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Girls Junior Golf Partners Fundraiser

June 8, 2003 marked the date of the first Girls Junior Golf Partners Fundraiser, which was held in conjunction with the 2003 AWGA Partners Tournament. This year's tournament and fundraiser were held at Prescott Lakes Golf Club in Prescott. Dozens of volunteers from area clubs were on hand to assist with the activities, along with seven juniors, who demonstrated their skills for the participants



who raised over \$2,300 for girls golf programs in Arizona.

Our special thanks to Dan Desmond, the General Manager of Prescott Lakes Golf Club and Cody Lack, Head Golf Professional, who made this event possible by allowing the use of the golf course and practice facility. Also, special thanks to the local committee who organized the event: Lori Gaucher, Barbara Bloom, Helen Mueller, and Claudia Canaday of Prescott Lakes, Sarah Cox of Antelope Hills, Maryann Conner of Prescott Country Club, Wallace Hamerton and Donna Leopold of Hassayampa.

We would be remiss if we did not also acknowledge the

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Heather Farr Trophy Matches

The 12th Annual Heather Farr Trophy Matches took place June 24-25, 2003 at Grayhawk Golf Club, in Scottsdale. The Matches were established in 1992 by the late Heather Farr, the former Arizona State All-American, LPGA tour member, and 2002 inductee into the Arizona Golf Hall of Fame, who died of breast cancer in 1993.

The Amateur team,



comprised of ten top Arizona female amateurs, emerged victorious after two days of match play competition at scratch against ten Arizona PGA and LPGA non-touring female professionals. The teams compete for a total of 15 points, 5 for the Four-Ball Matches, and 10 for the Singles Matches. In the first round Four-Ball Matches, the Amateur team held a solid lead of 4 to 1.

The Professional team fought back hard in the final round Singles Matches, taking it all the way to the 18th hole in the last three matches before the Amateurs clinched the win 8 1/2 to 6 1/2.

The matches are traditionally held at Grayhawk, which has also honored Heather Farr by naming its first hole of the Talon Course "Farrview", complete with a bronze statue near the first tee.

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Senior Olympics

We are proud to announce that several of our AWGA members qualified to compete in the 2003 Summer National Senior Games in Virginia Beach VA in June. Four of them returned victorious, sporting medals in their age groups, from a very respectable bronze, all the way to the gold medal. With more than 10,500 competitors, 20,000 spectators and more than 800 events, the 2003 Summer National Senior Games represent one of the largest multi-sport athletic competitions in the world. In the golf event there were 455 (363 men and 92 women) golfers competing in different age divisions. The golf competition was a 54-hole stroke play tournament, low gross, no handicap.



L to R: Anne Pittman, Vash Matlon, Sallie McCutcheon

AWGA Players included:

- Pat Jackson - Gold Medalist (SCW Stardust & Deer Valley)
- Vash Matlon - Gold Medalist (Antelope Hills)
- Sallie McCutcheon - Silver Medalist (Papago)
- Anne Pittman - Bronze Medalist (Papago, Ken McDonald)

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Your Voice

We want to hear from you, our members. Starting with our next newsletter, we will have a new area to publish letters from our members. If you have a question, a praise, a criticism, or something on your mind, email to comm@awga.org or mail to the AWGA office. We do ask that you put your name on your letter so that we may contact you to make sure the article was written by you before we publish it. We will also ask if you wish your name to be published with the article.

Back by Popular Demand

When we changed the Conditions of Competition for our tournaments this year, we said we would change any that didn't work. And we will....starting at One Day in Hades, gross and net prizes will be awarded in ALL flights.



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Senior Olympics (Cont'd from Page 1)

Ida Breitenberger – 7th place (SCW Echo Mesa, SCW Desert Trails)
After breaking 2 ribs in the practice round in a fall getting out of a huge bunker, Vash was still able to come home with a gold medal. She credits this win to her son who had flown in from New York to caddy for her. She said she wouldn't have been able to finish the tournament without his help. Congratulations to all of you!

The National Senior Games Association (NSGA) is the national organization that spearheads the Senior Olympic Games movement, sanctioning and coordinating the efforts of senior games organizations across the country. To compete in the Summer National Senior Games, athletes 50 and over must qualify in their local state senior games, selecting from over 28 sport categories. Check out their website (www.nsga.com).

Arizona Senior Olympics began in 1981 with the first City of Phoenix Senior Olympics held in 1982 with just 150 participants. Statewide interest spurred the first Arizona Senior Olympics State Games held in 1984 at ASU. The first National Senior Olympics was held in St. Louis MO in 1987. More than 27,000 senior athletes from across the country qualified to compete in the 2003 National Senior Olympics.

The next Arizona Senior Olympics will be held in February 2004. For more information, visit their website (www.seniorgames.org) or contact their office at 602-495-5490. The next National Senior Olympics will be held in 2005 in Pittsburgh PA.

AWGA Takes Big Step

Sponsorships....Something Different

Mary Anne Lofquist of Cottonwood Country Club was appointed on Wednesday, June 18th to head the newly formed Sponsorship Committee. This committee is a spin off from the ever-growing Communications Committee. President Carole Ewy, AWGA Executive Director Mary Long, and Communications Director Kathryn Ridlehoover feel that now is the time for AWGA to take this big step to establish symbiotic relationships with the corporate and business worlds. With a base of some twenty-six thousand (26,000) members, we have much to offer to corporations and businesses in return for their monetary support and merchandise.



Enthusiasm was the key word when this committee was created. Mary Anne feels the sky is the limit for the possibilities that this committee can generate. In order to succeed in this endeavor, we need your help in securing some demographics to present to prospective sponsors. A membership survey is now on our website (www.awga.org) asking you to tell us your interests, occupations, your relationship with possible sponsorship connections, and other relevant data. Please fill in this survey and mail to the AWGA office, fax to 602-253-6210, or email to comm@awga.org. If you do not have access to our website, contact the office and we will send you a copy.

If you have expertise in the area of sales, and are interested in serving on this committee, please contact the AWGA office at 1-800-442-2942 or email us at comm@awga.org.

Girls Junior Golf Partners Fundraiser (Cont'd from Page 1)

state and local businesses that donated prizes to be awarded for the various contests and drawings. They are: Antelope Hills Golf Club, Anthem Country Club, Anthem Golf & Country Club, Best Western Prescottonian, Blue Hills Café, Carmel Valley Ranch, Cocopah Golf Resort, Desert Hills Golf Club, Estrella Mountain Ranch Golf Club, Foothills Golf Club in Yuma, Fore Her Golf, Gold Canyon Golf Resort, Hassayampa Golf Club, High Desert Golf, John Jacobs' Golf Schools, Legend Trail Golf Club, Mesa Del Sol Golf Course, Oro Valley Country Club, Painted Mountain Golf Club, Prescott Golf and Country Club, Prescott Lakes Golf Club, Prescott Resort, Quailwood Greens Golf Course, Stoneridge Golf Club, The Revere Golf Club, White Mountain Country Club, and Yuma Golf and Country Club.

Allow us to tell you something about the juniors who assisted in the events and whose lives the funds provided by this and other such fundraisers have touched.

Christina Schams, a 16-year junior from Corona Del Sol in Chandler AZ. Christina has been playing golf for five years while maintaining an impressive 3.6 GPA and a 3.9 USGA Handicap Index. Christina represented Arizona in the 2002 Girls Junior America's Cup Matches.

Alana Johnson is an 18 year old recent graduate from the prestigious Xavier College Preparatory who maintained an astonishing 4.0 GPA. Alana is headed to Columbia University this fall to play on the schools inaugural women's golf team. Alana played golf for the first time at the age of three, under the influence of her grandmother who she says is her greatest influence. Alana is the Junior Golf Association of Arizona's 2002 Player of the Year.

Dana Stapleton, a 12-year-old seventh grader from Copper Ridge Middle School in Scottsdale AZ has been golfing for five years. Recently, Dana won her age division at the Junior World Qualifying, which advanced her to the national championship to be played later this summer in San Diego CA. In early June, Dana also won the Phoenix City Junior Championship. She also is one of five girls who is on the Board of Directors for the LPGA Girls Golf Club.

Julea Jones-Davis, a 13-year-old seventh grader from Castle Dome Middle School, has only been golfing for three years. In that time, she has placed second in the 2000 Yuma City Junior Championship, and won the championship in both 2001 and 2002 for her age division.

Marissa Muir, an 18-year-old high school graduate from Canyon Del Oro High School in Tucson AZ, will start college in the fall on a golf scholarship to the University of Kentucky. Marissa carries a jaw dropping +0.4 USGA Handicap Index. After a great season last summer where she traveled and played a lot of national junior championships including the Hudson Junior Championship and Junior World Championship, Marissa started off this season with a strong showing at her High School Regionals. She also won the Southern Arizona Junior Challenge, and represented Arizona in the inaugural 2003 Mary Cave Cup Team Matches.

Sophia Choi, a 16-year old senior at Hamilton High School in Chandler AZ, has been golfing since the age of ten years old. This past summer, Sophia came on very strong in her quest to make the Girls Junior Americas Cup Team working her USGA Handicap Index down to 2.6.

Andrea Ratigan is an 16-years old sophomore at University High School in Tucson AZ. This young athlete has only been playing golf for four years but has already accomplished so much. She recently represented the state of Arizona in the Mary Cave Cup Team matches, and advanced through the local Junior World Championship Qualifier, to compete in the Championship later this summer in San Diego CA. She also qualified to compete in the USGA Girls Junior Championship in July.

Again, thanks to all who helped organize this event, to the girls who made such an impression on the participants, and to the participants themselves who made all the difference with their generosity.

Here's Your Chance To Help Girls Junior Americas Cup

The Southeastern Arizona Women's Amateur organization has designated the SAWA Championship as its official fundraiser to benefit the Girls Junior Americas Cup. The Championship will be held September 13-14, 2003 at Mountain View Golf Course and Pueblo del Sol Country Club in Sierra Vista. Junior players throughout the state are invited to play in this event and will have their own division of competition separate from the other participants. Please visit the SAWA website (www.sawa-golf.com) to download an entry form or call Kathryn Ridlehoover at 520-378-0900 for more information.

WELCOME

To our newest AWGA Associate Club:

(An Associate Club is one that doesn't have an established AWGA Women's Club, but wishes to maintain a USGA course rating for play by women)

Longbow Golf Club

Welcome New Board Members

We want to welcome our two newest board members. They are:



Kathryn Ridlehoover - Director of Communications. Kathryn is a member of Pueblo del Sol, Randolph North WGA and Huachuca Womens Club. She recently left the position of Secretary for the Southern District. Kathryn served on

the AWGA Communications Committee for three years before becoming the Director. She has a lot of wonderful ideas for making the website, newsletter and newsblasts bigger and better.

Maryann Conner - Director of Handicaps. Maryann is a member of Prescott Country Club, where she served terms as President, Vice President, and Handicap Chair. During her term as Handicap Chair,



Maryann developed a passion for handicapping which will serve her well as she works to enhance member knowledge of the USGA Handicap System and to develop stronger working relationships between the AWGA and the local Handicap Committees.

Tournaments Results

2003 Partners Tournament

June 9-10, 2003 • Prescott Lakes Golf Club



*Partners Champions:
Barbara Simmons & Sue Basso*



*Low Net Champions:
Louann Moczarski & Barbara Schaefer*

1st Flight - Low Gross

1st - Teddi Lewis & Luanne Lea 252

1st Flight - Low Net

1st - Maria Delyria & Mie Blakely 229

2nd Flight - Low Gross

1st - Mardel Allen & Storm Simpson 260

2nd - Janet Cothren & Katherine Olson 266

2nd Flight - Low Net

1st - Rosemary Beale & Mo Cruikshank 217

2nd - Barb Gregerson & Heidi Middleton 221

3rd Flight - Low Gross

1st - Jane Townsend & Karen Heckhaus 270

2nd - Rosemary Kurtz & Marilyn Williams 279

3rd Flight - Low Net

1st - Gay Elliott & Barbara Giani 226

2nd - Mary Beth Maddox & Meg Quarrie 231

4th Flight - Low Gross

1st - Jan Dietrich & Jane Neville 279

2nd - Trish Henry & Robin Eveland 290

4th Flight - Low Net

1st - Darlene Pilotte & Betty Raymer 220

2nd - Arlene Betterman & Carol Peterson 229

5th Flight - Low Gross

1st - Joann Hodge & Maryann Conner 291

2nd - Joanne Cory & Colleen Green 307

5th Flight - Low Net

1st - Kathy Civalier & Laurie DeMaio 230

2nd - Kathy George & Marna Prather 235

6th Flight - Low Gross

1st - Dorothy Swehla & Julie Dodds 315

2nd - Anna Davis & Barbara Walker 321

6th Flight - Low Net

1st - Lori Gaucher & Ginny Mazade 231

2nd - Roberta Van Laanen & Dorothy Vlastnik 238

Heather Farr Trophy Matches

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*Amateur Team
L to R: Erin
Tone; Missy
Farr-Kaye;
Phyllis Morton;
Amy Kamin;
Janet Weber;
Jennifer Karr;*

*Tui Selvaratnam; Katy Heffel; Lynn Simmons;
Rita Albertson*

Professional

Team L to R:

Alicia Singer;

Kelley Spooner;

Liz Waynick;

Caroline

McMillan;

Peggy

Gustafson; Susie Corona; Denise Martinez; Peggy

Briggs; Lynn McNee; Kristi Fowler



MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Check out our website (www.awga.org) for the new Membership Survey. We need this information to kick off our new Sponsorship program. Please complete ASAP and return to the AWGA office via mail, fax, or email.

Golf For Kids

In all our activity, it is easy to overlook just how kind and generous so many of our AWGA members are. We didn't want to miss this opportunity to acknowledge some of them publicly. Although they asked to remain anonymous, they know who they are. Recently, during our State Amateur Match Play Championship, May 6-9, 2003 at Heritage Highlands in Marana, the members at Heritage Highlands were conducting a separate fundraiser, "Golf For Kids," through which they were raising funds for the Title I Marana elementary schools. Several of our Match Play winners donated their gift certificates totaling \$315 to this fundraiser.

The AWGA office received a wonderful thank you note from Shirley Larsen, Chairperson of the Golf For Kids fundraiser, thanking all of those ladies for their thoughtful generosity. Their gesture will buy basic school supplies for approximately 30 students.

"Golf For Kids" will hold their 3rd Annual Four-Person Scramble tournament on August 9, 2003 at Heritage Highlands. Celebrity guest will be Chi Chi Rodriguez, Champion PGA Golfer. Jimmy Stewart, Channel 4 Meteorologist, will be Master of Ceremonies. For more information on this fundraiser or to sign up, contact Shirley Larsen at 520-572-0247.

Spotlight - Mardel Allen

Long time AWGA member, past AWGA Board member and current AWGA Rules Committee member, Mardel Allen, a resident of Sun City, was honored this month as an inductee into the Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association Wall of Fame.



To earn this honor, Mardel coached girls' golf at Central High School in LaCrosse WI for 17 years.

During this time, the team made nine appearances at the State Championship, advancing through Regional and Sectional Championships. Mardel's team won four straight State Championships (1990 – 1993). Not only that, they won every match and invitational in which they participated during this four-year period. Mardel says, "We were allowed to play a total of fourteen matches or invitationals during

a season. Some of the matches were part of our W.W.I.G.L league. We always loved that name because it was 'wiggly' to all of us. There were nine teams in our league. Some of the invitationals were attended by twenty teams or more."

Under Mardel's coaching, the grade point average of her starting team members was 4.3. Through the years, several members received full or partial rides to Division 1 colleges.

In their final appearance at the State Championships in 1993, they set a team record of 656, which still stands today. The #1 golfer set the individual record at the same time – 140 with rounds of 71 and 69. This accomplished young woman – Erin Carney – played at Indiana University and was Big Ten Champion and All American for two years.

During this same time, Mardel also served on the Wisconsin Athletic Golf Coaches Advisory Board for three years and was president of the Wisconsin Women's Golf Association for two years.

She was the fourth woman to be honored in this way. Mardel continues to support and encourage young women golfers through officiating at high school regionals and other junior tournaments. Congratulations Mardel!!

CONGRATULATIONS

To The Following Ladies On Their HOLES IN ONE!!

DATE	NAME	CLUB AFFILIATION
4/25/03	Gail Rodhe	Springfield Golf Resort Women
4/26/03	Jacque Carruthers	Yuma Golf & CC WGA
5/13/03	Jenny Shellhorn	49ers Golf & CC WGA
5/18/03	Loretta Cabanillas	Yuma Golf & CC WGA
5/21/03	Jeanne Ragan	Saddlebrook WGA
5/22/03	Bianca Lehman	Catalina WGA @ Dell Ulrich
5/29/03	Joan Ladefoged	Arizona Golf Resort Women
5/31/03	Char Allan	TPC of Scottsdale WGA
6/03/03	Shirley Alexander	Desert Trails Ladies Golf Club
6/03/03	Jane Copeland	Coyote Lakes WGA
6/03/03	Sue Cooper.....	Tatum Ranch WGA
6/07/03	Sandy Patton	Sun Lakes CC WGA
6/08/03	Beverly Beach	Mountain Shadows Golf Resort
6/08/03	Judy Putman	The Legend Ladies
6/10/03	Marcie Erickson	SC Willowcreek
6/11/03	Pat Rubenstein	Skyline CC WGA
6/12/03	Judy Hauser	Pebblecreek LGA
6/24/03	Sandy Brucker	Desert Trails Ladies Golf Club

Please report all holes-in-one as they occur. Email to comm@awga.org or contact the office at 602-253-5655. Holes-in-one occurring prior to the previous newsletter publication date may be excluded from publication.

Remaining 2003 Tournament Schedule

DAY IN HADES TOURNAMENT

Legacy Golf Resort - Phoenix, AZ
August 4, 2003

STATE AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Quintero Golf & CC - Peoria, AZ
September 8-10, 2003

STATE SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

Oakcreek Country Club - Sedona, AZ
September 26-28, 2003

SCOTCH PLAY TOURNAMENT

Pueblo Del Sol CC - Sierra Vista, AZ
November 4-5, 2003

STATE MEDALLION CLUB TEAM TOURNAMENT

Starfire GC at Scottsdale CC - Scottsdale, AZ
December 1, 2003

2004

Tournament Schedule

WEEKEND CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

The Duke G C, Maricopa - February 22

SHORT COURSE TOURNAMENT

Palm Valley Exec. G C, Goodyear - March 28

FOUR BALL STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Emerald Canyon G C, Parker - April 26-27

STATE AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Red Mountain Ranch C C, Mesa - May 18-21

PARTNERS TOURNAMENT

Canoa G C, Green Valley - June 7-8

DAY IN HADES TOURNAMENT

Moon Valley C C, Phoenix - August 2

STATE AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Site TBD - Tentative Dates: August

STATE SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

Tubac Golf Resort, Tubac - Sept 12-14

SCOTCH PLAY TOURNAMENT

Apache Stronghold G C, San Carlos
Oct. 25-26

STATE MEDALLION CLUB TEAM TOURNAMENT

TBD

STATE AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

September 8-10, 2003

OPENING DATE: July 14, 2003

CLOSING DATE: August 28, 2003

No entries will be accepted with a postmark date prior to the opening date.

PLAYER NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____ AWGA# _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/ST/ ZIP _____

CLUB REPRESENTED _____ Email Address: _____

I have read and agree to abide by the Updated 2003 Conditions for AWGA Competitions as published in the current AWGA Directory and at www.awga.org

SIGNATURE _____

I am age 14-17 _____ Past board member _____ Years? _____ 2001 or 2002 Overall Gross or Net Winner? _____

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ 140 payable to the AWGA.

Mail entry and fee to: *Arizona Women's Golf Association* 141 E. Palm Lane, Suite #210, Phoenix, AZ 85004

One entry per envelope . All entries will be acknowledged in writing via email, if provided. Additional information regarding registration and conditions of competition will be provided at that time.

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The AWGA Stroke Play Championship will consist of 54 holes of stroke play. This tournament will be played from two sets of tees. The Championship Flight will play from a set of tees set at 5800 yards. The balance of the field will play from 5275 yards. Anyone within 7 strokes of the player with the lowest handicap will be in the Championship Flight. The champion will be the low gross scorer over the field. All flights will receive both gross and net prizes. A perpetual trophy is awarded to the Champion. Flights will be determined by handicap index. The field is limited to 110 players.

Entry fee of \$140.00 will include green fees, cart fees, lunch, range balls, club cleaning & storage, tee prizes and awards. Entrants must use an official entry form available in this newsletter, in the 2003 Tournament Calendar and Directory or on the AWGA web page at (www.awga.org).

The 2003 AWGA State Amateur Stroke Play Championship will

be played at a world class private golf club tucked in the Hieroglyphic Mountains northwest of Phoenix. Ranked 39th by Golf Week magazine in its annual compilation of America's Best 100 Modern courses, Golf Week also ranked Quintero 3rd nationally and 1st in Arizona for new courses opened in 2000. The Founders Course at Quintero is a classical masterpiece of desert golf design. The course features dramatic elevation changes, undulating contours and rock-laden washes. Rees Jones artfully utilized the flow of the land to create very memorable holes. Jones used a combination of generous fairway landing areas and gently undulating greens to create a desert course, not in the usual philosophy of target golf but a more player friendly style course. This design will challenge all golfers and reward the best of the group. Its design requires the use of strategically placed shots, offering a true test of golf for AWGA's Stroke Play Championship competitors.

The most notable grouping of holes are the par threes, which have been boasted to be some of the best in the west. The course borders acres of protected desert wilderness, and picturesque mountain views are plentiful.

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