

VSWGGA Committee Reports for Annual Meeting October 2, 2018 – Lake Morey Resort

Treasurer – Jena Wood

Our financial situation is favorable and we could end the year with cash in excess of expenses. This can be credited to decisions on new operating procedures made two years ago by the Board of Directors, plus generous donations from members.

Historically, 85-90% of Awards Certificates (chits) are redeemed each year, much of that during the 4th Quarter. (The value of any unredeemed chits remains in our accounts to use for operational costs.) Other upcoming 4th Quarter expenses include our annual donation to the VGA Scholarship Fund, our annual payment to the Vermont Golf Industry, tuition/travel for the USGA rules seminar, and initial work on upgrades to our website.

Raising the State Day fee in 2017 helped prevent losses from the costs of running these weekly events (prizes, administrative services, sales tax, etc.). Hiring independent contractors to provide administrative and bookkeeping services saved money in the first 3 Quarters of 2018. Our Major Tournaments were run at better than break even this year. Other savings came from not holding Club Rep meetings in the spring. And volunteers contributed many hours to performing various tasks.

State Days – Judy Manley

2018 Season ran from September 5, 2017 through September 11, 2018

58 State Days were scheduled (56 in 2017 & 52 in 2018)

5 State Days were cancelled due to weather: CC of Vermont, Essex, Jay Peak, Equinox & Cedar Knoll

4 were rescheduled (Essex, Jay Peak, Equinox & Cedar Knoll); Equinox & Jay Peak had to cancel a second time

Hermitage State Day was cancelled due to the course being closed

Total player participation for the season was 2,495.

6,204 points were awarded to 251 players (compared to 5,258 points to 242 players in 2017). We paid \$2.25 per point (compared to \$2.00 in 2017) for a total of \$13,959 in prize money (compared to \$10,516 in 2017).

State Day Hole-in-One: August 14, Lois Dolan of Williston at Montague

Closest-to-the-Pin & Junior Golf Fund: Money was collected from 9/5/2017 to 9/11/2018. A total of \$2,411 was raised for Junior Golf.

State Day Awards

Janet Lang Trophy for most individual points: Jeanne Morrissey, Williston (118)

Runner Up: Mo Quinn, Lake St. Catherine (104); 3rd Place: Trish Wade, Green Mountain National (96); 4th Place: Judy Manley, Brattleboro (90); 5th Place: Nancy Devaux, West Bolton (88)

Mae Murray Jones Trophies for most team points

Division 1 (16 or more players) -- 1st Place: Brattleboro (146 points); 2nd Place: Williston (89); 3rd Place: Burlington (56)

Division 2 (7-15 players) -- 1st Place: Green Mountain National (52); 2nd Place: Cedar Knoll (47); 3rd Place: Lake St. Catherine (46)

Division 3 (6 or fewer players) -- 1st Place: Montague (42); 2nd Place: Vermont National (23); 3rd Place: Ralph Myhre (18)

Most Improved Winners

Genevieve Babbit Smith Trophy (based on greatest percentage reduction in handicap index from 9/1/2017 to 9/1/2018): Lucille Paquette, Green Mountain National

Division A (0-15.0)-- Melissa Lafayette, Burlington: 12.9 to 10.4 (19.38 % improvement). **Division B (15.1-20.0)** -- Dana Cassidy, Vermont National: 15.1 to 11.8 (21.85 % improvement). **Division C (20.1-24.0)** -- Sarah Lee, Golf Club at Equinox: 23.2 to 18.3 (21.12% improvement). **Division D (24.1-29.0)** -- Charlotte Tuttle, Proctor-Pittsford: 28.2 to 23.1 (18.09% improvement). **Division E (29.1-36.0)** -- Lucille Paquette, Green Mountain National: 31.2 to 22.7 (27.24% improvement)

Pace of Play – Nancy Myers

No slow-play warnings were given this year. Very few rounds were over 5 hours, mostly at the more difficult courses. Players are encouraging each other to pick up the pace. Remember, your correct position on the course is immediately behind the group in front of you, not immediately in front of the group behind you.

Regional Liaisons

The year started with a big challenge – learning how to use the new USGA Tournament Management software (powered by Golf Genius). The Vermont Golf Association set up the State Day events initially, and we made changes for our specific needs. We also created and refined how-to instructions for regional liaisons and Club Reps. Long before the end of the season, most major issues had been resolved. We hope to train even more people how to use the software in 2019.

Major Tournament Procedures – Jen Steck

Senior Championship

The year began with Ralph Myhre Golf Course hosting the Senior Championship on July 18-19. Nicole Laberge was the club chair of the event. A field of 71 competed. The tee gift was a pair of etched wine glasses and the prizes were engraved wooden plaques.

Reggie Parker of Ekwanok CC won the tournament with a two-day score of 160. Runner-Up went to Mary Brush of Burlington CC with 164. Third with a 168 was Nancy Devaux of West Bolton GC. Net Champion was Lois Forester of Brattleboro CC (138). Second net was Wendy Scott of Brattleboro CC (139). Third net was Cecilia Smolinsky of Links at Lang Farm (140). Super Senior Champion was Susie Bremner of Rocky Ridge GC (171). Legends Champion was Reggie Parker, Ekwanok (160). Fewest Putts was won by Cathy Neff, Vermont National CC (26). Burlington & Williston tied to win the Pat Job team Cup.

Amateur Championship

The Country Club of Vermont hosted the Amateur Championship on August 6-8, chaired by Dede Mahler and Fran McCune. The field of players was our largest in over five years, with 62 players. Tee gifts were cooling towels, and prizes were etched pocket vases.

The Amateur Champion was Tiffany Maurycy, Killington GC, with a three-day score of 227. Runner-Up was Miranda Milne, CC of Vermont, with 229. Third place went to Andrea Brown, Alburg Golf Links with 232. Net Champion was Madison Myers, Kwiniaska GC (210). Second place net went Cheri Campbell of Burlington CC (213). Third place net went to Dana Cassidy, Vermont National CC (217). The Junior Champion was Julia Dapron of Dorset Field Club with a score of 249. The Allbright Ringer Cup was a tie between Andrea Brown and Tiffany Maurycy (-7). The Paquet Cup was awarded to Burlington CC.

Mid-Amateur Championship

The Country Club of Barre completed hosting all three majors with the Mid-Amateur Championship on September 22-23. Kathy Kemp was chair of the event. There were 57 players. Tee gifts were ball markers and token gifts were leather score card covers.

The Mid-Amateur Champion was Andrea Brown of Alburg Golf Links, scoring 152 over two days. Tiffany Maurycy of Killington GC placed second with 154. And Terry Boyce of Mount Snow GC was third with 159. The Net Champion was Dana Cassidy of Vermont National CC (140). Second place net was Ginny Chenoweth of CC of Vermont (142), and third net was Cheryl Hoar of Burlington CC (144). Williston won the Margaret Dick team Cup with 473 points.

2019 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Senior Amateur Championship at the Dorset Field Club July 11-12. **Amateur Championship** at Ralph Myhre Golf Course August 6-8. **Mid-Amateur Championship** at Newport Country Club. (TENTATIVE date September 7-8)

Rules – Cathy Neff

With major changes to the Rules of Golf being enacted in 2019, the 2018 season was an assessment year for the rules committee. The VSWGGA survey completed in July of 2018 indicated that 56% of the women who participate in State Days do not own rule books. The survey indicated that their preferred method of learning about the rules is to receive a handout. Rules sheets, rule descriptions and pace of play policies were distributed at the major tournaments.

Jen Steck, Kathy Albright, and I will attend a USGA rules seminar in October. The VSWGGA will then begin sponsoring rules seminars, especially as the 2019 season gets underway. I will cover the northern part of Vermont, and Kathy and Jen will cover the southern part. I also plan to issue rules updates via email. And we will work with the website designer to ensure that the 2019 USGA rules are covered on our new site.

NEWGA – Cathy Neff

New England Womens Golf Association 62nd Annual Championship was held July 9-11, 2018 at The Woodlands, in Falmouth, Maine . The winner was Shannon Johnson of Massachusetts with a 3-day total score of 214. Four Vermont golfers made the cut after two days of competition and played on the final day in a field of 70.

Vermont Players

Cathy Neff, Vermont National CC; Jena Wood, Stowe CC; Elizabeth Walker, Brattleboro CC; Terry Boyce, Mount Snow GC; Kimberley Barkyoumb, Champlain CC; Rhonda Colvard, Burlington CC; Cheri Campbell, Burlington CC; Nancy Devaux, West Bolton GC; Kathy Kemp, CC of Barre; Linda Jane Parson, Mount Snow GC; Miranda Milne, CC of Vermont. **Top Vermont finishers:** Miranda Milne 10th; Terry Boyce 19th; Nancy Devaux 50th; Jena Wood 65th.

The 2019 NEWGA Championship will be at GreatHorse in Hampden, Massachusetts July 8-10. <https://www.greathorse.com>

Junior Golf – Lauri Brown

What is apparent from the survey responses and other conversations I've had throughout the year is that everyone wants to grow junior golf and wants ideas and support in doing so. Information about existing junior golf opportunities and resources is difficult to acquire without going to the website of each golf course, driving range, independent teaching pro, parks & recreation department, and school or camp. I believe it is an endeavor worth pursuing to help those seeking information, and I would appreciate any assistance. I believe we can grow junior golf, and specifically the participation of girls, by recruiting area female players to meet with girls in schools and in other group settings to give presentations and answer questions, and/or volunteer to help with girls' leagues at local courses. We can also support this growth through the availability of equipment and sponsored fees, as well as girl-only opportunities in the middle-school age bracket.

Communications – Kathy Sikora

In 2017, the VSWGGA Board of Directors decided to form a Communications Committee for the purpose of promoting better communication between the board and the members, the Club Reps and their club players, and the VSWGGA and member Clubs.

In 2018, we began the initial work of re-instating the VSWGGA Facebook page. We sent a survey to all members, and the board made some changes as suggested in the results. We plan to generate more surveys in the future as needed. We also worked with members running Invitational Tournaments to promote them by emailing applications to Club Reps to print and post in their clubhouse and/or email to their players. The applications (pdf format preferred) were also posted on the VSWGGA website.

I would like to continue and improve on all of these efforts and am open to any suggestions. Let me know if you would like to help out.