

DWGA

Diamond Chips

NEWSLETTER OF THE DELAWARE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

WINTER, 2004 VOL. 7, No. 1

Bash To The Beach Kicks Off 2004 Season

Are you ready for some golfing? Unless you've travelled south for some part of this winter, you haven't had much, if any, chance to swing the clubs.

For those of you who played in last year's Better Ball Bash to the Beach, you'll remember that you completed a survey regarding the event. You gave the Board a lot of good feedback that is being incorporated into this year's Bash.

The event will start with a 1:00 shotgun at Kings Creek CC. The field will

Playbook Moves To Website

In order to cut costs, not raise fees, and take advantage of today's technology, the Board has decided to change the format of the DWGA's membership material.

Upon receipt of your Annual Membership fee (still only \$10), you will receive a membership card. This card

be flighted, and prizes will be awarded for that day's round by flights. Tuesday's round will be an 8:30 shotgun at Bear Trap Dunes. Again, prizes will be awarded for the second round, as well as awards for the 36-hole tournament.

The event includes lunch before golf at Kings Creek, and lunch after play at Bear Trap Dunes.

One never knows what the weather will be in April, but it will be good to get out and play these two fabulous courses. And, Kings Creek and Bear

will have your name and club affiliation on it. If you have Open Days privileges, this card will also act as your Open Days card.

Information that is normally in the Playbook (Champions, Club info, Past Presidents, etc.) will be permanently posted on the website - www.dwga.org.

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Trap Dunes are known for their wonderful food, well-stocked Pro Shops and terrific staff.

Bring your windbreaker, and kick off the season with two days of fun and competition at the beach!

From the President...

I would like to thank the Board for electing me to a second term as president. The entire Board has put in many hours of work since the Fall meeting. Our primary goal was to review the Bylaws and rewrite sections that reflect the times, instituting policies that will allow us to move into the mainstream of where golf is going now and in the future.

We have downsized the Board from thirteen to nine positions. Since the Board is moving from a task-oriented group to a policy-making one, a smaller Board will be more efficient. Additionally, the tournament schedule has decreased in number. (Continued on page 2)

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Playbook Moves...(from Pg. 1)

The tournament schedule for the year will be on the back of your membership card, and will include date, location, and opening/closing dates.

The details of the tournament will be posted on the website, as well as faxed to your club. You will be able to print an entry form off of the website, or get one from your club (a 'master' copy of the form will be faxed there).

We know this is a big change, and ask your cooperation in trying it out. We look forward to your feedback, and will make changes to the procedures if needed.

Volunteers Welcome!

Working at a tournament can be a lot of fun. It's also a lot of work! We can always use volunteers to help make the day a smooth one. Specifically, we need volunteers for:

- Registration (checking in players);
- Ranging (driving around the course, making sure everything is running smoothly);
- Scoreboard (checking scores/posting);
- Spotters (helping players locate the ball in hard-to-see places on the course).

Please call the office to volunteer for any of the tournaments. It's a great way to contribute to the game we all love, and we'll all love you for helping!

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From the President...(from pg. 2)

Please remember a commitment from clubs to host tournaments (especially multiple day events) takes a lot of time. The Amateur was decided 13 months ago! Dates are determined by the clubs' schedules, and may not be exactly the dates we would like.

Golf clubs are becoming more of a business-type setting, and are scheduling more outside events to generate revenue. I understand that our schedule will sometimes conflict with other golfing events, but it is nearly impossible to avoid these conflicts.

I assure you, we will hold all our tournaments to the highest standards the courses will allow. So the bottom line is, you must decide in which tournaments you wish to play.

The Board is also examining the possibilities of getting involved in other areas of golf, such as education, clinics, and seminars. Our mission is to promote golf for women. We will evaluate every area necessary to achieve our goals.

Over 50 years ago, the DWGA was created for women who wish to play golf in the State of Delaware. The changes the DWGA are making are important for our continuous growth and strength as we move forward.

Everything we do is for you, and we always put "principles" above personalities.

Until next time, remember: "If it's breezy, swing the club easy!"

Patty

Patty Marvel, President

Calendar Of Events

March:

13: Annual Spring Meeting
10:30am - (KCR)

April:

19-20: Better Ball Bash (KCR/BTD)
Check website for Open Days

May:

Check website for Open Days

June:

7-9: Amateur Champ. (KCR)

July:

Check website for Open Days

August:

Check website for Open Days

September:

11: Team Matches

18: Team Matches

28-29: Senior Champ. (BRA)

Check website for Open Days

October:

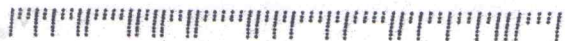
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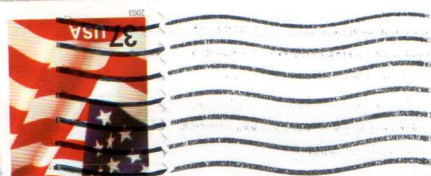
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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2005 SCHEDULE

A full tournament schedule has been put together for the 2005 season.

The DWGA spent the fall contacting clubs so that we could provide the best venues for our tournaments, and we are quite excited about the results. The Women's Amateur Championship will be at Christiana Country Club and the Senior Women's Championship will be held at Rehoboth Beach Country Club.

A new tournament which we will call the "Ryder Cup Medley" has been added and will be played at Newark CC. A two person team will play 6 holes of Scramble, 6 holes of Chapman

and 6 of holes Better Ball. The very popular "321" which was a new tournament last year will be back and hosted by Shawnee CC. As well as one of our favorites, the Better Ball Bash, again graciously hosted by Kings Creek CC and Bear Trap Dunes GC. We hope you will enjoy our selections for this year.

Every five years DWGA has a tournament of Champions. To qualify you must have won a championship. A DWGA Amateur, Senior Amateur, Super Senior or Junior Amateur or a DWGA Member Club Women's Club Championship, Senior or Super Senior Championship also Net Championship

throughout the five weeks a net and gross winner will be announced.

Our ultimate goal is to have a Southern and Northern Division this year, but need a minimum of four teams in each division to do so. If we can accomplish this, there will be a playoff on Saturday, October 15th.

Let's give the reigning champs, Three Little Bakers, net and Christiana, gross, a challenge this year.

Join the fun, excitement and camaraderie!

or Junior Championship.

The defending Champion this year is Pam Brown who won in 2000.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the Spring.

Perry Drevo, Tournament Chair

More details on the Tournament of Champions in the Playbook or Website www.dwga.org.

From the President...

I appreciate the Boards confidence in electing me President for this year.

This has been an interesting year for the DWGA. We have several new faces on the Board: Perry Drevo, Rehoboth and Linda Outlaw, Kings Creek who are filling resigned positions. Our newest members are Helen Johnson, DelCastle, Patty Touchette, Three Little Bakers and Mary Jane Weldin, Newark, elected to a three year term.

We have updated the rules, regulations and duties, trying to get a common understanding so that we
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TEAM MATCHES

It's not too early to put together your team for DWGA Team Matches! Team matches this year are scheduled for five consecutive Saturdays beginning on September 10, 2005.

Your team needs a minimum of eight players each week, four who will play at home and four who will play away. Points are awarded on the basis of match play and accumulated

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From The President... (from Pg. 1)
can work together more effectively.

Our Executive Director, Debbie Ryan resigned because of work conflicts. We thank Debbie for her many years of service and wish her the best in the future. Phyllis Pepper assumed the duties starting January of this year as Operations Manager.

Individual annual dues are being increased to \$15. Member Club fees have also been increased but now include course rating, they are now \$100, what a bargain!

We have listened to you and **the Playbook is back!** The new Playbook will include: name of clubs, address, phone number, slope and index, as well as the tournament information. We hope this will increase participation in the tournaments.

A reminder, all member clubs must host a tournament at least once every three years. If a club would prefer a particular tournament, let Phyllis know and perhaps details can be worked out to accommodate. It is not too early to plan events for '06 or '07, to fit in with a club's schedule. Earlier scheduling permits a better opportunity to get good dates even for multi-day events. Volunteers, particularly from the host club, are necessary to produce a smooth running tournament.

The DWGA mission is to promote women's golf. To that end, we will be exploring means of providing education, clinics and seminars to our membership, and expanding the membership itself. Further we will assist clubs that lack a ladies golf association and have an interest in organizing a women's golf association and becoming a (con't)

member of the DWGA.

The DWGA's purpose is to continue to support, enhance and promote the game of golf for all women, members or not, within Delaware. We will entertain and evaluate all suggestions and ideas in support of this effort.

Swing easy and hope to see you in the Spring.

Tillie

Jr. Championship

Last year the Championship was not well attended mainly because of conflicting schedules. The numbers may have been small but there was some terrific golf. Two contestants shot 1 over par. It was Great to watch!

This year we have tried to coordinate the schedule with the help of some parents. Their schedule is so busy it has been difficult. One of the few dates we were able to fit into their schedule and acquire a course was July 5th & 6th at DelCastle Golf Club. On the 5th we will tee off at 11:00 AM and the 6th at 8:30 AM. On the last day of the Championship we will have awards and lunch. I will mail applications to last years contestants and send them to all clubs.

We are trying to get more participation. We will contact the high school coaches to see if they will help promote awareness. To play you must not have had your 18th birthday by July 5th, live in Delaware or belong to a club that is a member of the DWGA. If you know a Junior Girl who may be interested please contact her or call our office.

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10:30 AM - (MPL)

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18: 3-2-1 (SHA)

Check website for Open Days

June:

28-30: Amateur Champ. (CHR)

July:

20: Ryder Cup Medley (NEW)

Check website for Open Days

August:

23: Blue/Gold Mixed (TLB)

Check website for Open Days

September:

10-17-24: Team Matches

27-28: Senior Champ. (REH)

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October:

1-8 : Team Matches

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2006 KICKOFF - BASH TO THE BEACH

We have put together a great schedule for 2006. The Amateur will be held at Wilmington CC and the Seniors at Cripple Creek CC. We will again kickoff the season with the Better Ball Bash at Kings Creek CC and Bear Trap Dunes GC. Included in the schedule is the 3-2-1, Ryder Cup Medley, DeLaWarr Blue/Gold, and we're adding a Scramble with a Twist to close out the season.

In 2005 the Tournament of Champions was not held so we have reschedule it on August 29th at Fieldstone. The field will be limited to 60 players. To qualify as a Champion you must have won the Delaware State Amateur, Senior, Super Senior, Jr. or a champion from a DWGA member club, Club Championship, Senior or Super Senior or a Net Club

Championship.

The team tournaments for 2005 were well attended, but we need more participation for the Amateur, Senior and Junior Championships. Perhaps for the USGA State Team Event we should combine the two years of the Amateur as qualifiers.

To join the DWGA, you must have a USGA handicap of no more than 40.4. This is an increase, with hopes of getting more participation. However, in competition, no one will receive more than 2 strokes a hole, or a maximum of 36 strokes. Local and nine hole handicaps do not qualify as a USGA handicap.

Join the DWGA early and take advantage of your membership all season.

Team Matches

Team matches were held this year with four teams participating: Three Little Bakers, Chesapeake, Cavaliers and Newark. The teams each played six matches against their competitors, both at home and away. After a very challenging season, with the lead for gross seesawing between the four teams weekly, Cavaliers took the gross lead with a total of 233.5 points.

The net leader for the season was Chesapeake, with a hard fight from the other teams. Chesapeake ended up 219.5 points, while

the other three teams shared second, third, and fourth places with only a 1.5 point difference between them.

Congratulations to Cavaliers and Chesapeake! and many thanks to all of the teams for coming out for the 2005 season. Looking forward to 2006! and hopefully more Clubs will participate. The more clubs we have, the more fun we'll have!!

Linda Outlaw
Team Match Chair

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This has been a learning year for me. There were a few rough spots, but with the solid support and tireless effort of the Board, we managed to survive and set up some new actions for the coming year.

An "Introduction to Course Rating" seminar will be conducted this spring. Attendees will learn the intricate procedures used in rating each hole of a golf course. Subsequently, attendees will be asked to join the rating team, which will undertake the rating or re-rating of various courses in Delaware. The rating of golf courses is an important function of the DWGA, in that it helps to make the handicap system fair and equitable for all players.

We have all had, on one occasion or another, discussions (occasionally heated) on how the "Rules of Golf" are interpreted or applied. Understanding and consistently following the rules makes the game more enjoyable for all of us. To that end, the Board has invited the USGA to conduct a Rules tutorial early this coming season.

As a result of our elections last Fall, I welcome back to the Board, Kristin Liersch and Perry Drevo. (Cont'd Pg. 2)

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From The President..(from Pg. 1)

The purpose of the DWGA is to support, enhance and promote the game of golf for all women in Delaware, whether or not they are members of the association. The success of the organization is dependent on the quality and number of women who participate in the game and particularly on those who volunteer to assist in organizing and/or taking part in the association's events. Indeed, the organization's life blood is its volunteers without whom it would not exist. In summation – we need all the help we can get!

I look forward to seeing you at our opening tournament – Bash to the Beach!

Tillie

Junior Championship

The 2005 Junior Golf Tournament was held on July 5th and 6th at Delcastle Golf Club in Wilmington. Christine Schimel was the 2005 Champion with Julia Robinson runner-up. Congratulations!

In an effort for more participation, notices promoting this event were sent to all DWGA Golf Clubs and to the athletic directors of each high school in Delaware.

Six girls participated in the two day event. There was a great difference in age and the experience level among the golfers. Because of this, we hope to have both a 9 hole and an 18 hole tournament in the future.

We are considering holding the 2006 Junior Girls' tournament with the Junior Boy's at Maple Dale on July 17th -18th if this fits the girls' schedule. We will confirm this at a later date.

Mary Jane Weldin
Junior Chair

USGA STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The USGA 2005 State Team Championships were held just outside Hilton Head, SC at Berkeley Hall September 27-29. Based upon their qualifying scores at the Women's Amateur held in June at the Cavalier Country Club, Perry Drevo, Dottie Farmer and Heather Heinrich were selected to represent the State of Delaware at this prestigious event. The competition consisted of two days of practice followed by three days of competition on the magnificent Fazio designed "South" course which was set up at 6100 yards. The team was competitive and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience of playing with some of the best amateurs in this country.

The team greatly appreciated the support of DWGA to participate at this bi-annual event. DWGA hopes that the field for the amateur for 2007 will have many players striving to make this team to participate in the event which will be held at The Woodlands in Texas in 2007. Junior players are encouraged to play in the qualifying event.

Perry Drevo
Tournament Chair

TID-BITS

THE MARCH MEETING will feature a USGA Guest Speaker, Ann Guiberson, who has been very helpful to us in 2005. **All are invited!**

Please send a delegate to the meeting as they are your contact with the DWGA.

COURSE RATING SEMINAR APRIL 4TH 2006 @ MAPLE DALE CC. Cost to be determined.

A Special Thanks to Maple Dale CC for donating space to hold our meetings! It is greatly appreciated !!

Calendar Of Events

March:

11th Annual Spring Meeting
10:30 AM - Maple Dale

April:

24th & 25th: Better Ball Bash
at Kings Creek & Bear Trap

May:

16th: 3-2-1 Kennett Square

June:

27th - 29th: Amateur Championship
Wilmington

July:

11th Ryder Cup Medley Maple Dale

August:

10th: Blue/Gold Mixed

Chesapeake N.E.

27th: Tournament of Champions

Fieldstone

31st: Senior Champion Cripple Creek

September:

1st: Senior Champion Cripple Creek

19th ; Scramble with a Twist

Wild Quail

9th,16th,23rd,30th: Team Matches

October:

7th: Team Matches

**Open Days Posted on the Website
USGA MAX. HANDICAPS NOW 40.4**

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Back by Popular Demand Bash to the Beach

We are planning an exciting year for the 2007 season, starting with Bash to the Beach at Baywood Greens and Kings Creek. Included in the schedule is the 3-2-1, the Amateur Championship, Ryder Cup Medley, Junior Championship, Blue/Gold Mixed, Senior Championship, and Scramble with a Twist.

The Amateur will be held at Bayside Golf Course, a new Jack Nicklaus course in Selbyville, Sussex County, DE. The top three finishers of this event will be eligible to represent Delaware in the USGA State Team Championship in Woodlands, Texas in September.

DWGA 2006 Tournament Highlights

We ended a very successful tournament season with increased attendance. The top five participating clubs were the following: DuPont, 47 entries; Horsham Valley, 46 entries; Newark, 39 entries; Wild Quail, 33 entries and Cripple Creek, 33 entries.

Our best attended tournament was the Scramble with a Twist, a new tournament in our schedule, which had a field of 100 participants. Bash to the Beach and 3-2-1 each had 84 participants. Improvement was seen in attendance at our Amateur and Senior Championships, with 54 ladies participating in the Amateur and 55 women in the Senior.

Special Mention goes to Meghan Adams from Maple Dale Country Club who was our Amateur Champion for the second year in a row. This tournament was held at Wilmington County Club on a very rain soaked course for three days of stroke play. Diane Herndon of Kings Creek Country Club won the Senior Championship which was held at Cripple Creek Country Club. Unfortunately, the second day of play was canceled due to heavy rain.

Perry Drevo
Tournament Chair

Letter From the President

Spring is around the corner and we are eagerly awaiting its arrival so we can hit that little white ball again!

The Board has made every effort to keep you informed of the challenges we faced and the proposed solutions. We are working on a new format for the website and hope it will be useful for our members.

This year we have two new Board members: Cynthia Hunsberger from Cripple Creek and Janine Marrone from Newark. They will fill the spots left vacant by the resignation of Perry Drevo and Barbara Carruci. We thank Perry and Barbara for their contributions and welcome Cynthia and Janine.

With the new season starting, I am happy to announce that the DWGA has partnered with the DSGA to assist in the operation of our tournament and player programs. Jennifer O'Brien will be our primary contact at the DSGA and will be at each tournament to assist our tournament committee. The DWGA has relocated its office to the current DSGA office. We believe that using existing DSGA tournament management, player database tools and best practices that we can deliver a high quality program to the DWGA members. We believe that this relationship will benefit both organizations.

We will again be publishing the Player Handbook in 2007. Always check the Handbook for tournament information and tournament applications.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our opening tournament, Bash to the Beach in April!

Tillie

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Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Day Phone # (____) _____ Evening Phone # (____) _____

Cell Phone # (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Club Affiliation: _____ *Handicap ID _____ * Handicap ID is the number that you enter into the posting station to post a score.

Current USGA Hdcp. Index _____ (Maximum Handicap Index: 40.4)

Make check payable to DWGA for \$20.00 and mail to NEW address listed above

Team Matches

Congratulations to Chesapeake Bay and Three Little Bakers!!

Team matches were held this year with Three Little Bakers, Chesapeake Bay, Cavaliers, and Newark competing. The teams each played a total of six matches against their competitors, playing each team home and away. After a very challenging season, with the lead for gross alternating between the teams weekly, Chesapeake took the lead with a total of 242.5 points, Cavaliers placed second with 242.0 points. The net champion for the season was Three Little Bakers who

finished with 225.5 points.

The DWGA would like to thank all of the teams that came out and participated in the 2006 matches.

Encourage your club to sponsor a team next year. We're hopeful that the South will rise again and provide an end of season competition against the North. See you in 2007!

Linda Outlaw
Team Match Chair

Girls Junior Championship

The 2006 Junior Golf Tournament was held on August 22nd and 23rd at Cavaliers Country Club with five girls participating. Christine Shimel of DuPont won her second consecutive Delaware Junior Girls Championship by shooting 72-77 for the two day event. Gabriella DiMarco of Penn Oaks placed second, Erica Pellegrini and Samantha Purple tied for third place, Mackenzie Merritt finished fourth.

Since there was a large age difference between the girls, we hope more girls will participate so that we can offer a 9-hole and an 18-hole tournament next year. We will be holding the 2007 tournament in conjunction with the Junior Boys Championship at Deerfield on July 10th and 11th.

The DWGA would like our members to encourage more young ladies to participate.

Mary Jane Weldin
Junior Girls Chair

Tid-Bits Rules Workshops

The USGA will conduct 2 workshops for those who wish to learn more about the Rules of Golf. The dates are:

February 25th-27th &
March 25th-28th

We urge all our members to take this course. It's a good tool for playing golf and you could be of great help in DWGA tournaments.

Please contact USGA Golf House at (908) 234-2300 ext. 5100 for more information.

DON'T FORGET TO POST YOUR WINTER SCORES!

If are playing golf in a state with an active golf season, you should be posting your scores to count towards your handicap. You can do this from your home by going online to www.dwga.org. Scroll over the handicap icon on the left side of the screen, select Online Posting, then select your home club. This will take you to your club website where you are instructed to sign-in on the left hand side of the screen. Input your club ID and club password to post scores. Please contact the DWGA office if you do not know your ID or password, (302) 234-3365.

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July:

10th-11th: Junior Girls

Championship at Deerfield

23rd: Ryder Cup Medley

at Penn Oaks

August:

Blue/Gold Scramble

20th Hartefeld National Senior

Other tourn.

September:

19th: Scramble with a Twist at White Clay Creek

October:

Team Matches

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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Welcome to the new officers for the 2008-2009 year. They include Linda Outlaw (Kings CC) President, Janine Marrone (Newark CC) Vice President Ann Hitchens (Delaware National CC) Treasurer, and Angie Coleman (Delcastle GC) Secretary.

Three new members joined the Board this year: Angie Coleman (Delcastle GC), Ann Hitchens (Delaware National CC) and Karen Sergison (Bear Trap Dunes GC). They have all been active in the Delaware golfing community over the past years and we know their knowledge and experience will strengthen the Board.

DWGA would like to take this opportunity to thank retiring Board members for their hard work and dedication to the organization. Tillie McHugh (Kings Creek CC) served as President for the past three years and was instrumental in bringing together the partnership with the Delaware Golf Association. Bernie Reid (Kings Creek CC) has faithfully served as Treasurer for the past three years keeping the finances straight. Kristin Liersch (Delcastle GC) actively assisted with Diamond Chips and our Junior Golf program while serving as Vice President. We appreciate their efforts in helping to improve women's golf in the state of Delaware.

2008, A Year to Look Forward To

Once again, the ever popular Bash to the Beach will open an exciting 2008 season. The Bash will be held on April 21st and 22nd at Kings Creek CC and Baywood Greens GC.

The 2008 tournament schedule will also include "3-2-1" at Wild Quail G & CC, the Ryder Cup Medley at Shawnee CC, the Diamond Scramble at Heritage Shores GC, the DeLaWarr Blue/Gold at Delaware National CC, and the Scramble with a Twist at Chesapeake Bay GC at Rising Sun. Check our web site for more details on these events.

The 2008 Women's Amateur Championship will be held at Newark CC, on June 23-25. This is the last year to play the "old" Newark CC as they will be moving to a new location in 2009. Get out and play this course for what is expected to be its' final season! The Junior Girls' Championship will be held July 16th and 17th at Brandywine CC, and the Women's Senior Amateur Championship at Kings Creek CC on September 8th and 9th. Please check the website, www.dwga.org, for the complete schedule.

Mark your calendars now for these important dates!

USGA STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP By: Dottie Farmer

The 2007 USGA Women's State Team Championship was held this past September at the Nicklaus Course of the Club at Carlton Woods in The Woodlands, Texas. With days of high temperatures and humidity, this beautiful course played even tougher than its' rating and slope of 75.1/134 and its' distance of 6000 yards. Occurring every two years, this event is a USGA sanctioned tournament requiring that participants live in the state that is represented. NCAA bylaws also require that college students cannot participate.

The State Teams, made up of 3 golfers, had two days of practice rounds and three days of competition. Delaware's team included Andrea Daly (Three Little Bakers CC), Sandy Scitti (Bayside Resort GC) and Dottie Farmer (Cavaliers CC). The team scores consisted of the best two scores out of three each day. Each Delaware team member's score was used twice, so it was a real team effort. The low scorer for Delaware was Andrea Daly with an 82.

Matches were played against Maine, Nevada, Vermont and North Dakota, with Delaware defeating both Vermont and North Dakota. Winner of the Tournament was the State Team from Arizona.

Andrea, Sandy and Dottie wish to thank the DWGA for sending them to this prestigious event, with special thanks to those who participated in the 50/50's. These contributions covered many of their expenses. The Team represented Delaware well and gave everyone they met Delaware Commemorative Pins.

PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES

In 2007, we entered into a partnership with the Delaware State Golf Association to help manage our organization. Through this partnership, we were able to implement many enhancements which benefited our members, host clubs and host professionals. We all agree this has been a very successful partnership!

During the 2007 tournament season, you may have noticed many changes. They included:

- Preparation of all printed material, including scorecards, pairing sheets, and scoreboards;
- Allocation of handicaps in team events to allow for more equitable competition within flights, according to USGA guidelines; and
- Distribution of updated and timely tournament information on our web site, www.dwga.org, along with tournament results.

We were fortunate to be awarded a P.J. Boatwright Internship grant from the USGA for the 2008 season. This intern will be instrumental in assisting during tournaments.

Our thanks go out to Bill Barrow, DSGA Director of Operations, Jen O'Brien DWGA Operations Manager, Kyle Garis last year's DSGA intern and other DSGA volunteers who helped make 2007 a great year! Our partnership will continue in 2008 and we know it will make the 2008 season even better.



2007 Team Matches Net Winners - Newark Country Club

Seated: Vikki Vlastnik & Terry LaRock
Standing: Robin Schweizer, Philomena Najera, Monica Gourley & Debbie Deck



2007 Team Matches Gross Winners - Chesapeake Bay

Seated: Karen Kennedy, Linda French, Arlene Zamora, & Gail Cooper.
Standing: Phyllis Pepper, Susan Eichler, Sue Iardella, Tracie Martin, Ruth Clutter Joan Martin, & Sally Grillo

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the tournament participants this year! Your generosity in the 50/50's allowed us to sponsor our State Team and cover nearly all their expenses. The State Team Championship is only held every 2 years; 50/50 drawings will continue this year for the 2009 Team.

You may not have known that \$0.50 from every tournament registration fee goes to the Delaware Scholarship Fund; we raised over \$600 last year. All graduating high school seniors or college students are eligible to apply for the scholarships. Check our website, www.dwga.org, for this year's winners.

TID BITS

- **POST WINTER SCORES** - If you are playing golf in a state with an active golf season, you should be posting your scores to count towards your handicap. You can do this from your home by going online to www.dwga.org. Please contact the DWGA office if you do not know your ID or password. (302-234-3365).
- **OPEN DAYS** - The new schedule will be posted on the web site for open days. Check it out at www.dwga.org.
- **NEW RULES** - Every two years, the USGA updates or changes rules. These have just been published. Check them out at www.dwga.org.
- **GOLF TIPS** - Get mentally ready for spring! Read the latest golf tips at www.dwga.org.