcher (83)         |
|             |                |                        |                   | Ruth Sagner (83)            |
|             |                |                        |                   | Joan Burke (83)             |
| 1967        | Plainfield     | Marge Mason            | Helen Hockenjos   | Marge Mason (72)            |
| 1968        | Baltusrol      | Joanne Tracy           | Sandra Paine      | Hatsy Hart (80)             |

## Elizabeth Goss Round Robin

Elizabeth Goss (Mrs. Wright D. Goss, Jr.) was a member of Somerset Hills and one of the first to join the GSWG. In 1952, she donated a trophy for a Round Robin tournament to the Women's New Jersey Golf Association, but since she was very interested in developing more match play among the low handicap players in the state, she and her daughter, Jane, decided that the new Garden State Women's Golf Association would be the better organization to sponsor such a tournament.

A low-handicap golfer herself, Mrs. Goss gained national recognition as a finalist in the USGA Women's Amateur at Merion in 1926, was president of the WMGA from 1942 to 1945 and won the WMGA Senior Championship in 1950 and 1951. Elizabeth Goss did not live to enjoy her gift to all of us. She died suddenly late in 1953, very shortly after the GSWG was officially formed. But her rich legacy lives on, not only as the Garden State's most popular tournament, but by the honor her club, Somerset Hills, has bestowed upon her by hosting this prestigious event in her memory for the last 36 years.



Elizabeth Goss - 1926

## The First 25 Years

From 1954 until 1968 the format of the Round Robin was ever-changing. From 1954 through 1963, the tournament ran for 4 or 5 days depending on the number of participants. There was a separate qualifying round and points were earned or lost in medal play against the other members of your group. From 1955 until 1964, substitutes from within your own handicap group were allowed; and from 1958 through 1961, handicaps were used. By 1961, even Red Hoffman, writing for the Newark Evening News commented, "The Executive Board of the GSWG are the first to admit that the 'Round Robin' is in serious need of a change and they aim to make it."

Change, we did. Handicaps were done away with in 1962, robins of 8 players each was the norm starting in 1963, and in 1965 the tournament settled into the three day format that we still use: match play with Nassau scoring. The final adjustment came in 1968 when qualifying was eliminated. Instead, players were seeded according to handicap, playing in foursomes for three days in Robins of eight each. 1968 also marked the beginning of those wonderful 36 years at Somerset Hills.

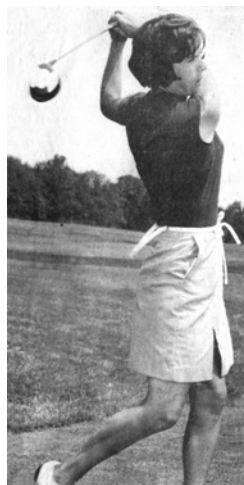
The first fifteen years of the Round Robin were dominated by the considerable talents of Marge Mason and Carolyn Cudone. They even managed to win one Round Robin apiece in the four years it was contested with handicap. Their incredible reign of success was broken only by Carolyn's relocation to South Carolina in 1965 and Marge's untimely death in 1974 at age 57.



Marge Mason - 1959



Carolyn Cudone - 1954



Rie Noble - 1972



Ann Probert - 1971

The 1970's saw a new group of talented golfers all vying for the top prize. Kathy Linney broke the Mason-Cudone spell in 1970 by narrowly defeating runner-up, Jan Tracy. Kathy also went on to defeat Nancy Burke in 1974 before becoming a professional in 1975. It was the decade that saw victories for Rie Noble in 1972, defeating her good friend and partner, Joan Ruvane, and Marjorie Jones who edged Cindy Ferro in 1976. And 1971 marked the first of Ann Probert's many Garden State championship wins when she won decisively against Jan Tracy. But it was Cindy Ferro who dominated the decade, defeating Joan Ruvane, Marjorie Jones and Sybil Whitman in the three victories she claimed before turning pro in 1979.



Kathy Linney - 1974



25th Anniversary Championship Robin - 1978 (L-R): Jan Tracy, Helen Aitken, Cindy Ferro, Sue Stockfish, Sybil Whitman, Joyce Allen, Shirley Rosser, Ann Probert.



Marjorie Jones (L) & Cindy Ferro - 1977



**1978 Robin Winners (L-R): Emily Frelinghuysen (7th Robin), Kate Litvack (6th Robin), Joan Appleby (5th Robin), Diana Pinkham (2nd Robin), Isabel Mercer (3rd Robin). Seated: Lynn Russell (4th Robin)**



**Ann Probert and Wright D. Goss III (Elizabeth Goss' son) - 1989**

## The Last 25 Years

Starting in 1979, another round of new names was added to the roster of champions when Sue Stockfish defeated Liz Wood. Mary Laupheimer, an Englishwoman new to American soil, served notice in 1980 by also defeating Liz Wood. A four time member of the British Curtis Cup Team, Mary began the tournament with an impressive 69! And in 1981 Valerie Faulkner narrowly beat Cindy O'Connor, all to claim their first and only victories in the Elizabeth Goss Round Robin.



**Photo left: Donna Young - 1985**



**Above: Linda Schnoll (L) and Kendra Beard (Graham) - 1983**



**Helen Aitken - 1987**

With the advent of the 80's, players more familiar to us now began to make their marks. Kendra Beard Graham made a strong showing from 1983 to 1985 with one win and two runner-up finishes; and Linda Schnoll topped the competition with victories in 1983 and 1986, finishing second in 1988. As the decade progressed, Helen Aitken made her mark, winning the first of three Round Robins in 1987 to go with her two runner-up finishes; Donna Young, who also had two runner-up finishes, won the first of five Round Robins in 1985; and Ann Probert re-emerged as the champion in 1982 and 1989 en route to her eventual record of four wins and an impressive eight second place finishes. While both Linda Schnoll and Helen Aitken moved out of state, Donna Young and Ann Probert have continued their winning ways and great staying power. Donna's record of victories stretches over 18 years, while Ann's successful career has spanned almost fifty years - with neither one showing any signs of letting up!



**Round Robin Winners of 1987 (L-R): Anna Zorlas (2nd Robin), Linda Castner (5th Robin), Ann Lanyi (Taylor) (4th Robin), Helen Aitken, Champion, Bea Lawrence (Schooley) (6th Robin), and Sue Hanna (3rd Robin).**



**Debbie Brucker with one of her "Robin" cakes.**



**Allison Wojnas (Kucinski) - 1993**



**Championship Robin 1994 (L-R): Cathy Reynolds, Debbie Brucker, Donna Young, Ann Probert, Allison Kucinski, Mary Eichhorn. Seated (L-R): Sherry Herman, Champion & Diana D'Alessio, Runner-up.**



The last decade of the century saw yet another influx of talented, new names. Of particular note was Sherry Her- man who joined the GSWG in 1994 and quickly made her presence known by winning the Round Robin that year. It would mark the beginning of a very successful career that includes success on the state, regional and national levels. Diana D'Alessio also joined Garden State in 1994 and finished second to Sherry in the Round Robin before winning her own championship in 1995. Diana also posted an impressive array of victories and accomplishments before she turned pro in 1998. In 1992, Ann Probert collected her fourth championship in high style, losing only 1/2 point to the eventual runner-up, Bobbi Roth. That scoring record tied her with Carolyn Cudone and Marge Mason who accomplished the same feat in the late '60's and Diana D'Alessio who would repeat the accomplishment in 1995. Ann had just returned from a retreat in the mountains of New England and credited her success to an inner peace through yoga and stretching exercises. Those of us that she victimized that week all wanted the address of that "guru in the woods."



**1996 Robin Winners (L-R): Carole Wall, Debbie Brucker, Mary Eichhorn - Champion, Ginnie Dillon (Vogel), Gretchen Calvert, & Diane Ruble.**



**Kristen Weise (Nash) - 1997**



**2nd Robin - 2000 (Top, L-R): Kathleen Doyle (Sullivan), Honey Fazzinga, Fran Gacos, Donna Neas, Cynn timer Rogers; (Bottom L-R): Debbie Brucker, Barb Hulke & Beverly Wells**

Also emerging as victors of the '90's were Allison Wojnas (Kucinski) in 1993, Mary Eichhorn in 1996 and Kristen Weise (Nash) in 1997. 1997 was a unique year in that it marked the first time a sudden death playoff (one extra hole) was needed to decide the Round Robin between Kristen and Mary. The playoff trend continued in 1998 when Donna Young sunk a long birdie putt on Somerset Hills' 18th hole to force another play-off, also with Mary Eichhorn. That one lasted to the third hole where Donna again dropped a long birdie putt for the win.



**2000 Championship Robin (L-R): Allison Kucinski, runner-up, Katie Fisher, Ann Probert, Mickey Burgess, Mary Eichhorn, champion, Donna Young, Kathy Gerndt and Sue DeKalb.**



**Donna Young (L), Runner-up and Sue DeKalb, Champion - 2002**

The new millennium began with the old southpaw, Mary Eichhorn, claiming her second victory, Donna Young posting her fifth, and Sue DeKalb winning her first Elizabeth Goss Round Robin.

*All of us who ever played in a Round Robin is likely to always remember the experience: the opportunity to play Somerset Hills, the friendships made, and the great competition. We'll remember, too, all the wonderful parties hosted by Debbie Brucker (with the help of her executive chefs, Bob Brucker and Stu Hulke). And of course, we'll always honor the rich legacy left to us by Elizabeth Goss and her daughter, Jane. But mostly, we'll remember Emily Frelinghuysen. As chairman of the event, she oversaw all aspects of the competition from organizing the players to scoring. And this she did for 35 years with efficiency, energy and grace. Thank you, Emily and God bless.*





## Elizabeth Goss Round Robin Honor Roll

### CHAMPION

### RUNNER-UP

|      |                           |     |                        |     |
|------|---------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| 1954 | Marge Mason               | +57 | Carolyn Cudone         | +46 |
| 1955 | Carolyn Cudone            | +38 | Marge Mason            | +10 |
| 1956 | Marge Mason               | +32 | Carolyn Cudone         | +27 |
| 1957 | Marge Mason               | +12 | Charlotte DeCozen      | +4  |
| 1958 | Marge Mason               | +31 | LaJunta White          | +26 |
| 1959 | Carolyn Cudone            | +55 | Betty Whelan (Donovan) | +45 |
| 1960 | Eugenia VanTassel         | +49 | Joanne Tracy           | +48 |
| 1961 | Doris Rudnick             | +31 | Betty Whelan (Donovan) | +26 |
| 1962 | Marge Mason               | +23 | Mary Ann Doctor        | +22 |
| 1963 | Marge Mason               | +32 | LaJunta White          | +14 |
| 1964 | Marge Mason               | +29 | Joanne Tracy           | +22 |
| 1965 | Carolyn Cudone            | 20½ | Marge Mason            | 16½ |
| 1966 | Marge Mason               | 20½ | Betty Whelan (Donovan) | 13½ |
| 1967 | Marge Mason               | 20½ | Beanie Kelley          | 16½ |
| 1968 | Marge Mason               | 16½ | Hatsy Hart             | 15½ |
| 1969 | Rained Out                |     |                        |     |
| 1970 | Kathy Linney              | 17½ | Rie Noble              | 17  |
| 1971 | Ann Probert               | 19  | Joanne Tracy           | 14½ |
| 1972 | Rie Noble                 | 19½ | Joan Ruvane            | 16½ |
| 1973 | Cindy Ferro               | 19½ | Joan Ruvane            | 15  |
| 1974 | Kathy Linney              | 14½ | Nancy Burke            | 13  |
| 1975 | Rained Out                |     |                        |     |
| 1976 | Marjorie Jones            | 19½ | Cindy Ferro            | 16  |
| 1977 | Cindy Ferro               | 20  | Marjorie Jones         | 17½ |
| 1978 | Cindy Ferro               | 17  | Sybil Whitman          | 12½ |
| 1979 | Sue Stockfish             | 18½ | Liz Wood               | 16  |
| 1980 | Mary Laupheimer           | 19  | Liz Wood               | 18  |
| 1981 | Valerie Faulkner          | 16½ | Cindy O'Connor         | 15½ |
| 1982 | Ann Probert               | 18  | Liz Wood               | 14½ |
| 1983 | Linda Schnoll             | 17½ | Kendra Beard (Graham)  | 14½ |
| 1984 | Kendra Beard (Graham)     | 17  | Ann Probert            | 14½ |
| 1985 | Donna Young               | 15½ | Kendra Beard (Graham)  | 15  |
| 1986 | Linda Schnoll             | 15½ | Helen Aitken           | 15  |
|      |                           |     | Ann Probert            | 15  |
| 1987 | Helen Aitken              | 17  | Ann Probert            | 14½ |
| 1988 | Donna Young               | 17  | Linda Schnoll          | 15½ |
| 1989 | Ann Probert               | 16  | Helen Aitken           | 14  |
|      |                           |     | Sybil Whitman          | 14  |
| 1990 | Helen Aitken              | 16  | Ann Probert            | 14  |
| 1991 | Helen Aitken              | 17  | Ann Probert            | 14½ |
| 1992 | Ann Probert               | 20½ | Bobbi Roth             | 15½ |
| 1993 | Allison Wojnas (Kucinski) | 18½ | Ann Probert            | 13  |
| 1994 | Sherry Herman             | 18  | Diana D'Alessio        | 14½ |
| 1995 | Diana D'Alessio           | 20½ | Donna Young            | 12  |
| 1996 | Mary Eichhorn             | 18  | Sherry Herman          | 16  |
| 1997 | Kristen Weise (Nash) *    | 15½ | Mary Eichhorn          | 15½ |
| 1998 | Donna Young *             | 17  | Mary Eichhorn          | 17  |
| 1999 | Donna Young               | 15  | Ann Probert            | 13  |
| 2000 | Mary Eichhorn             | 15½ | Allison Kucinski       | 14½ |
| 2001 | Donna Young               | 17  | Ann Probert            | 16  |
| 2002 | Susan DeKalb              | 18½ | Donna Young            | 17½ |

\* won in playoff



4th Robin '00 (l-r): Kathy Cosgrove, Fern Epstein, Cathy Kitchen, Cherry Marshall, Dot Paluck, Sue Regan, Jill Sanders & Carole Wall



The new kids in '88 (l-r): Nathalie Scarpa (Lota), Karen Noble & Maura Waters.



Thanking Emily - 1999 (l-r): Cynn timer Rogers & Emily Frelinghuysen



Robin Winners '97 (l-r): Ginna DeKorte, Sandy Mascia, Mary Holle, Donna Neas, Helen Bernstein, Kristen (Weise) Nash & Coleen Luker



5th Robin '00 (l-r): Gloria Shea, Sandy Silver, Marlene Duke, Margie Helene, Ginna DeKorte, Sandy Mascia & Celeste Tyrrell



2nd Robin '85: Adele Russo, (center) winner; Kay Perrotty (left) & Derby Campbell, runners-up



6th Robin '85 (l-r): Ellie Dante, runner-up; Carol Miller, winner



Photo left: 2002 Robin Winners (l-r): Barbara Clark, Cynn timer Rogers, Sue DeKalb, Donna Neas & Jill Sanders.

Photo right: 1992 Runners-up (l-r): Bobbi Roth, Val DePiro, Sheila Solomon, Jo Frie-bely & Carol DeStephan.



## Stroke Play Championship

First contested in 1961 over Canoe Brook's North Course, the Stroke Play Championship is the second of Garden State's two major individual tournaments. The original trophy, donated by Helen Hockenjos, was retired in 1989 when it became full. The Board at the time, under the leadership of President Nancy Avis decided to purchase a new trophy in honor of Emily Frelinghuysen whose contributions to the GSWGGA were almost without measure. It was also decided to retire the Hockenjos trophy to the care of Sybil Whitman who had amassed five Stroke Play victories, just one shy of Marge Mason's record and more than any other living member of Garden State. In 1993, history and her exceptional powers of concentration were on the line. With a talented Donna Young - 20



1969: L-R: Marge Mason, Champion, and Bobby Doubilet & Maureen Orcutt who tied for second.

years her junior - as her nearest competitor, Sybil won by two shots over the very difficult Plainfield C.C. course. She may have tied Marge Mason's record of six victories, but she did one thing Mrs. Mason never accomplished: she won in three different decades.

For the first two years, it was a 36 hole tournament, but with the exception of 1966, the championship was contested over 54 holes from 1964 through 1972. However, owing to the difficulty of obtaining courses for three days, it reverted to its original 36 hole format in 1973 and has remained so ever since.

In addition to the Frelinghuysen Tray, the Stroke Play Champion also receives "Mary Kelly's bracelet" to keep for the year. Given to her by the association when she was president from 1958-1959, her husband, Davis, donated it to the GSWGGA after Mary's death in 1976. It is a lovely memorial to the woman whose energy and interest played such a significant role in our founding.



L-R: 1993 Runner-up, Donna Young, Sybil Whitman, Champion & Emily Frelinghuysen.

If Marge Mason's record of victories in the Match Play Championship and the Round Robin were impressive, her accomplishments in the Stroke Play Championship were nearly perfect. She was unable to play in the first championship in 1961, but of the eight others played in the '60's, Marge won six decisively and finished a very close second twice. Her two defeats came at the hands of Terry Logan in 1962 and Betty Whelan (Donovan) in 1967. Terry joined the pro ranks later in 1962. But today, fifty years after our founding, Betty and fellow-founders, Emily Frelinghuysen and Helen Sofferman, continue to be Garden State members and staunch supporters of all our activities.



Rie Noble  
1970 & 1972 Champion

In 1970, Rie Noble served notice to Marge Mason by winning the Stroke Play Championship that year, defeating Marion Cross by two shots and Ann Beard by five. Marge Mason finished a distant 9th place, sixteen shots back. It would prove to be Marge's last Garden State competition.



Stroke Play Champions, from left: Hatsy Hart - 1973; Runnerup, Joan Burke & Champion, Janet Aulisi - 1971; Pat Johnstone - 1974 & 1975.



Betty Whelan (Donovan),  
1967 Champion

The only double winners of the '70's were Rie Noble and Pat Johnstone, but the decade would mark other milestones. In 1975, Hatsy Hart who is a niece of Bob Toski, Kathy Linney, Joan Burke and Janet Aulisi all opted for professional careers. 1976 would mark the beginning of Sybil Whitman's string of victories that would dominate the 80's. And after claiming the top prize in both the Round Robin and the Stroke Play Championship in 1978, Cindy Ferro also turned her focus to the professional ranks in 1979, eventually settling in to a very successful teaching career at Baltusrol. Sadly, Kathy Linney, who played and later worked as a coordinator for the LPGA Tour, lost her battle with breast cancer in 1982.



Cindy Ferro,  
1978 Champion

Surprisingly, in the 42 year history of the Stroke Play Championship, there have been only two ties at the end of regulation play. The first occurred in 1974 at Montclair when Pat Johnstone and Nancy Burke both ended with 168. Pat Johnstone of the home club prevailed, shooting a 78 in the play-off to secure the title.

The second playoff didn't occur until 1989 at Mountain Ridge when Helen Aitken and Sybil Whitman tied at 161. In the play-off, Helen had a 2 shot lead after 9 holes, but Sybil answered with a birdie 3 on the 12th and a par to Helen's bogie on 15. Helen answered this salvo with a birdie 2 on the 16th, but couldn't recover from Sybil's eagle 3 on 17 - a holed-out 6 iron from 140 yards. When they both parred the final hole, Sybil had her fifth Stroke Play victory.



Champion, Sybil Whitman (left), & Helen Aitken - 1989

The 1980's certainly featured the talents of Sybil Whitman, but it was also a decade in which Ann Probert would add two more major championships to her growing list of credentials. And while she never won this championship, Helen Aitken kept everyone on their toes by placing second four times from 1981 to 1990 by a margin of not more than two shots. Barbara Glucksman, Coleen Binkiewicz, Lee Steffens (who made history as Baltusrol's first female caddy), and Maura Waters rounded out the field of '80's champions by winning one apiece.



Photos l-r: Colleen Binkiewicz, 1983 Champion; Maura Waters (L), 1988 Champion with Nathalie Scarpa (Lota), 1988 Runner-up; Lee Steffens, 1984 Champion.



Photos l-r: Debbie Brucker, 1994 Champion; Adrienne MacLean (L), 2000 & 2002 Champion with Barbara Hulke, Tournament Chairman; Mary Eichhorn, 1999 Champion.

One of the best stories to come out of the '90's was Debbie Brucker's win in 1994 at Alpine. Convinced that using Alpine-logo balls might give her an edge, she went out and shot even par 74 in the first round which caused a veritable run on logo balls in the pro shop. Despite an hours-long rain delay on the second day, she was able to stave off the charge by Diana D'Alessio to win by one shot. Also winning for the first time was Mary Eichhorn in 1999. But from 1990 to the present, the Stroke Play Championship has been dominated by Donna Young and Sherry Herman with four championships each. At stake for both is the record of six victories set by Marge Mason and Sybil Whitman. However, after firing a two day total of 144 for two under par at Morris County in 2002, Adrienne MacLean served notice that she, too, is a threat to the record.



Photos l-r: Donna Young, 1990, 1991, 1992 & 1998 Champion; Sherry Herman (L), 1995, 1996, 1997 & 2001 Champion with Mary Holle, 1995 Net Champion.

### The Champions

|      |                        |     |      |                        |     |      |                        |     |
|------|------------------------|-----|------|------------------------|-----|------|------------------------|-----|
| 1961 | Joanne Tracy           | 161 | 1978 | Cindy Ferro            |     | 1991 | Donna Young            | 151 |
|      | Terry Logan            | 164 |      | Net: Sybil Whitman     |     |      | Cathy Reynolds         | 159 |
| 1962 | Terry Logan            | 146 | 1979 | Cindy O'Connor         | 157 |      | Net: Barbara Glucksman |     |
|      | Marge Mason            | 148 |      | Sue Stockfish          | 162 | 1992 | Donna Young            | 151 |
| 1963 | Marge Mason            | 230 |      | Net: Sue Kuiken        |     |      | Carolyn Forcina        | 155 |
|      | Joanne Tracy           | 242 | 1980 | Barbara Glucksman      | 170 |      | Net: Rie Noble         |     |
| 1964 | Marge Mason            | 246 |      | Roberta Lonoff         | 171 | 1993 | Sybil Whitman          | 158 |
|      | Helen Hockenjos        | 253 |      | Net: Roberta Lonoff    |     |      | Donna Young            | 160 |
| 1965 | Marge Mason            | 230 | 1981 | Ann Probert            | 161 |      | Net: Isa Von Hessert   |     |
|      | Joanne Tracy           | 234 |      | Helen Aitken           | 163 | 1994 | Debbie Brucker         | 156 |
| 1966 | Marge Mason            | 154 |      | Net: Sybil Whitman     |     |      | Diana D'Alessio        | 157 |
|      | Joanne Tracy           | 159 | 1982 | Sybil Whitman          | 162 |      | Net: Nancy Brown       |     |
| 1967 | Betty Whelan (Donovan) | 244 |      | Helen Aitken           | 163 | 1995 | Sherry Herman          | 156 |
|      | Marge Mason            | 245 |      | Net: Pat Fisher        |     |      | Diana D'Alessio        | 158 |
| 1968 | Marge Mason            | 237 | 1983 | Colleen Binkiewicz     | 157 |      | Net: Mary Holle        |     |
|      | Joanne Tracy           | 241 |      | Anna Zorlas            | 164 | 1996 | Sherry Herman          | 153 |
| 1969 | Marge Mason            | 241 |      | Net: Anna Zorlas       |     |      | Coleen Luker           | 158 |
|      | Bobby Doubilet         | 244 | 1984 | Lee Steffens           | 162 |      | Kristen Weise (Nash)   | 158 |
|      | Maureen Orcutt         | 244 |      | Linda Schnoll          | 168 |      | Net: Debbie Brucker    |     |
| 1970 | Rie Noble              | 243 |      | Net: Irene Boughton    |     | 1997 | Sherry Herman          | 150 |
|      | Marion Cross           | 245 | 1985 | Sybil Whitman          | 151 |      | Ann Probert            | 151 |
| 1971 | Janet Aulisi           | 250 |      | Kendra Beard (Graham)  | 160 |      | Net: Isa Von Hessert   |     |
|      | Joan Burke             | 251 |      | Net: Elly Seibert      |     | 1998 | Donna Young            | 155 |
| 1972 | Rie Noble              | 236 | 1986 | Ann Probert            | 156 |      | Allison Kucinski       | 158 |
|      | Janet Aulisi           | 238 |      | Barbara Glucksman      | 164 |      | Net: Kathy Cosgrove    |     |
| 1973 | Hatsy Hart             | 152 |      | Net: Barbara Glucksman |     | 1999 | Mary Eichhorn          | 156 |
|      | Joanne Tracy           | 164 | 1987 | Sybil Whitman          | 157 |      | Donna Young            | 161 |
| 1974 | Pat Johnstone *        | 168 |      | Ann Probert            | 163 |      | Net: Debbie Brucker    |     |
|      | Nancy Burke            | 168 |      | Net: Isa Von Hessert   |     | 2000 | Adrienne MacLean       | 156 |
| 1975 | Pat Johnstone          | 159 | 1988 | Maura Waters           | 155 |      | Sherry Herman          | 157 |
|      | Evie Pyne              | 164 |      | Nathalie Scarpa (Lota) | 166 |      | Net: Gail Dunn         |     |
|      | Net: Evie Pyne         |     |      | Net: Fran Winans       |     | 2001 | Sherry Herman          | 147 |
| 1976 | Sybil Whitman          | 162 | 1989 | Sybil Whitman *        | 161 |      | Mary Eichhorn          | 154 |
|      | Pat Johnstone          | 163 |      | Helen Aitken           | 161 |      | Net: Alicia Kapheim    |     |
|      | Net: Juanita Holub     |     |      | Net: Marion Wilson     |     | 2002 | Adrienne MacLean       | 144 |
| 1977 | Marjorie Jones         | 78  | 1990 | Donna Young            | 157 |      | Sherry Herman          | 145 |
|      | Sybil Whitman          | 84  |      | Helen Aitken           | 159 |      | Net: Alicia Kapheim    |     |
|      | Net: Pat Brooke        |     |      | Net: Helen Aitken      |     |      |                        |     |

\* won in playoff

## Better Ball of Partners Match Play Championship

As early as 1955, Garden State had a Better-Ball of Partners tournament. In the five years before it became a major championship, it was contested at medal play for one day only. The first Better Ball of Partners Match Play Championship was held at Springdale in 1960 using the same format we still employ: flights of eight teams each. The first championship was conducted with handicaps; thereafter, until 1993, the partners' total handicaps had to equal at least 6. The original trophy, donated in Emily Slater's memory by her husband, was retired in 1979. New trays, the prized possessions of the winners for a year, were donated to Garden State by Honey Frank. Through much of the 1980's, the tournament was held annually at Springdale, but since 1990 the tournament site has rotated among our many fine New Jersey courses, including much-anticipated trips back to Springdale every three years.



Rie Noble & Joan Ruvane

In the 1960's it looked for a time that even the Better Ball wasn't safe from Marge Mason as she and partner, LaJunta White garnered three victories in '61, '62 and '67. But in 1966 Rie Noble and Joan Ruvane partnered up and took the tournament by storm. Two old friends who grew up together in Pennsylvania, they won a total of seven championships from 1966 until 1974. They lost only once: in the 1973 semifinals against the eventual champions, Hatsy Hart and Marion Cross. When Rie returned to business in 1975, Joan won twice more with Ann Beard as her partner.

The strongest teams of the 1980's had combinations of Coleen Luker and Helen Aitken on them. In 1981 and 1982, Helen prevailed with Colleen Binkiewicz as her partner, followed, in 1984 and 1985 by Coleen Luker with Lee Steffens. In '87 and '88, the Mrs. Luker and Aitken made for the winning combination. It was the last time (so far) that the same team has won the championship twice.



Joyce Allen & Shortie Brown



L-R: Barbara Mangone & Barbara Donnelly; Deb Agran, Kathy Gerndt & Betty Donovan; Helen Sofferman & Elly Seibert



Colleen Binkiewicz & Helen Aitken



Coleen Luker & Lee Steffens



Helen Aitken & Coleen Luker



Nancy Brown & Adele Russo

Over the years, there have been a few very decisive victories, but as time wore on the matches seemed to get closer and closer. The tightest and certainly the longest match occurred in the first flight finals in 1993. Playing Canoe Brook's North Course, the teams of Jo Friebody and Marlene Duke, and Barbara Mangone and Barbara Donnelly were all square after 18 holes. They had halved the last five holes of regulation play which helped to set the stage for a not-so-sudden sudden death playoff. After halving the first two extra holes, a men's member-guest outing was on the course and set to go. Off they went and the match kept going - to the accompaniment of frantic apologies to the men from the trailing tournament committee. Far from being upset, the men's group was very gracious and became more and more interested in the match's outcome which was finally settled on the 7th extra hole! Team Barbara prevailed in the end and a very late lunch was enjoyed by all.



Cindy O'Connor & Jonni Clause



Sue DeKalb, Tourn. Chairman, Jill Sanders & Sherry Herman



Carole Wall & Isa Von Hessert



Helen Aitken & Mary Eichhorn



Marianne Farmer & Fran Winans



Clockwise from bottom left: Sandy Silver & Phyllis Siegel; Mary Holle & Sue Regan; Donna Young, Nathalie Lota & Tourn. Chairman, Sandy Mascia; Debbie Brucker & Barbara Hulke.



Fran Gacos & Deb Oberg

It's a great tournament, the Better Ball. As Isa Von Hessert wrote, "The Better Ball encompasses all that the Garden State stands for: skilled golf, keen competition, and most importantly, friendships." Many play with the same friend and partner year after year. And sometimes, as was the case in 2002 for new member, Deb Oberg and her partner, Fran Gacos, a fortuitous blind date leads not only to success, but a new friendship.

## *Better Ball of Partners Match Play Champions*

|      |   |      |   |
|------|---|------|---|
| 1960 | Ruth Sagner & Doris Rudnick defeated<br>Betty Whelan (Donovan) & Emily Frelinghuysen(3 & 1)     | 1981 | Helen Aitken & Colleen Binkiewicz defeated<br>Donna Young & Lynn Russell (6 & 5)          |
| 1961 | Marge Mason & LaJunta White defeated<br>Carolyn Cudone & Doris Rudnick (20th hole)              | 1982 | Helen Aitken & Colleen Binkiewicz defeated<br>Sheila Solomon & Bette Zorn (6 & 4)         |
| 1962 | Marge Mason & LaJunta White defeated<br>Helen Hockenjos & Terry Logan (5 & 4)                   | 1983 | Rie Noble & Isabel Mercer defeated<br>Donna Young & Lynn Russell (19th hole)              |
| 1963 | Carolyn Cudone & Doris Rudnick defeated<br>Nancy Burke & Cynthis Alexandre (Foshay) (21st hole) | 1984 | Coleen Luker & Lee Steffens defeated<br>Donna Young & Lynn Russell (5 & 4)                |
| 1964 | Ann Beard & Jan Tracy defeated<br>Helen Hockenjos & Pat Johnstone (4 & 3)                       | 1985 | Coleen Luker & Lee Steffens defeated<br>Marianne Farmer & Fran Winans (6 & 4)             |
| 1965 | Pat Johnstone & Helen Hockenjos defeated<br>Marge Mason & LaJunta White (1 up)                  | 1986 | Adele Russo & Linda Schnoll defeated<br>Ann Lanyi (Taylor) & Sue Hanna (2 & 1)            |
| 1966 | Rie Noble & Joan Ruvane defeated<br>Helen Sofferan & Grace Sayles (6 & 5)                       | 1987 | Helen Aitken & Coleen Luker defeated<br>Rie Noble & Ann Beard (3 & 2)                     |
| 1967 | Marge Mason & LaJunta White defeated<br>Hatsy Hart & Marion Cross (1 up)                        | 1988 | Helen Aitken & Coleen Luker defeated<br>Donna Young & Lynn Russell (2 & 1)                |
| 1968 | Rie Noble & Joan Ruvane defeated<br>Ann Probert & Evie Pyne (4 & 3)                             | 1989 | Rained Out  |
| 1969 | Rie Noble & Joan Ruvane defeated<br>Judy Baris & Gloria Shields (3 & 2)                         | 1990 | Karen Noble & Gretchen Calvert defeated<br>Donna Young & Kay Rodriguez (3 & 2)            |
| 1970 | Rie Noble & Joan Ruvane defeated<br>Judy Baris & Gloria Shields (2 & 1)                         | 1991 | Donna Young & Donna Neas defeated<br>Mary Eichhorn & Sue DeKalb (5 & 4)                   |
| 1971 | Rie Noble & Joan Ruvane defeated<br>Nummie Warga & Betty Whelan (Donovan) (6 & 5)               | 1992 | Donna Neas & Carolyn Forcina defeated<br>Bobbi Roth & Roberta Lonoff                      |
| 1972 | Rie Noble & Joan Ruvane defeated<br>Bobby Doubilet & Joan Burke (2 & 1)                         | 1993 | Sue DeKalb & Jonni (Clause) Stanton defeated<br>Helen Aitken & Coleen Luker (4 & 3)       |
| 1973 | Hatsy Hart & Marion Cross defeated<br>Ann Beard & Pat Johnstone                                 | 1994 | Sherry Herman & Cathy Reynolds defeated<br>Mary Eichhorn & Jean Rodgers (sisters) (2 & 1) |
| 1974 | Rie Noble & Joan Ruvane defeated<br>Kathy Linney & Nancy Lyman (1 up)                           | 1995 | Donna Young & Nathalie Lota defeated<br>Jonni (Clause) Stanton & Sue DeKalb (3 & 2)       |
| 1975 | Joan Ruvane & Ann Beard defeated<br>Ann Probert & Evie Pyne (3 & 2)                             | 1996 | Rained Out  |
| 1976 | Joan Ruvane & Ann Beard defeated<br>Jan Tracy & Betty Whelan (Donovan) (3 & 2)                  | 1997 | Barbara Hulke & Debbie Brucker defeated<br>Helen Aitken & Mary Eichhorn (3 & 2)           |
| 1977 | Shortie Brown & Joyce Allen defeated<br>Betty Whelan (Donovan) & Nancy Burke (3 & 2)            | 1998 | Deb Agran & Kathy Gerndt defeated<br>Isa Von Hessert & Carole Wall                        |
| 1978 | Anna Zorlas & Joan Toner defeated<br>Lorraine Wishner & Elvira Waldman (3 & 2)                  | 1999 | Rained Out  |
| 1979 | Sharon Castner & Linda Castner (sisters-in-law) defeated<br>Marianne Farmer & Liz Wood (1 up)   | 2000 | Sue DeKalb & Sherry Herman defeated<br>Helen Aitken & Mary Eichhorn (19th hole)           |
| 1980 | Jonni Clause & Cindy O'Connor defeated<br>Helen Aitken & Colleen Binkiewicz (5 & 4)             | 2001 | Not Played  |
|      |   | 2002 | Fran Gacos & Deb Oberg defeated<br>Donna Young & Nathalie Lota (1 up)                     |



*Barbara Glucksman & Nancy Gitkin*



*Ann Beard & Rie Noble*



*Gretchen Calvert & Karen Noble*



*Mickey Ahalt & Annie Smith*



*Sheila Solomon & Bette Zorn*



*Jean Rodgers & Mary Eichhorn*



*Donna Young & Lynn Russell*



*Cathy Reynolds & Sherry Herman*

## *Pinehurst Championship*

First contested in 1983, the 36 Hole Pinehurst Championship was seen by Garden State's leadership during Joan Toner's presidency as yet another way to put the state's best golfers to the test. Played in a selected second shot format, it is one of our most enjoyable events even though the conversation on the first tee usually centers on, "I'll say 'I'm sorry' now and get it over with." In between moments of brilliance, one might also overhear such things as, "I absolutely cannot believe you hit a 3-wood that far out of the rough!," or "Are you telling me you really want me to hit an 8-iron over that tree to a green I can't see?" Or, "But Col - I hit it good!" It's a tournament full of memories for many. One of Helen Sofferman's fondest memories was being asked by Helen Aitken to be her partner in '83 because she needed a good putter. It must have been a good idea because they finished a respectable third, only five shots off the winning pace of champions, Linda Castner and Liz Wood.

Until 1993, the total of the partners' handicaps had to be at least 9. Interestingly, the history of scores doesn't really reflect that change until 1998 when the tournament was played at Rockaway River. The champions that year, Adrienne MacLean and Sherry Herman posted a very impressive 68-66-134 for 12 under par to win by 11 shots over Judy Cuttone and Debbie Brucker. In the 20 year history of the Pinehurst there were only two teams to win it twice: Helen Aitken and Di Pinkham in '86 and '87, and Val DePiro and Diana D'Alessio in '95 and '96. And 1997 marked the only year a playoff was needed to determine the champions: Sandy Mascia and Mary Eichhorn defeated Ann Probert and Katie Fisher in one extra hole.

The very pretty tray awarded to the winners each year was donated to Garden State by Doris Marks of Mountain Ridge who was one of our founders.



*Helen Aitken & Di Pinkham*



*Diana D'Alessio & Val DePiro*



*Sandy Mascia & Mary Eichhorn*



*Mary Eichhorn & Ann Probert*

- 1983 Linda Castner & Liz Wood (156)  
Carole Wall & Janet Davis (160)
- 1984 Linda Schnoll & Derby Campbell (154)  
Dottie West & Donna Young (161)
- 1985 Ann Lanyi (Taylor) & Lynn Russell (154)  
Linda Schnoll & Barbara Glucksman (154)
- 1986 Helen Aitken & Di Pinkham (156)  
Adele Russo & Linda Schnoll (161)
- 1987 Helen Aitken & Di Pinkham (152)  
Barbara Glucksman & Paula Yeager (157)
- 1988 Isa Von Hessert & Joan Appleby (166)  
Elly Seibert & Pat Brooke (167)
- 1989 Joan Appleby & Nancy Gitkin (159)  
Donna Young & Kay Rodriguez (161)
- 1990 Nathalie Scarpa (Lota) & Jonni Clause (160)  
Ginnie Dillon (Vogel) & Nancy Burke (163)
- 1991 Rained Out
- 1992 Marcia Podvey & Bobbi Roth (147)  
Derby Campbell & Pat Golding (157)
- 1993 Mary Eichhorn & Ann Probert (154)  
Coleen Luker & Marlene Duke (160)
- 1994 Sherry Herman & Cathy Reynolds (151)  
Sue Blair & Donna Neas (155)
- 1995 Diana D'Alessio & Valerie DePiro (138)  
Sherry Herman & Cathy Reynolds (143)
- 1996 Diana D'Alessio & Val DePiro (152)  
Nancy Brown & Lynn Schonbraun (158)
- 1997 Mary Eichhorn & Sandy Mascia (155)  
Ann Probert & Katie Fisher (155)
- 1998 Sherry Herman & Adrienne MacLean (134)  
Judy Cuttone & Debbie Brucker (143)
- 1999 Sherry Herman & Coleen Luker (143)  
Helen Aitken & Mary Eichhorn (151)
- 2000 Rained Out
- 2001 Debbie Brucker & Brigid Lamb (156)  
Cynn timer Rogers & Ginny Vogel (159)
- 2002 Sue DeKalb & Sherry Herman (146)  
Donna Young & Madeleine Hershberger



*Brigid Lamb & Debbie Brucker*



*Pres. Roberta Lonoff, Joan Appleby & Nancy Gitkin*



*Helen Sofferman & Helen Aitken*



*Derby Campbell & Linda Schnoll*



*Adrienne MacLean & Sherry Herman*



*Sherry Herman & Sue DeKalb*

# Senior Championship

The inaugural GSWG Senior Championship was held in 1976 at Alpine in memory of Marge Mason. Marge's mother, Katherine Cambridge, donated the trophy - a most impressive lidded tureen that Marge had won as runner-up to Babe Zaharias in the 1945 Texas Open. Mrs. Cambridge was on hand that day at Alpine to present it to the first Senior Champion, Pat Fisher.



Pat Fisher & Marion Cross



Phyllis Siegel, Annie Smith & Rie Noble - 1993



Barbara Glucksman



Debbie Brucker & Ginnie Vogel



Barbara Schuman & Derbie Campbell



Lynn Russell & Evie Pyne

## Senior Champions

|      |                  |    |      |                       |    |
|------|------------------|----|------|-----------------------|----|
| 1976 | Pat Fisher       | 83 | 1990 | Ann Probert           | 74 |
|      | Juanita Holub    | 86 |      | Sybil Whitman         | 79 |
| 1977 | Marion Cross     | 84 | 1991 | Ann Probert *         | 82 |
|      | Ellie Dante      | 91 |      | Sybil Whitman         | 82 |
| 1978 | Marion Cross     | 85 | 1992 | Joyce Allen           | 75 |
|      | Doris Rudnick    | 86 |      | Ann Probert           | 76 |
| 1979 | Evie Pyne *      | 85 | 1993 | Phyllis Siegel *      | 83 |
|      | Mary Sullivan    | 85 |      | Annie Smith           | 83 |
| 1980 | Beanie Kelley *  | 86 |      | Rie Noble             | 83 |
|      | Ruth Sagner      | 86 | 1994 | Sue Blair             | 82 |
| 1981 | Lynn Russell *   | 86 |      | Rie Noble             | 84 |
|      | Shortie Brown    | 86 |      | Joyce Allen           | 84 |
| 1982 | Shortie Brown    | 76 | 1995 | Barbara Schuman *     | 81 |
|      | Nancy Burke      | 80 |      | Derbie Campbell       | 81 |
| 1983 | Bobby Doubilet   | 79 | 1996 | Barbara Glucksman     | 79 |
|      | Nancy Burke      | 81 |      | Cherry Marshall       | 81 |
| 1984 | Joan Appleby     | 85 | 1997 | Barbara Glucksman *   | 84 |
|      | Nancy Burke      | 87 |      | Ginnie Dillon (Vogel) | 84 |
| 1985 | Kay Perrotty     | 82 | 1998 | Ann Probert           | 81 |
|      | Isa Von Hessert  | 84 |      | Helen Aitken          | 83 |
| 1986 | Kay Perrotty     |    | 1999 | Ann Probert           | 83 |
|      | Janet Davis      |    |      | Cynn timer Rogers     | 85 |
| 1987 | Isa Von Hessert  | 81 | 2000 | Mary Eichhorn *       | 75 |
|      | Ellie Dante      | 82 |      | Ginnie Vogel          | 75 |
| 1988 | Lynn Russell     | 82 | 2001 | Mary Eichhorn         | 75 |
|      | Anna Zorlas      | 83 |      | Barbara Hulke         | 78 |
| 1989 | Sybil Whitman    | 79 | 2002 | Debbie Brucker        | 81 |
|      | (Dr.) Anne Smith | 81 |      | Cynn timer Rogers     | 82 |

\* won in playoff

In its 27 year history, the Senior Championship has seen seven ties - far more than any other tournament: three years in a row, from '79 - '81, plus '91, '93, '97 and '00. In 1993, there was a three-way tie between Phyllis Siegel, Annie Smith and Rie Noble to decide the championship at Newton. The Senior scoring record goes to Ann Probert's one under par 74 at Essex Fells in 1990, while the Super Senior record belongs to Ginnie Vogel for her five over par 75 at Newton in 2000.

## Super Senior Champions

|      |                       |    |
|------|-----------------------|----|
| 1990 | Nancy Burke           | 83 |
| 1991 | Mildred Wood          | 87 |
| 1992 | Shortie Brown         | 81 |
| 1993 | Evie Pyne             | 87 |
| 1994 | Barbara Thompson      | 84 |
| 1995 | Isa Von Hessert       | 86 |
| 1996 | Ann Beard             | 84 |
| 1997 | Ginnie Dillon (Vogel) | 84 |
| 1998 | Ann Beard             |    |
| 1999 | Isa Von Hessert       | 87 |
| 2000 | Ginnie Vogel          | 75 |
| 2001 | Barbara Glucksman     | 82 |
| 2002 | Ginnie Vogel          | 82 |



'00: Cynn timer Rogers (l) presenting the Foshay Award to Ginnie Vogel

The Cynthia Alexandre Foshay Award was instituted in 1991 and is given each year to the member with the lowest gross score in a stroke play event. The lovely silver plate was donated to the GSWG by Mrs. Foshay's family and is presented each year by her daughter, Cynn timer. We remember Mrs. Foshay fondly as a past president as well as a tireless worker and ambassador for the game of golf. Others who have had the privilege to keep the Foshay plate for a year are: Donna Young, Sybil Whitman, Debbie Brucker, Sherry Herman, Diana D'Alessio and Mary Eichhorn.



### A Trio of Champions:

In the photo to the left, Ann Linen (Probert), the 17 year old champion from Rock Spring, had just won the WMGA Junior Girls Championship in 1956 by two shots over Sybil Wolfensohn (Whitman) from Engineers. Presenting the trophy is Maureen Orcutt, herself the Junior Champion in 1922 and 1924.

The photo at right of the same talented threesome was taken at Somerset Hills during the 1990 Curtis Cup Matches. - Two winning ladies flanking the winningest of them all. One has to deeply appreciate the longevity of their success as well as their friendship.

Both photos, l-r: Sybil Wolfensohn (Whitman), Maureen Orcutt & Ann Linen (Probert)

## Playing for the Team ~

Begun in 1955 with a trophy purchased jointly by Garden State and Tri-County, the **Tri-County Team Matches** originally pitted 10 teams against each other in match play - Nassau scoring. In 1961, the **Tri-Angular Team Matches** were added to the mix and also included Long Island's Cross-County. Played as a "three-ball sixsome" - alternate shot, match play with Nassau scoring - it originally involved 7 teams. Today, Tri-County competes with 7 teams and Tri-Angular with 4. Garden State has dominated both matches from the beginning. In the Tri-County Matches, Garden State has 25 victories to Tri-County's 18; and in Tri-Angular play, Garden State has claimed 19 victories to 11 for Tri-County and 8 for Cross County. The Tri-Angular trophy was donated in 1964 by Mrs. Murray Gordon.



**1995 Tri-County Team - back row, left to right: Carol DeStephan, Nancy Gitkin, Ginny MacDonald, Sandy Mascia, Marlene Duke, Lynn Landou, Honey Miller, Gail Dunn, Barbara Wentz, Ginny Vogel, Mary Ann Richter; seated: Beverly Wells, Jean Rodgers & Jo Friebely.**



**Photo left: 2001 Triangular Team. Back row, left to right: Allison Kucinski, Mary Eichhorn, Donna Young & Sue DeKalb. Front row, left to right: Kathy Gerndt, Sherry Herman, captain, Adrienne MacLean & Kristen Nash.**

The **Griscom Cup Matches** had their beginnings at Merion GC in 1898 and are contested annually among teams from the WMGA, Philadelphia and Massachusetts. Teams consist of eight players and an alternate who compete over two days in foursomes and singles play. It's a very great honor to be a part of the WMGA team, which is selected from the best players in each district, - an honor that has been enjoyed by a great many "Jersey Girls" over the last 50 years.



**1988 Griscom Cup Team - Back row (l-r): Linda Schnoll, Ann Probert, Coleen Luker, Karen Noble, Sybil Whitman. Front row (l-r): Lee Ann Vogel (L.I.), Anna Zorlas, Helen Aitken & Rie Noble, captain.**



**1993 French-American Team - (l-r): Gail Flanagan (Westchester), Ann Probert, Helen Aitken & Allison Kucinski**

The **French-American Challenge** affords metropolitan area golfers the honor of representing their country in the biennial matches against the Ligue de Paris. Held alternately in France and the USA, the team is made up of six men and four women from the MGA/WMGA. In addition to those pictured at left, other Garden State members who have had the privilege of competing both here and abroad are: Mary Eichhorn, Sherry Herman, Adrienne MacLean and Donna Young.



To celebrate its centennial in 1995, the USGA held a **State Team Championship** in which each state sent three men and three women to represent them. The event proved to be so popular that the USGA has continued this tournament on a biennial basis. In the four State Team Championships to date, various combinations of the same six Garden State women have represented New Jersey.

**Photo left - (l-r): Donna Young, Sue DeKalb & Sherry Herman - '01**

**Photo right - (l-r): Mary Eichhorn, Debbie Brucker & Allison Kucinski - '97**



## Other Tournaments ~

The GSWGGA also hosts two mixed events each year. The **Special Invitational** is indeed special, for it is our opportunity to invite members of our Boards of Trustees for a great day of golf. It is our way of thanking them for their support of the GSWGGA and gives them the opportunity to meet other clubs' officials. Teams of two play a better ball using handicap, vying for the impressive trophy donated in 1968 by Marge Mason. The **Mixed Invitational** is awarded to the Garden State member and the male partner of her choosing for the lowest gross score in a better ball, stroke play format. The original mixed championship dates back to 1954 at Montclair GC when the format was mixed foursome (alternate shots). Couples qualified for a flight of 16 on Friday with the matches being played on Saturday and Sunday. Carolyn Cudone and her partner, Lionel Coloby won the first event. The tournament was held at Rockaway River in 1955 but was discontinued for the next two years as it became impossible to secure a club for three days over a weekend. The tournament returned in 1958 employing the same format we now use. The current trophy was donated to Garden State in 1971 by Doris Rudnick, a charter member.

**One-Day Stroke Play** events have been a part of our schedule from the beginning. Offering a chance to stay in shape between major championships, one-days sometimes yield their own stories. Such was the case in the early '60's during an event held at Spring Brook. Far from drowning on one or more of the series of watery par 3's at the 9th, 10th and 11th, Betty Whelan (Donovan) birdied all of them! Even more remarkable is the fact that the holes measured 199, 166 and 215 yards, respectively. It was a feat that kept them talking at Spring Brook for many years.

## In the Spotlight ~

In the fifty year history of the Garden State, there have been many members who distanced themselves from the rest through their skill and service to the game of golf. In USGA and other national competitions, Maureen Orcutt, Carolyn Cudone, Marge Mason, Dot Porter, Hatsy Hart and Karen Noble all share the envious distinction of having been champions on that broad front.

Maureen Orcutt is Garden State's undisputed champion of state, WMGA and national events. In a career of collecting major championships that spanned 48 years, she won 68 titles beginning with the WMGA Junior Girls in 1922 and culminating with the WMGA Seniors in 1969. Among them were five victories in the Women's Eastern, two Canadian Women's Amateurs, three in the North and South, and a record-setting ten WMGA Match Play Championships. She also set a record by winning six NJ State Amateurs over a 43 year period from 1924 to 1967. Her win in 1967 at age 60 marked her as the oldest ever to win the state championship. Among her many honors are four Curtis Cup appearances from 1932 (the first Curtis Cup) to 1938, induction into the LPGA Hall of Fame in 1966, selection as "The Golfer of the Century" by the WMGA in 1998 and the recipient of the WMGA's Judy Bell Award for her lifetime of dedicated service to the game in 1999. *Photo at right: Maureen Orcutt on the occasion of her 10th WMGA Match Play Champ. over Jan Tracy in 1968.*



**Carolyn Cudone - Fifth USGA Senior Women's Amateur - 1972**

In addition to her five WMGA Match Play Championships and six NJ State Amateur wins, Carolyn Cudone holds the record for the most consecutive wins in the same USGA championship - the Senior Women's Amateur - five of them, in the years 1968-72. She has also won both the North and South, and the Women's Eastern. Her honors which are many include selection to the Curtis Cup team in 1956 as a player, and in 1970 as the victorious team's captain. She was further honored in 1965 when she was named "Golf World" Woman Amateur of the Year.

Dot Porter is another of our members who enjoyed much success on the national level. Along with her four USGA Senior Women's Amateur victories in '77, '80, '81 (at Spring Lake GC) and '83, she played on the Curtis Cup team in 1950, and after Helen Hawes led the team in 1964, Dot was herself the captain in 1966. And so far, she is the only Garden Stater to win the USGA Women's Amateur (1949). Others to win the USGA's Senior Women's Amateur were Marge Mason in 1967 and Hatsy Hart in 1987.



**Dot Porter**



**Marge Mason**



**Above: the victorious Women's World Amateur Team Champs: Pat Hurst, Katherine Graham, captain, Karen Noble & Vicki Goetze.**



**Karen Noble**

The most recent of Garden State's Curtis Cup team members was Karen Noble when she played on the victorious 1990 squad at Somerset Hills. She was runner-up in the USGA Women's Amateur in '88, won the Trans National Championship in 1989 (besting Brandie Burton in the final), was a member of the USA's winning Women's World Amateur Team in 1990 and has played in eight US Women's Opens from 1989-98. Along the way, she also distinguished herself as the victor in three WMGA Match Play Championships, one Stroke Play Championship and three NJ State Amateurs, all in a four year period from 1987-1990. The highlight of her professional playing career was taking second place in the 1992 LPGA Championship.

*Photo at right: Sherry Herman*



**Diana D'Alessio**

Success in WMGA championships has been enjoyed by many other Garden State members as well. Other winners of the prestigious Match and Stroke Play Championships were Judy Frank, Hatsy Hart, Colleen Binkiewicz, Lee Steffens, Ann Probert, Linda Schnoll, Helen Aitken, Diana D'Alessio and Sherry Herman who, in addition to her three Match Play victories, has won the last three Stroke Play Championships. A decade earlier, Ann Probert won four Stroke Play titles in six years to go with her single Match Play victory. Also up for grabs in WMGA competition is the Lann Trophy - awarded for the year's lowest round in a stroke play event. Sherry's four and Ann's three wins lead the list, followed by Cindy Ferro, Adrienne MacLean (as a junior player), Helen Aitken, Diana D'Alessio and Mary Eichhorn with one each. But the highest honor paid by the WMGA for skill is the Player of the Year. With points awarded throughout the year for performance in state, regional and national events, it is a much sought-after prize. Of the nine years in which it has been awarded, Sherry Herman won it three times, Diana D'Alessio twice, and Donna Young and Adrienne MacLean once each. Diana, after a successful college career at Furman and her noted success in the metropolitan area, became a professional and is now enjoying her career as an exempt player on the LPGA Tour. Crediting Ann Beard and Ann Probert with lots of early encouragement, Adrienne followed her success as a WMGA Junior Champion with a golf scholarship to Stanford. After a brief hiatus, the 2002 Player of the Year seems back in form with a round of very strong finishes in '02 including runner-up in the WMGA Match Play and second place in the '02 Met Open.



**Adrienne MacLean**

In its centennial year - 1998 - the WMGA initiated the Judy Bell Award, named in honor of the first woman to be president of the USGA. It is given each year for extraordinary service to the game of golf. Joining Ann Beard who was the first recipient, are Maureen Orcutt and Ann Probert. Ann Beard, along with Cynthia Alexandre-Foshay, was also honored by the MGA when she was given that organization's Distinguished Service Award, the only women so honored: Mrs. Beard in 1991 and Mrs. Foshay in 1979. Both of these ladies had been Chairmen of the USGA's Women's Committee.



**Ann Probert**



**Ann Beard**

In NJ State Amateur competition, it is unlikely that Sherry Herman's record of four victories in a row will be toppled any time soon. A successful product of the University of Georgia's women's golf program in which she regularly competed against such golfing greats as Beth Daniel and Betsy King, Sherry's strength is the sum total of power, concentration and finesse. A regular participant in national events, she has reached the semi-finals in the Trans National, the Doherty, and twice in the Mid-Am. She cites her victory over Robin Burke in the '02 Mid-Am and her 1997 victory over Mary Eichhorn in the NJ Am to collect her record-breaking third title in a row as highlights of her illustrious career. Other NJ State Amateur Champs from Garden State include: Carolyn Cudone, Maureen Orcutt, Marge Mason, Helen Hockenjos, Karen Noble, Jan Tracy, Hatsy Hart, Cindy O'Connor, Betty Cralle, Evie Pyne, Pat Johnstone, Rie Noble, Kathy Linney, Liz Wood, Cathy Reynolds, Sybil Whitman, Allison Wojnas (Kucinski), Maura Waters and Mary Eichhorn who, at age 50, was the oldest to win since Maureen Orcutt in 1967 and the only left-hander.



*Sherry Herman*

In the NJ State Seniors, for players over 50, the inaugural winner in 1970 was Betty Whelan (Donovan) but the ever-impressive Ann Probert holds the most titles with five. Other GSWGA members to win this 36 hole stroke play event are: Marion Cross, Bobby Doubilet, Nancy Lyman, Nancy Burke, Pat Fisher, Helen Soffer- man, Isabel Mercer, Evie Pyne, Marion Wilson, Janet Davis, Fran Winans, Ann Beard, Derby Campbell, Joyce Allen, Sybil Whitman, Mary Ann Richter, Mary Eichhorn, and for the last two years, Barbara Hulke.



*Barbara Hulke*



*Some State Champions from the GSWGA (photos from left): Maura Waters, '92 Amateur Champion & Fran Winans, '86 Senior Champion; Phyllis Siegel, Amateur Chairman & Sybil Whitman, '86 Amateur Champion; Janet Davis, '84 Senior Champion; Helen Soffer- man, '76 Senior Champion; Jean Rodgers, runner-up & Allison Wojnas (Kucinski), '91 Amateur Champion; Mary Eichhorn, '99 Amateur & '00 Senior Champion.*



*Friends and Memories ~*



*1993: Coleen Luker & Maura Waters*



*1993: Kay Perrotty & Lyn McCarthy*



*1977: Doris Marks, Carol Miller, Gloria Ehrlich & Cynn timer Alexandre (Foshay)*



*1994: Beanie Kelley & Irene Boughton*



*1995 - Mary Eichhorn, Allison Kucinski, Maura Waters & Helen Aitken*



*2001-02 Net Champion, Alicia Kapheim & Anna Zorlas, president*



*2002: Jesse Clancy, Deb Agran, Donna Young & Lydia Siipola*



*2000: Sue Regan & Mary Holle*



*2000: Chris Ely, Kathleen Doyle (Sullivan), Carol Hickie & Louise Ventrella*



*1996: Cynn timer Rogers & Debbie Brucker*



*2002: Sue Blair & Muffy Finken*



'01: Honey Fazzinga & Fern Epstein



'02: Fran Gacos



'02 - Back: Mary Alice Smith, Helen Bernstein, Debbie Brucker, Alicia Kapheim, Cynnne Rogers; Front: Ginnie Vogel, Lydia Siipola, Meryl Topchik



'95: Bea Lawrence (Schooley), Debbie Hoermann, Celeste Tyrrell & Shortie Brown



'96: Donna Young & Jo Friebely



'96: Joyce Allen, Bernice Slezak & Coleen Luker



'02: Remembering 9-11 Mary Holle & Mary Ann Richter



'93: Maura Waters, Helen Aitken & Nancy Gitkin



'97: Barb Hulke & Debbie Brucker



'94: Carol DeStephan - a not-so-balmy Opening Day



'90: Rainy play-off at Montclair - Kay Perrotty & Val DePiro



'80: Honey Miller, Pat Brooke, Di Pinkham & Roberta Lonoff



'96: Barb Hulke & Robin Rombough



'02: Jo Friebely & Sue DeKalb



'97: Lori Bindler, Sherry Herman & Irene Boughton



'00: Marlene Duke & Jo Friebely



'94: Marianne Farmer & Marion Wilson



'95: Donna Neas & Sue Blair



'98: Barbara Thompson, Joan Appleby, Honey Miller & Lynn Schonbraun



No Losers in '00: Carolyn Marchuk, Kathleen Doyle (Sullivan) & Donna Neas



New kids of '02: Liz Hickey, Deb Oberg & Sheila Wall.



'01: Donna Young, Jonni Clause & Nathalie Lota

### Anniversary Committee

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| Anniversary Book & Invitations . . . . . | Mary Eichhorn                   |
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| Secretary . . . . .                      | Jo Friebely                     |
| Prizes & Favors . . . . .                | Gloria Shea                     |
| Guests . . . . .                         | Mary Holle                      |
| Tournament Site . . . . .                | Mary Ann Richter<br>Dot Paluck  |
| Luncheon . . . . .                       | Anna Zorlas                     |
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### Coda ~

Writing this book has provided me the opportunity to walk for a time in the shoes of our great players, to relive some wonderful experiences and to remember old friendships. It was a very pleasant journey. In all, it has served to punctuate everything we hold dear about the GSWG: keen competition, sportsmanship and friendship.

As we make all those perfect swings into the future, we look back with gratitude to the vision of our founders and their rich legacy which has been so lovingly preserved by our leadership of the first 50 years.

In her "memories," Diana D'Alessio wrote of how her many great friendships from Garden State were more important to her than any of her golf experiences. "Fortunately," she said, "the friends and the golf go hand in hand, and for that I feel very lucky to have been a part of the GSWG." Could it be expressed any better? Don't think so.

