

1922-2012
Celebrating
90
years of
Championship
Golf...

the Grand
Tradition

Washington State Women's Golf Association

By Ann Swanson

GOOD GOLFING
ALWAYS!
Ann

YOU CAN IF YOU THINK YOU CAN
By C.W. Longnecker

If you think you are beaten, you are.
If you think you dare not, you don't.
If you'd like to win, but you think you can't
It is almost certain you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you've lost.
For out in the world we find,
Success begins with a fellow's will.
It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you are outclassed, you are.
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.

Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man
But sooner or later the man who wins
Is the man who thinks he can.

FOREWORD

It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as President of the Washington State Women's Golf Association this year. Our theme - "Celebrating 90 years of Championship Golf... The Grand Tradition" was chosen to honor the history and legacy of our association. We are rich with tradition and the WSWGGA has fostered friendships and memories to last a lifetime. Founded in 1922 at the Grays Harbor Country Club, where I learned to play golf, the association was started by women, run by women, and our tournament has been and is still one of the most popular golfing events in the state.

We all owe our gratitude to the WSWGGA founders, the leaders who followed them, and all of the women who have served and supported us for nearly a century. Because of that, and the importance of our group having survived and thrived through tumultuous and extraordinary times in our world, I felt the need to put as much of our history together as possible and make it accessible for all of us.

It's been a long process. Many of our records were lost. I'm sure I didn't know what I was getting into when I started, but once I was involved, pulling it all together became first a challenge, then an obsession, and finally its own reward. I have been successful in uncovering missing presidents, years of runners-up, and, most gratifying, the names of all the tournament medalists, records of whom had only been kept in recent years.

Every golfer has a story. I'm only going to give you "two holes" here, otherwise... well, let's just say this Foreword would be an entire book.

Growing up at the Grays Harbor course, I was very aware of the club's place in the history of the WSWGGA - the founders, the first tournament, the commitment of those early members. Never did I dream I would serve as WSWGGA president nor did I know that so much of my life would be defined by golf. The game has taken me places that would have seemed impossible when I was that young. I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to compete in something I love so completely.

Golf has been a terrific education, too. It isn't easy to win a tournament or realize a dream, or to make it to that magical destination where we believe success lies. And now that I've reached many of my goals, there's something very important that I've learned. The real magic is not so much in achieving the victory. The real magic is in the friendships we make, the people who inspire us, and the memories we carry with us.

I treasure my experiences in hundreds of matches played in the WSWGGA, the SWGA, the WSGA, the PNGA, the TRANS, and the USGA over the years. There are special people in everyone's career. I can't possibly name them all. However, certain people have been extra special to me; their friendship and guidance were invaluable.

I took my very first lesson from **Dan Strite** at the Grays Harbor Country Club. He gave me a great start and instilled in me the profound importance of the etiquette of the game.

My lifelong instructor, **Joe Golia** (one of the rare golfers who is a 50-year PGA member) has given me valuable lessons, taught me more than I ever thought I'd know, and has stood by me through thick and thin. He has always made time for me and been a great friend.

Edean Ihlanfeldt, the Grand Lady of Golf, has been friend, and colleague. I was so proud when I became her assistant coach at the University of Washington.

One of my heroines is **Pat Harbottle** who started the "Northwest girls" winning in national tournaments. Pat is a dear friend and the only woman I know who actually brags about having to repeat Beginning Sewing at Holy Names Academy... She finally passed by knitting head covers.

I probably wouldn't have gone to any national tournaments if it hadn't been for **Liz Culver**; she is truly a treasure to me.

My mother, **Ruth Swanson**, was my biggest fan, a major support for me throughout my career. Going back a "little while ago," I remember when she got tired of driving me to tournaments and decided to take up the game herself. Mom became the Trustee for Grays Harbor Country Club, a position she held for twenty-five years. She accompanied me to tournament after tournament. She saw that I had everything I needed. She lived with me through all the ups and downs. The value of hard work, which my mother handed down to me, played an important role in all of my accomplishments. I will always remember when I was leaving home for college and she surprised me with a brand new set of Ben Hogan clubs.

Golf... what a way to spend a life... so many amazing experiences, such extraordinary people! I know I ride on the shoulders of others who've given without expecting anything in return. And so I've often thought about my responsibility to give back. I try to contribute by being a positive example to young golfers, as others have before me.

It's my hope that when you hold this book in your hands, you'll feel some of the thrills our champions felt over the years, and have an even

deeper understanding and appreciation for this very special event that has captivated the passion and interest of women golfers for so many years.

Part of the joy of the WSWG tournament is its aura of reunion - a blending of past players, new players, young players, older players... For 90 years, these "reunions" have been held... 90 years of winning and losing, of friendships, of suspense, of laughter, of camaraderie... The success of this association is a tremendous accomplishment, a result of enormously hard work and dedication, and a tribute to the passion and excitement of the game and all its players.

Ann Swanson
WSWGA President
2012

"I have loved playing the game and practicing it. Whether my schedule for the following day called for a tournament round or merely a trip to the practice tee, the prospect that there was going to be golf in it made me feel privileged and extremely happy, and I couldn't wait for the sun to come up the next morning so that I could get out on the course again..."

Ben Hogan



Ann Swanson and "Best Buddy" Hogan

- Golf is a science, the study of a lifetime in which you may exhaust yourself but never your subject. It is a contest, a duel, or a melee, calling for courage, skill, strategy and self-control. It is a test of temper, a trial of honor, and a revealer of character. It affords a chance to play the man and act the gentleman. It means going into God's out-of-doors, getting close to nature, fresh air, exercise, a sweeping away of mental cobwebs, genuine recreation of tired tissues. It is a cure for care, an antidote to worry. It includes companionship with friends, social intercourse, opportunities for courtesy, kinliness, and generosity to an opponent. It promotes not only physical health but moral force.*

David R. Forgan, Scotland, 1899

1922 Champion



MRS. "FRANK" PATTERSON

Grays Harbor Country Club

Runner Up: Mrs. H.O. Young
Medalist: Miss Helen Farrell
Host: Grays Harbor Country Club
Contestants: 46
Entry Fee: \$ 1.00

- *The game as played on the golf course represents only a modest part of the pleasure, enjoyment and satisfaction that comes to a person because he is a golfer... Bobby Jones*

Since its inception and first tournament in 1922 at Grays Harbor Country Club in Aberdeen, the Washington State Women's Golf Association has been and remains one of the popular golf organizations and competitive championships in the state.

The Beginning

Mr. William J. Patterson, of Hayes and Hayes Banks, was the founder and first president of Grays Harbor Country Club. He conceived of a local golf course in 1911 and set out to find the perfect site. Sixty acres which had been The Old Frye Homestead was on the market... its beautiful setting and ideal location seemed just right, and he bought the land for \$ 12,000. Developed as The Grays Harbor Golf Club, its formal opening was on September 12, 1914.

Civic-minded, progressive, and a leader in the extended community, W.J. Patterson was a powerful and positive influence in Washington State. His wife, "Frank," was his equal in every way. President of their bank and an aggressive feminist, Frank urged that women of the state have their own tournament. Through the efforts of the Pattersons, by 1920, Grays Harbor Country Club exchanged team matches with women from other clubs in the Northwest, including Portland, Everett, Earlington, Yakima, Seattle Golf Club, and Olympia Golf Club. The participants in all of these matches had a reputation for being the most united group of players in the area. On one particularly memorable occasion, W.J. Patterson gathered his wife and the other earnest Grays Harbor women on his yacht and they set sail for Everett Golf & Country Club where competition was fierce and much merriment ensued. It was serendipitous and a foreshadowing of things to come... Golf in the Pacific Northwest was gaining rapidly in popularity. In fact, there were more entries in their Pacific Northwest Championship at Waverly in Portland in 1921 than in any other tournament in the United States that year.

Frank Patterson was a masterful woman. She had a sharp mind and a take charge attitude that served her many interests well. During World War I she had been an important figure in Washington –State Vice-Chairman of the National Women's Liberty Loan Committee; Secretary of the National League for Women's Service; outspoken and avid supporter of suffrage; and, of course, for many years she was the leading light of the Grays Harbor Country Club. She dominated the female members and cowed the men... at least that seemed to be both her intention and her reputation.

Mrs. Patterson was the first women's captain of the Grays Harbor Country Club and initiated numerous competitions. Frank preferred to play with men and, consequently, arranged many tournaments that included both sexes. She won the club championship many times. At this time, the women, who played the course over 6,000 yards (and would for the first tournament as well), were strict followers of the rules and very interested in handicaps. In 1916, it was possible to have a Handicap of 60 while Women's Par at Grays Harbor was 86. In 1921, the handicap was lowered to 40 and the Par to 82. The women kept the men's handicaps and published them in the local newspaper. Frank made a point about everyone turning in all their scores. She wrote golf articles for the newspaper for several years. In 1920, she won the Northern California Amateur championship. In 1925, Frank Patterson was given an honorary life membership in Grays Harbor Country Club – without dues of any kind or description.

It was at Frank Patterson's instigation that the WSWGGA was founded on August 22, 1922. Golfers from nearly every private course in the state gathered at Grays Harbor Country Club:

Bellingham Golf & Country Club
Broadmoor Country Club
Earlington Country Club
Everett Golf & Country Club
Grays Harbor Country Club
Inglewood Golf & Country Club
Manito Golf & Country Club
Olympia Golf & Country Club
Seattle Golf Club
Spokane Country Club
Tacoma Country & Golf Club
Yakima Country Club

(Walla Walla Country Club was the only club that didn't participate).

Invitations were also extended to other clubs through the Northwest. The effort was not without its detractors, however. Mr. John Dreher, Sports Editor of THE SEATTLE TIMES and a PPGA Officer at the time, was opposed to the concept. He felt that women wouldn't be interested in play which did not include the male sex, and that it would cut into the play of the Pacific Northwest Championships. None of that deterred Mrs. Patterson and her colleagues.

Always Have A Plan...

As the first ever tournament of its kind, the 1922 WSWGGA championship attracted many top women players and received a great deal of attention. The players were serious about the game. In fact a week before the opening, the Yakima Country Club's Ladies Team (traveling after a match against Portland Golf Club) came to Grays Harbor for a match against the GHCC women solely for the purpose of acquainting themselves with the course. Another team from Tacoma Country Club also made a "pre-tourney" visit. Top players of the time who participated were Northwest Champ, Mrs. Elizabeth Curran (Tacoma); Mrs. E.A. Wheeler (Bellingham); Mrs. F.F. Jackson and Mrs. H.O. Young (Earlington); Miss Helen Farrell (Seattle Golf); Mrs. Guy Riegel (Spokane); and, Frank Patterson of the host club.

The ladies of Grays Harbor made every effort to make the tournament exciting, competitive, inspiring, fun, and, above all... memorable. Their preparations were daunting. They planned entertainment surprises for each day. There were to be Driving, Putting and Approaching contests. They scheduled a "Ladder and Razzle-Dazzle Putting" event (what that was is anybody's guess!). There were to be trophies each day for each event, as well as trophies for each of the finalists in all six flights. There would be: two ball foursomes, 18 holes, medal play with handicaps, and more.

Word travelled. One newspaper noted *"The Fame of the Tournament extended as far as England. Mrs. A.L. Davenport, Ladies Division Captain at Grays Harbor Country Club, being in receipt of a letter from Miss Phoebe Nell Tidmarsh, a former Northwest champion, expressing her regrets. Miss Tidmarsh is now in England. Her letter follows:*

*"Beechcroft
Chorley Wood
Bucks, England.
July 18, 1922*

Dear Mrs. Davenport... In a Seattle paper that I received last night, I read that Aberdeen is to be the scene of the Washington Women's Championship. I think it is simply splendid, and I am sending this note to wish you every success and to tell you how sorry I am that I can't be there with you all this year. Please remember me to all my friends at the tournament. Best of luck. Sincerely, Phoebe Nell Tidmarsh"

The Organization

Following the qualifying round of the tournament, the main attraction of the first day was the official formation of the Washington State Women's Golf Association. It would be a unique organization... the first women's golf association of its kind in Washington, solely designed for women and managed exclusively by women. Mrs. Patterson had a further vision of forming a women's golf team that would travel around the West Coast challenging teams from other states. To date, this seems to be the only one of her goals that did not come to fruition.

Unsurprisingly, Mrs. Frank Patterson was elected president of the new association; Mrs. D.H. Moss of Seattle would be its first Vice President; Mrs. M.L. Weston of Hoquiam, would serve as Secretary, and Mrs. R.W. Thomas of Everett, Treasurer. The Board of Trustees included: Mrs. T.L. Lynch (Yakima), Mrs. E.A. Wheeler (Bellingham), Mrs. Elizabeth Curran (Tacoma), Mrs. Jesse Mills (Olympia) and Mrs. Charles Lund (Spokane). Two additional women are considered to be original founders: Mrs. H.M. Pease (Seattle Golf Club) and Mrs. W.F. Finn.

At that first meeting it was suggested that the membership be made up of both individual members and club members, thus providing a double system of financing. Grays Harbor Country Club was the first to pledge its support and cooperation to the new WSWGGA.

The Dazzling Inaugural Event

It couldn't have gone more perfectly. The hot summer days gave splendid opportunity for the beautiful sports costumes and summer frocks and hats of matrons and maids. All of that added to the festive atmosphere and the beauty of the clubhouse and terrace which gave a colorful touch to the course itself, dotted as it was with players and galleries throughout the week. Every day brought tea parties, dinners, boat rides, and the assorted contests.

According to the SEATTLE TIMES, the course was in excellent condition. The greens were fast and true, and on the 4th rolling green it was essential to carefully study the angles. Forty-six players entered the tournament. Only twelve women shot below 100. Miss Helen Farrell of Seattle Golf Club was Medalist for the qualifying round with a score of 87. Again, unsurprisingly, the winner of WSWGGA's first championship was... Frank (Mrs. W.J.) Patterson.

Mrs. F.F. Jackson (Earlington) was considered a strong contender, but she was beaten in the first round. After that, keen interest was taken in the first flight where, according to the newspaper, "the quality of golf was about as good as the championship flight." Mrs. Jackson went on to win the first flight. Mrs. H.O. Young (Earlington) defeated Miss Helen Farrell (Seattle Golf), and Mrs. Patterson defeated Mrs. E.A. Wheeler (Bellingham) in the semi-finals. It is reported that the final match, in which Mrs. Patterson defeated Mrs. H.O. Young 2 & 1, "was one of the closest, hardest fought, and most interesting of the tournament." A large gallery followed the championship match of 18 holes. The special event which followed that match was mixed foursomes with handicaps. This was the first and only time the men had an opportunity to get into the tournament. There was a field of 36 contestants for "The Mixie" with Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Lindsell (Grays Harbor) winning the event.

The week of gaiety was brought to a delightful close with tea served at the clubhouse in the afternoon and a dinner dance in the evening. The trophies won during the week were awarded during the dance given in honor of the contestants. Exhibited in the club's Terrace Room throughout the week was

the handsomest lot of prizes ever offered for a golf tournament: silver bowls, vases, cake plates, a silver jelly dish, and silver bonbon dishes.

Afterword

And so... the first Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament was pronounced a resounding success. The women enjoyed it so much that it was decided to make it an annual event. The newly formed WSWGGA accepted an invitation from Spokane Country Club to stage the tournament there in 1923.

Most of the best women golfers in the state had participated. Though invited guests from out-of-state were few, it was thought that given the strength of this first event, more guests would enter in years to come. Some of the great success was attributed to the fact that Seattle clubs had sent their best players, building excitement and a high level of competition. "The women could not have had a better tourney," said Miss Helen Farrell, one of the Seattle luminaries who'd worked her way through the semis. "This tournament is our own show. We do not have to take a back seat to anyone. We owned the course and our matches had the right of way. I would rather play in this kind of tournament than any I have ever attended and I am looking forward to next year."

Everyone agreed. Some started prepping for the 1923 event immediately. Notably, Mrs. E.W. Mathewson (Everett Golf & Country Club), runner-up in the second flight said:

"No more second flights for me. I'm going to land in the first sixteen at Spokane next year. You can go out and bet on it. I'll begin to practice right now, and I'll keep at it until the bugle blows for the start at Spokane. This is the tournament for women. Let the men have their tournament; we've got ours and we're going to keep it."

According to the local newspaper, another entrant summed it up beautifully:

"I don't know how the Grays Harbor women came to think of it. But I'm glad they did. This is our own show."

STATE WOMEN'S TITLE PLAY AT ABERDEEN LINKS

Seattle Starts Trek Towards
Grays Harbor Country Club
for Big Golf Tournament.

With the departure of a team of eight members of the Seattle Golf Club for Aberdeen at noon yesterday the trek was begun towards the first Washington women's state golf championship, which will be held Tuesday to Saturday, inclusive, this week, at the links of the Grays Harbor Country Club.

The Seattle Golf Club team called for a match with the Grays Harbor Country Club team today, then all hands will stay over to part in the state championship, which opens Tuesday with a qualifying round. In the party accompanying the team, club captain

WOMEN'S STATE GOLF TITLE TO BE FOUGHT FOR

Gray's Harbor Country Club
Takes Initiative in New
Form of Tournament.

The Women's Golf Championship of the state of Washington is going to be held at the Gray's Harbor Country Club, Aberdeen, the week of August 21.

46 WOMEN START STATE GOLF PLAY, LOW SCORES RULE

Miss Farrell Is Medalist; State
Association Likely; Seattle
Wants 1923 Contest

FINE LIST OF ENTRIES SENT IN BY WOMEN

State Championship at Aberdeen Will Attract Leading Golfers of Northwest.

Twenty-six women golf players from several Washington cities have already filed entrance cards for the annual state women's golf championship week on the Grays Harbor Country Club links.

Women Golf Cracks Of Northwest Ready For State Play Here

August Tournament Exclusively for Women to Attract Large Attendance, Is Indication Now

of capital city players. Inquiries have been received from Spokane but just who will attend from there is not yet certain. Walla Walla has sent word that it will be represented, as will Everett and Bellingham, and Bainbridge Island will send three or four contestants. Blocks of hotel rooms here have been reserved for the event.

Important Rules to Be Observed in the Qualifying Round

- 1—No practice on greens Tuesday morning.
- 2—A ball may be taken from an unplayable lie in the qualifying round only and teed, no nearer the hole, and behind the hazard if it lies in one, at the cost of two shots.
- 3—A ball hitting the pin at, or within, a distance of 20 yards costs two shots.
- 4—A ball lying on the green—green being 60 feet from the pin, no matter what the location of the pin—hitting another ball costs the player a shot.
- 5—If a competitor play two consecutive strokes with a ball other than his own he is disqualified.
- 6—If a competitor's ball strike, or be stopped by himself, his clubs, or his caddy, the penalty shall be one stroke.
- 7—If a ball is lost (except in water or out of grounds) the competitor shall, whether he has played "through the green" or from a hazard, return as near as possible to where the ball was struck, and there tee a ball under penalty of one stroke. (It is interesting to note that there is a probability that this rule will be changed when the National Rules committee meets, and that there will then be no penalty for a lost ball except disqualification.)
- 8—Every ball must be holed out; no exceptions are made.

WOMEN TO KEEP STATE TOURNEY ON GOLF MAP

Seattle Given Credit for Helping Make Aberdeen Meeting Big Success Last Week.

ABERDEEN, Saturday, Aug. 26.—The first Washington State Women's Golf Tournament, which was held at the Grays Harbor Country Club course here this week, closing today, has been a pronounced success, and the women have enjoyed it so much that they have concluded to make it an annual event.

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YAKIMA TO STAGE STATE GOLF PLAY

Cue Taken From Women; Men To Play In September

Mrs. Patterson Wins Women's Golf Title

Special to The Times.

ABERDEEN, Saturday, Aug. 26.—Mrs. W. J. Patterson of Aberdeen won the women's state golf championship today, defeating Mrs. H. O. Young, Earlington Club, Seattle, 2 up at 1 to play, in the final match at the Grays Harbor Country Club.

Mrs. F. F. Jackson of Earlington Club, Seattle, won the first flight, defeating Mrs. Fayette Bousfield, Aberdeen, 8 up and 7 to play in the finals. The Patterson-Young match was one of the closest, hardest fought and most interesting of the tournament.

MRS. PATTERSON HEADS GOLFERS

Washington Women Organize
Golfing Association of Their
Own at Aberdeen.

Special to The Times.

ABERDEEN, Wednesday, Aug. 23.—Formation of the Washington Women's State Golf Association and discussion of general plans for carrying out its activities were the big features of yesterday's business session following the initial play of the state tournament which opened yesterday morning on the links of the Grays Harbor Country Club.

W. J. Patterson of Aberdeen was president of the new association. Mrs. D. H. Moss of Seattle, vice president. Mrs. M. L. Watson of Hoquiam, secretary and Mrs. R. W. of Everett, treasurer. The of trustees includes Mrs. T. L. of Yakima, Mrs. E. A. Wheeler of Bellingham, Mrs. Elizabeth Curran of Seattle, Mrs. Jesse Mills of Olympia, Mrs. Charles Lund of Spokane, no definite decision as to the



Mrs. E.A. Wheeler



Mrs. F.F. Jackson



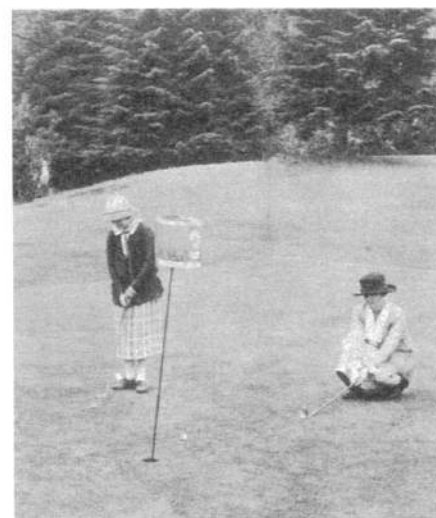
Mrs. H.O. Young



Miss Helen Farrell



Mrs. W.J. Patterson
1st WSWG Champion & President



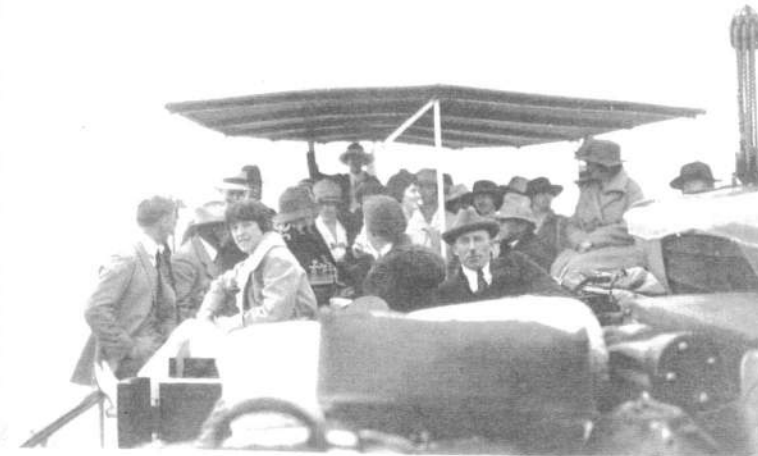
Match play begins. Mrs. Patterson (right)



Mrs. Patterson driving off #1



Practice rounds for 1922 Championship



Mr. W.J. Patterson's Yacht en route to team match with Everett Golf and CC



Waiting to tee off on qualifying day



In front of the clubhouse



Mrs. "Frank" Patterson vs. Mrs. E.A. Wheeler



First "Mixie" Competition. Mrs. Patterson (far left)



First "W.S.W.G.A." Championship Tournament - Grays Harbor - August 1922

- Bobby Jones gets first major title winning the U.S. Open in a playoff – He skips The Walker Cup Matches at St. Andrews because he would have missed his final exams at Harvard University.
- The abolition of "Women's Tees" on golf links was recommended by the Washington State Women's Golf Association at its annual meeting. "We must be regarded as better golfers rather than better women golfers. . . One of the first steps necessary is the abolition of women's tees," said "Frank" Patterson (Mrs. W.J.), President.

1923 Champion



MRS. FRED JACKSON

Inglewood & Earlingwood

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, September 16, 1923... "During the whole tournament Mrs. Jackson has been the favorite of the links, everybody taking a liking to her, and even her opponents failing to object seriously to being beaten by her. Her play and sportsmanship made a decided hit. She always seemed willing to give her opponents the benefit of every doubt and was on the best of terms with them at the end of the matches."

Runner-Up: Miss Catherine Hurley

Medalist: Mrs. Fred Jackson

Club: Spokane Country Club

Contestants: 65

NOTABLE - 1924

Stymied

Before 1952 STYMIES often added more drama to the game of golf. "Stymie" is an archaic part of the game that required a bit of inventiveness (and probably invective) on the greens. In singles match play, if an opponent's ball was in the way of yours, it was not lifted. You were just out of luck. Your options were either to slice or draw your putt around the opponent's ball or chip or pop your ball up over it. If the opponent's ball was in your way, but the balls were within six inches of each other, then the offending ball was lifted. However, if your ball struck that of your opponent, your ball would play as it lie, but your opponent would have the option of putting her ball from its new position, or replacing it at its previous spot. And if your ball knocked the opponent's into the cup, she was considered to have holed out. Stymies were eliminated from the Rules of Golf in 1952.

Drying Out

From the records of a member of Grays Harbor Country Club 12/16/24:

"Drying Committee announced that there were dry bloomers upstairs for Mrs. Ruth Tucker who always seemed to need them. She was not so lucky at Inglewood Golf Club where she was playing in a silk crepe dress. As the rain came down the dress went up and as a result, she lost her modesty and her game. And all she had left was bare coverage - definitely not Sanforized. However, she was luckier than Mrs. Sam Anderson at Earlington where she placed her corset in the oven and someone built up the fire. Result - one half baked corset... tsk, tsk." Note: Ruth Lewis Tucker later became a long-time trustee.

Par For The Course

At the WSWGGA Annual Meeting it was passed that "there shall be a woman's par for every club in the WSWGGA. It will be drawn up to U.S.G.A. Rules and each player's handicap will, on September 1st, be sent to the Secretary, each Trustee and the Chairman of the Handicap Committee."

GOLF NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM THE NORTHWEST AND THE WORLD WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNEY WILL OPEN TOMORROW

STATE TOURNEY TO START WEEK FROM TOMORROW

FAIR SEATTLE GOLF STARS TO PLAY THIS WEEK

Large Entry List Will Be Sent Away By Starter A. Rose

Grand Total of Thirty-Five Silver Prizes Will Go to Winners and Runnersup of Various Events—Men Will Referee.

Green and Awater Championships Will This Year Be Held Over Lines of Events Golf and Country Club.



MRS. CLAY C. CARY WINS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP



The big annual tournament of the Washington State Women's Golf Association will start at the Seattle Golf Club tomorrow.

The big annual tournament of the Washington State Women's Golf Association will start at the Seattle Golf Club tomorrow. The tournament will consist of a 36-hole match play event for the state championship, a 36-hole stroke play event for the state championship, and a 36-hole stroke play event for the state championship.

INGLEWOOD WOMEN REACH FINALS

MRS. CARY WINNER OF STATE GOLF TITLE

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shot once it has been made, but always before she is after. In the meantime, news of the morning round had been telephoned all over the city, and long before the girls took off for the afternoon round at 1:30, the crowd had gathered and, by the way, it kept growing right up to the finish of the match.

A Real Champion.

Well, Mrs. Harry O. Young is a champion in reality as well as in name, because, despite the fact that she took off in the afternoon 3 down, she took five out of the nine holes on that first nine, and at the turn Mrs. Cary was but 3 up. And you had better believe the excitement was intense at that particular moment.

Mrs. Young had staided and appeared to be her natural golfing self, whereas Mrs. Cary's face went bad on her, and where she had been approaching beautifully in the morning, she was decidedly off from the nineteenth to the twenty-seventh green.

But there was a different story to be told when they started on the final journey home. Mrs. Cary took the tenth on the putting green, 4 to 5. The eleventh was halved in three, and the end came in sight, on the twelfth, when the ultimate winner drove one of the longest balls of the tournament up over the hill and far away. Not only that, but she reached the green with an iron shot that was as beautiful as Sweet Sixteen in the merry month of June, and became a up and 6 to go when she ran down a brilliant twelve-foot putt for a birdie 4. From then on, Glenn Collett herself couldn't have beaten Emma Cary. That drive, that iron shot, and that putt would have taken the pep out of a 100-horsepower dynamo.

And so they came to the thirteenth.

MRS. YOUNG IS LEADING FIELD IN GOLF PLAY

Northwest Champion's 86 Gives Her Medal Position as State Women's Tourney Gets Under Way.

Mrs. H. O. Young, Seattle, Northwest women's champion, today led the field with a score of 86 in the qualifying rounds for the women's state golf title being played at the Seattle Golf Club. Twenty-four cards had been turned in at the time.

Other scores were: Miss Helen Farrell, Seattle, 87; Mrs. Langley, Seattle, 105; Mrs. Ross, Seattle, 107; Miss Phoebe Nell Tidmarsh, Seattle, 88; Mrs. R. Knox Roberts, Seattle, 100; Mrs. Wheaton, Seattle, 91; Mrs. H. M. Bowen, Tacoma, 97; Mrs. Yeager, Seattle, 101; Mrs. Everett, Griggs, Bellingham, 105; Mrs. Wheeler, Bellingham, 91; Mrs. Hurley, Tacoma, 102; Mrs. Sumner, Everett, 96; Mrs. Clay Cary, Seattle, 91; Mrs. William Tompkins, Seattle, 100; Mrs. O. Twichell, Seattle, 94; Mrs. Hedrick, Seattle, 102; Mrs. Jeffries, Tacoma, 95; Mrs. Merrill, Bremerton, 94; Mrs. J. C. Bridgman, Seattle, 113; Mrs. E. N. Macklem, Seattle, 99; Mrs. H. M. Pense, Seattle, 99.

PROMPTLY at 3 o'clock this morning, the third annual tournament of the Washington State Women's Golf Association will start at the Seattle Golf Club.

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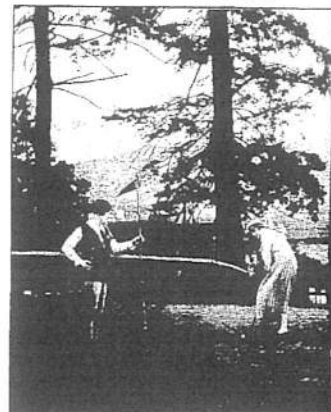
Some GOLF CLUBS in SEATTLE



CLUBHOUSE OF SEATTLE GOLF CLUB.



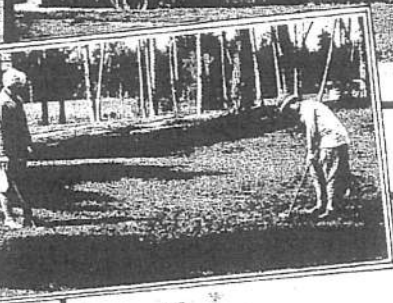
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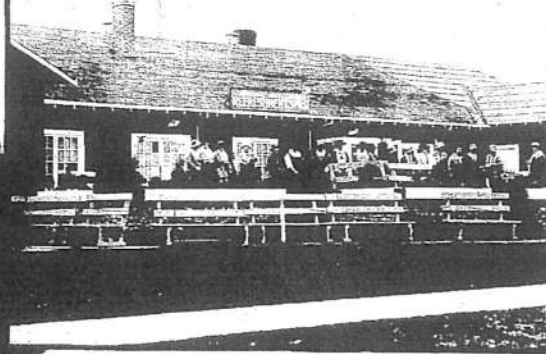
THE LAST SHOT
Mrs. Roger Morgan (left) and Mrs. Carlton Powers on the
Bain green at Earlington.



SHE IS
MISS PRESIDENT
Miss Helen Farrell, presi-
dent of the Washington
Women's State Golf As-
sociation.



BEHINDING MEN WOMEN
Mrs. Jack Wethered and Mr. Ray
Wethered on the first green at
Bain.



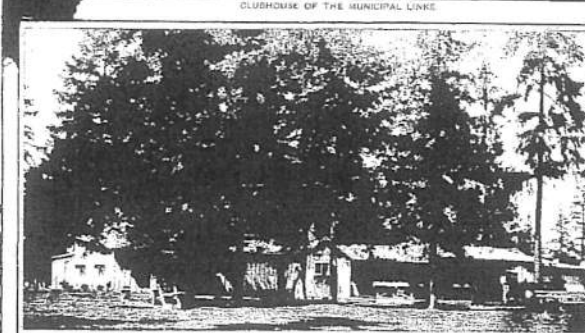
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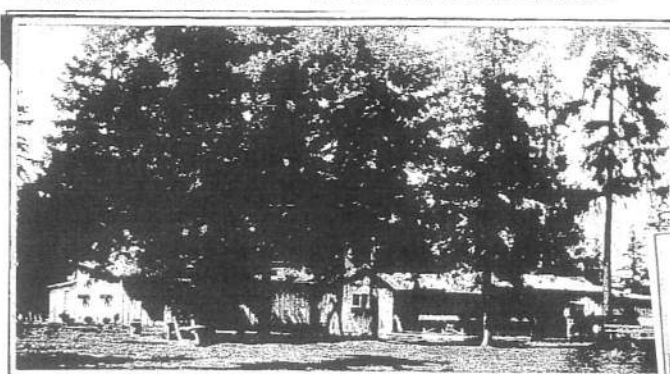
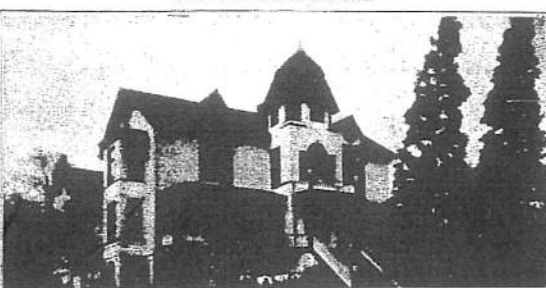
A WICKED BRASS
Miss Ruth Moore getting a long line on the Municipal
links at Earlington. (L.) Photo by Grand Circle.



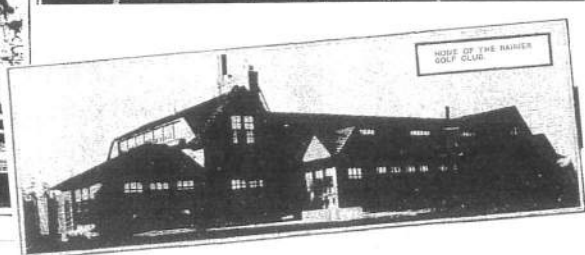
A HEALTHY DRIVE
Mrs. F. P. Jackson, state champion, driving the hole at Ingewood.



INGLEWOOD'S TEMPORARY CLUBHOUSE.



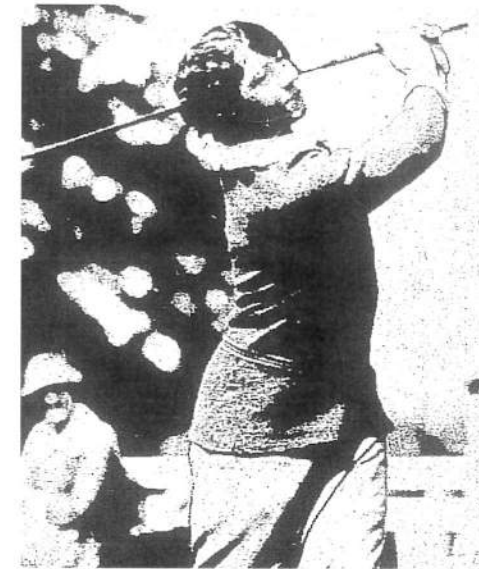
INGLEWOOD'S TEMPORARY CLUBHOUSE.



HOME OF THE BANNER
GOLF CLUB.

- The first fairway irrigation system is developed in Dallas, Texas.
- The dominant female golfers of the era, American Glenna Collett and Brit Joyce Wethered meet in competition for the first time at the British Women's Amateur Championship. Wethered wins the match 4 & 3, and goes on to win the championship.

1925 Champion



MRS. FRED JACKSON

Inglewood & Earlington

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 28, 1925... "I have no recollection of what happened towards the end of our match," said Mrs. Jackson. "I know I was sad on the first nine and when I found that I was down at the turn I became so disgusted that I just let loose with everything I had..."

Runner Up: Miss Phebe Nell
Medalist: Mrs. C.C. Cary
Club: Everett Golf and Country Club
Contestants: 70

WOMEN GATHER AT EVERETT TO SETTLE HONORS

Fourth Annual Battle for
green State Links
Championship Opens Five
Engagement Tomorrow

By JOHN H. DREHER.
WILL the operator please
his spotlight around the
way—towards the town of Ev-
erett, that's fine; that now, b-
out the ladies in great relief.
The ladies, you will observe
stead of carrying spears and
are totting brassies, nibbicks
putters. Not such graceful re-
to wield and wave; rather, m-
like the blackthorns the girls in
to take to their husbands in
brave old cave days.
In which respect, athletically,
girls are going back to the origin
type; and not, necessarily, a retr-
gression, at that.
It is the fourth annual Washing-
ton State Women's Golf Champion-
ship. The women golfers of the
Evergreen State and some of the sis-
terhood from Oregon and California
have been gathering for it at the
Everett Golf & Country Club for sev-
eral days. Until this morning
time the stars
through the
tomorrow's
of them on

G
The battle
gusts in ap-
lot of yards
course, are
ful as ever.
There will
the entertain-
of hostesses
afternoon.
In a telep-
W. Thomas,
the women's
evening; she
try list, she
she was con-
less than six
This will be
that has eve-
title.
Every wo-
the state will
Mrs. Thomas
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Spokane will
cluding Mrs.
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Seattle to
Of course, to
Everett will
tion. Seattle
many as all-
bined. Three
the associat-
Inglewood Co
Golf & Coun-
It is only
(Continued)

Rain and Wind Interferes
With Play, Making Scores
High as 75 Fair Stars Go
Away in State Meet.

EVERETT GOLF AND COUN-
TRY CLUB, Monday, Aug. 24.—
Rain and a twenty-mile southerly
wind hampered women golfers
who started away this morning
for the eighteen holes of qualify-
ing play in the state women's
golf championships. The bad
weather made the course soft, so
first nine scores were high.
Mrs. C. C. Carr, the present
state champion, led the field at
the turn, being one under wom-
en's par with her 41.
Other leading players were:
Mrs. Guy Huxel, 43; Mrs. Fred
Jackson, 46; Mrs. Frank Sumner,
46; Mrs. Phebe Nell Tidmarsh, 47;
Mrs. J. C. Bridgman, 47; Mrs.
Katherine Hurley, 47; Mrs. H. G.
Young, 48; Mrs. Dean Carpenter,
49; Mrs. H. M. Penne, 49; Mrs. D.
E. Twitchell, 49; Mrs. Walter
Tracy, 50; Mrs. M. Jefferson, 51;
Mrs. W. M. Tomkins, 51; Mrs. D.
H. Moss, 52; and Miss Doris

CHAMPION FALLS IN STATE LINKS TOURNAMENT, 4 AND 3

Miss Phebe Nell Tidmarsh,
Mrs. Jackson Local Hopes
for State Title; Players
Show Real Skill.

By JOHN H. DREHER.
EVERETT GOLF AND COUN-
TRY CLUB, Everett, Wednes-
day, Aug. 26.—Mrs. C. C. Carr,
of the Inglewood Club of Seattle,
the 1924 women's state golf
champion, lost her chance to re-
peat her victory when she was
defeated in the round of eight
by Mrs. Katherine Hurley

4 and 3.
Her opponent, Miss
Tidmarsh, of the Se-
attle Club, who advanced by
clubmate, Mrs. W. M.
4 and 3.
Over bracket, Mrs. Fred
Inglewood, will play
Wheeler at Bellingham.
son eliminated Mrs. J.
son, also of Inglewood,
while Mrs. Wheeler put
W. J. Patterson of Aber-
and 2.
It was raining this
morning conditions were
today they have been
a tournament opened, as
was soft enough to per-
easing from play, while
as were true.

IT GOLF AND COUNTRY
Everett, Wednesday, Aug.
a word of explanation.
reason some of the girls
returned home yet. In a
the royal, where everybody
to knock out everybody
is customary for those get-
a first round conge, unless
open to be in the champion-
ship. A consolation flight
here a consolation flight
forced the losers in the
sores, or sortie, to pack up
portmanteaus and start for

Washington State Women's
association considered this mat-
leaving the park as soon as
after was struck out; and
the plan for the current
annual championship meeting
a designed flight of sixteen,
of eight, and split the sixteen
to defeated eight, or consola-
lights for each flight.

Eight Players Left.
ving gotten everybody in ris-
me, we shall now consider

WOMEN GOLFERS GATHER AT EVERETT FOR BATTLE

(Continued From Page One.)

who are eligible among Wash-
state women to compete,
are twelve clubs in the or-
tion. Besides the three Seattle
clubs mentioned, member clubs
at Everett, Bellingham, Olym-
erdeen, Yakima, the Tacoma
and the Fircrest Clubs of
and the Spokane Country
alto Clubs of Spokane.

will be eighteen holes of
tomorrow, sixteen to com-
a championship field, with
the others in order, with
ture for the first time from
stem.
ers who qualify outside the
which their handicaps nat-
uld align them, that is in
nts than where they be-
be

MRS. JACKSON IN LEAD AT TURN ON 36-HOLE WINDUP

Long Driving Gives North End
Player Slight Edge, but
Better Short Game Saves
Inglewood Girl.

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folk, here to see two of the Queen
City's daughters in action—a pair

SEATTLE WOMEN ATTRACT GALLERY FROM INGLEWOOD



Mrs. Fred F. Jackson.
Veteran of many a hard-fought tournament battle, Mrs. Fred F. Jack-
son will attempt to uphold the traditions of the Inglewood Country Club,
winner of women's championships in the final match of the state women's
championship today. Her opponent will be Miss Phebe Nell Tidmarsh of the
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that were among the originals of
the city's golfing sisterhood. Now
returned, everybody has been won-
dering where they've been all this
time.

The followers of the thirty-six-
hole match, which will determine the
state golf title, were pretty evenly
divided as to sympathy. There were
those who were pulling for Miss
Phebe Nell Tidmarsh of the Seattle
Golf Club and those who were wish-
ing for Mrs. Fred Jackson of Ingle-
wood and Eastington to win.
Those two semi-final matches were
starkly different. The fact that both counted
were the warmest of friends, but the
most earnest of rivals in this par-
ticular instance, made them more
anxious than ever to win. The result
was that not one of the four play-
ers played with the steadiness or im-
pressiveness that marks their aver-
age golf.

Players Forget Scores.
"Call off the score!" said Miss Tid-
marsh after it was all over. "I
couldn't do it if you laid \$1,000,000
at my feet."
"I have no recollection of what
happened towards the end of our
match," said Mrs. Jackson. "I know
that I was sad on the first nine and

FROM NORTH END



Miss Phebe Nell Tidmarsh.
Back at the top of the ladder again after falling down a little in re-
cent tournaments, Miss Phebe Nell Tidmarsh of the Seattle Golf Club, North-
west women's champion in 1922, carries the North End colors into the
finals for the state title today against Mrs. Fred Jackson of Inglewood.

STATE GOLF TITLE UP THIS WEEK

INGLEWOOD GIRL, NEW CHAMPION, SHOWS REAL ABILITY

GOLF SOCCER BOWLING
JOHN H. DREHER, Associate Editor
CLIFF HARRISON, Editor
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1923
BASEBALL FOOTBALL BOXING
GEORGE M. VARNELL, Associate Editor

CHAMPION LEADS WOMEN GOLFERS

- Bobby Jones becomes the first golfer to win both the U.S. and British Opens in the same year.
- Jess Sweetser is the first U.S. native to win the British Amateur.
- WSWGGA votes to discontinue Pro-Am tournaments.
- USGA **par** yardage recommendations will be the basis upon which Washington State fairways will be set for women in the future.

1926

Champion



MRS. C.C. CARY

Inglewood Country Club

Mrs. Cary, who won WSWGGA in 1924 and 1926, also won the Oregon State Amateur in 1927. She was the sister of Rudie Wilhelm, five-time Oregon State Champion and PPGA Men's Champ 1917 and 1927.

Runner Up: Mrs. Hal Bowen

Medalist: Mrs. F.F. Jackson

Club: Yakima Country Club

Contestants: 43 ("fear of hot weather kept attendance down")

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MRS. CARY AGAIN DEFEATS HER RIVAL

California Women Will Take Part In State Title Play

LEARNING that the Washington State Women's Golf Association had its "itchstring hanging out to players outside the state boundaries for competition in the annual championship, two of California's very strong golfers, Miss Kathleen Wright of Pasadena and Mrs. R. Langfeld of San Francisco have announced they will be at Yakima for the state title tournament the week of August 23-28.

The two women had planned a trip to the Pacific Northwest this summer and when they learned of the state championship they made inquiries as to their eligibility. They learned with delight of the invitational character of the tournament.

Miss Wright of Midwick Club, Pasadena, is one of the first four players of Southern California, while Mrs. Langfeld holds almost as high a spot in Northern California golf.

STATE CHAMP'S
92 IS BEST IN
MEDAL FIELD

Mrs. Jackson's Card Led:
Fear of Hot Weather Kept
Attendance Down, and
First Day Is Real Scorch.

MRS. CARY NOW HOLDS TWO BIG GOLFING TITLES
Inglewood Player Defeats Mrs. Bowen of Yakima in State Championship; Also Is Seattle City Winner.

Special to The Times.
YAKIMA, Saturday, Aug. 28.—Mrs. C. Cary of Inglewood Country Club, is today holder of the foremost two golfing titles in this state for her sex. To her recent win of the Seattle city championship she added yesterday the title of Washington state champion when she defeated Mrs. Hal Brown of Yakima, 5 and 3, in the final thirty-six-hole match.

Mrs. Bowen gave the home folks every hope in the manner in which she left the barrier in this final match. Her 41 strokes on the first nine, the best the course was covered in this week of the state tournament, actually carried two penalty strokes for balls out of bounds. Her opponent wasn't doing so badly herself, going over the same route in 43, or a stroke under women's par. But the Seattle player was 3-down when they turned. Just steady give-and-take golf ensued to the home green so that the match closed for the morning round with the Yakima player sitting comfortably with a two-hole lead.

Experience Finally Tells.
The tournament experience of Mrs. Cary cropped out in the afternoon round. She took daring chances right off the bat and had her opponent trying to emulate her long shots and her strong and accurate approaches, an attempted emulation that eventually led Mrs. Bowen to press.

The result was inevitable. Mrs. Cary won, four-holes, without losing a hole, on the outgoing nine through the combination of forty-two strokes and the slipping of her opponent.

Turning 2-up, the Inglewood player submitted to halcyon at the next two holes but a birdie-5 gave her the thirtieth. She was now bearing down in earnest on the Yakiman and deadly pars at the thirty-second and thirty-third holes gave Mrs. Cary the match, at 5 and 3.

Spokane Wins Consolation.
Mrs. Frank J. Walker and Dr. Frances Houston, both of Spokane, had a close match in the final of the first flight. At the twentieth hole Mrs. Walker won. Mrs. P. C. Born of Duane Club, Spokane, defeated Mrs. Jacob Leota, Yakima, in the second consolation. Mrs. R. L. Powell, Spokane, made it a third win for her town when she defeated Mrs. P. J. Lynch of Yakima 2 and 1 in the concluding consolation.

Miss Margaret Lynch, Yakima High School, girl, who was beaten in the quarterfinal of the championship by Mrs. Cary, outdrove all the veterans in the special events program. She slammed the apple 233 yards.

Seattle Players Take Prizes.
Mrs. Cary registered the best average drives. Mrs. Fred Jackson had the closest to the pin in the approaching competition and Mrs. J. P. Wilson of Rainier Club played the best average in the same event.

Mrs. M. O. Young of Seattle, former Pacific Northwest and former state champion, motored over for the last day of the tournament with Mrs. E. A. Wheeler of Bellingham. They paired it in the two-ball medal competition and carried off the pair of

- Inaugural Ryder Cup matches are played between Great Britain and the United States.
- Byron Nelson and Ben Hogan, each 15 years old, play in the Caddie Championship Tournament at Fort Worth's Glen Garden Country Club. Nelson defeats Hogan in a playoff for the title.
- The Women's Trans-Mississippi Golf Association is officially organized. It becomes one of the most prestigious amateur championships even today and is now known as The Women's Trans-National Golf Association.
- The Seattle Women's Golf Association is established.

1927
Champion



MRS. KENNETH REED
Former Oregon State Champion and recent medalist in the PNGA
From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 27, 1927.. "Mrs. Reed delivered a sterling brand of golf that left no doubt as to her superiority. The afternoon round, played in a driving rain found the Portland star getting stronger instead of weaker under the severe strain exacted after five days of hard tourney play."

Runner Up: Mrs. C.C. Cary
Medalist: Mrs. Guy Riegel
Club: Bellingham Golf & Country Club
Contestants: 84

NOTABLE - 1927

Extended Borders

For the first time Oregon, California, and British Columbia send players to WSWGAs biggest tournament yet.

"Caddies Wanted"

In addition to the regular caddie force, one hundred boy scouts were recruited and received training for several weeks in order to participate in the five-day tournament.

From the Annual Meeting

Initiation fees for the Association were raised to \$ 50. Annual dues to \$ 25.

ONE WILL BE A CHAMPION



Outstanding Women Golfers.
One of the fair golfers shown above will be crowned Washington State women's champion this afternoon at Bellingham. The trio has stood out in the tournament that has been played off this week. The women are: 1-Mrs. Kenneth Reed of Portland, 2-Mrs. Marjorie Jaffries of Tacoma, 3-Mrs. C. C. Cary of Seattle, defending champion. Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Cary are playing in the final match today. Mrs. Jaffries, although she bowed to Mrs. Reed, played sensational golf which included a victory over Mrs. Guy Riegel of Spokane, the qualifying medalist, in the round of eight.

MRS. GUY RIEGEL of Spokane, who yesterday led women in state golf qualifying round in Bellingham meet.



Mrs. Riegel Wins Honors In Qualifying

MRS. CARY BEATEN

* * * Bows to Mrs. Reed * * *

Portland Woman Goes Strong in Second Eighteen-Holes of Washington State Women's Golf Final.

Special to The Times.
BELLINGHAM, Saturday, Aug. 27.—Mrs. C. C. Cary of Seattle, lost her state golf crown in the final of the sixth annual Washington State women's golf championship here yesterday to Mrs. Kenneth Reed of Portland, former Oregon champion, 6 up and 5 to play.
Playing brilliant golf in the afternoon round after the morning eighteen holes had found the champion and challenger all square, Mrs. Reed challenged a sterling brand of golf that left no doubt as to her superiority. The afternoon round, played in a driving rain, found the Portland star getting stronger instead of weaker under the severe strain, exacted after five days of hard tourney play. The new champion excelled in virtually every department. Her wooden and iron clubs reeled off extra yardage that Mrs. Cary was unable to make up. The Seattle woman was off on her short game and was not driving consistently. On one-tee, the fourth, she missed the ball entirely. She was half topping her wood shots and was either overrunning the cup or was short with her irons.
Both golfers displayed nervousness in the morning round, each missing what looked to be easy shots. The lead reversed back and forth on the outward trip and ended all square. Starting the tenth, the Portland star won three straight holes, but the next three were halved, and then Mrs. Cary came through with her best golf of the day to square the match at the eighteenth.
The rain slowed up the fairways. (Continued on Page 2, Column 7.)

Oregon Star Is Threat In Golf Battle

Mrs. Reed of Portland Will Fight It Out for Women's State Title Today Against Mrs. Cary of Seattle.

BELLINGHAM, Friday, Aug. 26.—Mrs. C. C. Cary of Seattle, defending champion, by winning the last three holes of the morning round in par figures, stopped for lunch all square with Mrs. Kenneth Reed of Portland in the final thirty-six-hole match of the women's state championships. They turned the ninth all square and then Mrs. Reed won the first three holes of the second nine. The next three were halved. Mrs. Cary medalled 85, one stroke better than Mrs. Reed.

- U.S. Open Winner: Johnny Farrell – British Open: Walter Hagen.
- U.S. Amateur: Bobby Jones – U.S. Women's Amateur: Glenna Collett.
- Seattle Women's Golf Association holds their first city championship. (Competition prior to 1928 were called "City Sweepstakes.")

1928

Champion



MISS MARGARET MURPHY

Portland City Champion

From The SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, July 28, 1928 "Everybody felt sort of sorry for Miss Murphy when she stepped up to the first tee for the final match...many couldn't see where she had a look-in with the woman who had won the medal honors of the tournament with an 82, one under par... These sympathetic souls had overlooked the fact that in beating Mrs. Fred Jackson the day before, Miss Murphy had triumphed over the player who had been stroking the best rounds of the tournament."

Runner Up: Mrs. Vera Hutchings

Medalist: Mrs. Vera Hutchings

Club: Inglewood Country Club

Contestants: 119

NOTABLE – 1928

And the Runner-Up Is

Vera Ramsay Hutchings Ford – From this time until the late 1950's, Vera was an indomitable force in women's golf. She was a Ladies British Open Amateur Championship Semi-Finalist; Twice Canadian Ladies Champion; Twice Massachusetts State Champion; Six-Time PNGA Champion. Vera was inducted into the Pacific Northwest Golf Hall of Fame in 1991. And Vera kept a low profile. No one knew that during her long career she had suffered from acute asthma, kept it in check only with strong medication. It wasn't until years later that her three children learned of their mother's successes. Much later Vera's three children were stunned to learn of their mother's accomplishments. She'd never mentioned it.

Special Events

Post entries were accepted.

A Consolation 18-Hole Medal Event

A Consolation Two Ball Foursome

Long Drive Contest

Approaching Contest

Putting Contest in progress everyday

Golf Finalists and Hostess

MISS MARGARET MURPHY (left) of Portland, won the Washington women's golf championship here last week, defeating Mrs. Vera Hutchings (right) of Vancouver, B. C., 5 and 4, in one of the most brilliant matches ever played in the Pacific Northwest. Mrs. W. S. Griswold of Seattle (center) as president of the state association was chairman of the committee which entertained the fair golfers at Inglewood.



FAIR GOLFERS TO CLASH FOR HONORS TODAY

Miss Murphy of Portland and Mrs. Hutchings of Vancouver Meet for Washington State Title.

Miss Margaret Murphy of Portland, Ore., was 2-up on Mrs. Vera Hutchings of Vancouver, B. C., at the end of 18 holes of their 36-hole match today. Both played good golf, negotiating the 18 holes in scores of 80. Miss Murphy was at one time 4-up, but dropped the 17th and 18th holes. The largest gallery of the week was out to see the finalists in action.

By JOHN H. DREHER.

THE Charmed Land, and, of course, charming people! They are winding up the Washington state women's golf championship at Inglewood Country Club today, and the finalists are both from outside the borders of the commonwealth—Mrs. Vera Hutchings of Vancouver, B. C., and Miss Margaret Murphy of Portland, Ore.

MISS MURPHY IS NEW STATE GOLF CHAMPION

Portland Woman Beats Mrs. Vera Hutchings, 5 and 4; Victor Was Better in Pinches on Putts.

By JOHN H. DREHER.

MISS MARGARET MURPHY of Portland, Ore., is 1928 women's golf champion of Washington. She beat Mrs. Vera Hutchings, of Vancouver, B. C., in the final 36-hole match at Inglewood Country Club yesterday 5 and 4. The miss beat the matron because she was better on the greens, although the matron was better through the green. Moral: Learn to putt—particularly, in the pinches. Mrs. Hutchings didn't sink a single putt in the thirty-two holes played; her opponent sank plenty. And Everybody felt sort of sorry for Miss Murphy when she stepped up to the first tee for the final match. Ranked as second player in Oregon to Mrs. Kenneth S. Reed, and mindful of the fact that Mrs. Reed had been eliminated from the tournament.

THE SEATTLE DAILY TIMES

SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 22, 1928.

WOMEN GATHER HERE FOR STATE GOLF

- *Johnny Goodman, an orphan turned caddie, and basically an "unknown" in the world of golf, beat the legendary Bobby Jones in the 1st round of the U.S. Amateur. Goodman went on to win the 1933 U.S. Open and the 1937 US Amateur, becoming only the 5th golfer in history to win both crowns. He remained an amateur golfer throughout his career.*

1929

Champion



MISS HILDA McLAUSAN

Rainier Golf Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 10, 1929... "Said (Runner-Up) Mrs. Young, 'After today, I am for Hilda McAuslan as a golfer and a real sport. First consider that this 20-year-old girl began playing but two years ago and took part in her first tournament last year... She played difficult shots today with a fineness of execution that I have never seen equaled by anybody, man or woman.'"

Runner Up: Mrs. H.O. Young

Medalist: Mrs. Guy Riegel

Club: Fircrest Golf Club

Contestants: 175

NOTABLE – 1929

For Washingtonians Only

For the first time the Washington State Championship is closed to all competitors outside of the state and to clubs in the state that do not hold Association membership.

All matches will be 18 holes, except the finals of the tournament which will be 36 holes.

"Extracurricular" Activities

In 1929, the social events associated with the championship numbered eight – all sorts of parties, dinners, dances – arranged by the Tournament Committee. Given that top players continued the practice of playing three-four rounds on the host course in the days preceding the event, it must have taken tremendous stamina and energy to play eighteen holes (or thirty-six holes for the finals) and attend special events in the afternoon and parties in the evening.

Watching Hilda McAuslan Win Her Golfing Spurs

HILDA McAUSLAN, the 20-year-old Seattle girl who won her golfing spurs at Tacoma last week by capturing the Washington State women's championship. Here she is, swinging her driver to show a Times photographer the way she gets her power, and watching her final rival, Mrs. H. O. Young, putt on the ninth green of their thirty-six-hole match. Hilda won the match, 3 and 2, to even up her score with Mrs. Young, who defeated her in the semi-finals of the city championship at the Olympic Golf Club a month ago. Miss McAuslan, a member of the Rainier Golf Club, has been playing for only two years, but in that time has developed a splendid game and threatens to march on here to greater conquests not only in the Northwest, but in national tournaments as well, for she's ready for all competition.—Times Photo.



SEATTLE WOMEN PLAY FAST GOLF IN STATE MEET

Seven Qualifying Positions
in Championship Flight
Won by Local Stars; Mrs.
Guy Riegel Is Medalist.

TACOMA SCENE OF LINKS MIX; QUALIFY TODAY

Thirty Seattle Women to
Take Part in Big Event
While Tacoma Leads Field
in Number of Entries.

*Special Events Are
Also Settled With
Women's Golf Play*

175 Women Golfers Seek State Title

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1929. THE SEATTLE DAILY TIMES
Seattle Girl Is Now State Golf Champion

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1929. THE SEATTLE DAILY TIMES
Seattle Times Sports Department
Seattle Women Reach State Golf Final

- Bobby Jones completes the original **Grand Slam**, winning the U.S. and British Amateurs and the U.S. and British Opens in the same year! After this momentous accomplishment, he retired from competition at age 28. A lawyer by profession, he was the most successful amateur golfer ever to compete on a national and international level.

1930 Champion



MRS. GEORGE R. JOHNSON

Earlington Golf Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 9, 1930... "Mrs. Johnson not only played a superb long game off the tee, but she wielded a mashie and mashie niblick close to the green, out of depressions and sand, with a delicateness of handling that has never been surpassed, if ever equaled, in the memory of women's golf in city or state."

Runner Up: Mrs. W.A. Kirkman
Medalist: Mrs. George R. Johnson
Club: Earlington Golf Club
Contestants: 125

NOTABLE – 1930

Everybody Came To Play

Every city in the state with representation in the Association – and there were fifteen of them, including nine clubs in Seattle, had one or more entries in the field.

Another "First"

For the first time in the WSWGGA Tournament, there were drop flights, which assured that everyone participated in at least two rounds of match play. This change proved very popular because in the past, if a player lost her first round match (except in Championship Flight), was out of the tournament except for special events.



The Earlington Golf and Country Club near Renton.
Photo courtesy of PNGA

POST ENTRIES ROUND UP BIG, CLASSY FIELD

Runner-Up and Medalist of Last Year Are Among Late Arrivals at Earlington's Battleground Today.

By JOHN H. DEEHER.
THE barrier went up today on the ninth annual tournament of the Washington State Women's Golf Association at the Earlington Golf Club and the field that was sent away en-braced virtually every player of consequence in the Evergreen State. Post entries added to the original field of 104 brought today's starting list up to 125.
The situation looked good but no the last match of the first round.

MRS. KIRKMAN'S 80 BEST SCORE AT EARLINGTON

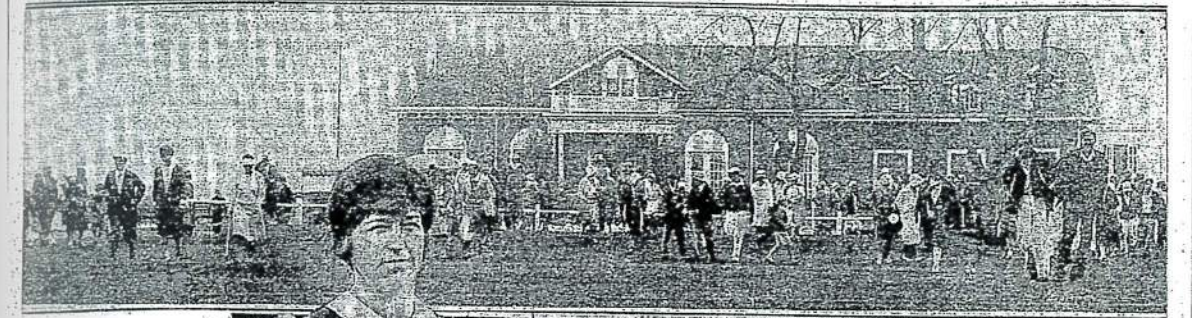
Sand Point Player Sets Record for Course in Defeating Last Year's Title Holder, 4 and 2.

OLD TALLY THAT WON MEDAL NOW BARELY GETS IN

Washington Women Golfers Show Amazing Cards in Testing Round at Earlington Club Course.

TODAY'S RESULTS.
Mrs. Johnson defeated Mrs. Riegel, 1 up.
Mrs. Butterworth defeated Mrs. Yeager, 6 and 5.
Mrs. Young defeated Mrs. Nielsen, 5 and 4.
Mrs. Curran defeated Mrs. Jackson at nineteenth hole.
Mrs. Pease defeated Mrs. Knust, 5 and 3.
Mrs. Dozier defeated Mrs. Aronson, 2 and 1.
Mrs. Kirkman defeated Mrs. Ronk, 2 and 1.
Miss McAuslan defeated Mrs. Bridgeman, 1 up.

EXCEPTIONAL GOLF MARKS WOMEN'S TITLE PLAY



One of the greatest golf battles ever seen in Seattle marked the finals Friday at Earlington in the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship, when Mrs. George R. Johnson of Earlington defeated Mrs. W. A. Kirkman of Sand Point, 4 and 2. Top photo is a part of the gallery which witnessed the last day's play. Center, left, Mrs. Johnson; center, right, Mrs. Kirkman. Lower photo shows Mrs. Johnson teeing off on the final round, with quite a gallery preparing to follow the play.

Seattle Times Sports Department 125 WOMEN START FIGHT FOR STATE GOLF CROWN

Seattle Times Sports Department STATE GOLF TITLE GOES TO MRS. JOHNSON, 4 AND 2

- At the U.S. Open, Billy Burke becomes the first person to win a major playing steel-shafted clubs.
- Bobby Jones films his instructional movie series, "How I Play Golf," which features a number of Hollywood stars along with Jones, himself. It's the first golf instruction on film, and the first time the golf swing is filmed in slow motion.

1931

10th Anniversary Tournament Champion



MRS. GUY RIEGEL

Manito Country Club

"No five days of golf in the memory of those who have followed all ten tournaments conducted by the women of the state, ever left such a deep and gratifying impression on contestants and spectators. The Manito course was perfect; the entertainment of the visitors had surpassed anything the sisterhood had ever enjoyed, and the golf itself was of superlative character, with matches that stirred the galleries deeply."

Runner Up: Mrs. W.A. Kirkman

Medalist: Mrs. Guy Riegel

Club: Manito Country Club

Contestants: 92

MRS. RIEGEL WINS GOLF TITLE

Rainier Lads, Beaten 4-2, Go Touring

MANITO COURSE QUIVERS UNDER VERY WARM SUN

State Golf Championship
Nets This City Exactly
Half the Field Which Is
to En

VETERANS PLAY 36-HOLE FINAL IN STATE MEET

Mrs. Kirkman, Who Dis-
posed of Miss Finn, to
Oppose Mrs. Reigel, Spo-
kane Ace, for Laurels

SEATTLE GIRL WINS AGAIN AT STATE TOURNEY

North End Club Star to
Meet Mrs. Kirkman, Sand
Point, Today, in Semi-
final; Spokane Pair Left

Giantess Killer



Miss Elizabeth Finn is the young lady's name; Seattle home; Seattle Golf Club her course; Robert Johnstone her opponent; Spokane her present stamping ground; bowling or her present occupation. There in a nutshell is the story. Elizabeth, 18 years old and in her first major competition, met Mrs. W. A. Kirkman in the semifinal round today.

MISS FINN IS GOLF SENSATION

By JOHN H. DREHER,
Golf Editor, The Times



POKANE, Thursday,
Aug. 20.—Lining up
four deep in the
front ranks of the
gallery, the Clan
Graves is bursting
its gloves and blis-
tering its hands and
saying all the pray-
ers they were taught
years ago, for every
putt to go down and every shot to
travel a mile as Elizabeth Finn of
the Seattle Golf Club goes about the
job of trying to win the tenth annual
championship of the Washington
State Women's Golf Association here.
And 18-year-old Elizabeth, chew-
ing nonchalantly on a wooden tee, is
giving the Clan Graves, and others,
something to yell about.

Clan Explained
Let's first explain about the clan.
The family name of Graves is
stamped on Spokane, by capitalists,
lawyers and the like of prominence.
Too, it has been a numerous family.
Elizabeth Finn's grandfather was
Carroll Graves, barrister, formerly of
Spokane but in later years resident
of Seattle.

Until this week, frankly, a lot
of the uncles, aunts and in-laws
only knew, in a hazy sort of a
way, that Marion Graves (that's
Elizabeth's mother) had a couple
of kids. And are they proud of
this golfing girl of the Graves
strata! Furthermore, they've
made it infectious and many who
are willing to pull one way or
the other have been turned into
Finn fans by the Graves Clan.

All these Finn cohorts demand
Elizabeth do is to beat Mrs. W. A.
Kirkman of Seattle, last year's run-
ner up in the state championship,
today, and then take Mrs. Guy M.
Riegel of Spokane, tomorrow, as-
suming, of course, that Mrs. Riegel,
the tournament medallist, is going to
beat her clubmate, Mrs. E. L. Powell,
in today's semifinal.

RAINIER TO STAGE NEXT WOMEN'S TOURNEY

Seattle's Trey of Clubs



This is Seattle's pony trio of golfers, left to
right being Elizabeth Finn, Margaret Ander-
son and Marion Finn. Elizabeth, crashed
through this year with a sound that reverber-
ated throughout the state. She won her first
two matches in the state tournament at Spo-
kane last week and then lost in the third
round to Mrs. W. A. Kirkman, the eventual
runner-up. The year's experience of having

qualified for both the city and the state titles
has made Elizabeth's golf. Margaret won her
Broadmoor club championship this year, but
both she and Marion yet have to overcome the
dread of the qualifying round, as Elizabeth
has done. Once through, both are going to
become more careful with their strokes at im-
portant points of progress in their golf—and
then they're made, too. Incidentally, this trio
is inseparable. Pals!

Mrs. Dwan Heads State Golf Group Seattle Chosen for 1932 Tourney

By Associated Press.
POKANE, Wednesday, Aug. 19.—Mrs. Stephen Dwan of the
Rainier Golf Club, Seattle, was elected president of the Wash-
ington Women's Golf Association, and Seattle was chosen for
the 1932 tournament by trustees meeting here last night.
Mrs. Dwan was elevated from the vice presidency to succeed
Mrs. C. R. Harmonson of the Manito Club, Spokane. Mrs. L. Harkens
of the Tacoma Golf and Country Club was elected vice president,
and Mrs. H. M. Pease of the Seattle Golf Club was elected treasurer.

- Helen Hicks, the 1931 U.S. Women's Amateur Champion, turns pro. She is credited with being the first woman to earn a living as a professional golfer.
- Track & Field star Babe Didrikson is introduced to golf by sportswriter Grantland Rice during a break from her events in the 1932 Summer Olympics.
- The American Lefthanders Golf Association is found – its first president is baseball legend Babe Ruth.

1932 Champion



MRS. GEORGE JOHNSON

Earlington Golf Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 20, 1932... "Two players who, under normal conditions meet almost weekly at their home club and play golf that very closely approximates par, making strokes that are a joy to the onlooker and a comfort to the maker, met at Rainier course yesterday and played shots that were painful to their friends and must have left momentary anguish in the hearts of the makers."

Runner Up: Mrs. Fred Jackson

Medalist: Mrs. S.P. Nielson (after a 9-hole playoff with Hilda McAuslan)

Club: Rainier Country Club

Contestants: 167

NOTABLE - 1932

Entertainment Extraordinaire

Congratulations were in order for Mrs. Elizabeth Dwan, retiring WSWG President and the female members of Rainier Country Club for the magnificence of this tournament. Their two years of preparation was clearly in evidence when they provided the following:

- Teas - every day
- A Splash Party at the Washington Athletic Club
- An additional tea attended by 300 at the home of Captain and Mrs. Wallace Langley
- A dinner dance at Rainier's Clubhouse on Thursday night

Milestones

For this 11th Annual Championship the Washington Athletic Club served as headquarters for the tournament. All competitors were entitled to free WAC services.

Each contestant was provided with a caddy.

For the first time outside of a PPGA Tournament, fully equipped press quarters were established on site.

YEAR'S CLASSIC OF LINKS SHOWS 151 ENTRANTS

Rainier Course Scene of Most Largely Patronized Tournament of Year; On Tomorrow for Five Days

By JOHN H. DREHER

The Washington State Women's Golf Association eleventh annual championships tournament gets the starting gun at Rainier Golf and Country Club tomorrow morning when a field of 151 competitors—with more to be added at post time—will begin trickling away at 8 o'clock from both the first and the tenth tees on 18 holes of qualifying medal play. A total of 141 is in the present draw, made Friday night, but since then ten post entries had been received up to last night.

Sixteen qualifying for the title of state women's champion, those unable to make the title party will be distributed down the line through flights, no less than nineteen such flights being foreseen from the tremendous entry list. Match elimination rounds start Tuesday and will continue at the rate of 18 holes a day until the finishing finals of Friday.

Nine towns are represented in the official draw for tomorrow, Seattle producing 93 starters alone, with the remainder of the state sending 46 into the lists as follows: Tacoma, 15; Spokane, 9; Bellingham, 7; Everett, 6; Yakima, 3; and Aberdeen, Mount Vernon and Olympia, each 2.

Draw in State Golf Tourney

Following is the draw for the qualifying round tomorrow in the Washington State Women's Golf Association eleventh annual tournament, to be played this week at Rainier Golf & Country Club:

FIRST TEE

- 8:00—Mrs. D. Lavender, Mrs. E. V. Nelson.
- 8:05—Mrs. C. G. Moran, Mrs. C. F. Bridge.
- 8:10—Mrs. J. R. West, Mrs. R. Penoyer.
- 8:15—Mrs. C. Knust, Mrs. G. D. McMurtry.
- 8:20—Mrs. W. A. Rhodes, Mrs. A. B. Kild.
- 8:25—Mrs. A. J. Lutz, Mrs. H. Wright.
- 8:30—Mrs. W. J. Dismore, Mrs. W. W. Dow.
- 8:35—Mrs. M. Wasich, Mrs. L. X. Coder.
- 8:40—Mrs. A. Schwane, Mrs. C. Vike.
- 8:45—Mrs. J. H. Bradley, Mrs. L. B. Kennan.
- 8:50—Mrs. J. A. Rhodes, Mrs. J. C. Bridgman.
- 8:55—Mrs. M. Finn, Mrs. E. C. Goodwin.
- 9:00—Mrs. C. C. Dyer, Mrs. A. J. O'Brien.
- 9:05—Mrs. E. V. Arkersinger, Mrs. R. Wright.
- 9:10—Mrs. G. R. Johnson, Mrs. E. Finn.
- 9:15—Mrs. R. T. Byers, Mrs. H. Andrews.
- 9:20—Mrs. E. Frank, Mrs. H. McAuslan.
- 9:25—Mrs. M. H. Pease, Mrs. E. T. Pope.
- 9:30—Mrs. C. Mirel, Mrs. C. F. Lindley.
- 9:35—Mrs. W. M. Shelton, Mrs. F. J. Carlson.
- 10:00—Mrs. W. A. Kikman, Mrs. F. E. Jackson.
- 10:10—Mrs. E. L. Powell, Mrs. B. Wain.
- 10:20—Mrs. W. H. Tucker, Mrs. J. O. Atterbury.
- 10:30—Mrs. R. V. Wells, Mrs. W. H. Bohling.
- 10:40—Mrs. R. Roberts, Mrs. B. Crockett.
- 10:50—Mrs. G. V. Xaitte, Mrs. J. Whitehaw.
- 11:00—Mrs. J. J. Dempsey, Mrs. C. Kubie.
- 11:10—Mrs. W. T. Weherell, Mrs. L. W. Harkins.
- 11:20—Mrs. W. G. Hooker, Mrs. R. W. Thomas.
- 11:30—Mrs. L. O. Cochran, Mrs. T. O. Foxton.
- 11:40—Mrs. L. S. Burden, Mrs. H. A. Shaw.
- 11:50—Mrs. A. F. Robinson, Mrs. J. H. Hapley.
- 12:00—Mrs. O. B. Harlan, Mrs. E. Case.
- 12:10—Mrs. A. D. Remington, Mrs. L. Griffin.
- 12:20—Mrs. S. C. Standard, Mrs. V. C.

Not only representative in a state-wide measure, this field expresses the 100 per cent quality of women golfers within the boundaries of the Evergreen State. There has been, in fact, no tournament of the year so fully representative of class or so large as the field which gets the starting signal at Rainier tomorrow.

For Seattle it means one of the finest golf shows ever offered and, no doubt, the galleries will be of proportionate character throughout the entire five days of the tournament.

List Reaches 151

While 141 was the number listed up to Friday night, and these formed the official draw, Mrs. Stephen Dwan, association president, missing the names of Mrs. Steve O'Brien, Tacoma city champion, and Mrs. Fred Shanahan, Tacoma County Club champion, said she knew they would both play, and she imagined a dozen or more additional names would be ready at post time.

A chuckle was in her voice when she telephoned The Times last night that Mrs. O'Brien had entered and that she had ten additional names for post time in the draw, or a total of 151—and she expected the list would eventually reach 160. This would mean nineteen flights, including the first flight, which will consist of the defeated eight in the championship.

STATE TOURNEY, BIGGEST OF ALL, HELD ON COAST

Entry List Largest, at 167; Mixed Four-somes Show 116 Couples; Big Purse Spent on Show

One Will Rule State Golfers



TITLE OF STATE CHAMPION BEING WON AT RAINIER

Distance Is 36 Holes; Analysis of Semifinals Shows How to Get to Same Spot by Different Methods

By JOHN H. DREHER

By different routes Mrs. Fred F. Jackson and Mrs. George R. Johnson arrived at the same spot; namely, the position of finalist, today in the Washington State women's golf championship. This has strict reference to the ways they traveled yesterday through the semifinal matches.

Nor is the fact that Mrs. Jackson played an approximate 31 to defeat Hilda McAuslan 3 and 2, while Mrs. Johnson was scoring an approximate 33 to beat Mrs. J. P. Tompkins by the same margin of 3 and 1, to be taken as any yardstick to the 36-hole match that began between these two Earlington Golf Club members this morning.

The total count of strokes in a golf round doesn't tell the story of how one player carried his offense or defense into an important match, and certainly these two matches yesterday at Rainier course looked as dissimilar as the aggregate scoring.

The Jackson-McAuslan match found two battlers taking chance after chance to pull off some brilliant stroke that would either win the hole or discomfit the opponent; the Johnson-Tompkins match found two players going at the work with over-caution, so that both were tense and both were paying for this tightening-up by scoring some holes very badly.

Analysis of Scoring
The Jackson-McAuslan match was just the kind of golf one should expect from players of semifinal caliber. Analyzed it showed these facts:
They started the round 5-6, Mrs. Jackson winning with that on a par-4 hole. And, mark you, that was the only hole that was played in stroke over par along the route of 17 holes.

Fifteen of the seventeen holes were won, only the fourteenth and fifteenth being halved. One of the won holes has been accounted for. Of the remaining fourteen, pars were played at eleven holes, nine of the pars being good for wins.
Four birdies at Nos. 3, 4, 12 and 17 were registered, and one eagle was added to the list when Miss McAuslan holed a masher shot at the 325-yard ninth hole.
Mrs. Jackson took birdie wins at the second, twelfth and seventeenth and her opponent won with a birdie at the fourth.
Putting Decides Issue
It was the magnificent putting of Mrs. Jackson that eventually decided

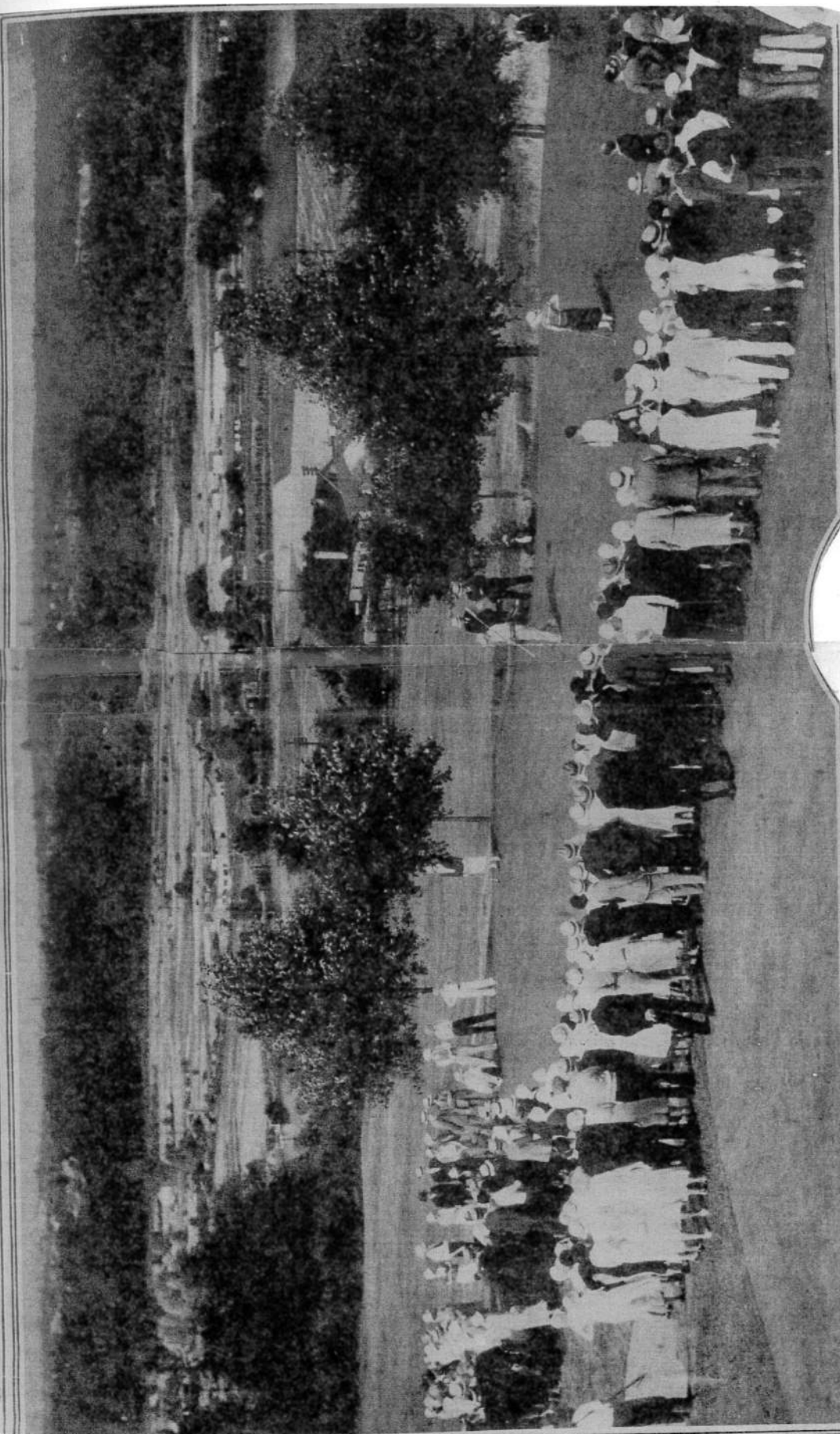
Either Mrs. Fred F. Jackson (upper) or Mrs. G. R. Johnson, both of Earlington, will rule Washington State women golfers. They meet today at Rainier in the 36-hole final of the women's state meet. Both are former state champions.



IN THE WAKE OF THE FINALISTS IN THE WOMEN'S STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT: THE GALLERY MOVING AWAY FROM THE FIFTH TEE ON THE RAINIER GOLF CLUB COURSE
A picturesque glimpse of the large and enthusiastic body of fans which witnessed the championship match.



TROUBLE ALONG THE WAY: MRS. JACKSON



FOLLOWING THE STRUGGLE FOR THE WOMEN'S STATE GOLF CROWN: GALLERY AND PLAYERS AT THE NINTH GREEN DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLE
The crowd watching Mrs. George B. Johnson and Mrs. Fred F. Jackson, both of the Earlington club, Seattle, in the final 36-hole match for the title of champion of the Washington State Women's Golf Association annual tournament, Friday a week ago on the Rainier course. Mrs. Johnson won, 4 and 3, to take the title.



MRS. JOHNSON IS STATE CHAMP

Mrs. Dwan Named To Golf Post

Mrs. Stephen Dwan of this city, who recently completed a term of service as president of the Washington Women's Golf Association, has been nominated as a director on the executive committee of the Women's Western Golf Association. Under the revised by-laws of the W. W. G. A., which are scheduled for adoption at the annual meeting, to be held in Chicago on



Mrs. Stephen Dwan

Winning a Title



On Rainier course Friday in the finals, at 36 holes, of the Washington State women's golf championship, Mrs. George R. Johnson defeated Mrs. Fred F. Jackson 4 and 3. Both players are of Earlington Golf Club. The photographs show (right) an excellent view of Mrs. Jackson at the finish of a pitch shot up an embankment at No. 1 green in the afternoon round. The other view was obtained by The Times photographer of what was actually the next to the last stroke in the long, 36-hole match. Mrs. Jackson had pitched into a bunker short of the fifteenth green, a

par-3 hole, and didn't get on to the putting area until her third stroke. Mrs. Johnson had overpitched the flag and played her second to her opponent's third. The photograph shows the ball stopped after this second stroke. Mrs. Johnson was still away, about six feet from the cup. She had this sizable putt for the win of the hole, and the win of the match—and the championship. If she failed to sink and Mrs. Jackson holed hers the match would have been dormie-3 for Mrs. Johnson. But she sank it—and the match was hers by 4 and 3.

- Augusta National Golf Club, designed by Alister MacKenzie with advice from co-founder Bobby Jones, opens for play.
- The Wilson R-90, based on the Gene Sarazen invention that helped him win the 1932 British Open, is the first big-selling sand wedge.

1933 Champion



Photo courtesy of PNGA

MISS HILDA McAUSLAN

Broadmoor Golf Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 19, 1933... "The 1933 final easily wins a place in the traditions of the WSWGA. It was the best final match ever played and it ended with an abruptness that stretched the gallery out in the fairway aisles... Miss McAuslan earned her right to the title of ranking player of the state when she marched through the best field this week that has ever graced the state tournament, with a series of match eliminations that provided one sensation after another, including two quarterfinal matches and both semifinal matches going to the 19th hole."

Runner-Up: Mrs. George Johnson
Medalist: Betty Frank
Club: Tacoma Country and Golf Club
Contestants: 154

NOTABLE - 1933

The Public Links Challenge

The week after The WSWGGA tourney, The Washington State Women's Public Links Golf Association played its first state championship at Allenmore Golf Course in Tacoma. Unable to join public links golf with WSWGGA because the fields would undoubtedly be too large, the public links women organized their own association. Sixteen clubs participated. During their tournament the Public Links Association issued a challenge on behalf of its impending champ, Mrs. Dewey Bush (Ruth) to Hilda McAuslan, the 1933 WSWGGA winner. A 36-hole match would be held with 18 holes played at the home course of the Public Links titleholder and 18 holes played at Broadmoor, Miss McAuslan's home course. At stake was the title of "Washington State Golf Champion."

Miss McAuslan promptly accepted the challenge and endeared herself even further when she suggested that gallery fees be charged and paid into a fund toward sending a men's team from Seattle to the National Public Links Championship. The match was played; Miss McAuslan won 5 & 3. There were many exciting moments and brilliant golf was played. They had a gallery of several hundred for the match. Miss McAuslan was declared the All-Around Women's Champion of the Evergreen State.



HILDA M'AUSLAN, MRS. JOHNSON IN GOLFING FINALS

Hilda McAuslan was 3-up at the end of the morning round. She shot an 82 playing against Mrs. Johnson, the defending champion. She was out in 44 and back in 38 for the best round of the week.

Mrs. S. T. Neilson of Inglewood defeated Mrs. Charles S. Lindley of Broadmoor to win the first flight.

By JOHN H. DREHER
TACOMA, Friday, Aug. 18.—When Mrs. George R. Johnson, in defense of her state championship tiara, and Hilda McAuslan, winner of the title four years ago, stood up on the first tee of the Tacoma Country and Golf Club this morning each took a long breath and topped it off with a sigh.

The deep breath was for the 36-hole match that lay ahead; the sigh was in memory of what they had been through to get to the finalist berths—a sigh of relief.

They had come through a field that had put on such sensational finishes as had never been approached in the eleven years' history of the women's state golf association. Two of the quarterfinals and both the semifinal matches had gone to the nineteenth hole for decisions.

The large gallery thought it had obtained its money's worth the day before when two quarterfinals shoved along for an extra hole; then wasn't an instance to the fact that the two semifinal matches going to the nineteenth hole were being reeled off.

It was Mrs. Johnson who knew the downright feeling on the real test, for she had won two nine-hole matches in a series of match eliminations that provided one sensation after another, knew only that of yesterday when she won from Mrs. W. M. Shell of Olympic Club with a par of 35 and a four-foot putt.

BROADMOORIAN LEADER AGAIN IN STATE GOLF

By JOHN H. DREHER
TACOMA, Saturday, August 19.—Hilda McAuslan of Broadmoor and Mrs. George R. Johnson of Rainier are now all square on Washington State golf championships. They've each won two of 'em. The Broadmoorian girl won in 1929 and she won again yesterday when she defeated Mrs. Johnson, 5 and 4, in the final thirty-six-hole match here, thus denying the latter a chance to repeat the title win of last year and add a third to her string, which also included the 1930 championship.

The 1933 final easily wins a place in the traditions of the Women's State Golf Association. It was the best final match ever played and it ended with an abruptness that stretched the gallery out in the fairway aisles.

The match had gone dormie-five for the Broadmoor player, Mrs. Johnson's third was lying 20 feet short of the hole and the McAuslan ball, with three strokes on it, was in a trap, hole-high, 50 feet from the cup. The trap was shallow but with a bird mound to carry and an apron to run through.

A 50-foot putt. The McAuslan putter, which had been doing yeoman service all week, slapped the ball. It rolled straight as a string toward the cup. The Johnson caddy was standing at the flag. He saw the inevitable. He was reaching to lift it from the cup five feet before it got there.

And when it rolled in for the 4 that meant a halved hole and the win of the match by 5 and 4, the caddy picked up the ball and threw it a hundred yards down the course.

Everybody laughed, including the two players and the big gallery. It was a relief to the tension of the same rout. One scarcely reeled off the title of ranking player of the state when she marched through the state field this week that has ever graced the state tournament, with a series of match eliminations that provided one sensation after another, including two quarterfinal matches and both semifinal matches going to the nineteenth hole.

Match Squared But Once. Mrs. Johnson had come from behind in both her quarterfinal and semifinal matches to beat Mrs. Guy Riegel and Barbara Winn, in turn, each at the nineteenth hole. She was behind yesterday from the start of the final match, except at one point—but this time she couldn't overcome the lead.

She was meeting a player who was hanging out the best round of the match on 82 to the wire.

STARS OF STATE PLAY THIS WEEK FOR LINKS TITLE

By JOHN H. DREHER
Established several years ago as the most largely entered of all the various golf tournaments, section, state or city, in the whole of the Pacific Northwest, the Washington State Women's Golf Association annual tournament at Tacoma Country and Golf Club this week will not slip a bit on this reputation. Indications are that a field of 150 or more will compete in the five-day meeting which opens tomorrow.

Probably the best gauge of interest was the best of practice put in on the championship course last week. Many have spent Wednesday

State Links Queen



This is Miss Hilda McAuslan, of Broadmoor Club, who last week went through the finest field of golfers ever gathered together to dispute the question of who was top player among Washington State women golfers, and won the final 36-hole match from Mrs. George R. Johnson of Rainier Club, defending champion, 5 and 4. Several weeks before the state meeting at Tacoma, Hilda was runner-up to Mrs. H. O. Young in the Seattle city championship. At Tacoma last week she was a bit wayward at times with her wood shots but she took up all this slack with her irons and her putter—with her putter, decidedly. She scored an 82, two over par, in her morning round of the final, and she had an 83 for the second round, with a par finish for the four bye holes.

TITLE OF STATE GOLF CHAMPION GOES TO WINNER

The Washington State Women's Public Links' Association will issue a challenge on behalf of its impending champion to Miss Hilda McAuslan, Washington State Women's Golf Association champion, for a 36-hole match—18 holes at the home course of the public links titleholder and the other 18 holes at Miss McAuslan's home course, Broadmoor. At stake will be the title of Washington State golf champion.
And Hilda will accept—and, thank you. She is ready to abide by the decision of the match, whether the private club or the public links champion is leader.

MRS. BUSCH PUT OUT, 5 AND 3, IN LINKS CONTEST

By JOHN H. DREHER
Today Miss Hilda McAuslan sighs. There are no more golf worlds for her to conquer, and then, too, she's tired. Defeating Mrs. Dewey Busch of Tacoma, women's state public links champion, 5 and 3, in a 36-hole home-and-home match, Miss McAuslan left no doubt yesterday in the public mind, and for the records, that she was the all-around women's champion of the Evergreen State, having accepted the Busch challenge after title as promulgated by the Washington State Women's Golf Association, composed of private clubs.



Hilda McAuslan
Up. With a gallery of several hundred looking on, Hilda started out of it by bagging birdies on the first two holes and sending the match 5-up. Everybody was sort of feeling sorry for the Tacoma matron about this time.
But this was sympathy wasted, for from there on she cut down the McAuslan lead to one hole at the eleventh and made the match a most exciting affair.
In between the high of Hilda and the high of Mrs. Busch there had been plenty of exciting moments, with a lot of brilliant golf dealt. Hilda's run-up shots had

MISS M'AUSLAN STATE GOLF RULER

Public Links Champ Challenges Hilda

- The first Masters Tournament – then called "The Augusta National Invitational Tournament" – is won by Horton Smith.
- Helen Hicks, the 1931 U.S. Women's Amateur Champ – who turned pro in 1932 – signs an endorsement deal with Wilson Golf. She toured the U.S. giving golf clinics, the first female golfer to do so
- Virginia Van Wie, best known as the U.S. Women's Amateur Champ in 1931-1932-1933, is named the Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year for Golf.

1934 Champion



MISS HILDA McAUSLAN

First Three-Time Winner of the Tournament
Broadmoor Golf Club

From The SEATTLE SUNDAY TIMES, August 19, 1934... "Playing with a relaxed effort that made her game look as simple as walking itself, and putting on the finest of touches when they were necessary... she looked all over a champion as she went about her work the last two days..."

Runner-Up: Mrs. H.O. Young
Medalist: Miss Barbara Winn (in a 9-hole playoff with Mrs. H.O. Young)
Host: Broadmoor Golf Club
Contestants: 208

NOTABLE - 1934

August 15, 1934...

"Teas and tees and balls whizzing about and golf clubs swishing through the air and orchestras playing and more tees and more teas and a few luncheons thrown in for good measure, not to forget a cocktail party now and then and a dinner dance. It must have taken the constitution of a channel swimmer to stand up under all the activities of this championship. Not to pass up the thought, too, that you must be as adept and swift as Follies girls in changing your costumes, for there you are out on the golf links, gritting your teeth and then presto... you're the suave, sweet-voiced lady during the tea hour."

"With.... Virginia Boren"
(column - SEATTLE DAILY TIMES)

WHEN TEES ARE EXCHANGED FOR TEAS



Mrs. John Emel threw open her lovely home at Broadmoor yesterday for a tea which honored women playing the thirteenth annual golf tournament. Here, left to right, are a group of Broadmoor women who assisted: Mrs. J. E. Salmon, Mrs. L. E. Edmonson, Mrs. George B. Smith, Mrs. Chester Duncan and Mrs. C. Gilbert Moran.

MISS M'AUSLAN HOLDS STATE TITLE

RISTINES HOSTS TO GOLFERS AT CHARMING TEA



President Mrs. E.F. Ristine

MRS. FORD FAILS TO SINK PUTT, SO LOSES STRUGGLE

Mrs. C. B. Ford missed an 18-inch putt at Broadmoor today, so Hilda McAuslan, her opponent, will meet Mrs. H. O. Young for the Washington State Women's Golf Association title tomorrow over a 36-hole route.

Miss McAuslan, the defending champion, defeated Mrs. Ford, 1 up, when Mrs. Ford missed that critical putt on the seventeenth green to lose that hole, and, as it turned out, the match. The eighteenth was halved. The match attracted a huge gallery.

Mrs. Young gained the final bracelet at the expense of Mrs. E. T. Pope, women's city champion, 4 and 3.

The Broadmoor girl gained a big advantage on the first nine holes, which she completed in 41 strokes, 1 over par, to become 3 up on Mrs. Ford. The latter missed three short putts at crucial moments and didn't win a hole from Miss McAuslan.

Mrs. Ford battles But the second nine was a different story... a story of a vain but marvelous comeback by Mrs. Ford. The tenth was halved. Then Mrs. Ford won her first hole of the match on the eleventh. Miss McAuslan contributed largely to that win when she was weak with her drive and her pitch was shy several feet.

On the twelfth Mrs. Ford became but one down when Miss McAuslan could not overcome a storm for a ball. Putting again caused Mrs. Ford grief on the thirteenth, when she dropped a hole, but on the fourteenth the ex-Vancouver woman ran down a five-foot putt for a birdie to become but one down again.

Both played poorly to halve the next hole with slices. The sixteenth found the match squared as Mrs. Ford, playing flawlessly, scored that hole all the way.

Then came the fatal seventeenth. Both drives were a bit wild, but both approaches were beautiful. Miss McAuslan came within six inches of the pin. Mrs. Ford was about fifteen inches away.

Miss Putt Mrs. Ford missed her putt and a chance for a half. The eighteenth, although thrilling to watch with both slapping long second shots to the green on the long

208 IN WOMEN'S LINKS TOURNEY AT BROADMOOR

A three-cornered fight for medalist honors was being waged today at Broadmoor, where more than 200 women were in the battle for the state women's golf championship—and two women, Mrs. H. O. Young and Barbara Winn of Seattle—were leading the parade. Each had had 82's.

Still out, but threatening, was Mrs. George R. Johnson. She shot a 43 on her first nine. Mrs. Young had shot 45 and 37, Miss Winn 41 and 41.

Following was Mrs. C. B. Ford with 41-42-83; and it became evident that 96 or better would be necessary to qualify for match play.

Other scores: Mrs. G. M. Riege, 85; Mrs. E. T. Pope, 87; Mrs. G. B. Butterworth, 88; Mrs. Don Scott, 90; Mrs. S. P. Nielsen, 90; Mrs. C. F. Lindley, 91; Mrs. Bobby Pinell, 91; Mrs. Max Block, 91; Mrs. W. M. Shelton, 92; Mrs. W. A. Kirkman, 92; Mrs. Frank Dunn, 92; Elizabeth Finn, 92; Mrs. Ken Howe, 94; Mrs. H. C. Oliver, 95; Mrs. Frank Lovering, 95; and at 96, Bette Davis, Mrs. J. B. De Golyer, Mrs. Gene Robey and Mrs. W. K. Richards.

Hilda McAuslan, defending champion, not required to qualify, shot a 47 on the first nine and then a 47 on the first nine, then picked up.

By JOHN H. DREHER The Washington State Women's thirteenth annual golf tournament opened today at Broadmoor course with a qualifying round that sent more than 200 feminine clubswingers out on an eighteen-hole qualifying test, out of which thirty-two low scores will qualify for the championship, while the remainder of the field will be divided into twenty-two flights of sixteen players each.

The entry list carried 208 names as a supplemental draw was made at 8 o'clock last evening; the lists were open until 10 o'clock this morning.

And thus, the biggest tournament in numbers, and the best in balanced class of any golf venture this year. Nor has there ever been a golf tournament confined to the respective sexes that has shown such a number of contestants as this field which has moved in on Broadmoor.

BRILLIANT GOLF NETS 14 AND 12 WIN OVER YOUNG

By JOHN H. DREHER. Miss Hilda McAuslan, on her home Broadmoor course, yesterday successfully defended her crown of Washington state golf champion, defeating her finalist opponent, Mrs. H. O. Young, in a 36-hole match 14 up and 12 to go.

The Broadmoor girl thus became the first in the thirteen years' history of the women's state golf association to repeat as champion, and at the same time to register the first time as a three-times winner of the title.

Her first state championship was won at Fircrest in 1929 where she also defeated Mrs. Young in the final, 3 and 2; her win last year was over Mrs. George R. Johnson at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club course 5 and 4.

To Mrs. Young after her decisive defeat, this comfort: She tied with Miss Barbara Winn for the medal honors of the tournament, and they will play it off at 18 holes at Broadmoor today, beginning at noon.

TOMORROW SEES QUALIFYING PLAY AT BROADMOOR

By JOHN H. DREHER Measured by every standard, the thirteenth annual tournament of the Washington State Women's Golf Association, on all this week at Broadmoor, takes front rank in the year's major links battles. It will be a fitting climax to a season of spirited and well-attended tournaments.

When the official draw for tomorrow's 18-hole qualifying round was made Friday night the list showed 188 entries. The instantaneous reflection was that this had become the most largely patronized of any tournament, of a separate section, in the history of Pacific Northwest golf.

- Gene Sarazen's "Shot Heard Round the World," a double eagle from the fairway on the 69th hole of the Masters, helps him catch Craig Wood and force a 36-hole playoff which Sarazen wins.
- Because she has competed professionally in other sports, Babe Didrikson Zaharias is ruled ineligible for amateur golf.
- Glenna Collett Vare, after whom the LPGA "Vare Trophy" is named, won her sixth and final US Women's Amateur Championship, defeating 17-year-old Patty Berg before an estimated crowd of 15,000 who came to watch The Grande Dame of Golf.
- The first golf ball to carry the "Titleist" brand is brought to market by the Acushnet Company.

1935

Champion



MRS. DON SCOTT

Kitsap Golf & Country Club

From the SEATTLE SUNDAY TIMES, August 18, 1935... "A rather tall girl, as girls go, Mrs. Scott has a full-swinging stroke quite unlike any other of the sorority in this district, using it alike in all its fullness on all irons as well as woods. It looks odd, as contrasted to the others, but it gets results through perfect timing and turning."

Runner-Up: Mrs. J.R. West

Medalist: Elizabeth Finn ((in a 9-hole playoff with Mrs. J.D. Gilmour)

Host: Bellingham Golf and Country Club

Contestants: 100

MRS. DON SCOTT CAPTURES STATE GOLF TITLE, 8 TO 7

BREMERTON GIRL BEATS MRS. WEST

By JOHN H. DREHER
BELLINGHAM, Saturday

17.—Star



Quarter finalist in the Washington State at Broadmoor last August, and winner of the state title here this week on her second bid for the honor.

Today she defeated Mrs. J. R. West of Seattle 8 and 7 in the 36-hole final. A rather tall girl, as girls go, Mrs. Scott has a full-swinging stroke quite unlike any other of the sorority in this district, using it alike in all its fullness on all irons as well as woods. It looks odd, as contrasted to the others, but it gets results through perfect timing and turning.

Such good results that in her match with Mrs. West today the 26-year-old Bremerton girl scored the best final round in the fourteen years' history of the women's state championship, likewise equaling the record 80 of her sex over the par 76 Bellingham course in the morning. 18 to hold a 9-hole lead on her opponent.

As long as the longest of them, the new state champion has a short, run-up game that worked perfectly here this week. So good did this controlled pitch-and-run game work that today she single putted not less than nine of the twenty-nine holes played. It had to be this way to register that flawless 80 on the rain-soaked course the day provided for the final match.

On the other hand, Mrs. West was at a complete disadvantage through an extraordinary long game she normally possesses but which went wrong in this crucial test. A wildness which took a hook form on the morning round actually had her playing her second shots on nine holes out of the rough.

And one can't play that sort of game against the kind Mrs. West was up against yesterday. In fact, only two holes went to the Seattle player on the first eighteen.

The Seattle player didn't apparently sense the let-down of her opponent in the afternoon and she let her halve the first in 5. But she didn't make this mistake at the next hole.

A hooked approach cost Mrs. West the third and they halved the fourth.

YOUNGSTER BEATS FORMER CHAMPION

By JOHN H. DREHER
BELLINGHAM, Thursday, Aug. 15.—

For five or six years Elizabeth Finn has been longing with a great longing to "last until Thursday" in city, state and district golf championships. That means she wanted to get into the quarterfinal round. Bill Finn's daughter, a Kappa Kappa Gamma, and 21 years old, if you'd have all of it, has not only attained her desire here in the state championship but she has been the biggest shot on the range thus far.

Today she hung up her finest victory of the week. She defeated Mrs. Guy Riegel of Spokane, two-time champion, at the nineteenth hole in one of the most exciting matches of the tournament.

Yesterday she won the medalist honor of the tournament in a nine-hole play-off with Mrs. J. D. Gilmour, also of Seattle, with whom she tied Monday at 82. In other words, here's two days to go with Elizabeth in the semifinals and the medalist honors already tucked away.

Tomorrow, in the semifinals, Miss Finn will play Mrs. Don Scott of Bremerton, while Mrs. Everett Wheeler of Bellingham faces Mrs. J. R. West, another Seattleite.

Other results today were:

Mrs. Scott defeated Mrs. G. B. Butterworth of Seattle, 5 and 4.

Mrs. Wheeler defeated the medalist, Mrs. Gilmour, 1 up.

Mrs. West defeated Mrs. S. P. Nielsen, a fellow townswoman from Seattle, 4 and 2.

The Finn-Riegel match was a close affair all the way. Mrs. Riegel won four out of the first five holes when Miss Finn three putted on three greens. The Seattle player came back to win the seventh and eighth holes to be only 2 down at the turn.

Miss Finn won the tenth hole and Mrs. Riegel the eleventh, then Elizabeth squared the match with two birdies. Mrs. Riegel was encountering difficulties as she drove into a gully. Mrs. Riegel lost the

ELIZABETH FINN BEATEN AT 20TH

Special to The Times.

BELLINGHAM GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, Friday, Aug. 16.—Mrs. Don Scott of Bremerton and Mrs. J. R. West of the Rainier Golf Club, Seattle, today won their way into the finals of the Washington State Women's Golf Association. They will play thirty-six holes for the championship tomorrow.

Mrs. Scott defeated the youthful star of the tournament, Elizabeth Finn of Seattle, in an exciting match today, her par at the second extra hole being too much for the youngster.

Mrs. West, after a spotty first nine in which she was all even with Mrs. Everett Wheeler of Bellingham, settled down on the second nine to win, 4 and 2.

Miss Finn was one-down at the turn this morning, but rallied and won three holes on the second nine while Mrs. Scott was winning only two to halve matters. A bad stymie at the sixteenth, which caused the youngster to three-putt the green, really cost her the match.

Mrs. Scott parred the two extra holes with 5 and 4, while Miss Finn went a stroke over on the twentieth and the match was over.

Mrs. George R. Johnson and Mrs. Carl Jones, clubmates at Rainier in Seattle, will meet in the first flight final tomorrow, having won today's matches.

1936 Champion



MRS. DON SCOTT

Kitsap Golf & Country Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 17, 1936... "The prevailing topic... in golf club locker rooms over the weekend... was the brilliance of the final match of the Washington State women's championship tournament... The match produced unquestionably the finest brand of golf seen in a women's state final in a dozen years. Both finalists were at their peak; the scoring was remarkably low and the battle was nip and tuck until the finish."

Runner-Up: Miss Barbara Winn

Medalist: Mrs. K.L. Howe

Host: Olympic Golf Club

Contestants: 148

FIERY GREENS BAFFLE FAIR STATE GOLFERS

WOMEN GOLFERS BUSY :: :: PREPARING FOR STATE MEET



HOME HOPPE—Mrs. W. M. Shelton, home club champion, has her swing all ready for the women's state golf title meet, starting at the Olympic course tomorrow.



REFRESHING—These Everett competitors find the drinking fountains off the ninth green welcome. Left to right, Mrs. J. M. Coleman, Miss Ruth Booshar, Mrs. Roy W. Thomas, Mrs. T. M. Williams.



CONTENDER—Barbara Winn, Broadmoor club champion, has been a dangerous contender for several years, although still in her teens. Was city champion last year.



HER YEAR?—Mrs. W. A. Kirkman, twice city champion, rates high on the list of possibilities.



WHAT'S THE JOKE?—Somebody must have pulled a wiperack, to judge by the antics during this practice round. Left to right, Mrs. LaDonna Bird, Mrs. C. W. Jones, Mrs. W. K. Richards, Miss Janice Richards.



FORE!—Mrs. William Callahan, Broadmoor, is a newcomer to title competition, but is coming along fast and may go places.



CHAMPION—Mrs. Don Scott of Bremerton, defending champion, is a strong favorite to repeat.

132 WOMEN SEEK STATE GOLF TITLE

With a field of 132 advance entrants, the fifteenth annual championship tournament of the Washington State Women's Golf Association gets under way tomorrow morning, bright and early, at the Olympic Golf Club.

Mrs. Don Scott of Bremerton will defend the title she won last year at Bellingham, and challenging her will be one of the strongest groups of contenders that have ever sought the crown.

Notable among the contenders will be Mrs. Charles B. Ford, Seattle, many times Pacific Northwest champion, returning to competition after a protracted absence; Mrs. J. R. West, Rainier, last year's runner-up; Miss Elizabeth Frank, Rainier, city champion; Mrs. George R. Johnson, Rainier, twice state champion; Mrs. W. A. Kirkman, Inglewood; Mrs. E. T. Pope, Olympic, and Miss Barbara Winn, Broadmoor, former city champions; Mrs. W. M. Shelton, many times champion of the Olympic Club; Mrs. J. D. Gilmour, Olympic, last year's Pacific Northwest medalist; Mrs. K. L. Howe, Olympic, former city medalist; Miss Betty Davis, a rising star from Bremerton; Mrs. M. Elholm

5:15—Mrs. J. D. Gilmour, Mrs. John Byers.
5:20—Mrs. R. Norbom, Mrs. H. B. Christensen.
5:25—Mrs. E. T. Pope, Mrs. T. O. Brandon.
5:30—Mrs. Walter Pursey, Mrs. J. K. Holloway.
5:35—Mrs. H. W. Holtzinger, Mrs. W. H. Gray.
5:40—Mrs. S. P. Nielsen, Mrs. A. D. Hansen.
5:45—Mrs. M. Ekholm, Mrs. R. E. Hammond.
5:50—Mrs. Jesse T. Mills, Mrs. C. R. Sherriff.
10:00—Mrs. Charles B. Ford, Miss Elizabeth Frank.
10:05—Mrs. W. K. Richards, Mrs. LaDonna Bird.
10:10—Mrs. Carl W. Jones, Mrs. W. A. Kirkman.
10:15—Mrs. Iva S. Dille, Miss Ruth Booshar.
10:20—Miss Barbara Winn, Mrs. K. L. Howe.
10:30—Mrs. T. M. Williams, Mrs. Tom Clark.
10:35—Mrs. A. E. McIntosh, Mrs. E. C. Daniels.
10:40—Mrs. J. R. West, Miss Betty Davis.
10:45—Mrs. M. A. Hueston, Mrs. E. L. Green.
10:50—Mrs. J. C. Baldwin, Mrs. J. G. Swartz.
10:55—Mrs. Don Scott, Mrs. W. M. Shelton.

MRS. K. L. HOWE'S 81 WINS MEDAL IN STATE MEET

Shooting even par golf, Mrs. Don Scott, Bremerton, defending champion, defeated Mrs. A. E. Vossythe, Seattle, 8 and 7, today as match play began in the Washington State women's amateur golf tournament.

Within one stroke yesterday at Mrs. A. L. Howe, Seattle, medalist, Mrs. Scott turned in an even par score going for the eleven holes of her match. She won seven of the first nine holes.

Mrs. W. A. Kirkman, Seattle, defeated Mrs. J. K. Holloway, Seattle, 6 and 5.

Mrs. Daisy Hukuh, Tacoma, gained a five-hole lead over Mrs. J. T. Byers, Seattle, in the first nine holes. Mrs. Marie Elholm, Bellingham, was tied down at the same distance to Barbara Winn, Seattle.

GOLF AGAIN IS THE GAME



Here is a foursome composed of some of the best women golfers in the Northwest: Mrs. W. M. Shelton (left), Olympic Golf Club champion; Mrs. Don Scott, the defending champion from Bremerton; Mrs. T. O. Brandon, who was runner-up in the Hawaiian Island championship, and Mrs. K. L. Howe, who won the first flight in the city championship. They are playing in the Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament at the Olympic Golf Club.



Mrs. Tom Shields (left), Olympic Golf Club women's captain, and Mrs. E. V. Nelson, president of the W. S. W. G. A., pause at the first tee at the Olympic Golf Club before playing a round of golf in practice for the tournament which opens today and continues through Saturday, bringing well-known women golfers from many clubs in the state.

SPORTS

GEORGE M. VARNELL.
EDITOR

MRS. SCOTT WILL MEET MISS WINN IN LINKS FINALS

Barbara Winn of Seattle and Mrs. Don Scott of Bremerton, defending champion, will meet tomorrow for the Washington State women's golf championship. They won semifinal matches at Olympic Golf Club today.

Miss Winn defeated Betty Davis of Bremerton, 2-up, and Mrs. Scott defeated Mrs. Dewey Busch of Tacoma at the nineteenth hole.

Mrs. Don Scott, Bremerton, defending champion, and Mrs. Dewey Busch, Tacoma, were all square at the nine-hole turn in their state women's golf championship semifinals match today. Miss Barbara Winn, Seattle, led Miss Betty Davis, Bremerton, by two holes after nine holes.

Under the tension of semifinals effort, both Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Busch were playing the poorest games they have shown all week. The Tacoma woman, three-time state public links champion, was out in 43, five over par, while the Bremerton girl was taking 44.

Holes were won and lost largely through each other's mistakes rather than by any fancy shot-making. Mrs. Scott started off with a string of five 5s, losing the second hole to a par 3 when she found a trap, but she won the third with her par-3. Mrs. Busch going wild with her sec-

the next year.

Golf Trophies Given at Tea As Match Ends

The tea the Olympic Golf Club sponsored Saturday afternoon, the last day of the fifteenth annual championship tournament of the Washington State Women's Golf Association, was one of the largest of the week and the most interesting, for the trophies were presented between the end of the match and at the beginning of the tea hour.

Pouring were Mrs. E. V. Nelson, Mrs. T. M. Shields, Mrs. C. B. Ford, Mrs. O. T. Brandt, Mrs. Charles Sherriff, Mrs. Walter Gray and Mrs. Carl Strout.

Assisting were Mrs. R. C. Dillingham, Mrs. Ira I. Neill, Misses Verna and Connie Duncan.

The afternoon's music was given by Mrs. J. G. Swartz, violinist, and her sister, Mrs. H. L. Johnson.

Glimpsed at the tea were Mrs. L. S. Challacombe and Mrs. E. B. Ballinger of Everett; Mr. and Mrs.

Swanky Gowns Make Picture At Clubhouse

Have you ever followed a golf tournament at the Olympic Golf Club course? If you haven't, then you've missed one of the joys and comforts of life.

You ensconce yourself in a gay deck chair, and there at your very feet are the first and tenth holes. You rise and walk leisurely about the verandah, and with your eye you follow the progress of the players from hole to hole. And all without stepping off the clubhouse porch. Of course, if you like your golf close up, you can follow about in the walking gallery, lifting

MRS. SCOTT VICTOR

Women Play Fine Golf

of the course, for it was opening day for the fifteenth annual championship tournament of the Washington State Women's Golf Association.

Tea Honors Officers

Yesterday's tea was, of course, the opening one, the first of a week's teas, just as the day's play was the first of a week's play. This

BRILLIANT GOLF FEATURES START OF FINAL ROUND

Mrs. Don Scott of Bremerton, defending state women's golf champion, and Miss Barbara Winn of Seattle were all square at the end of the first eighteen holes of their state championship match at Olympic course yesterday.

Mrs. Don Scott of Bremerton, defending champion, and Barbara Winn of Seattle were all square at the end of the first nine holes of the thirty-six-hole final at the Olympic Golf Course for the championship of the Washington State Women's Golf Association yesterday.

Golf throughout the first nine was of a high calibre. Miss Winn took a 39 and Mrs. Scott a 40.

- Sam Snead joins the PGA Tour and wins FIVE tournaments. He is runner-up in his first U.S. Open. The U.S. Open is the only Major he doesn't win.
- The VARDON Trophy is awarded by the PGA Tour for the first time. The winner is "Lighthorse" Harry Cooper. Originally based on a point system, a few years later the Vardon was award to the tour scoring champion.
- WSWG Champion Hilda McAuslan Beck adds the SWGA City Championship to her list of titles. She will win again in 1959.

1937 Champion



HILDA McAUSLAN BECK

Broadmoor Golf Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, July 18, 1937... "Mrs. Beck is the same girl that won the title in 1930, 1933 and 1934, but she's altogether a different golfer. There is much greater firmness and punch in her woods, a new nip in her irons and a previously missing bite in her pitches. She has learned to play the shot for which the situation calls... Mrs. Butterworth's morning 84 was well up to the standard of most previous finals, but in the face of Mrs. Beck's 77, it was hopeless."

Runner-Up: Mrs. G.B. Butterworth
Medalist: Mrs. Hilda McAuslan Beck
Host: Everett Golf & Country Club
Contestants: 111

NOTABLE - 1937

Women Get Respect

From The SEATTLE SUNDAY TIMES, August 8, 1937

TEE TALK
by William F. Steedman

Having watched Mrs. John E. Beck, Mrs. G.B. Butterworth, Miss Elizabeth Finn, Mrs. J.K. Priebe and a lot of the other lasses play in the Pacific Northwest tournaments within the last five or six weeks, your observer reached and expressed the conclusion that women are playing very much better golf these days than they did half-a-dozen years ago....

I asked Bob Johnstone, veteran professional of the Seattle Golf Club what he thought about it... "There's no comparison," said Bob. "The women have been learning to hit the ball with much more power and decision and they have been picking up something about shot-making. In the old days you'd seldom see a woman even try an explosion shot out of a bunker, and still more seldom make a success of it, as Mrs. Beck and the rest of them do today..."

"In my young days we used to figure a difference of nine strokes (half a stroke per hole) between a man and woman of comparatively equal rating. Nowadays there's no professional or amateur champion who could give nine strokes to any of those girls up in the front rank. And the same goes for less expert men as compared with women golfers about the same handicap."

"All's Well That Ends Well"

The players were saddened on the second day of the tournament by the sudden illness of Mrs. G.R. Johnson, two-time winner of the WSWGA Tournament, just as she was about to tee off for her match in the championship flight. Word that evening from the Everett General Hospital, to which she was removed, was that she was resting easily after an emergency appendectomy.

WOMEN'S GOLF MEET OPENS AT EVERETT TODAY

By United Press.

EVERETT, Monday, July 12.—More than one hundred women teed off today in qualifying rounds for the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship without Mrs. Don Scott, Bremerton, titlist for the last two years, defending her crown.

The tournament was expected to be a wide-open affair, with no ticular favorite yet apparent.

Eighteen-hole medal play, the thirty-two low scorers go into elimination match play, start the six-day tournament.

Seattle will count on Mrs. J. E. Beck, the former Hilda Auslan, several times champion. Barbara Winn, Mrs. J. K. Priebe and Elizabeth Finn.

Spokane will depend on Mrs. G. C. Riegel, former Pacific Northwest champion. Kathryn Schoch, twice state junior girls' champion and Eileen Challacombe were Everett's hopes.

3-TIME FORMER GOLF CHAMPION LOW QUALIFIER

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN

EVERETT, Tuesday, July 13.—Seeking to regain a title which she held three times in the past as Hilda McAuslan, Mrs. John E. Beck, today led the thirty-two qualifiers, out of a field of 111, into the first match round of the Washington State Women's Golf Association's championship tournament at the Everett Golf and Country Club.

Mrs. Beck yesterday won medalist honors, for the first time in her experience in state tournament play, with a very fine and consistent card of 70 over a course that offers plenty of difficulties for wayward shots.

Displaying a swing much firmer and a control much more decisive than she used to show in the days when she won her previous titles, she split the middle of the trouble-trimmed fairways, kept out of the wiry grass and closely-grown trees that welcome hooks and slices, and got around without a serious mistake at any hole.

She missed her pars by one shot at four holes and got birdies at three others to finish one over women's par of 78.

Not a 6 marked her card, even at the thirteenth hole, at which 6 is par.

Mrs. Priebe Rallies

One stroke away from Mrs. Beck came Mrs. J. K. Priebe, the hard-hitting lass from the San Point club, Seattle. Mrs. Priebe gave an impressive exhibition of golfing what-it-takes to wipe out the effects of a terrible start.

What with trees, trouble, trap trouble and three-putting, she amassed a great big 8 at the very first hole, to go three over par at the outset. She dropped another stroke at the second and got past the first nine in 43, which left her five above perfect figures.

From that point on she equaled her par, coming home in a lippy 37 for her 80.

Mrs. Beck's and Mrs. Priebe's cards, compared with women's par, are:

Beck..... 545 545 434-39
men's par... 541 545 434-38
Priebe..... 853 655 434-43

Beck..... 341 555 455-40-79
men's par... 453 645 445-40-78
Priebe..... 453 544 354-37-80

Following in fairly close order a succession of other Seattle women. Mrs. W. M. Shelton of the club and Mrs. S. P. Nielsen, junior were at 82; Mrs. A. D. co 1 of Olympic at 83; Mrs. J. ye Atkins of Broadmoor at 84; Elizabeth Finn of Seattle, Mrs. Kirkman of University and T. Pope of Olympic at 85; W. K. Richards of Sand and Miss Barbara Burns of for at 86.

WASHINGTON STATE WOMEN'S TOURNEY HAS STRONG FIELD

It looks likely that a name that is new to the title will be engraved on the championship trophy of the Washington Women's Golf Association this week at the Everett Golf and Country Club.

Although thirty-six women had filed up to noon Thursday, when the advance entry list closed, and a total of 130 or more is expected to tee off in tomorrow's qualifying round, when most entries are included, indications are that a new champion—or at least a new champion's name—will be inscribed on the championship emblem.

Among all the entrants who had filed when the advance list of pairings and starting times for the qualifying round had been prepared, only one former winner had been listed, and that winner was listed under a new name.

The Hilda McAuslan who won the title on several occasions was the one former champion in the list, and she appeared under her new name of Mrs. John E. Beck.

Incidentally, appears plenty of argument during the opening week. Her practice round of 79 for the Everett course, one over women's par, was the best recorded last week among the pre-tournament trial rounds.

Mrs. Scott Not Entered
The champion of 1935 and 1936, Mrs. Don Scott of Bremerton, had not yet up to last reports, indicated any intention of defending her crown, and it was understood that she had no intention of endeavoring to re-peat.

And in all the advance list, not another former champion's name appeared. Still, the field promises to be one of the strongest that have ever sought the title. Seattle's contribution includes, besides Mrs. Beck, such worthy contenders as Miss Burton, Mrs. J. K. Priebe, Miss Barbara Winn, Mrs. G. B. Butterworth, Mrs. E. Kirkman, Mrs. E. Finn, Mrs. W. M. Shelton, Mrs. T. Pope, Mrs. W. A. Kirkman, Mrs. S. P. Nielsen, Mrs. K. L. Howe and Mrs. J. P. Tompkins. Miss Winn is in practice Friday.

Spokane furnishes a dangerous contender in Mrs. Guy C. Riegel, former Pacific Northwest champion. Everett looks on two young home town hopes, Miss Kathryn Schoch, twice state junior girls' champion, and Miss Eileen Challacombe, who attracted lots of attention with her powerful hitting during the Pacific Northwest tournament in Tacoma. Tomorrow will be occupied with

Memory Book Is
Winner in Fast

MRS. BECK CAPTURES STATE GOLF TITLE

CROWNING NEW CHAMPION . . . BATTLE SCENE AND PRINCIPALS



SEATTLE ACES BATTLE TODAY FOR LINKS TITLE

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN
EVERETT, Saturday, July 17.—

Two women golfers from the Broadmoor club, Seattle—one a three-time champion seeking her fourth title, the other a stranger to such tournament prominence—were to tee off at 10 o'clock at the Everett Golf and Country Club in the 36-hole final match for the championship of Washington State.

The former titleholder bidding for the crown won in 1935 and 1936 but not defended this year by Mrs. Don Scott of Bremerton is Mrs. John E. Beck, whose previous triumphs were achieved under her maiden name of, Hilda McAuslan. Mrs. Beck reached the final yesterday by defeating Miss Kathryn Schoch of Everett, former state junior champion, 4 and 2.

Opposing her today is Mrs. G. B. Butterworth, an easy-swinging, effortless stylist, whose previous high in competition was the runner-up spot in last year's Seattle city championship. Mrs. Butterworth yesterday advanced by a 6-and-5 decision over Mrs. E. C. Goodwin, another Broadmoorite.

On the basis of past performances, Mrs. Beck would rank as a topheavy favorite today. On the basis of the golf the two finalists

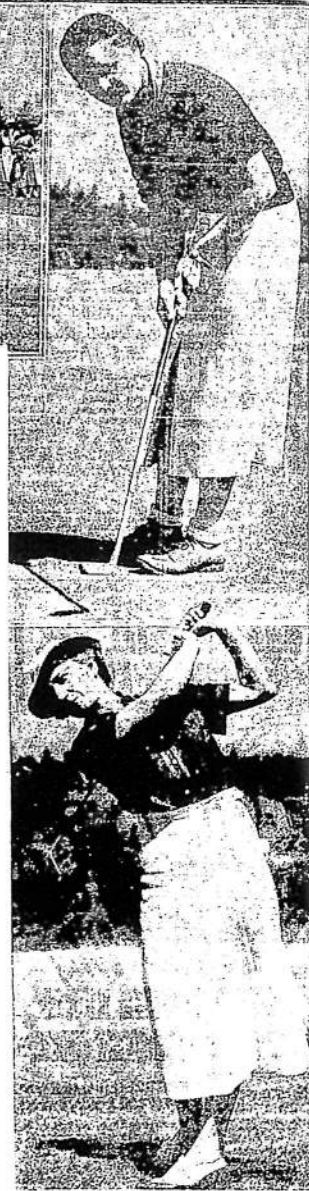
COURSE RECORD OF 77 NETTED BY LINKS MEDALIST

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN
EVERETT, Saturday, July 17.—

For the fourth time in the short span of years dating back to 1930 Mrs. John E. Beck, the former Hilda McAuslan, is champion of the Washington State Women's Golf Association. She regained the title today when she defeated her fellow-member of the Broadmoor Golf Club of Seattle, 8 up and 6 to play, in the 36-hole final match over the Everett Golf and Country Club course.

Mrs. Beck is the same girl that won the title in 1930, 1933 and 1934, but she's altogether a different golfer. There is much greater firmness and punch in her woods, a new nip in her irons and a previously missing bite in her pitches. And along with her greater skill in shot making she has matured her judgment in the use of the tools of the game. She has learned to play the shot for which the situation calls.

She displayed both skill and judgment today in defeating Mrs. Butterworth, turning in the grandest displays of golf a state final has produced in many a year. Despite a wobbly start in the morning round that sent her four over women's par on the first five holes, she finished the round in 77 strokes, one under par, to eclipse the course record of 79 established



Upper, Mrs. John E. Beck, the former Hilda McAuslan, who yesterday won the state women's golf championship by defeating Mrs. G. B. Butterworth in the 36-hole final, 8 and 6. At Mrs. Beck's left is a scene at the sixth green of the morning round, with the champion putting, while her opponent looks on.

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HILDA McAUSLAN BECK

Broadmoor Golf Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 13, 1938... "Mrs. Beck became the WSWG champion yesterday for the fifth time in eight years when she blasted her fellow Seattle townswoman on the 27th hole of the title round by a score of 10 and 9... Mrs. Nielsen's hitherto deadly short game fell to pieces before the attack and she won only one of the first nine holes."

Runner-Up: Mrs. S.P Nielsen
Medalist: Mrs. Mrs. Guy Riegel
Host: Spokane Country Club

Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Beck in State Golf Final

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A Little Something Extra

Besides determining the medalist, the qualifying round decided the WSWG's Handicap Medal, which was awarded to what is now called the "low net of the field."

The qualifying round also decided the next twelve months' custodianship of The Harding Trophy awarded to the club who had three players combine for the lowest gross score in that round. Named for President Warren G. Harding, who was an avid golfer, and donated such a trophy in 1923 for men's team competition in the USGA Public Links championship qualifying rounds, the WSWG adopted the concept as a bonus for several years - if a WSWG member club won it three times, they got to keep it and a new Harding Trophy began its rounds. It no longer exists.

Adding variety to the competition were a two-ball foursome on Thursday and daily putting contests.



Officers and trustees of the Washington State Women's Golf Association set dates and made incidental arrangements for their annual championship tournament when they assembled at the Broadmoor Golf Club Saturday in their annual midwinter session. From left to right above, they are shown here as follows: Seated, Mrs. H. M. Pease, Seattle, acting secretary; Mrs. E. F. Ristina, Broadmoor, president of Seattle City Association and U. S. G. A. women's committee member; Mrs. J. E. Charbonnel, Sand Point, vice president, who took the chair in the absence of the president, Mrs. Arthur

Betts of Spokane; Mrs. Stephen Dwan, Rainier, association treasurer and member of the Western Women's Golf Association general committee; Mrs. Hunter Diehl, Chicago, representing the W. W. G. A. Standing; Mrs. J. C. Baldwin, Ingleswood; Karl F. Richards, Tacoma; Mrs. J. R. Holliday, Broadmoor; Mrs. W. M. She Olympic; Mrs. L. A. Johnson, Everett; Mrs. C. J. Henderson, Skagit; Mrs. Jess Mills, Olympia; Mrs. Roy W. Thomas, Everett; Mrs. Fred N. Hicks, University; W. H. Tucker, Grays Harbor; Mrs. Homer Frye, Bellingham; Mrs. J. Leht, Yakima; Mrs. R. E. Davis, Kitsap.

MRS. BECK WINS STATE TITLE FOR FIFTH TIME

SEATTLE WOMAN TAKES 10 AND 9 LINKS VICTORY

By Associated Press.
SPOKANE, Saturday, Aug. 13.—Mrs. John E. Beck of Seattle, the former Hilda McAuslan, became the Washington State women's golf champion yesterday for the fifth time in eight years when she blasted her fellow townsman, Mrs. S. P. Nielsen, from the state tournament on the twenty-seventh hole of the title round by a score of 10 and 9.

Mrs. Beck, defending champion of last year, held her opponent, who played in a finals match for the first time, at bay with a powerful long game that gave her a consistent advantage of twenty to forty yards a drive.

Mrs. Nielsen's hitherto deadly short game fell to pieces before the attack and she won only one of the first nine holes, halving two and losing six. Mrs. Beck gained two more holes on the in-nine of the morning round to make the turn 7 up.

In the afternoon round Mrs. Beck won three more holes, while the best Mrs. Nielsen could do was to halve the remaining six.

Barbara Winn, Seattle, captured the first flight honors with a 4 and 2 victory over Mrs. E. T. Pope of Seattle, over 18 holes.

Other flight final results included:
Second—Mrs. E. L. Carlson, Spokane, beat Margaret Dye, Seattle, 4 and 2.

Third—Mrs. Carl W. Jones, Seattle, defeated Mrs. W. W. Robinson, Spokane, 6 and 5.

Sixth—Mrs. V. C. Klute, Seattle, defeated Mrs. Carl Blackstock, Seattle, 5 and 4.

Seventh—Mrs. C. J. Calloway, Spokane, defeated Margaret Connolly, Seattle, 1 up.

Ninth—Mrs. E. V. Nelson, Seattle, defeated Mrs. T. J. Stockstill, Wenatchee, 4 and 4.

Tenth—Mrs. E. J. Lawrence, Spokane, defeated Mrs. W. F. Finn, Seattle, 3 and 2.

Eleventh—Mrs. Roy W. Thomas, Everett, defeated Mrs. L. E. Morse, Seattle, 4 and 3.

WOMEN'S LINKS MEET GOES TO SECOND ROUND

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GOLF RESULTS AT SPOKANE

Yesterday's results:
Championship—Mrs. Guy Riegel, Spokane, defeated Barbara Winn, Seattle, 4 and 3; Elizabeth Finn, Seattle, defeated Mrs. Lucille Currie, Spokane, 1 up; Mrs. S. P. Nielsen, Seattle, defeated Mrs. W. A. Kirkman, Seattle, 6 and 4; Muriel Veatch, Longview, defeated Mrs. R. T. Ponce, Jr., Seattle, 2 up; Mrs. John E. Beck, Seattle, defeated Betty Jones, Spokane 19 holes; Elizabeth Tanner, Seattle, defeated Mrs. W. M. Shelton, Seattle, 4 and 2; Mrs. Joe Pedicord, Spokane, defeated Mrs. George Johnson, Seattle, 3 and 1.

Second flight—Margaret Dye, Seattle, defeated Mrs. W. R. Inoué, Spokane, 6 and 5; Jeanne Lindberg, Seattle, defeated Mrs. H. C. Brandle, Olympia, 3 and 1; Virginia Hollister, Yakima, defeated Mrs. Carl W. Jones, Seattle, 20 holes; Ruth Burnham, Everett, defeated Louisa Lindberg, Seattle, 6 and 5.

Fourth flight—Mrs. H. P. Chaplin, Seattle, defeated Helen Syrell, Yakima, 2 up; Mrs. W. H. Tueller, Grays Harbor, defeated Mrs. R. N. Williams, Seattle, 2 and 2; Mrs. Al Newey, Spokane, defeated Mrs. L. A. Johnson, Tacoma, 5 and 2; Mrs. Arnold Peterson, Spokane, defeated Mrs. L. H. Brown, Wenatchee, 19 holes.

Sixth flight—Mrs. Carl Blackstock,

MISS WINN AND MRS. RIEGEL IN 1ST ROUND DUEL

Special to The Times.
SPOKANE, Tuesday, Aug. 9.—Ten players from Seattle were included among the sixteen who today swung into the first match round of the Washington State Women's Golf Association's championship tournament here.
The apparently heaviest assignments facing Sound city players in today's matches were those that

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Mrs. Beck had to go to an extra hole to defeat Betty Jones, youthful Spokane player, who three-putted the nineteenth green, while the defending champion was down in one putt for a win.

The day's big upset saw Mrs. S. P. Nielsen of Seattle hit her best stride in eliminating Mrs. W. A. Kirkman, also of Seattle, 6 and 5. Mrs. Nielsen was three over par for the thirteen holes played as she defeated the medal runner-up.

Another surprise was seen when Mrs. Joe Pedicord of Spokane, who just did manage to get into the championship bracket with a 82 on the qualifying round Monday, turned back the two-time former champion, Mrs. George R. Johnson of Seattle, 2 and 1.

In yesterday's other championship matches Mrs. Guy Riegel of Spokane, the medalist, beat Barbara Winn of Seattle, 4 and 3, playing out the bye holes for an 81; Elizabeth Finn of Seattle beat Mrs. Lucille Currie of Spokane, 1 up; Mrs. J. A. Craig of Seattle beat Mrs. Erik Ekholm of Bellingham, 6 and 4; and Elizabeth Tanner of Seattle beat Mrs. W. M. Shelton of Seattle, 4 and 3.

Today's second round matches found the survivors matched as follows:

Mrs. Riegel vs. Miss Finn.
Mrs. Nielsen vs. Mrs. Craig.
Miss Veatch vs. Mrs. Beck.

MRS. BECK, MRS. NIELSEN, IN STATE GOLF FINALS

- The tournament previously known as the Augusta National Invitational is played for the first time under its new official name: The Masters.
- Patty Berg wins the Titleholders Championship for the third consecutive year, the first three years of the tournament's existence.
- Born in 1939: Joanne Carner, winner of two LPGA Majors and 43 total wins and Kathy Whitworth, six-time LPGA Major Champion and record holder with 88 LPGA career victories.

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MISS MURIEL VEATCH

Longview Country Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 19, 1939... "The larruping lass from Longview was... an overwhelming favorite in the final because of past performances and comparative scoring during the week's title tournament. The 18-year-old former Western Junior, Washington State Junior and Oregon Coast Champion had to battle from behind most of the way before gaining the decision. Only the edge provided by her hitting power with the woods saved Muriel from defeat."

Runner-Up: Mrs. J.A. Craig

Medalist: Mrs. Del Barkhuff (also winner of national honors in badminton)

Host: Sand Point Country Club

Contestants: 84

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The following letter was received in September, 1990...

From Eva Charbonnel Roberson, age 95, President WSWG, 1939

Three items accompanied the note:

A vase... A bar-pin... A scorecard holder

Dear Karel, et al:

The little "relics" I'm sending to The Sand Point country Club perhaps will not mean much (if anything) to the present membership, but they have been treasures to me for these many, many years. As I mentioned in my previous letter, I was a member there for thirteen years, from 1932 to 1945.

The vase is somewhat "top-heavy," which accounts for the "dimples" in it. I had poured melted paraffin in it, to give it a little more weight.

The "bar-pin" provided a real joy for me when I wore it (and that was for a long time). There is a little explanation regarding this, with the pin.

Also, the same with the "scorecard holder."

I doubt if there is any member there now who will remember the year we (Sand Point CC) hosted the Washington State Women's Golf Tournament – it was either during the winter or in the spring of 1939 that there was a fire in the CLUB HOUSE; it did quite a bit of damage to the lounge, also quite a bit of the downstairs, SO, we had to have events to raise money, not just for hosting the tournament, but to help with getting furniture repaired.

The great surprise of all was during World War #2 – we had a Japanese servant there; he served in several capacities, bartender, handyman, and other duties. Was well-liked - naturally, he had full run of the place. It was a great opportunity for him due to the location of the clubhouse to the air base at the foot of the hill. It was perfect for him to gain knowledge from the officers from the base, as they socialized at the club. As it developed, this individual had so cleverly removed some of the bricks in that large fireplace in the lounge, then disguised the fact so cleverly that it went undetected for quite some time, and when it was discovered, they found a pair of HIGH-POWERED binoculars hidden in there. It was determined then that he was a HIGH OFFICER in the Japanese army, and was acting as a "SPY." That created quite a bit of concern.

If you find that you don't want some of the "junk" that I've sent, you might return it.

Another unusual item that might be of interest is the fact that when I joined Sand Point, there was NO "initiation" fee, and the dues were \$ 2.00 per month – can you imagine that???? To be sure, it was during the depression years. I've forgotten what the dues were later on, but it was always very reasonable.

I will close with the wish that you will be able to play golf and enjoy it as I have done (for 62 years). And, be assured that Sand Point was always "my love."

Most sincerely,
EVA CHARBONNEL ROBERSON

MRS. PRIEBE WINS FROM MRS. BARKHUFF, 4 AND 3

These Women Golfers
Reached Second Round
In State Title Meet

3 SEATTLEITES IN SEMIFINALS OF STATE MEET

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN
Three Seattle women and a Longview girl advanced to the semifinals of the state women's golf tournament at Sand Point today.

They are Mrs. J. K. Priebe, of Sand Point, who defeated Mrs. Del Barkhuff, Sand Point, 4 and 3, in an 18-hole match; Mrs. S. P. Nielsen, of Rainier, who beat Barbara Burns of Broadmoor, 3 and 2; Mrs. J. A. Craig of University, who won from Mrs. J. R. Byers of Rainier at the fourth extra hole; and Miss Marie Veatch, U. W., coed from Longview, who defeated Ruth Canale of Tacoma, 4 and 3.

The feature between Mrs. Barkhuff and Mrs. Priebe matched two women who had attained prominence in other sports before turning to golf. Mrs. Barkhuff is former national badminton champion, while Mrs. Priebe used to be a basketball star.

Mrs. Barkhuff was tournament medalist, while Mrs. Priebe recently won the Seattle city title. Mrs. Barkhuff had to go to a second extra hole yesterday to shake off Elizabeth Finn of Seattle after they had tied over the eighteen-hole round with medal cards in the low 80s. They both parred the par-5 first extra hole and Mrs. Barkhuff, home with a drive and an iron at the 355-yard second, was down in two putts for a winner, 4.

Mrs. Priebe, who had struggled around in 80 in Monday's qualifying test, snapped back into top form as she disposed of Mrs. W. A. Kirkman, of University, a former champion, 6 and 5.

Miss Veatch had an approximate 85 in beating Mrs. J. R. West of Rainier yesterday, 3 and 1. Miss Canale kicked the ball around as a couple of holes, but still managed to medal an 84 as she beat Mrs. W. K. Richards of the home club, 2 and 1.

Mrs. Craig took a 3-up decision yesterday over Elizabeth Tanner of Broadmoor.

Mrs. Byers made the second nine in 39 as she took a 3-and-2 victory over Betty Jean Rucker, Spokane city champion.

Mrs. Nielsen advanced at the expense of Mrs. Erik Ekholm of Bellingham, whom she defeated, 2 up. Miss Burns was all square with Mrs. E. T. Pope, of the Olympia club, a former champion, tying off at the eighteenth, but Mrs. Pope drove into a trap, came out too strongly, chipped back weakly to the green and picked up.



BARBARA BURNS
She beat Mrs. E. T. Pope, 1 up

MRS. DEL BARKHUFF
In extra-hole triumph

RUTH CANALE
Winner over Mrs. W. K. Richards

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1939. THE SEATTLE DAILY TIMES
SAND POINT WOMEN ARE HOSTS TO STATE GOLFERS

WOMEN OPEN STATE GOLF TITLE MEET TOMORROW

77 FAIR LINKS PLAYERS TO MIX AT SAND POINT

A field of seventy-seven women golfers—probably more when post entries are added—will start out tomorrow at the Sand Point course on a five-day quest for the championship of the Washington State Women's Golf Association.

Not all the seventy-seven will be entertaining serious hopes of succeeding to the throne left vacant by the departure of Mrs. John E. Beck from Seattle to San Diego. The majority, indeed, will have their eyes and ambitions focused on the flights which provide competition and prizes for those who fail either to finish among the sixteen low qualifiers in tomorrow's eighteen holes of stroke play or to survive Tuesday's first championship round.

Outstanding in the field are Mrs. J. K. Priebe, Sand Point's ace, who recently won the city championship; Muriel Veatch, entered from Longview, who has sufficiently recovered from the ankle injury she suffered in the Pacific Northwest tournament to be able to give her best again; Mary Jane Gilkey of Jackson Park, who beat Miss Veatch in the city tournament; Elizabeth Fien of Seattle, now playing the best golf of her career, and two Tacoma youngsters, Ruth Canale and Shirley McDonald.

Players failing to qualify in the championship sixteen will be grouped in even-numbered flights of sixteen and will proceed at match play of their own. Defeated eight of Tuesday's first round matches will be formed into odd-numbered flights.

All matches will be eighteen holes except the championship final, which will be at thirty-six holes.

Following are the advance pairings and starting times for the qualifying round:

TEE TALK—

*Stymie Rule Loses an Adherent
It's Fun at Times for Gallery
But It's Unfair to the Player*

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN

Visitors Are Entertained With Tea

They walk in foursomes, these women of the fairways, and yesterday they marched eighty-four strong in the opening day of the Eighteenth Annual Washington State Women's Golf Tournament being played at the Sand Point Country Club through Friday.

The qualifying round was held, with women from every section of Washington striving for the magic score that opened tournament bars. Satisfied and healthy, these women golfers looked to be most efficient tournament managers as well as mothers of growing families.

Sand Point women were hostesses for yesterday's tea from 3 to 5 o'clock for the many women who stopped to chat over the day's round. Hostesses were Mrs. J. K. Priebe, who wore a chaitreuse crepe gown; Mrs. E. E. Wiemore, in navy chiffon, and Mrs. S. L. Neely, wearing turquoise taffeta with a gold stripe.

Flowers at the tea table, centered with lavender and pink asters, snapdragon and white pom-pom dahlias were Mrs. H. B. Faig of the Bellingham Golf and Country Club, who chose poudre-blue velvet; Mrs. E. F. Ristine, in a black crepe gown with pleated skirt; Mrs. A. J. Bell of Sand Point, in a black and white print; and Mrs. Roy W. Thomas of Everett, wearing turquoise lace.

Daughters' Assist

LONGVIEW MISS 2-AND-1 WINNER OVER MRS. CRAIG

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN

Muriel Veatch, the larruping lass from Longview, today holds the championship of the Washington State Women's Golf Association, but she had a much harder battle than most of the expert observers expected to defeat Mrs. J. A. Craig of the University Golf Club in yesterday's thirty-six-hole final over the Sand Point course.

An overwhelming favorite in that final because of past performances and comparative scoring during the week's title tournament, the 18-year-old former Western junior, Washington State junior and Oregon Coast champion had to battle from behind most of the way before gaining the decision and the title, 2 up and 1 to play.

Only the edge provided by her hitting power with the woods saved Muriel from defeat. With the irons, both long and short, and around the greens, Mrs. Craig was distinctly superior in the final match.

Mrs. Craig Takes Lead

Accurate seconds to the greens, backed up by deft putting, sent the University clubwoman off to a three-hole advantage in the first five holes. A par at the sixth and birdies at the eighth and ninth enabled Miss Veatch to reach the morning turn all square, both players being out in fine 38s, a stroke over par.

Muriel went briefly ahead when she took the tenth with a weak 5, but inaccurate iron second shots cost her the next three holes in succession.

They matched birdie 2s at the sixteenth and Muriel cut her arrears to a single hole when she drove within two feet of the pin at the eighteenth for a deuce. Both players were around in 78, four over perfect figures.

Muriel Regains Ground

Miss Veatch tied things up with par at the fifth afternoon hole, it promptly dropped behind again when she sliced out of bounds for a stroke-and-distance penalty at the long sixth and went 2 down again when she missed the green at the short eighth.

Despite the fact that her irons were still so uncertain that she appeared actually scared to death every time she used them, Muriel contrived to hold her game well enough together to slip only one stroke to par on the last eight holes played. She won the tenth, twelfth, fourteenth and fifteenth holes of the round to become 2 up and halved the next two in pars to win the match.

The cards:

MURIEL VEATCH

MURIEL VEATCH RALLIES, GRABS STATE GOLF CROWN

MRS. BARKHUFF, MEDALIST, WINS OPENING GOLF MATCH

- The British Open, British Amateur, and Walker Cup are cancelled to the war in Europe.
- Ben Hogan gets his first PGA tour win — The North South Open
- PGA money leader is Ben Hogan, winning \$ 10, 655

1940

Due to the Women's Western Golf Association Tournament held this year at the Seattle Golf Club, the WSWGGA did not hold a championship. Officers and Trustees of WSWGGA felt that a state tournament would not carry its usual importance and draw a strong field. The Western Golf Association, however, attracted the strongest aggregation of nationally-known women stars ever to appear in the Pacific Northwest.

- With tournament play suspended and member play all but nonexistent due to World War II, St. Andrews allows a herd of 150 sheep to graze on the old course.
- The USGA develops a machine for testing golf ball velocity at impact, but implementation of limits on golf balls are delayed by the war.

1941 Champion



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Runner-Up: Mrs. J.R. West

Co-Medalists: Mrs. J.R. West and Mrs. S.P. Nielsen

Host: Fircrest Golf Club

Contestants: 77

WOMEN SET AT FIRCREST

Muriel Veatch Keeps State Links Honors

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN,

TACOMA, Saturday, Aug. 9.—Muriel Veatch, the Longview lass who registers from the Inglewood Country Club of Seattle, has the unusual distinction of being champion of the Washington State Women's Golf Association for the third year in succession, after having won the title but twice.

When she defeated Mrs. J. R. West of the Rainier Golf Club, Seattle, 8 and 6 in yesterday's thirty-six-hole final over the Fircrest course, the victory was her second. She became champion in 1939 when she won the tournament at Sand Point and served a second term when the state show was passed up last year to avert clashing with the Women's Western, played in Seattle.

As so often happens in final matches, neither player was quite at her best yesterday. Miss Veatch, a newly streamlined edition of the powerful youngster who has accustomed us to cards in the middle 70s, was not hitting the ball as hard or as crispy as in the past. She did, however, manage to stay within reasonable hail of par figures, being approximately seven over for the thirty holes played.

Mrs. West, who set a record of 74 for the Rainier course on her way to the Seattle city title a few weeks ago, seldom went all out after the ball during the round. As a result her tee shots lacked their usual distance, leaving her second shots that were rather long for accuracy.

But the thing that had more to do with her defeat than anything else was her putting. Wes Loback, the outboard motor pilot, would take a water-buggy around Lake Sammamish in fewer putts than it took Mrs. West to get around Fircrest. On at least half-a-dozen greens she three-putted. On a number of others she missed short putts after chipping or pitching close.

There was little to choose between the players for the first half of the morning trip. Miss Veatch being 1 up at the turn. Mrs. West squared things with a par at the tenth, but lost five of the next seven holes. A very fine par 4 at the eighteenth left her 4 down at noon.

Mrs. West regained some ground when she took the fourth hole of the afternoon round, but she lost the sixth and seventh to her opponent's better work around the greens and became 6 down when she was



MURIEL VEATCH.
Two wins, three titles

two perfect woods and down in two putts for a birdie.

Then she settled the match by taking the twelfth hole with a rather ragged 5 to Mrs. West's somewhat tawdry 6.

The cards:

MORNING ROUND

Out:
Miss Veatch 644 585 435—12
Women's par 553 455 534—39
Mrs. West 554 565 614—44

In:
Miss Veatch 645 444 333—xx—33
Women's par 554 355 344—98—77
Mrs. West 556 445 464—43—87

AFTERNOON ROUND

Out:
Miss Veatch 654 554 535—12
Mrs. West 654 455 614—43

In:
Miss Veatch 545
Mrs. West 656

Finals of the flights, played at eighteen holes, resulted as follows:

First flight: Mrs. W. B. Jones, Seattle, best Miss Shirley McDonald, Tacoma, 4 and 2.

Second flight: Miss Anne Murray, Tacoma, best Mrs. A. R. Matlock, Rainier, 19 holes.

Third flight: Miss Betty Frank, Seattle, best Mrs. J. C. Baldwin, Seattle, 4 and 2.

Fourth flight: Miss Ann Barlow, Tacoma, best Mrs. J. M. Coleman, Everett, 8 and 7.

Fifth flight: Miss Irene Church, Seattle, best Mrs. Ralph Teata, Tacoma, 19 holes.

Sixth flight: Mrs. B. Carroll, Yakima.

MURIEL VEATCH DEFENDS TITLE IN STATE MEET

TACOMA, Saturday, Aug. 2.—Leading women golfers of Washington will tee off tomorrow at the Fircrest course here in their annual tournament for the state championship.

The title will be defended by Miss Muriel Veatch of Longview, who won it two years ago at Seattle. The tournament was not held last year, being passed up when the women's western title meet was entertained by the Seattle Golf Club.

Monday will be devoted to a qualifying round of eighteen holes, the sixteen low scorers to form the championship group.

A field of approximately eighty players is indicated by the fact that sixty-nine are included in the advance list of pairings and starting times for Monday's qualifying round. Post entries will be accepted up to 11 o'clock on qualifying day. The advance list:

3:00—Mrs. E. L. Hagen-Mrs. Howard

1942

WSWGA cancels tournament due to WW II

- The USGA cancels all events for the remainder of World War II. The PGA continues to play a reduced schedule.
- Ben Hogan wins the Hale America Open which is a substitute for the US Open. Many historians believe it should be counted as Hogan's fifth Open win and his tenth Major.
- The US Open is discontinued for the duration of the war. A worldwide shortage of rubber, a vital military supply, creates a shortage and huge price increase in golf balls. Sam Snead manages to complete an entire four-day tournament playing with one ball, but the professional circuit is severely curtailed.
- The manufacture of golf equipment is halted by the U.S. Government as part of war-time rationing of metals and materials.
- Sam Snead receives a delay of his induction into the US Navy so he can play the PGA Championship. He wins the tournament.

WOMEN GOLF FAVORITES WIN

STATE QUALIFYING SCORES HIGH

- *The PGA Championship is cancelled and only three events are played on The PGA Tour.*
- *The Masters is cancelled for the duration of World War II*
- *Augusta National Club is closed for the duration of World War II and a small herd of cattle is allowed to graze its grounds.*

1943

WSWGA cancels tournament due to WWII

- *The PGA Tour expands the tour to twenty-two events despite the absence of many of its star players due to military service.*
- *The Texas Victory Open (currently called The Byron Nelson Classic) is played for the first time. And the winner is – Byron Nelson, of course.*
- *The first pro golf tour for women, The Women's Professional Golf Association (WPGA) is founded. It is the precursor to the later LPGA. Betty Hicks, 1941 US Women's Amateur Champion, is the prime mover behind its creation and its first president.*
- *PGA leading money leader: Byron Nelson \$ 37, 967.96 (awarded in War Bonds)*
- *Edean Anderson (Ihlanfeldt), at age fourteen, wins the first of her six Montana State Championships.*

1944

WSWGA cancels tournament due to WWII

- *Byron Nelson wins eighteen tournaments in the calendar year to set an all-time PGA Tour record, including a record eleven in a row, and a record nineteen consecutive rounds under 70. His total prize earnings during his 11-win streak, \$30,000 (less than last place money for the 1992 PGA Tour Championship).*
- *Ben Hogan sets a 72-hole scoring record with a 261, only to have Byron Nelson shoot 259 just two weeks later. Nelson's 250 happens at The Seattle Open and is the first time in PGA Tour history that a golfer finishes below 260 in a 72-hole tournament.*
- *Betty Jean Rucker (Hulteng) wins the first of her two PPGA Titles. (She will also be a medalist four times).*

1945

WSWGA cancels tournament due to WWII

- *Patty Berg wins the first U.S. Women's Open at Spokane Country Club, the only U.S. Women's Open to be played with a match play format. (The U.S. Women's Open later came under the auspices of the USGA). Newly crowned PPGA and WSWGGA Champ, Betty Jean Rucker is defeated on the 35th hole in the semi-finals by the legendary Berg.*
- *After having her amateur status restored, Babe Didrikson Zaharias wins the U.S. Women's Amateur.*
- *Ben Hogan posts thirteen wins on the PGA Tour, including the PGA Championship, but loses the U.S. Open and the Masters by one stroke each. In his Texas Open win playing 36 holes on the final day, he hits 35 of 36 greens.*
- *Sam Snead makes his first visit to St. Andrews for the British Open. Upon passing the course while on a train, Snead says "that looks like an old, abandoned golf course." He wins the British Open.*

1946 Champion



Photo courtesy of PPGA

MISS BETTY JEAN RUCKER

Spokane Country Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 3, 1946... "It was difficult to picture any member of her sex except Babe Didrickson Zaharias outplaying the Spokane girl while she was winning the title here. Betty Jean breezed her way to an 11 and 10 victory that was just a hole fewer than it took her to defeat the same opponent in the Pacific Northwest final a few weeks ago."

Runner-Up: Miss Barbara Smith
Medalist: Betty Jean Rucker
Host: Manito Golf & Country Club
Contestants: 90

WARD'S 136 LEADS WAY AT SPOKANE; BARBARA, BETTY SEEN IN FINAL

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN
Times Sports Writer

SPOKANE, July 31.—Some-
where among the other 31 fel-
lows who set out today, along
with Bud Ward, in the first match
round of the Washington State
amateur golf tournament, may be
one who will knock over the na-
tional champion, but in the ordi-
nary observer the thing looked like
a shoo-in for Spokane's most tal-
ented linkman.

When the field of some 150-odd
linksmen had completed their two
days of qualifying play last eve-
ning, Bud was so far ahead that
second place looked like another
league.

Ward, three shots ahead of the
next best with a 68, four under
par for the Spokane Country Club
course on the first qualifying round
Monday, momentarily allowed the
stroke stage of the tournament to
look like a competition when he
backed his way around the third
hole yesterday in seven strokes.
But thereafter he pulled himself
together, gathered six birdies and
carved himself another 68 for a
36-hole total of 136, eight under
par and nine shots ahead of the
second-best performer.

The fellow who had the distinc-
tion of coming closest to Ward was
Don Anderson, a captain of the
Marine Corps from San Diego. An-
derson yesterday lacked a par-72
on his opening 73 for 145, nine
shots behind the leader. Two shots
further away was Harold Gjelme
of Seattle and the University of
Washington with a 7-73-147. Bud
Campbell of Seattle and Ken Storey
of Spokane, former Pacific North-
west champion, were tied for third
at 148.

Altogether, Seattle placed 11
players in the championship group
of 32. Besides Gjelme and Camp-
bell, they were Jim Shriver and
Palmer Smith at 151, Jerry Dri-
coll at 152, Norman Smith and
Chester Gordon at 153, W. Vernon
Burke and L. P. Florito at 154,
Gordon Haskell at 155 and Jim
Mallory at 157.

High qualifying figure was 158,
at which Mark Bruce Walker of
Spokane got in after a playoff with
Raymond Beeber of Spokane and
Ralph Nelson of Seattle, who beat
Ernie Jonson of Seattle, who beat
Ward in the Pacific Northwest
semifinal at Tacoma, had a 75 yes-
terday, but his opening 84 was too
big a burden and he was out of
things with a 159.

Golf being the chancey game it is,
and 18-hole matches, as will occupy

Special to The Times.
SPOKANE, July 31.—Possi-
bility that Friday's final
match in the Washington
State women's golf championship
tournament would be a replay of
the Pacific Northwest final re-
cently held at Tacoma looked some-
what more than lively today as
the eight survivors of yesterday's
first match round resumed play to-
day in the second round at the
Manito Golf and Country Club.



BETTY JEAN RUCKER
Seems clinch for final round

Betty Jean Rucker of Spokane,
winner of the Northwest affair,
and Barbara Smith of Vancouver,
Wash., Miss Rucker's victim in the
regional tournament, both came
through their first-round matches
yesterday by margins that were so
wide and with scoring that was so
good, nobody else in the field ap-
peared to have much chance.

Miss Rucker hit the turn in 39
shots on her way to a 7-and-6 vic-
tory over Mrs. Roscoe Smith of
Tacoma, and Miss Smith traveled
at the same gait as she bounced
Mrs. Carl W. Jones of Seattle, a
former Pacific Northwest cham-
pion, out of the picture, 8 and 7.
Those two were in opposite halves
of the draw and only the most dra-
matic of upsets could prevent them
from meeting in the final.

In the top half, along with Miss
Rucker, yesterday's results were:
Mrs. Jack Walters of Tacoma de-
feated Mrs. L. P. Nelson of Spo-
kane, 1 up; Carol Gleason of Spo-

SEATTLE IN '47

BETTY RUCKER LEADS; 5 FROM SEATTLE LEFT

Special to The Times.

SPOKANE, July 30.—Betty Jean
Rucker of Spokane today went into
the first match round of the Wash-
ington State women's golf cham-
pionship at the Manito Golf and
Country Club a strong favorite to
add the state title to the Pacific
Northwest crown she won some
months ago.

State Amateur Golf Crown Staked

a smart 78 to 100.

BETTY RUCKER CONTINUES ON

SPOKANE, Aug. 1.—(P)—Betty
Jean Rucker of Spokane today
forged into the finals of the Wash-
ington State Women's Golf Asso-
ciation tourney by beating her fel-
low-townswoman, Carol Gleason,
8 and 6.

Barbara Smith of Vancouver,
Wash., defeated Mrs. E. W. Lind
of Spokane, 5 and 3, to enter to-
morrow's championship finals.

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a replay of the recent Pacific
Northwest final at Fircrest, Ta-
coma, looked very lively today as
the four survivors of the first two
match rounds went into the third
installment.

Betty Jean Rucker of Spokane,
tournament medalist, came through

WOMEN'S FINAL WITH MISS SMITH

Special to The Times.

SPOKANE, Aug. 2.—As
virtually all prognosticators
had expected, the final match
for the championship of the Wash-
ington State Women's Golf Asso-
ciation today found Betty Jean
Rucker of Spokane and Barbara
Smith of Vancouver, Wash., squar-
ing away over the 36-hole distance
at the Manito Golf and Country
Club.

Miss Rucker yesterday shot some
of the most brilliant golf of a
brilliant career in storming
through to an 8-and-6 triumph
over her girl friend, Carol Gleason,
who defeated her in the sec-
ond round of the Pacific North-
west tournament here in 1940.

Driving powerfully and putting
smoothly, Miss Rucker played the
first nine holes in men's par of

- Babe Didrikson Zaharias becomes the first American to win the Women's British Amateur.
- The U.S. Open is the first golf tournament to be televised, but it is broadcast only in the St. Louis, Missouri area.
- GOLF WORLD Magazine is founded.

1947 Champion



MISS BARBARA SMITH

Royal Oaks Country Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 9, 1947... "The hard-socking girl from Vancouver, Washington has a golf game that still needs to have a couple of weaknesses ironed out, but it was good enough yesterday to win her the Washington State championship for which she was runner-up last year. Neither finalist played anything like the golf both had shown in earning their way into the title match, the strain of playing in a final in front of a gallery of several hundred persons apparently having its effect."

Runner-Up: Mrs. Erik Ekholm
Co-Medalists: Mrs. J.R. West and Mrs. H.B. Christensen
Host: Tacoma Country & Golf Club
Contestants: 157

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A New Trophy

Mrs. L.F. NELSON of Manito Golf & Country Club presented a perpetual trophy as an additional incentive for contestants to play well on qualifying day and represent their clubs in a friendly competitive spirit. During the WSWGGA State Championship, on qualifying day, the three low net scores from each club will be combined. The club with the lowest combined net score is the winner and will hold "The Paula Nelson Trophy" trophy for one year. Winning it is still considered a major accomplishment and competition for the Paula Nelson Trophy is keen.

TACOMA CLUB IS HOST FOR TITLE EVENT

Special to The Times.

TACOMA, Aug. 2.—A field of 157 contestants will start play at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club course Monday in the 21st annual championship tournament of the Washington State Women's Golf Association. Post entries, which will be accepted up to 11 o'clock Monday morning, may raise the number of competitors still higher.

Notable among the contestants for the title which the former Betty Jean Rucker of Spokane will not defend is Mrs. John Beck of Seattle who, as Hilda McAuslan, won the title on several occasions before the war.

Also likely to figure prominently in the title struggle are Miss Barbara Smith of Vancouver, Wash., runner-up for both the state and the Pacific Northwest championships last year, and Mrs. John R. West, newly-crowned Seattle city champion, who was runner-up for the state crown in 1941.

Barbara Smith Wins Women's Golf Title

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN

TACOMA, Aug. 9.—Barbara Smith, the hard-socking girl from Vancouver, Wash., has a golf game that still needs to have a couple of weaknesses ironed out, but it was good enough yesterday to win her the Washington State championship for which she was runner-up last year.

In the 36-hole final of the five-day tournament that ended yesterday afternoon at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club, Miss Smith won a 5-and-3 verdict over Mrs. Erik Ekholm of Bellingham.

Neither finalist played anything like the golf both had shown in earning their way into the title match, the strain of playing in a final in front of a gallery of several hundred persons apparently having its effect. Both had streaks of wildness off the tee, their pitches



BARBARA SMITH
She hits them far

BARBARA SMITH, MRS. EKHOLM IN WOMEN'S FINALS

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN

TACOMA, Aug. 7. — Two women golfers with powerful, well-rounded games will meet tomorrow on the Tacoma Country and Golf Club course in a 36-hole match for the championship of Washington.

Mrs. Erik Ekholm of Bellingham reached the finals today when she scored a 3-and-2 victory over Mrs. Jock Beck of Seattle at the 18-hole distance. Miss Barbara Smith of Vancouver, Wash., advanced by subduing Mrs. Harry Ladd, last year's Seattle city champion, 6 and 5.

In eliminating Mrs. Beck, who as Hilda McAuslan won the title five times in pre-war tournaments, Mrs. Ekholm hit the turn in 44 to be all square, then swept to victory with a gait of two over 4s for the next seven, being eight over women's par for the day.

- Ben Hogan wins eleven tournaments during the season including both the U.S. Open and the PGA Championships.
- The U.S. Junior Amateur is played for the first time.
- Herbert Warren Wind's authoritative *THE STORY OF AMERICAN GOLF* is published.
- Pat Lesser (Harbottle) becomes the youngest to win the SWGA City Championship at age fourteen. She will win again in 1949.
- Betty Jean Rucker Hulteng moves to Rhode Island and wins the state championship. She will repeat in 1949, 1950, 1952, 1953, and 1955.

1948

Champion



MRS. J.R. WEST

Rainier Golf & Country Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, July 17, 1948... "When a woman can tour 31 holes in figures that show her only six down to men's par for that distance, under the stress that goes with a title final, she's shooting championship golf. .. Both women were hitting the ball hard and straight from the tee and, on the whole, crisply with their irons. Mrs. West's uncanny chipping and putting accounted for most of her margin of victory."

Runner-Up: Mrs. A.B. Staley

Medalist: Mrs. Erik Ekholm

Host: Rainier Golf & Country Club

Contestants: 200

Entry Fee: \$ 5.00

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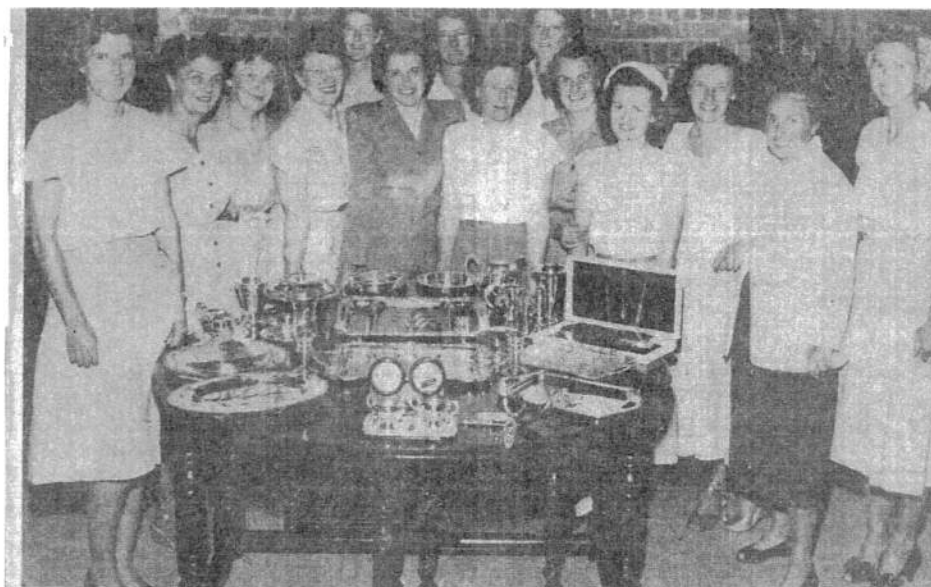
Meet Pat Lesser

Fourteen-year-old Pat Lesser supplied the highlight of the second round using borrowed clubs when she defeated Medalist Mrs. Erik Ekholm. Her own clubs were stolen from her mother's car after the qualifying round.

Semi-Final Gaffe

A notably regrettable occurrence clouded the semi-final result when unfamiliarity with the rules displayed by players and referee spoiled the otherwise brilliant semi-final match between Mrs. J.R. West and Mrs. John Beck (formerly Hilda McAuslan, five-time WSWGGA winner). After they had tied over the 18-hole route, Mrs. Beck played a ball outside the match at the extra hole and failed to discover her mistake and notify her opponent until after Mrs. West had played her next shot. When Mrs. Beck discovered the mistake, played her own ball and scored a birdie 3, referee and players apparently accepted it for the moment as winning the match. But it wasn't legal. Under the rules, by failing to discover her mistake and announce it before Mrs. West's shot, Mrs. Beck lost hole and match. After a long discussion a final rule by the tournament rules committee confirmed that Mrs. West had won.

(Source: SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 18, 1948)



With all eyes on the handsome array of sterling trophies, the above group of golfers salutes forth this week at Rainier Country Club in the WSWG A Tournament. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Robert Belto, Inglewood; Mrs. Gordon Greene, Rainier; Mrs. Kenneth Hutton, Inglewood; Mrs. H. P. Evans, WSWRA secretary; Mrs. Roy Canedy, Rainier; Mrs. Edward Nepple, Rainier; Mrs. Don Eyercham; Mrs. N. M. Hay; Mrs. Evan Malles. Back row, left to right: Mrs. Rocky Moore, S. Point; Mrs. Walter Carlson, Olympic View; Mrs. Har Ullan, Olympic; Miss Ruby McGregor, Olympic; Mrs. E. Leman, Glendale. (Photo by Parker Studio)

200 Women to Seek State Links Title

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN
Mrs. E. L. Sorenson of Vancouver will defend this week the championship of the Washington State Women's Golf Association that Barbara Smith of the same city won last year.



MRS. E. L.
SORENSEN

officials a couple of days ago as they checked over the entries and prepared the starting times for tomorrow's qualifying round, which will start off the five-day tournament at Rainier.

Mrs. Sorenson will have good company in tomorrow's 18-hole stroke test, which will see approximately 200 players tee off. With her will be Mrs. John E. Beck, the former Bilda McAuslan, five times winner, and Mrs. J. R. West, Seattle city champion, runner-up for the state title in 1938 and championist with Mrs. H. B. Christensen last year.

Mrs. Christensen, teeing off at 9:10, just behind the champion's group, will be accompanied by Mrs. Erik Ekholm of Bellingham, last year's runner-up, and Mrs. E. T. Pope, Jr., former Seattle titleholder.

Sixteen players will qualify for match play in the championship. The rest of the field will go into even-numbered flights and the losers of the first round will continue in odd-numbered flights.

Matches will be at 18 holes until the final, which will be played over the 36-hole route Friday.

Starting times -for tomorrow's qualifying play:

MESDAMES WEST, STALEY REACH LINKS FINALE

BY WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN

Mrs. J. R. West of Rainier, Seattle city champion, and Mrs. A. B. Staley of Inglewood will meet tomorrow in the 36-hole final on the Rainier course for the championship of the Washington State Women's Golf Association.

Mrs. West won at an extra hole over Mrs. John E. Beck of Broadmoor, a five-time former champion, in one of today's semifinals. In the other, Mrs. Staley scored a 4-and-2 decision over 14-year-old Pat Lessor of Broadmoor.

The West-Beck match ended in some confusion. After they had tied over the 18-hole route, Mrs. Beck played a ball outside of the

Pat Lesser, 14, Scores Over Women's State Golf Medalist

Yesterday it was the defending titlist, today it was the medalist who disappeared from the picture in the Washington State women's golf championship at the Rainier course. Fourteen-year-old Pat Les-

Mrs. West Captures State Golfing Title In Brilliant Final



—Times staff photo by Roy Scully.

MRS. J. R. WEST (left) AND MRS. A. B. STALEY
Winner receives congratulations of runner-up

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN

When a woman golfer can tour 31 holes in figures that show her only 6 down to men's par for that distance, under the stress that goes with a title final, she's shooting championship golf.

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Both women were hitting the ball hard and straight from the

ball hard and straight from the tee and on the whole crisply with their irons. Mrs. West's uncanny chip-in and putting were

[illegible]

The first nine of the afternoon was sensational. Mrs. West hit the first home run, despite a return 6 to 1 odds. The 13th inning, however, Staley was home against the wind with two rousing woods for a winning 6.

Mrs. West held men's par even at Staley's play for the first time, but added only two holes, while Mrs. Staley had a very creditable



MRS. ERIK EKHOLM
Medalist in state women's golf

- The first U.S. Junior Girl's Amateur is played. Marlene Bauer Hagge is the winner.
- Ben Hogan is involved in a horrific car accident that almost takes his life. It leaves him unable to walk, let alone play golf, for an entire season. He will suffer lifelong circulation problems and other physical limitations as a result.
- Betty Jean Rucker Hulteng reaches the quarter finals of the U.S. Women's Amateur. She will repeat in 1953.
- Edean Anderson (Ihlanfeldt) wins her first PPGA Championship. She will win the title four more times and be a medalist six times.

1949 Champion



MRS. E.L. SORENSEN

(formerly Barbara Smith)
Royal Oaks Country Club

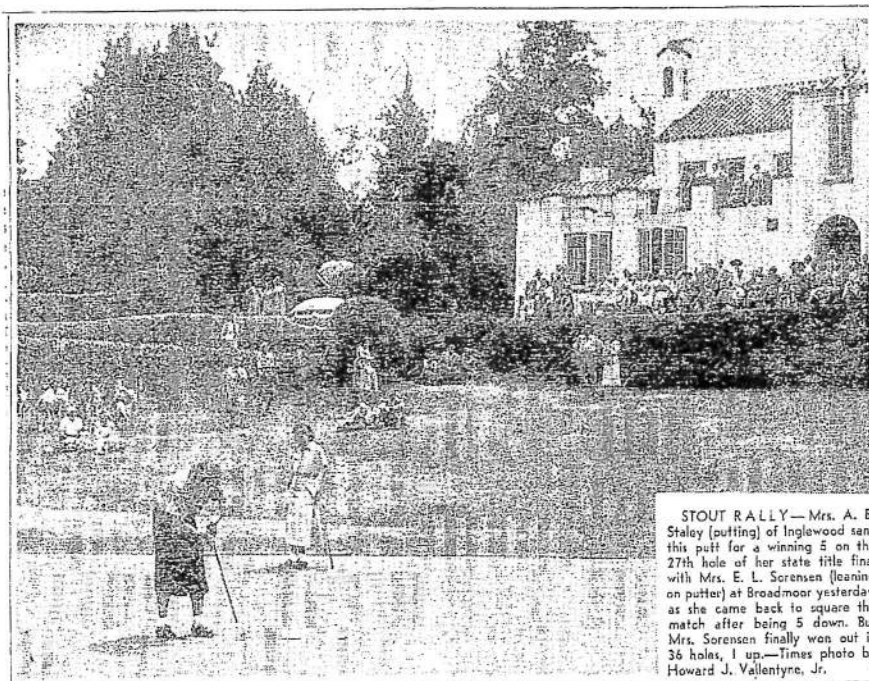
From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 6, 1949... "Yesterday's match was a kaleidoscopic sort of affair. On the morning trip, Mrs. Sorensen cashed in on her tremendous driving power to run up a four-hole lead on an opponent whose short game almost utterly lacked its customary deft touch... Mrs. Staley's cause looked hopeless. But the Inglewood player profited by her rival's mistakes to win the 21st and 22nd and get back into the hunt. Ultimately, the match wasn't decided until the 35th. Both players showed the effects of a week's golf in hot weather and streaks of brilliancy were offset by sieges of the jitters."

Runner-Up: Mrs. A.B. Staley

Medalist: Mrs. John Barron (after 18-hole playoff with Pat Lesser)

Host: Broadmoor Golf Club

Contestants: 208



STOUT RALLY—Mrs. A. B. Staley (putting) of Inglewood sank this putt for a winning 5 on the 27th hole of her state title final with Mrs. E. L. Sorensen (leaning on putter) at Broadmoor yesterday as she came back to square the match after being 5 down. But Mrs. Sorensen finally won out in 36 holes, 1 up.—Times photo by Howard J. Vellentyne, Jr.

Mrs. Barron, Pat Lesser Tie

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN

When the greater part of the field of 208 contestants had finished their qualifying 18 holes in the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship tournament at Broadmoor today, a tie for parently h Patricia L. Seattle city John Barro two both c course.

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Other let 87—Mrs. champion, J Sullivan, Jr 88—Pede and Doroth 89—Mrs. wood, and 90—Mrs. ingham. 91—Mrs. wood: Mrs. Point, and Yakima.

At a late



EXPLOSION: Mrs. E. L. Sorensen, the former Barbara Smith, of Vancouver, Wash., blasted one out of a trap while taking a first-round victory over Mrs. K. P. Hutton of Inglewood, 4 and 3, in the state links meet yesterday. Today Mrs. Sorensen beat Mrs. John Beck in the quarterfinals, 2 and 1.—Times photos by George Carikner.

State Tourney On Tomorrow At Broadmoor

Mrs. J. R. West of Rainier, who won the title last year on her home course, will be one of 208 contestants for the state women's golf championship who will tee off in the 18-hole qualifying round at Broadmoor tomorrow.

With starting times split between the first and tenth tees to accommodate the big field.



MRS. J. R. WEST champion, and Mrs. A. B. Staley

Mrs. West will start from the first tee at 9:30 a. m. in company with Mrs. L. R. Sullivan of Inglewood and Mrs. R. M. Young of Tacoma.

All of the state's top women golfers will be in the field, with such luminaries as 15-year-old Pat Lesser of Sand Point, city

Mrs. Sorensen Regains Title In State Golf

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN

For the second time in three years the championship of the Washington State Women's Golf Association decorates the tawny locks of Mrs. E. L. Sorensen of Vancouver, Wash.

The former Barbara Smith regained the title yesterday when she defeated Mrs. A. B. Staley of Inglewood, 1 up, in the 36-hole final at Broadmoor. It was Mrs. Staley's second trip to the title round. In last year's final she bowed to Mrs. John R. West of Rainier on the latter's home course.

Yesterday's match was a kaleidoscopic sort of affair. On the morning trip Mrs. Sorensen rashed in on her tremendous driving power to run up a four-hole lead on an opponent whose short game almost utterly lacked its customary deft touch.

Mrs. Staley appeared to be trying to steer her pitches and as a result she was short time and time again. She needed 46 shots to reach the turn, which she had hit in 39 the previous day, and was 3 down at that point, and by noon she was 4 down for 18.

When Mrs. Sorensen captured her first afternoon hole to go 5 up, Mrs. Staley's cause looked hopeless. But the Inglewood player profited by her rival's mistakes to win the 21st and 22nd and get back into the hunt.

Sorensen finished—

Mrs. West, 207 Rivals in Golf Meet

With for Mrs. Staley and he rolled in an 8-footer on the

Princess of Fairways

SPORTRAIT by MOLDREN

SHE'S CO-HOLDER OF SAND POINT COURSE RECORD OF 72 AT 15 YEARS



-FIRST WOMAN TO CARD PAR AT INGLEWOOD, A SCINTILLATING SCORE OF 75. (FIRST TIME IN 28 YEARS OF PLAY BY THE BEST WOMEN IN PACIFIC N.W.)

SHE'S A SWINGER, NOT A HITTER, WHO KEEPS THEM SCORCHING UP THE MIDDLE AND SELDOM FINDS TROUBLE

SAND TRAPS PONT PHASE HER

SHE PUTTS LIKE A MACHINE WITH AN ASSURANCE THAT IS AMAZING FOR ONE SO YOUNG

AT HOLY NAMES SHE ALSO SPARKED THE BASKETBALL TEAM ... PLAYS A ROBUST GAME OF SOFTBALL

(This is another in a series of cartoons by Stuart Moldren, Post-Intelligencer)

- Babe Didrikson Zaharias is named "Woman Athlete of the Half Century" in an AP poll for her outstanding performances in Golf, Basketball, Baseball, Tennis, Diving, Bowling and Track & Field. She won \$ 14,800 during the LPGA's first season, a record one-year amount.
- Ben Hogan wins the U.S. Open at Merion only weeks after returning to the PGA tour following his near-fatal auto accident.
- The Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) is established. Among the thirteen founders are Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Patty Berg, and Louise Suggs.
- Pat Lesser wins the U.S. Junior Girls championship and the Western Junior Girls title.

1950

Champion



MRS. E.L. SORENSEN

Royal Oaks Country Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, July 16, 1950... "Mrs. Sorensen quite convincingly established her title. The victory was her third in four years and you can't ask much more than that... Has the day dawned in which the womenfolk of the Pacific Northwest are to play as prominent a part in the national golf scene as their male cousins have been playing for quarter of a century?... It is the rate of scoring the girls have been showing that has been so impressive these last few seasons. In prewar days it was an event when a woman golfer scored in the 70s."

Runner-Up: Miss Pat Lesser

Medalist: Miss Pat Lesser

Host: Walla Walla Country Club

Contestants: 119

Entry Fee: \$ 6.00

NOTABLE - 1950

A Record Breaker

Sixteen-year-old Miss Patty Lesser, broke the Walla Walla Country Club record in the second round of the tournament. She carded a 73, one under women's par, in defeating Mrs. Erik Ekholm. Miss Lesser was the Medalist and is also this year's Seattle women's city golf champion.

"Dress Code"

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called by the President. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the wearing of shorts, peddle pushers, and slacks during the state tournament. A motion was passed that shorts be eliminated and that peddle pushers be allowed at this tournament and this tournament only!

Women Golfers Take Over Golf Stage This Week

Women's tournaments will hold the golf spotlight in Washington this week, with title events scheduled on both sides of the Cascades.

At Walla Walla, the Washington State Women's Golf Association will stage its championship meet over the rolling course of the Walla Walla Country Club. At the Foster River near Seattle, members of the Washington State Women's Public Links Association will battle it out for their state crown.

Both tournaments will get under way with qualifying play tomorrow and will end Friday.

In the W. S. G. A. affair Mrs. Barbara Smith Sorensen of Longview will seek to retain the title she won in 1947 at Tacoma, lost in 1948 and regained at Broadmoor last year.

Among the chief threats to a continuance of her reign will be four Seattle players. One is Mrs. J. R. West of Rainier, the 1948 champion, who also has been runner-up on two occasions. Another will be Mrs. A. B. Staley of Inglewood, who reached the finals both last year and the year before. And there will be Mrs. John Barron of Inglewood and 16-year-old Pat Lesser of Sand Point, who tied for the medal last year, with Mrs. Barron winning the playoff.

Pat Lesser's 74 Wins State Qualifying Medal

By Associated Press

WALLA WALLA, July 11.—Seattle's 16-year-old Pat Lesser toured the Walla Walla Country Club course in 74 strokes yesterday to take medalist honors and stamp herself as one of the red-hot favorites to capture the Washington State women's golf crown.

The Seattle city champion was two strokes better than the next best, another Seattleite, Mrs. Ralph Belto. It was the first time since Patty Berg's 73 several years ago that a woman has turned in such a low score here.

Mrs. E. L. Sorensen of Vancouver, Wash., defending champion, faded in qualifying play. Her 85 was good for a two-way tie for eighth.

Scores of 88 or better were needed to gain the match play rounds opening today. Other qualifiers included:

78—Mrs. J. Barron, Seattle.
83—Mrs. E. Ekholm, Bellingham; Mrs. Burgess Corbett, Tacoma.
84—Mrs. R. S. Bledsoe, Walla Walla; Connie Oldershaw, Spokane.
85—Mrs. A. R. Staley, Seattle.
86—Mrs. Rupp, Seattle; Mrs. E. E. George, Spokane; Mrs. Sally Conner, Tri-City.
87—Mrs. F. F. Patterson, Seattle.
88—Mrs. R. G. Kendall, Everett; Mrs. E. D. Gardner, Walla Walla; Mrs. Irving Lassen, Olympia.

Pat Lesser Sets Record in Victory

TEE-TALK: N.W. Womenfolk Set High Standard

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN

Has the day dawned in which the womenfolk of the Pacific Northwest are to play as prominent a part in the national golf scene as their male cousins have been playing for a quarter of a century?

That's a thought that arises from a contemplation of the performances given by several of the girls in recent tournaments, particularly the Western Open, the Pacific Northwest and the Washington State.

The standard of play shown this spring and summer by Gracie DeMoss, Mrs. E. L. Sorensen, Mrs. Lyle Bowman, Edean Anderson, Pat Lesser, Connie Oldershaw and others has been very high, indeed.

It has been as impressive within its geographical scope as, from the middle '20s on, was that of Dr. O. F. Willing, Don Moe, Jack Westland, Bud Ward, Scotty Campbell and Harry Givan, all Pacific Northwest products who were good enough to represent their country in international play for the Walker Cup.

Those men made their mark in regional competition before they looked up in the national picture and the scoring they did in regional play was no more remarkable than the girls have been showing us in their recent achievements. Why wouldn't the latter be able to plow as wide a furrow in the national field?

• **TITLE WELL ESTABLISHED**—Mrs. Sorensen quite convincingly established her title to the state championship last week at Walla Walla. The victory was her third in four years, and you can't ask much more than that.

More important for the purposes of the present discussion, in defeating Miss Lesser in the final she was even par for the 32 holes the final match lasted.

It is the rate of scoring the girls have been showing that has been so impressive these last few seasons. In prewar days it was an event when a woman golfer scored in the 70s hereabout. Today 80 Street is out of things.



Pat Lesser - Medalist

Mrs. Sorensen Retains Crown

WALLA WALLA, July 15.—(AP)—The queen of women's golf in Washington still reigns today after easily rebuffing the challenge of a youthful pretender to the throne.

Mrs. E. L. Sorensen, Vancouver, Wash., retained her title by defeating 16-year-old Patty Lesser, Seattle city champion, 5 and 4, yesterday in the 36-hole finals of the Washington State Women's golf tournament.



STATE'S BEST: In Walla Walla—Mrs. E. L. Sorensen, the former Barbara Smith, of Vancouver, Wash. (left), and Pat Lesser, 16-year-old Seattle city champion, smiled for the camera Friday before starting out on the 36-hole final of the Washington State women's golf championship tournament at the Walla Walla Country Club. Mrs. Sorensen defeated Miss Lesser, 5 and 4, to win the title for the third time in four years.—Photo by Allan D. Krieg.

- USGA abolishes "stymies" from the rules of golf.
- GOLF DIGEST publishes its first issue.
- Patty Berg leads a team of LPGA Tour players to England to play a Ryder Cup style match against candidates from the British Walker Cup team. The LPGA team wins.
- Pat Lesser (Harbottle) is low amateur in the U.S. Women's Open. Anne Quast is runner-up in the Washington State Public Links Championship at age thirteen.
- Louise Suggs, a founder and charter member of the LPGA becomes the Association's first Hall-of-Famer. During her pro career, she won fifty LPGA events, eight of which were Majors.
- The penalty for a ball out of bounds is made stroke & distance.

1951 Champion



Photo courtesy of PNGA

CONNIE OLDERSHAW

Spokane Country Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, July 20-21, 1951..." Earlier in the week, the tall blond shot-maker from the Inland Empire knocked off the two pre-tourney favorites, Pat Lesser and Barbara Sorensen. In brushing aside her able opponent in the finals, Miss Oldershaw proved the contention of many golfers that a good long ball hitter can make a good short hitter play "behind the eight ball."

Runner-Up: Mrs. R.S. Bigelow

Medalist: Miss Pat Lesser

Host: Bellingham Golf & Country Club

Contestants: 103

Entry Fee: \$ 6.00

NOTABLE - 1951

No Longer "Stymied"

WSWGA President calls a meeting of the Board of Trustees for the sole purpose of voting to conform to the new USGA rule abolishing stymies. The motion is passed.

New and Improved

The WSWGA Trustees passed a motion that would seed contestants in the tournament flights according to their handicaps. The qualifying round would place them in the flight. This proved to be very successful and is still used today.

Women Set For State Tourney

By LES COUR

Hard-hitting Barbara Ann Sorensen has a man-sized job cut out for her when she begins defending her title in the state women's golf tournament tomorrow at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club.

The Vancouver, Wash., housewife, who captured the state title in 1947, 1949 and 1950, will run into some rough going if she meets the No. 1 challenger, Pat Lesser, the par-busting miss from Seattle's Sand Point Golf Club.

The experts say that Barbara and Pat almost are certain to be paired off when the tourney goes into the final round next Friday.

Miss Lesser, who has been burning up Pacific Northwest courses in recent months, will have a special incentive to dethrone Mrs. Sorensen. Barbara Ann defeated Pat, 5 and 4, to win the 1950 championship at Walla Walla.

Since then, the 18-year-old Seattle sensation has been tracking women's par around the countryside and collecting several titles, including the Western and United States junior girls' championships.

Miss Lesser shot a 71 May 14 to trim 5 off the women's par at the difficult Olympic View course.

She carded a 77 at Rainier Golf and Country Club June 12 to capture the women's division title in the Milk Fund golf tournament.

Pat played sparkling golf all the way in the women's division of the Oregon Golf Association's tournament before being defeated by Gracie DeMoss of Covallis in the finals, 3 and 2, earlier this month.

A total of 103 entrants will be on hand to open the women's tourney at Bellingham. Seattle's Rainier Club will send 23, including its two aces, Jean Perry and Mrs. Robert Belto.

Besides Miss Lesser, Sand Point will be represented by Mrs. E. T. Pope, one of Seattle's top links women. Inglewood will send its two stars, Mrs. Jackie Barron and Helen Staley.

Spokane's top woman golfer, Connie Oldershaw, also will be among the strong title contenders in the final round.

Spokane Miss Reigns As State Golf Titlist

By LES COUR
Times Sports Writer

BELLINGHAM, July 21.—Spokane's long-hitting Connie Oldershaw is Washington's new women's amateur golf champion.

The 17-year-old sensation took the championship crown at the 30-hole mark yesterday at the Bellingham Golf Club by knocking over the veteran Mrs. R. S. Bigelow of Seattle's Inglewood Golf Club, 7 and 6.

In brushing aside her able opponent, Miss Oldershaw proved the contention of many golfers that a good long-ball hitter can make a good short hitter play behind the "eight ball."

Miss Oldershaw's drives were sailing out 200-to-225 yards from nearly every tee. Her low-sailing shots from the fairways put her on many of the par-four-hole greens in two.

In the morning round the pair battled on even terms up to the 16th hole, with Mrs. Bigelow being forced to make some sensational short shots and putts to erase a two-hole deficit on the 14th green.

The two broke even with pars on the 15th, but the tall, blonde shotmaker from the Inland Empire turned on the heat to take the 16th and 17th holes to go 2 up.

Going into the afternoon round, Connie's game turned red hot. She went 4 up on the 21st by chipping up six inches from the pin from 75 yards out, and took a five-hole advantage over Mrs. Bigelow on the 23rd by dropping a 30-foot chip shot for a par.

Miss Oldershaw clinched the match on the 30th by hitting a chip shot within three inches of the pin, and sunk her putt for a par 4 while Mrs. Bigelow missed a four-foot putt to take a five.

In another top-notch match yesterday, Pat Lesser of Sand Point in Seattle defeated Mrs. John Barron of Seattle's Rainier Club to win the first-flight title. Results in other flights.



A. P. wirephoto.
CONNIE OLDERSHAW
New State Women's Champion



- Edean Anderson (Ihlanfeldt) wins The Canadian Open.
- Connie Oldershaw (Guthrie) wins her second Idaho State Championship
- Ruth Jensen wins the SWGA City Championship and goes on to become the first person to win that title in three consecutive years
- Mickey Wright appears on the golf scene by winning her first USGA title, The Junior Girls.
- Pat Lesser (Harbottle) becomes the first woman to play on a men's college golf team at Seattle University.

1952 Champion



Photo courtesy of PNGA

MISS PAT LESSER

Sand Point Country Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 16, 1952... "Miss Lesser, who also holds the Pacific Northwest and Oregon State crowns, made it a clean sweep of regional titles as she rallied from a four-down situation early in the contest to topple Miss Walker. Miss Lesser, former USGA women's junior and Seattle city titlist didn't win a hole until she canned an eight-footer on the seventh. She then proceeded to make three straight birdies."

Runner-Up: Peggy Walker

Medalist: Pat Lesser (with a course record 71)

Host: Inglewood Country Club

Contestants: 124



PAT PONDER: Pat Lesser, right, teen-aged Seattle golf star, figures out a putt during the record-breaking round of 71 she scored yesterday at Inglewood in the qualifying stage of the women's state championship. Looking on are her playing partners, Mrs. Erik Ekholm, left, Bellingham, who had an 81, and Mrs. Richard S. Bigelow of Seattle, who had 82.—Times photo by Larry Dion.



AWAY SHE GOES: Peggy Walker, right, drove from the first tee at Inglewood yesterday, watched by her foe, Pat Lesser. In the final of the Washington state women's championship, Miss Lesser rallied from 4 down to beat Miss Walker, 10 and 8.—Times photo by George Carikonen.

Pat Lesser Adds State Title To Her List of Golf Honors

Pat Lesser won her third golf title within the Pacific Northwest area yesterday by defeating Peggy Walker, her Sand Point clubmate, 10 and 8, in the final round of the Washington women's championship at Inglewood.

Miss Lesser, who also holds the Pacific Northwest and Oregon state crowns, rallied from a four down situation early in the contest to topple Miss Walker.

Miss Lesser, former United States Golf Association's women's junior and Seattle city titlist, didn't win a hole until she

canned an eight-footer on the seventh. That left her 3 down.

Fatty plunked another eight-footer on the eighth and on the ninth, she chipped over a trap 15 inches and canned that one for her third straight birdie.

Miss Lesser moved to a 3-up lead at the end of the morning round. In the afternoon, Pat won the 19th and 20th holes with pars, halved the 21st, won the 22nd with a par, took the 25th with a birdie, deuce, added another birdie on the 25th and made it 9-up with a par 3 on the 26th. Another birdie on the 28th closed out the match.

Women In State Meet At Inglewood

Women golfers from throughout the state will converge on the Inglewood Country Club course here tomorrow for the opening of the five-day tournament for the championship of the Washington State Women's Golf Association.

Defending the title will be the teen-aged star from Spokane, Connie Oldershaw. Connie definitely established herself in the golf picture last year at Bellingham, where she defeated the medalist, Pat Lesser of Seattle, in the first round and bowled over several other favored opponents on her way to the title. In the final she won from Mrs. Richard S. Bigelow of Seattle.

They'll Try Again

Mrs. Bigelow and Miss Lesser, who recently won the Pacific Northwest championship, are among the 124 contestants who will vie for the 1952 state title. They will start out on tomorrow's qualifying test at 8:52 o'clock along with Mrs. Erik Ekholm, a prominent challenger from Bellingham, in one of the day's feature trios.

Tomorrow will be devoted to an 18-hole qualifying test, with 16 to enter the match stages of the tournament. Eighteen-hole matches will be played Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with the final at 36 holes Friday.

Flight competitions and special events will provide a full program of play for those who fail to make the championship group.

State-Wide Appeal

The state-wide appeal of the event is reflected by the fact that no fewer than 20 clubs, from Spokane to Grays Harbor, from Bellingham to Vancouver, are represented in the field. The clubs are: Bellingham, Broadmoor, Clarkston, Elks, Everett, Grays Harbor, Glendale, Inglewood, Kitsap, Manito, Olympia, Olympic View, Rainier, Royal Oaks, Sand Point, Spokane, Walla Walla, Wenatchee, Yakima and Lower Valley.

- Ben Hogan enters only seven events, but wins five of them including the first three legs of the Modern Grand Slam (the Masters, the U.S. Open and the British Open). He does not compete in the final leg — the PGA championship.
- The Women's U.S. Open comes under the auspices of the USGA. The field includes seventeen leading professionals and twenty-one amateurs. Prizes for professionals total \$ 7,500, the winner receiving \$ 2,000. Pat Lesser wins low amateur.
- Tommy Armour's HOW TO PLAY YOUR BEST ALL THE TIME is published and becomes the first golf book ever to hit the best seller list.
- Pat Lesser (Harbottle) wins the Women's National Collegiate Golf Championship.
- Edean Anderson (Ihlanfeldt) wins the Women's Trans Mississippi Championship.
- In a first for the WSWGGA, four teens advanced to the Quarter Finals: Ruth Jessen, 16; Anne Quast, 15; Jean Perry, 17; and Connie Oldershaw, 19.

1953 Champion



JEAN PERRY

Rainier Golf & Country Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, June 20, 1953... "Seventeen-year-old Jean Perry today reigned as queen of the state's amateur women golfing ranks. Miss Perry, showing remarkable finesse on the greens in spite of her mere two years of competitive golf, humbled Spokane's Connie Oldershaw, the 1951 champion... Perry carded a 74, two over women's par on the morning round for a 7-up lead."

Runner-Up: Connie Oldershaw

Medalist: Connie Oldershaw

Host: Clarkston Golf & Country Club

Contestants: 140

Youth Accents Women's Meet



RUTH
JESSEN

Golf Roundup:

State Tournaments Open;
Miss Lesser in Georgia

CLARKSTON, June 13.—(Special)—In the absence of last year's winner, Pat Lesser of Seattle, who is campaigning in the South and East, Connie Oldershaw of Spokane is rated top favorite in the state women's golf tournament, which starts here tomorrow.

The long-hitting Connie won the title at Bellingham in 1951, defeating Mrs. R. S. Bigelow of Seattle in the final.

Heading the Seattle contingent of 27 entrants will be three youngsters, namely Ruth Jessen, city champion; Jean Perry and Mary Rupp, Registered from Seattle clubs are:

RAINIER—Jean Perry, Mary Jean Bushell, Mary Jo O'Brien, Mrs. H. S. Durbin, Mrs. H. E. Wiggins, Mrs. Earl Oke, Mrs. J. Cliff Mason and Mrs. G. H. McMurtry.

INGLEWOOD—Ruth Jessen, Mrs. L. J. Manlowe, Mrs. G. A. Coudie, Mary Ann Burrows, Mrs. W. W. Shepherd, Mrs. Al Puetz, Doris Oldenburg.

BROADMOOR—Mrs. F. F. Patterson, Mrs. John Collins, Mrs. J. K. Holloway, Mrs. Mary Perkins, Mrs. A. O. Rhea.

SAND POINT—Mrs. Truman Cragin, Mrs. C. B. Mulvey, Mrs. W. E. Nielson, Mrs. Ed Neppie, Mrs. William O'Neill.

SEATTLE—Mary Rupp, Mrs. W. F. Finn.

Qualifying play will occupy tomorrow, with 16 players to earn berths in the championship match-play group and others going into the usual flights. One



CONNIE
OLDERSHAW

Jean Perry Takes State Golf Crown

CLARKSTON, June 20.—(AP)—A 17-year-old Seattle girl, Jean Perry, today reigned as queen of the state's amateur women golfing ranks.

Miss Perry, showing remarkable finesse on the greens in spite of her mere two years of competitive golf, humbled Spokane's Connie Oldershaw, the 1951 champion, 8 and 7 over the scheduled JEAN PERRY 36 hole final at the Clarkston Golf and Country Club yesterday.

The Seattle girl carded a 74, two over women's par, on the morning round for a 7-up lead. She was out in 39 in the afternoon and parred the next two holes to close out the contest.

Miss Perry took over the title won last year by Pat Lesser of Seattle, who did not defend her crown.



Women Golfers Set for State Meet; Ann Quast Scores 71

CLARKSTON, June 15.—(AP)—Qualifying rounds in the Washington State Women's amateur golf tournament got under way here today with all eyes on a 15-year-old Everett girl.

Ann Quast, the youngest entrant in the tourney, fired a 71 in a practice round yesterday to break the Clarkston Country Club's women's record by seven strokes.

The former course record was broken five times as Connie Oldershaw, Spokane, carded a 75; Jean Perry, Seattle, scored a 76, and Ruth Jessen, Seattle,



ANN QUAST

MISSSES CAN'T MISS -- By Jack Winter



- *The U.S. Open, won by Ed Furgol, is nationally televised for the first time.*
- *Arnold Palmer wins the U.S. Amateur.*
- *President Dwight D. Eisenhower has a putting green installed on the lawn of the White House.*
- *Pat Lesser (Harbottle) is named to the U.S. Curtis Cup team. She is named again in 1956.*
- *Ruth Jessen wins her first of two PPGA championships along with her WSWGGA title. At seventeen she becomes the youngest ever to win the PPGA until JoAnne Gunderson wins in 1956 at age sixteen.*
- *JoAnne Gunderson wins the Washington State Public Links championship. Sand Point Country Club offers JoAnne a junior membership and the club's pro, John Hoetmer, gives her lessons. Sand Point's Women's Division supports her efforts and helps her get to the tournaments.*

1954 Champion



Photo courtesy of PPGA

RUTH JESSEN

Inglewood Golf Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 14, 1954... "The 17-year-old Miss Jessen birdied the first hole and Miss Quast, a year her junior, never caught up. But while the Seattle teenager held the lead all the way, she had to fight off a fine rally by Miss Quast to wrap up her victory."

Runner-Up: Anne Quast

Medalist: Pat Lesser

Host: Royal Oaks Country Club

NOTABLE – 1954

Northwest Golf Girls Come Into Their Own

On August 8, 1954, the day before the WSWG Tournament began, William F. Steedman, of the SEATTLE SUNDAY TIMES wrote:

"For a goodly number of golf generations the product of the Puget Sound precincts has held a high rating among the men folk on the national golf scene. Only within the past three or four seasons, however, have our girls been able to attract much notice beyond the Pacific Northwest.

Pat Lesser blazed the trail to fame for the feminine swingers as a teenager by playing on the Seattle University men's golf team, capturing the national collegiate championship, forging as far as the semifinals of the women's national title tournament and scoring many successes on the countrywide circuit.

Ruth Jesson, who at seventeen has followed Pat to two Seattle city titles and one Northwest crown, drew notice when she turned back the nationally known Mrs. Howard Kirby Smith, after three extra holes in the recent regional tournament.

Anne Quast, fifteen-year-old stylist from Marysville, attracted national attention when she won the women's Western Golf Association junior girls' championship in Illinois.

The entry of these three young women in the WSWG championship gave the tournament importance such as few state events can boast."

Results prove the columnist had his proverbial "eye on the ball."

Pat Lesser, Teen-Agers Lead Golf Qualifiers

By Associated Press.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 10.—Sixteen qualifiers began match play today in the 28th annual Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament.

Leading the championship flight were Pat Lesser of Seattle, medalist, and two teen-age challengers, Anne Quast of Everett, and Ruth Jessen, Seattle.

Miss Lesser carded a 35-38, par 73, Monday. Sixteen-year-old Miss Quast had 38-40-78, and Miss Jessen 41-39-80.

Misses Lesser, Quast Reach State Semis

By Associated Press.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 11.—Two young Seattle stars and a pair of entries from Tacoma and Marysville won their way into the semifinal round of the state women's golf tournament here today.

Pat Lesser, 20, the medalist from Seattle, defeated Mrs. Mike Banks, also of Seattle, 3 and 2. Ruth Jessen, 17, of Seattle, downed Mrs. Eric Ekholm, Bellingham, 3 and 1.

In other quarterfinal matches Ann Quast, 16, Marysville, overwhelmed Doris Oldenberg, Seattle, 9 and 8, and Mrs. Henry Hulscher, Tacoma, had an easy time defeating Mrs. H. M. Harland, Vancouver, Wash., 6 and 5.

Miss Lesser and Miss Jessen meet in one match tomorrow and Miss Quast and Mrs. Hulscher will play in the other.

Miss Jessen Victor In Teen-Age Duel

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 14.—(P)—Ruth Jessen of Seattle defeated Ann Quast of Everett yesterday, 1-up, and carried home the trophy of the Washington State Women's Golf Association Tournament.

The 17-year-old Miss Jessen birdied the first hole and Miss Quast, a year her junior, never caught up.

But while the Seattle teenager held the lead all the way, she had to fight off a fine rally by Miss Quast to wrap up her victory.

The rally came after Miss Jessen had built a three-hole lead with five to play. From there Miss Quast won two holes, gaining one when she dropped a 20-foot putt.

Miss Jessen's putt on the 36th was eight inches from the cup and when Miss Quast conceded the shot, the match was over.

Miss Jessen's card for the day was 75-78-153; Miss Quast 76-77-153.



Champion Ruth Jesson and Runner-Up Anne Quast

Photo courtesy of PNGA

- In one of golf's great upsets, unknown Jack Fleck defeats Ben Hogan in a play-off for the U.S. Open. Mr. Hogan was vying for his fifth U.S. Open title and, ironically, had given Jack Fleck a set of Ben Hogan irons prior to the tournament.
- Young Arnold Palmer wins the Canadian Open for his first professional victory.
- Pat Lesser (Harbottle) wins the Western Amateur and the U.S. Amateur.
- The SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER names Pat Lesser "Man of the Year."
- The first loft and lie machine (an invention that can adjust the loft and/or lie of golf clubs) is produced and marketed. It is called "The Sam Snead Adjusto-Matic."
- Edean Ihlanfeldt wins her first SWGA City championship. She will go on to win it four more times.

1955

Champion



Photo courtesy of PNGA

ANNE QUAST

Everett Golf & Country Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, July 23, 1955... "Hitting 'em straight means a bit more in golf than hitting 'em far. That's why Anne Quast, the 17-year-old from Marysville, is champion of the WSWG. Anne was consistently outdistanced off the tee in the 36-hole final by Miss Gunderson, but she seldom was off-line and her accuracy enabled her to overcome a noon deficit of two holes and surge to a 3-and-2 victory over her longer-hitting opponent."

Runner-Up: JoAnne Gunderson

Medalist: Anne Quast

Host: Everett Golf & Country Club

Contestants: 204

Misses Quast, Jessen, Gunderson Win

Accuracy Wins for Miss Quast

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN
Times Sports Writer
EVERETT, July 23.—Hitting
'em straight means a bit more
in golf than hitting 'em far.



ANNE QUAST
36-hole final yesterday on her
home course by 16-year-old Jo
Anne Gunderson of Sand Point.

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played a perfect wedge shot of hole.
some 60 yards that cleared a sent
trap, followed the contour of the
the green and dropped into the whi
the green and dropped into the whi
cup for an eagle 2. Miss Quast by
made a brilliant effort for the
half, but her pitch finished a hot
few inches from the hole. That for
left Anne 1 up as they rounded bo
the morning turn.

An approach that stopped
three feet from the pin won the
tenth for Jo Anne, squaring the
match. She went ahead at the
14th when Miss Quast's ap-
proach was too strong.

Anne was
consistently
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the tee in the
36-hole final yesterday on her
home course by 16-year-old Jo
Anne Gunderson of Sand Point.

Anne Quast Leads Women With 74

204 Women to Open State Meet Tomorrow

A field of 204 women is scheduled to start out tomorrow at the Everett Golf & Country Club in the annual tournament of the Washington Golf Association.

Misses Quast, Gunderson Gain State Golf Final

Miss Gunderson Leads In State Women's Golf Final

BULLETIN

EVERETT, July 22. —
(Special)—Jo Anne Gunderson of Seattle's Sand Point club, today led Anne Quast of Everett, 2 up, at the end of 18 holes of their 36-hole match for the state women's golf championship at Everett Golf and Country Club.

Miss Gunderson covered the distance in two under par and thrilled the ninth-hole gallery with an eagle 3 when she holed out a wedge of 60 yards.

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN
EVERETT, July 22. — Two
sterling young golfers squared
away at the Everett Golf and
Country Club today in a 36-hole
duel for the championship of

the Washington State Women's
Golf Association.

Anne Quast, 17-year-old
Marysville lass who plays from
the Everett club, and who was
medalist in this tournament
yesterday by defeating Mrs.
Robert Ihlanfeldt of Rainier,
2 and 1, in the 18-hole semi-
finals.

Anne's opponent was Jo Anne
Gunderson of Sand Point, last
year's state public-links champ-
ion, who outgunned the defend-
ing champion, Ruth Jessen of
Inglewood, 4 and 2, in a battle
of bolters.

At the end of eight holes,
Anne was one under perfect
figures and 3 up on her doughty
opponent. At that point one re-
called the occasion back in 1949
when Mrs. Ihlanfeldt, then
Eden Anderson, was 5 down to
Alice Bauer after nine holes in

Northwest championship, at the
Seattle Golf Club, but came
back to win.

This time, Eden again staged
a rally. Birdies at the ninth and
tenth and a winning par at the
short 12th brought her back to
all square.

But Anne sank an 8-foot putt
for a bird to win the 14th, a
15-footer for a half in birdie at
the 15th and a 12-footer at
the 16th for still another bird,
her third in succession, to be-
come dormie 2 up. A half in
5s at the par-4 17th buttoned
up the match.

Started Like Runaway
The Gunderson-Jessen match
started out as if it were going
to be a runaway for the defend-
ing titleholder. Jo Anne pulled
her drives in among the trees
at the first two holes and
promptly went 2 down. But
Ruth skulled her drive at the
fifth to lose that one and from
there on her game became ut-
terly unstuck.

Ruth Jessen Shoots 76 In State Meet

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN
Times Sports Writer

EVERETT, July 18.—Anne
Quast of Everett appeared to
have clinched the qualifying
medal in the Washington State
women's golf tournament at a
late hour this afternoon.
Playing on her home course,
Miss Quast played excellent
golf to finish one-under par
with a 74. Closest to the leader
was Ruth Jessen of Inglewood,
Pacific Northwest champion,
who had 76.



Anne Quast being congratulated by JoAnne Gunderson
Photo courtesy of PNGA



IMPORTANT PUTT: In Everett yesterday—Anne Quast ran down an 8-foot putt for a birdie 3 on the 14th green of the Everett Golf and Country Club course. Miss Quast beat Mrs. Robert Ihlanfeldt in their semifinal duel in the Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament, 2 and 1. In today's 36-hole final, Anne met Jo Anne Gunderson, who yesterday defeated the defending champion Ruth Jessen, 4 and 2.—Times photo by Howard J. Vallen 126 tyne, Jr.

- The Masters is televised for the first time.
- Mickey Wright gets the first of her eighty-two LPGA tour victories.
- Billy Casper gets the first of his fifty-one PGA tour victories.
- Club Pro Jim Russell, managing a tournament at Walla Walla Country Club, disperses players around the course to start play simultaneously from different tees. He fires off a shotgun to signal the start of play, giving rise to the term "shotgun start."
- The first PNGA Junior Girls is played at Sand Point Country Club and won by JoAnne Gunderson. She also wins the PNGA Women's title and the U.S. Junior Girls title.

1956 Champion



ANNE QUAST Everett Golf & Country Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 10, 1956... "Miss Quast easily retained her women's state amateur golf championship with a 12-and-11 victory over Mrs. Jones. Miss Quast fired three birdies in the last seven holes of the match, which ended with Mrs. Jones conceding a one-foot putt... In the quarterfinals, Miss Quast eliminated Mrs. J.E. Beck who had won the WSWGGA title five times — in 1929, 1933, 1934, 1937 and 1938."

Runner-Up: Connie Oldershaw Jones
Medalist: Anne Quast
Host: Sand Point Country Club
Contestants: 200

NOTABLE – 1956

Tee Service

At the annual Board of Trustees meeting, a motion was made and passed to use both nines for the first three days of the state tournament. The matter of using both tees in the future will be left to the tournament committee and the host club. Both tees have been used since that vote was taken.

A Short Story

Further discussion concerned allowing contestants to wear Bermuda shorts, a garment identified as being "two-inches above the knee." A motion was made and passed to follow procedure of other entities throughout the country.

Allowed: Bermuda shorts (2" above the knee)
Dresses
Skirts
Shirts/Blouses

Not Allowed: Pedal Pushers
Shorts
Slacks
Halter tops

Miss Quast Wins Amateur Golf Crown



Ann Beats Mrs. Jones, 12 and 11

By MATT SAYRE

Ann Quast of Marysville easily retained her women's state amateur golf championship today with a 12-and-11 victory over Connie Oldershaw Jones at Sand Point Golf Club.

Miss Quast fired three birdies in the last seven holes of the match, which ended with Mrs. Jones conceding a one-foot putt.

Throughout the match, Miss Quast was straight on the fairways. Her putting was excellent on the first 18 holes. Miss Quast had a 6-up lead at the end of 18 holes. She had an eagle three on the 13th hole.

Mrs. Jones won only the eighth hole of the morning round. Miss Quast took the fourth, fifth and ninth on the back nine, and on the return trip added the 11th, 13th, 14th and 16th.

Rally On Back Nine

Miss Quast put on a back-

... yesterday to beat

SHORT BUT GOOD: Ann Quast of Marysville watched her chip roll toward the fifth hole today in the final, Connie Oldershaw Jones, right, conceded. The fifth was one of seven holes Miss Quast won in taking a 6-up lead at the halfway mark in the 36-hole match. Times photo by Howard J. Vollenwey, Jr.

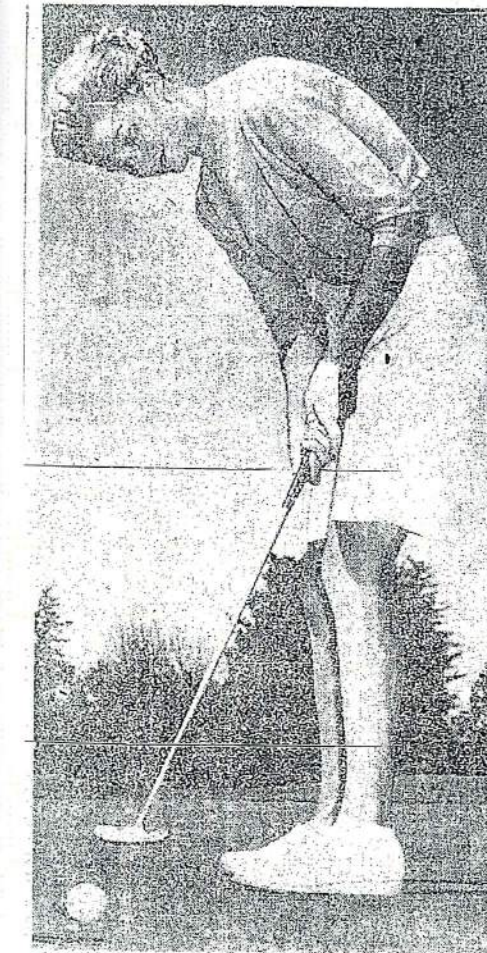
Ann Quast Routs Mrs. Beck, 9 & 7, To Gain Semifinals

By MATT SAYRE

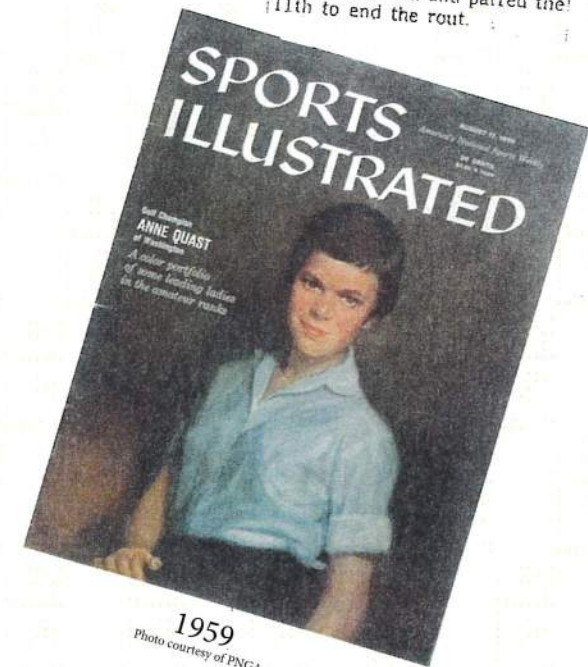
Ann Quast of Marysville today gained the semifinals in her bid to retain the state women's amateur golf championship. The tournament is being played at Sand Point.

Miss Quast overwhelmed Mrs. J. E. Beck of Overlake, 9 and 7.

Miss Quast scored two birdies and two bogies going out for a women's par 36. She birdied the 10th and parred the 11th to end the rout.



CONNIE PUTTS: Mrs. Connie Oldershaw Jones of Spokane watched intently yesterday as her ball trickled toward the cup during a match in the Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament at Sand Point. It went down for a 2-up victory over Mrs. Burgess Carratt of Yakima. Today she gained the semifinals by defeating Mrs. Ray Clark of Yakima, 5 and 3. Times photo by Ron DeRosa. (See Page 22 for details).



- For the first time since 1933, Great Britain defeats the USA in The Ryder Cup.
- Ben Hogan's instructional book, *FIVE LESSONS: THE MODERN FUNDAMENTALS OF GOLF* is published. It remains one of the most popular golf instruction books ever written.
- JoAnne Gunderson wins the first of her five U.S. Amateur championships. She is named Seattle *POST INTELLIGENCER* "Man of the Year" and also wins the SWGA City championship.
- Judy Hoetmer wins the PPGA Junior Girls title. She will retain that title in 1958.

1957

Champion



MRS. HILDA McAUSLAN BECK

Overlake Country Club

With her victory, her first in twenty years, Hilda McAuslan Beck has her sixth WSWGGA title and becomes the all-time record holder. She also won in 1929, 1933, 1934, 1937, and 1938.

Runner-Up: Mrs. D.B. Allison
 Medalist: Mrs. Ed George
 Host: Spokane Country Club
 Contestants: 153

Mrs. Beck Regains State Golf Title

SPOKANE, Aug. 17. — (AP) — Mrs. John Beck is queen again of Washington's amateur women golfers.

The Seattle woman won her sixth state title Friday with an 8-and-7 triumph in the 36-hole final over another Seattle golfer, Mrs. D. B. Allison.

Mrs. Beck won her last previous title 19 years ago. She won her first as Hilda McAuslan in 1929 and repeated in 1933, 1934, 1937 and 1938. Flight results:

First — Mrs. Lyle Moore, Spokane, beat Hazel Leland, Yakima, 3 and 2.
Second — Mrs. Leonard Floon, Clarkston, beat Mrs. Mike Cronin, Kennewick, 19th.
Third — Mrs. Gene Souder, Yakima, beat Suzanne Villanue, Yakima, 1 up.
Fourth — Mrs. Joe Patnode, Toppenish, beat Mrs. Lelm Brown, Wenatchee, 21st.
Fifth — Mrs. Robert Roach, Seattle, beat Mrs. William Taylor, Olympia, 6 and 4.
Sixth — Mrs. Keith Parks, Tacoma, beat Mrs. Mel Conway, Seattle, 4 and 2.
Seventh — Mrs. Al McCourt, Seattle, beat Mrs. Ross Everett, Seattle, 2 and 1.
Eighth — Forene Rutherford, Lakeview, beat Mrs. Dale Brolliar, Inglewood, 1 up.
Ninth — Mrs. Fred Nigmi, Walla Walla, beat Mrs. Joseph Newton, Clarkston, 4 and 3.
Tenth — Mrs. Otto Garcea, Spokane, beat Mrs. Kinney Leonard, Rainier, 3 and 1.
Eleventh — Mrs. Dean Cooper, Spokane, beat Mrs. C. R. Larson, Spokane, 6 and 5.
Twelfth — Mrs. Jack Randall, Spokane, beat Barbara Hall, Royal Oaks, 4 and 3.
Thirteenth — Mrs. Frank Hogan, Moses Lake, beat Mrs. A. Myers, Yakima, 10th.
Fourteenth — Mrs. Fred Pitcher, Sand Point, beat Mrs. Charles Silch, Wenatchee, 5 and 4.
Fifteenth — Mrs. Mike Hess, Walla Walla, beat Mrs. John E. Burns, 1 up.
Sixteenth — Mrs. C. Marquess, Wenatchee, beat Mrs. R. Hubbard, Yakima, 5 and 4.
Seventeenth — Mrs. R. C. Kelly, Spokane, beat Mrs. Ada E. Gibson, Walla Walla, 5 and 3.
Eighteenth — Mrs. Roy

Mrs. George Wins State Amateur Opener

SPOKANE, Aug. 13. — (AP) — Mrs. Ed George, the medalist from Spokane, today defeated Mrs. Lyle Moore of Spokane, 2 and 1, in the first round of the state women's amateur golf tournament.

Spokane Woman State Medalist

SPOKANE (UP) — Mrs. Ed George, Spokane, won medalist honors on her home course Monday in the qualifying rounds of the Washington State Women's Amateur Golf Championship Tourney.

Mrs. George qualified with a 79 for the par 73 18-hole course. Mrs. Virgil Skone, Spokane, and Mrs. D. B. Allison, Seattle, tied for second place with an 83. Match play was to begin today and will continue through Friday at the Spokane Country Club.

Northwest Golf Roundup:

Mesdames Beck, Allison Gain State Golf Final

By Associated Press.

SPOKANE, Aug. 15. — Mrs. J. E. Beck of Overlake and Mrs. D. B. Allison of Seattle today swept into the finals of the state women's golf tournament.

Mrs. Beck slipped by Mrs. Mike Banks of Seattle, 1 up. Mrs. Allison scored a 6-and-4 victory over Mrs. Eric Ekholm, a tournament favorite from Bellingham.

Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Allison will meet in the 36-hole final at the Spokane Country Club course tomorrow to decide the championship and the successor to young Anne Quast of Marysville.

In yesterday's quarterfinals, Mrs. Ekholm got by the medalist, Mrs. Ed George of Spokane, 1 up.

Mrs. Mike Banks beat Mrs. Ray Marcy, another Seattleite, 1 up; Mrs. D. B. Allison, Seattle, beat Mrs. Horton Herman, Spokane, 2 and 1; Mrs. J. E. Beck of Medina ousted Mrs. Joe Pedicord, Spokane, 5 and 4.

of the international border met today in semifinals of the Pacific Northwest Seniors' Golf Association tournament. Bill Blakely of Portland and P. Pigott of Seattle were in one flight and Dick Clay and George Sparling, both of Sidney, B. C., in the other. Yesterday, Pigott advanced by beating Oscar Willing of Portland, 4 and 3; Sparling beat J. H. Edgell of Vancouver, B. C., 2 and 1; Clay dropped H. A. Lineham of Victoria, 4 and 3, and Blakely ousted R. Randall, Vancouver, 6 and 5.

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In 2010 Ste. Michelle requested from the WSWG that champion Hilda McAuslan Beck's picture be used in their marketing for the co-sponsorship of the LPGA Shop Rite Classic.

- Arnold Palmer wins the first of his four Masters after being allowed a controversial free drop to save par in the final round. He defeated Ken Venturi.
- The PGA championship (televised for the first time) drops match play in favor of stroke play. Dow Finsterwald is the first stroke play champion.
- A young South African named Gary Player wins his first victory on the PGA tour.
- Anne Quast wins the first of three USGA Women's Amateur championships. She is named to the U.S. Curtis Cup team and will be selected seven more times.
- JoAnne Gunderson is named to the U.S. Curtis Cup team and will be selected three more times.

1958 Champion



Photo courtesy of Fircrest Golf Club

MRS. JACK BATY
Fircrest Golf Club

Runner-Up: Mrs. Pat Johnson
Medalist: Judy Hoetmer
Host: Fircrest Golf Club
Contestants: 150+

NOTABLE – 1958

Real Champion

"The press dispatches dismissed with a sentence the fact that the defending champion, Mrs. John Beck (Hilda McAuslan) was defeated by Mrs. Jack Baty in the first round of the women's state tournament.

The event was worth more than a mere sentence. Mrs. Beck won the title half-a-dozen times over a span of a couple of decades. She won her first crown when many of this year's contestants were in swaddling clothes.

The amateur critics used to say that Hilda had a swing that was too lackadaisical. The fact was that she never hurried her stroke – just swung the club and kept her eye on the ball."

From The SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, August 7, 1958
TEE TALK with William F. Steedman



GOLF FINALISTS—Mrs. Jack Baty, left, and Mrs. Pat Johnson, both of Tacoma, were meeting today at Fircrest Golf Club in the 36-hole final of the 32nd annual Washington State Women's Golf Assn. tournament. In yesterday's semi-finals, Mrs. Baty defeated Mrs. Fred Brewitt, Bremerton, 6 and 5, and Mrs. Johnson prevailed over Mrs. Mike Banks, Seattle, 1 up.—News Tribune staff photo.

Women Open Golf Meet In Tacoma Tomorrow

The 1958 Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament starts tomorrow at the Fircrest Golf Club in Tacoma.
Mrs. J. B. Rawlings is president of the association.

Tee Talk: Sand Point Has Third Girl Star

By WILLIAM F. STEEDMAN

The stairway of Seattle's Sand Point Golf and Country Club is ornamented by the enlarged photographs of two of the nation's outstanding women golfers, Mrs. John Harbottle and JoAnne Gunderson. Mrs. Harbottle, as Pat Lesser, twice won the national amateur championship. Miss Gunderson is the reigning national titlist.

It appears to be just about time for the Sand Point people to make room on the wall for the picture of another member of the club. Young Judy Hoetmer has been hitting a pace these recent months that follows closely the pattern set by her illustrious clubmates.

It already has been recorded that Judy, who is just 17, is Pacific Northwest junior girls' champion; that she was runner-up for the 1958 Seattle city title; that she went to the quarterfinals of the Pacific Northwest women's tournament this year, and that she was medalist in the state meet at Tacoma's Fircrest with a 78. She lost out in yesterday's quarterfinals, however.



Judy Hoetmer, left, and Shirley Baty prepare for an exhibition match. Photo courtesy of Fircrest Golf Club.

Mrs. Baty Wins Golf Crown With 'Hot' Putting, 3 and 5

TACOMA, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Mrs. Jack Baty defeated her Tacoma Fircrest Golf Club teammate, Mrs. Pat Johnson, 5 and 3 yesterday to win the women's Golf

5th Flight—Miss Elaine Beck, Bellevue, beat Miss Linda Barker, Everett, 1 up.
6th Flight—Miss Ethel Booth, Tri-City, beat Mrs. Neil Leslie, Tacoma, 1 up.
7th Flight—Mrs. Burice Bow, man, Olympia, beat Mrs. Al McCourt, Seattle, 4 and 3.
8th Flight—Mrs. Mel Refmer, Tacoma, beat Mrs. W. F. Barber, Seattle, 1 up.
9th Flight—Mrs. Oscar Mouda, John, Seattle, beat Miss Carlys Hawkins, Tacoma, 8 and 5.
10th Flight—Mrs. R. R. Harrop, Seattle, beat Mrs. J. C. Fulton, Seattle, 2 and 2.
11th Flight—Miss Karen Ford, Bellevue, beat Mrs. Howard Neffner, Seattle, 6 and 5.
12th Flight—Mrs. L. J. Mandell, Tacoma, beat Mrs. John Paulik, Tacoma, 1 up.
13th Flight—Mrs. Tom Gillespie, Seattle, beat Mrs. Katherine Drabbin, Tacoma, 4 and 3.
14th Flight—Mrs. Roy Lindskog, Olympia, beat Mrs. Gene Souder, Tacoma, 1 up on the 20th.
15th Flight—Mrs. Frank Gunn, Han, Tacoma, beat Mrs. Roy McGinn, Tacoma, by default.
16th Flight—Mrs. Howard Odell, Seattle, beat Mrs. Art O'Neill, Seattle, 2 and 1.
17th Flight—Mrs. Charles Ellick, Wenatchee, beat Mrs. Harry Lawson, 8 and 7.



TAKES MEDALIST HONORS: In Tacoma yesterday—Judy Hoetmer of Seattle won medalist honors with a 78 in the State Women's Golf Association tournament at Fircrest. Judy met Mrs. Harry Rudolph of Bremerton in today's first round.—A. P. wirephoto.

- *GOLF MAGAZINE* is founded. Charles Price is the first editor.
- *KARSTEN SOLHEIM*, who would go on to found *PING*, builds the first heel-toe weighted putter. It is called the 1-A.
- *Bill Wright* of Seattle is the first African-American golfer to win a national championship, claiming the first U.S. Amateur Public Links championship.
- Born this year: *Fred Couples*, 1992 Masters Champion.

1959

Champion



MRS. PAT BREWITT

Kitsap Golf & Country Club

Runner-Up: Miss Judy Hoetmer
 Medalist: Mrs. Jack Baty
 Host: Kitsap Golf & Country Club
 Entry Fee: \$ 10.00

Judy Hoetmer Gains Final Of State Golf Tourney

BREMERTON, July 30. — (A.P.) — Judy Hoetmer of Seattle today defeated Mrs. Jack Baty of Tacoma, 5 and 4, to enter the final of the state women's amateur golf tournament.

Mrs. Baty was the defending champion and medalist.

In the other semifinal match, Mrs. Fred Brewitt of Bremerton defeated Mrs. D. B. Allison of Seattle, also 5 and 4.

Miss Hoetmer and Mrs. Brewitt met in the 36-hole final.

Mrs. Baty Paces Golf Qualifying

BREMERTON, July 28. — (A.P.) — A field of 16, headed by the defending champion, Mrs. Jack Baty of Tacoma, began four days of match play today in the state women's amateur golf tournament.

Mrs. Baty's 74 gave her medal honors in qualifying play yesterday. It was three strokes better than the next best score, turned in by Mrs. Henry Hulcher of Tacoma.

The qualifiers included three teen-agers, Linda Anderson of Olympia, Becky Shields of Yakima and Judy Hoetmer of Seattle. Miss Hoetmer's mother, Mrs. John Hoetmer, also qualified, beat-

old Seattle putting gave Judy was 5 eight holes.

Mrs. Baty Gains Quarterfinal Round

BREMERTON, July 29. — (A.P.) — Mrs. Jack Baty of Tacoma, medalist and defending champion, faced Mrs. Robert Young, also of Tacoma, in a championship-flight quarterfinal match of the State women's amateur golf tournament today.

Mrs. Baty, who led qualifiers with a 74 Monday, downed Mrs. Fred Weihe of Bellingham, 2 and 1, yesterday. Mrs. Young, of other Bellingham, Haines Fay, 1.

Mrs. Brewitt Takes 3-Up Lead In State Golf

The final is today. Champions will play, with other for 18 holes. Yesterday's ch-

BREMERTON, July 31. — (A.P.) — Mrs. Pat Brewitt grabbed an early lead in the state women's amateur golf tournament today, then withstood Judy Hoetmer's barrage of birdies for a 3-up lead at the halfway mark of the 36-hole final.

Miss Hoetmer, of Seattle, birdied three of the last four holes on the first 18, but Mrs. Brewitt came back with two birdies of her own to maintain her lead.

Miss Hoetmer Loses in Final

BREMERTON, Aug. 1. — (A.P.) — Mrs. Pat Brewitt, Bremerton housewife, yesterday defeated 18-year-old Judy Hoetmer of Seattle, 4-3, to win the state women's amateur golf crown.

Mrs. Brewitt marched to a 3-up lead in the first 18 holes and held that margin through the 31st hole. Miss Hoetmer missed a four-foot putt to lose the 32nd and halved the 33rd to end the match. Sports 8th

- Grandstands are used for the first time at the British Open.
- Lifting, cleaning, and repairing ballmarks is allowed on the putting green for the first time.
- Leading money winners: PGA — Arnold Palmer, \$ 75,000... LPGA: Louise Suggs \$ 16,892.
- Judy Hoetmer wins the first of her two PPGA championships. She also wins the first of her four SWGA City championships.
- JoAnne Gunderson wins the Women's National Collegiate Golf title.

1960 Champion



LINDA ANDERSON

Olympia Golf & Country Club

Runner-Up: Mrs. Robert Ihlanfeldt
Co-Medalists: Judy Hoetmer & Mrs. Robert Ihlanfeldt
Host: Yakima Country Club
Contestants: 198
Entry Fee: \$ 10.00

NOTABLE - 1960

University of Washington "Comes To Play"

Liz Culver, future WSWGGA champion, begins a women's golf program at the university. It was before the Federal Title Nine program was mandated so the team played only other local schools. Sand Point Country Club's Judy Hoetmer (whose father was the club pro) played on the team. They played Sand Point once-a-week.

Liz took the team to the National Collegiate tournament hosted by the University of Florida in 1965. She was also instrumental in having UW host the National Collegiate tournament in 1967 -- which was played at Sand Point.

2 Seattle Women Pace Links Meet

YAKIMA, Aug. 9.—(A.P.) —Judy Hoetmer, the Northwest women's open champion, and Mrs. Robert Ihlanfeldt led the way into match play today in the state women's golf tournament after tying for medalist honors.

The two Seattleites each scored 77's yesterday. Linda Anderson, Olympia, carded a 78.

Judy's mother, Mrs. John Hoetmer of Seattle, also qualified for the championship flight with an 81.

Judy Hoetmer Wins, But Mother Loses

YAKIMA, Aug. 10.—(A.P.) —A co-medalist, Judy Hoetmer of Seattle, downed the defending champion, while the other medalist, Mrs. Robert Ihlanfeldt of Seattle, was defeating Judy's mother in the opening round of match play yesterday in the State Women's Golf Association tournament.

Linda Anderson Beats Seattleite For Golf Title

YAKIMA, Aug. 13.—(A.P.) — Linda Anderson's birdie three on the 367-yard 31st hole gave her the state women's golf championship yesterday.

The Olympia miss rallied on the second 18 to defeat Mrs. Robert Ihlanfeldt of Seattle, 7 and 5. The match ended when Miss Anderson's putt dropped for the three on the 31st. Mrs. Ihlanfeldt had to be content with a four.

Both shot 1-over par 75's for the first 18. Miss Anderson led, 1 up, at the break.

It was Miss Anderson's second tourney win here this summer. She won last spring's Blossom tournament. Ethel Boothe of the Tri-City Country Club won 1-up over Hazel Leland, former Yakima city champion, in the first flight.

- Louise Suggs wins the Palm Beach Par-3 Invitational, a 54-hole coed event, in which all competitors play from the same tees. Among the men in the field is Sam Snead.
- JoAnne Gunderson wins the Trans-Mississippi Women's championship.
- Judy Hoetmer wins the National Collegiate Golf Championship.
- Edean Ihlanfeldt wins the first of four WSWGAs titles.
- Anne Quast is named SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER "Man of the Year"
- Claudia Lindor, State Public Links Women's champ defeated Linda Anderson, last year's WSWG winner in the quarter finals of the tourney.

1961 Champion



Photo courtesy of PNGA

EDEAN IHLANFELDT

Inglewood Golf Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES July 25, 1961... "Edean Ihlanfeldt, who massacred the field in the recent qualifying round of the Pacific Northwest Amateur, is back at it again. The Seattle housewife sliced two strokes off the course record at the renovated Olympia Golf Club course with a 70, five under par, in the qualifying round of the state women's amateur..."

July 26, 1961... "Mrs. Ihlanfeldt laughed at the 'medalist jinx' as she romped to a 6 and 5 victory over Lea Mouncer in the first round of the WSWG tournament."

Runner-Up: Judy Hoetmer

Medalist: Edean Ihlanfeldt

Host: Olympia Golf & Country Club

Mrs. Ihlanfeldt Wins 2nd Straight Medal

OLYMPIA, July 25. — (Special) — Edean Anderson Ihlanfeldt, who massacred the field in the recent qualifying round of the Pacific Northwest amateur, is back at it again.

The Seattle housewife sliced two strokes off the course record yesterday at the renovated Olympia Golf Club course with a 70, five under par, in the qualifying round of the state women's amateur.

That card gave her medalist honors by five strokes. In the P. N. W. event at Glendale two weeks ago, Mrs. Ihlanfeldt took 36 - hole qualifying honors by eight strokes, but then lost out in the quarter-finals to Claudia Lindor of Anacortes. Edean's first - round 71 was good for the course record in that one, too.

The 75 - shooter here was Susan McCoy, 18 - year - old Inglewood youngster, who came to life in the P. N. W. affair. There, she knocked off the national collegiate

titlist and defending champion, Judy Hoetmer, en route to the quarterfinals.

Miss Hoetmer and Linda Anderson, the tourney's defending champion from Olympia, tied for third, at 77.

Karen Ford, Overlake; Mrs. Don Rider, Seattle, and Miss Lindor, who rivals JoAnne Gunderson in the long - drive department, pulled in with 82's.

The 16 qualifiers headed into match play today.

QUALIFIERS

70—Mrs. Robert Ihlanfeldt, Seattle.
75—Susan McCoy, Seattle.
77—Linda Anderson, Olympia; Judy Hoetmer, Seattle.
82—Karen Ford, Seattle; Claudia Lindor, Anacortes; Mrs. Don Rider, Seattle.
83—Dorothy Corrahn, Yakima; Leo Mauncier, Olympia.
84—Elizabeth Culver, Seattle.
85—Pat Brewitt, Bremerton; Mrs.

George Squillace, Seattle.
86—Ethel Bodine, Kennewick.
87—Ann Welch, Kennewick; Mrs. Lee Stafford, Bremerton; Mrs. Hal Kihlman, Seattle.

TACOMAN SETS PACE—
Tina Powell of Tacoma's Al-lenmore course topped qualifiers in the state women's public-links tournament yesterday at Jefferson Park.

Mrs. Powell took the medal with a 74, two over par. Second was Mrs. Gordon Roberts of Mt. Si, Seattle city champion, with a 78. No one else broke 80.

Irene Schartau of Jackson and Mrs. Pete Trynasty of the Seattle Business Women's Club tied for low net honors with 66's.

Match play began today.

Mrs. Ihlanfeldt Wins Golf Title

OLYMPIA, July 29.—(U.P.I.) — Mrs. Edean Ihlanfeldt of Seattle's Inglewood course today added the state women's amateur golf crown to her collection of titles.

Edean beat Judy Hoetmer of Sand Point, 3 and 2, yesterday in the 36-hole finals. A year ago, Mrs. Ihlanfeldt was eliminated in the semifinals.

The title match was close all the way. Mrs. Ihlanfeldt went 3 up at the 28th, lost a hole back at the 30th before winding it up on the 34th green.

1st Flight — Leo Mauncier, Olympia, beat Elizabeth Culver, Bellevue, 5 and 4.
2nd Flight — Mrs. Haines Fay, Bellingham, beat Mrs. Ed Wheelon, Tacoma, 2 and 1.
3rd Flight — Mrs. Fred Weihe, Bellingham, beat Mrs. John Bell, Seattle, 1-up.
4th Flight — Mrs. Bert Hageberg, To-



Champion Edean Ihlanfeldt and Runner-Up Judy Hoetmer

- Jack Nicklaus makes his professional debut at the Los Angeles Open. He places 50th, earning \$ 33.33. Then, still a rookie, he defeats Arnold Palmer in an 18-hole playoff to win the U.S. Open. He is the last player to make the U.S. Open his first professional victory.
- Painted lines are utilized for the first time to mark water hazards at the U.S. Open.
- Edean Ihlanfeldt becomes the first person to win the PNGA, the SWGA, and the WSWG in the same year.

1962 Champion



Photo courtesy of PNGA

EDEAN IHLANFELDT

Inglewood Golf Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES July 28, 1962... "It was a storybook windup in a marathon battle that went to the second extra hole, the 38th. Their drives were side by side on the 271-yard hole. Claudia put the pressure on by banging a wedge shot five feet to the right of the pin for what looked to be a cinch birdie. Edean responded with a low wedge pitch that scooted up two-and-a-half feet to the left. The 1960 state public links champ forgot to play the roll on her downhill birdie try; Edean dropped her putt for the victory."

Runner-Up: Claudia Lindor

Medalist: Karen Ford (the Number 4 "man" on Seattle University's Golf Team)

Host: Olympia Country Club

Golf Roundup:

Women Open 2 Title Meets Tomorrow

The state's women golfers open their annual championship campaigns on two fronts tomorrow.

At Overlake, the private-club swingers start after Edean Anderson Ihlanfeldt, Inglewood, defending champion and heavily favored to repeat.

At Earlington, it is the same situation, with Mrs. Gordon Roberts of Mount Si favored to retain her public-course title.

An 18-hole qualifying round will be the order of business at both courses tomorrow. Then 18-hole match-play rounds Tuesday through Thursday, with the 36-hole final matches Friday.

Mrs. Ihlanfeldt is going in fresh from her victory in the Pacific Northwest amateur last week in Vancouver, B. C.

Judy Hoetmer, 21, Sand Point, went to the final with Mrs. Ihlanfeldt in the state last year and again ranks as a top 7 contender. Miss Hoetmer, daughter of the Sand Point pro, John Hoetmer, won the 1961 national women's collegiate title.

Another top contender at Overlake is Mrs. Frank Hiscok, Seattle Golf Club veteran, who last summer captured the Seattle city title.

Others are Claudia Lindor, long hitter from Anacortes who plays out of Everett Golf Club; Susan McCoy, 19, Inglewood; Karen Ford, 19, and Lesley Holbert, 16, both of Overlake, and Mrs. Haines Fay, Bellingham.

Mrs. Martin Fopp of Allen-

Edean Adds State Title In Quest for Golf 'Slam'

By MATT SAYRE

With two major hurdles now out of the way, Pacific Northwest golf's "grand slam" appears a certainty for Seattle's Edean Anderson Ihlanfeldt.

That was the consensus today as the 32-year-old Seattle housewife, armed with victories in the Pacific Northwest and state amateur tourneys, set her sights on the third jewel in the crown, next month's city amateur.

Victory in the "city" would give the Inglewood golfer the year's top prizes in P. N. W. women's golf.

THE INGLEWOOD golfer beat an old enemy, Claudia Lindor, 23, Anacortes, yesterday at Overlake to successfully defend her state title in a marathon battle that went to the second extra hole, the 38th.

It was a storybook windup. Their drives were side by side on the 271-yard hole. Claudia put the pressure on by ranging a wedge shot five feet to the right of the pin for what

looked to be a cinch birdie. Edean responded with a low wedge pitch that scooted up two and one half feet to the left.

The 1960 state public links champion forgot to play the roll on her downhill birdie try; Edean dropped her putt for the victory.

BUT EVEN the 38th was overshadowed by Edean's clutch performance at the day's last scheduled hole, the 36th.

Claudia, Western Washington College senior who plays out of Everett Golf Club, headed up the 347-yard 36th with a 1-up advantage. Edean had to have a win to stay alive.

Claudia's second landed a few feet to the right of the green. Then Edean crunched a 4-iron four feet past the pin out of a tree-blocked lie in the rough. She missed her birdie, but no matter. Claudia three-putted for a 6 and the par was good.

They halved the first extra hole with pars.

THE BIGGEST lead of the match was Claudia's at the 26th. She went 2 up on a par as Edean's second landed in the water hazard.

But three holes later Edean was 1 up.

Edean started it off by canning a 14-footer for a par at the 27th while Claudia blew a three-footer, added the 28th with a two-putt par as Claudia missed a chip and went ahead at the 410-yard 29th with a birdie 4 when Claudia again missed a chip.

CLAUDIA finished the 38 holes with a stroke edge on 74-76-8-158. Edean had 77-75-7-159.

And Claudia had the edge in birdies, 10 to 9, and bogeys, 10 to 8. Edean won the double-bogey contest, 2 to 1.

It was Edean's second victory in three meetings between the two, Claudia won the first, 1 up, in the 1961



EDEAN ANDERSON
IHLANFELDT
Winning form

P. N. W. amateur at Glendale. Edean scored a 3-and-2 victory over Claudia in the state semi-finals last year and went on to win the title.



—Times photos by Larry Dion.
CLAUDIA LINDOR
Beaten on 38th green

Miss Lindor, Edean To Meet for State Title

By MATT SAYRE

Edean Anderson Ihlanfeldt, the defending champion, and Claudia Lindor, power-hitter from Anacortes, today gained the final of the women's state amateur golf tournament at Overlake.

Mrs. Ihlanfeldt, housewife who plays her golf out of Inglewood, squelched Judy Hoetmer again, 1 up.

The Ihlanfeldt-Hoetmer match was the best of the tournament, and as Mrs. Ihlanfeldt said, "the toughest match we have ever played."

After a seesaw 16 holes, the two headed down the 446-yard 17th, all even.

MRS. IHLANFELDT powered two big woods to the edge and chipped up for an easy

Miss Lindor led at the end of nine, one-up then added ten and 16 with pars and 13 with a birdie to go four-up.

Miss Lindor a one-foot putt at 14 and lost to a par. No damage. They halved the rest of the way.

Miss Lindor was even for the 16 holes played. Miss Ford

Karen Ford's 76 Paces State Golf

Karen Ford fired a two-over-par 76 today at Overlake to pace qualifying in the state women's amateur golf tournament.

Miss Ford, 19, the No. 4 "man" on Seattle University's golf team had nines of 37-39. She carded four birdies.

Second, with all the top contenders in, was Sand Point's Judy Joetmer, 21, the 1961 national collegiate champion. Miss Hoetmer fired a 38-

- Arnold Palmer becomes the first professional golfer to earn over \$ 100,000 in official prize money in one calendar year.
- Mickey Wright wins a record thirteen events on the LPGA Tour.
- Golf Pride introduces "The Victory Grip," a slip-on rubber grip that is less expensive and easier to make than the wrapped leather grips currently in use.
- Edean Ihlanfeldt becomes the first person to win three consecutive WSWGGA titles.

1963

Champion



EDEAN IHLANFELDT

Inglewood Golf Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES August 3, 1963... "Mrs. Edean Ihlanfeldt kept alive an amazing string of golf victories. The consistently outstanding golfer won her fifth straight title and 20th match in a row. Not since 1961, when she lost a match in the Trans-Mississippi tournament has Mrs. Ihlanfeldt been beaten... Midway through the back nine on the first 18 holes of the final round, Mrs. Ihlanfeldt said, 'I'm playing better than I know how.'"

Runner-Up: Pat Reeves
Medalist: Judy Hoetmer
Host: Seattle Golf Club

Edean's Formula for Success—Accuracy on the Greens



—Times photo by Bruce McKim.
MRS. EDEAN IHLANFELDT WALKED TOWARD CUP AFTER SINKING HER PUTT ON THE 9TH HOLE AT SEATTLE GOLF CLUB YESTERDAY



—Times photo by Bruce McKim.
MRS. EDEAN IHLANFELDT PRACTICED PUTTING
Linda Anderson, left, and Pat Reeves watched

Mrs. Ihlanfeldt Continues March

Edean Wins 20th in Row Miss Reeves, Mrs. Ihlanfeldt In Golf Final

By GIL LYONS

Mrs. Edean Ihlanfeldt today moved closer to her third straight State Women's Golf Association tournament championship with a subpar victory in the semifinal round at the Seattle Golf Club.

Mrs. Ihlanfeldt was two under par for 15 holes, defeating Linda Anderson of Olympia, 4 and 3. Tomorrow she will meet Pat Reeves of Everett in the 36-hole championship match.

State Women's Amateur Due Tomorrow

Will anyone stop Mrs. Edean Ihlanfeldt?

The smooth-swinging Inglewood golfer has set her sights on a second successive sweep of golf championships. Last year, Mrs. Ihlanfeldt won the Northwest amateur, state and Seattle city titles.

This season, she already has picked off the Northwest amateur crown, defeating Karen Ford of Overlake in the final match at Spokane Golf Club two weeks ago.

TOMORROW, MRS. Ihlanfeldt will begin her quest for the second leg of the women's grand slam when the Washington State women's amateur tournament begins at Seattle Golf Club.

She can expect sterner competition than she met in the Northwest tournament in Spokane.

THE ENTRY LIST includes Claudia Lindor of Anacortes, women's intercollegiate champion; Miss Ford; Judy Hoetmer of Sand Point, former intercollegiate winner; Pat Reeves, Everett Golf Club, Seattle city champion; Susan McCoy, Inglewood; Pat Brewitt, Kitsap; Mrs. Frank Hisecock, Seattle Golf Club, former city champion; Linda Anderson, Olympia, and Leslie Holbert, Overlake.

An 18-hole qualifying round tomorrow will trim the championship field to 16 for the start of match play Tuesday. Matches will be 18 holes until 150

- Mickey Wright wins ten or more LPGA events for the fourth consecutive year, with eleven in 1964, including her fourth victory at the U.S. Open. She also sets the LPGA 18-hole record with a 62.
- Leading money winners in golf: PGA — Jack Nicklaus, \$ 113,284... LPGA — Mickey Wright \$ 29,000.
- Scoring Leaders: PGA (Vardon Trophy) Arnold Palmer — 70.01... LPGA (Vare Trophy) — Mickey Wright 72.46

1964 Champion



Photo courtesy of PNGA

JUDY HOETMER

Sand Point Country Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES August 1, 1964... "Miss Hoetmer, former National Intercollegiate Champion, walloped another Seattle golfer, Susan McCoy of Inglewood Golf Club. Miss Hoetmer took an early lead and was never seriously challenged."

Runner-Up: Susan McCoy

Medalist: Pat Reeves

Host: Manito Golf & Country Club

Judy Hoetmer Captures Womens' State Tee Title

SPOKANE, Aug. 1—(AP)—was challenged seriously. She Judy Hoetmer of Seattle today succeeds Mrs. Bob Ihlanfeldt, reigned as 1964 Washington also of Seattle, who did not State Women's Golf Association defend her title. tion champion.

Miss Hoetmer, former national intercollegiate champion, walloped another Seattle golfer, Susan McCoy of Inglewood, in the 36-hole final yesterday at Manito Country Club, 7 and 6.

Miss Hoetmer, of Sand Point, took an early lead and never

Miss McCoy is the 1963 Seattle Women's Golf Association champion.

Seattle Women In State Golf Semis

SPOKANE, July 30. — (AP) —It was East vs. West in the semifinals of the Washington State Women's Golf Association championships today at Manito Golf Club.

Mrs. Connie Oldershaw Guthrie of Spokane was paired against Susan McCoy of Seattle and Carol Hochsprung of Clarkston against Judy Hoetmer of Seattle.

Mrs. Oldershaw defeated Mrs. Robert Young, Tacoma, 4 and 3, yesterday. Miss McCoy eliminated Rita Weihe, Bellingham, 2 and 1; Miss Hochsprung bested Mrs. S. H. Carter, Jr., Walla Walla, 7 and 6, and Miss Hoetmer defeated Linda Anderson of Olympia, a one-time champion, on the 21st hole.

Pat Reeves Is Medalist In State Golf Play

SPOKANE, July 28.—(AP)—Pat Reeves, Everett, took medalist honors yesterday in the qualifying round for the state Women's Golf Association tournament. She toured the course in 71.

Judy Hoetmer, Olympia, shot a 75; Carol Hochsprung, Clarkston, wound up with 78, and Rita Weihe, Bellingham, shot 79.

Three former champs are entered. Connie Guthrie of Spokane shot 76, Linda Anderson, Olympia, carded an 80, and Mrs. Fred Brewitt had an 81.

Mrs. S. H. Carter, Jr., Walla Walla; Mrs. Lyle Moore, Spokane, and Mrs. Dale Bennett, Seattle, won places in the championship flight in a five-way sudden-death playoff with Mrs. Kinney Leonard, Seattle, and Mrs. James Boyle, Puyallup. Each had scored 85.

- At nearly fifty-three years of age, Sam Snead wins his 82nd (a record) and final PGA tour victory, becoming the tour's oldest winner. It is also his eighth win in the Greater Greensboro Open.
- A U.S. Patent is issued for what is called "The Body Pivot Putter." This is believed to be the earliest patent for what would later be known as "The Belly Putter."
- The format for the Men's U.S. Open is switched to 18-holes per day over four days. Previously, it was held over three days with 36 holes on the final day.
- The Qualifying School for the PGA tour is held for the first time. The winner is John Schlee.
- The "Big Three" of golf: Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, and Gary Player, finish 1, T-2, T-2 at the Masters.
- The Women's U.S. Open becomes the first women's tournament to be nationally televised when its final round is broadcast in the U.S.A.

1965 Champion



LINDA ANDERSON CHALLMAN

Linden Golf & Country Club

(AP) July 30, 1965... "Linda Anderson Challman, whose golf was as steady as the heat, defeated Pat Reeves to win the WSWGGA championship for the second time. As a concession to the 100-degree heat, the girls waived a state rule and rode in carts for the last fifteen holes."

Runner-Up: Pat Reeves

Co-Medalists: Judy Hoetmer & Rita Weihe

Host: Wenatchee Golf & Country Club

Contestants: 160

Mrs. Challman A Champ Again

WENATCHEE, July 30. — (AP) — Linda Anderson Challman, whose golf was steady as the heat, defeated Pat Reeves of Everett, 4 and 3, Friday to win the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship for the second time.

Mrs. Challman, who was never behind, parred the front nine and had a birdie 2 on the 27th hole for a 3-up lead. Women's par for the course is 73 and Mrs. Challman finished with 4 over par for the 33 holes.

MISS REEVES, who plays out of the Everett Golf Club, had a couple of bad shots out of the rough. A crucial blow to her game came on the 13th hole where she missed a 2½-foot putt.

As a concession to the 100-degree heat, the girls waived a rest day.

Judy Hoetmer Is Co-Medalist

WENATCHEE, July 27. (AP) — Judy Hoetmer of Seattle and Rita Weihe, 18, Bellingham, shared medalist honors with scores of 78 yesterday in the Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament.

A stroke behind the co medalists was Linda Anderson Challman of Puyallup. Pat Reeves and Susan McCoy of Seattle and Vicki Harvey of Everett were tied at 80.

A field of 160 competed in 95-degree heat at the Wenatchee Golf and Country Club. The women will play 18 hole matches through Thursday, with the 36-hole championship match set for Friday.

Fircrest, def. Mrs. Mary Raber, Seattle's Rainier, 4 and 3.

SEVENTH FLIGHT — Mrs. Clara Evans, Seattle Golf Club, def. Mrs. Jerry Kollmer, Inglewood, 3 and 2.

EIGHTH FLIGHT — Mrs. Betty Parkhill, Wenatchee, def. Mrs. Mary Morris, Yakima, 2 up.

NINTH FLIGHT — Mrs. Jean Leslie, Fircrest, def. Mrs. Mickey Major, Ellensburg, 1 up.

TENTH FLIGHT — Mrs. Miriam Brown, Wenatchee, def. Mrs. Marnie Williams, Ellensburg, 4 and 3.

ELEVENTH FLIGHT — Mrs. Bertha Cyr, Glen Acres of Seattle, def. Mrs. Beverly Ebrighi, Bellingham, 2 and 1.

TWELFTH FLIGHT — Mrs. Peggy Clements, Wenatchee, def. Mrs. Ethel Dornes, Overlake, 1 up.

THIRTEENTH FLIGHT — Mrs. Christine Westrom, Everett, def. Mrs. Phyl Maudslein, Inglewood, 4 and 3.

FOURTEENTH FLIGHT — Mrs. Cathryn Neffner, Inglewood, def. Mrs. Edith Boucher, Overlake, 9 up.

FIFTEENTH FLIGHT — Mrs. Vol. Vaughan, of Seattle, def. Mrs. Gert Puyallup, 1 up.

SIXTEENTH FLIGHT — Mrs. Esther Comfort, of Mrs. Joe Remley, Wenatchee, 1 up.

SEVENTEENTH FLIGHT — Mrs. Dorothy Myers, of Seattle, def. Mrs. Audrey Staley, 1 up.

EIGHTEENTH FLIGHT — Mrs. Johann Slick, of Mrs. Helen Emmons, 3 and 2.

State Tee Title Won By Linda Challman

WENATCHEE, July 31. — (AP) — Linda Anderson Challman of Puyallup won the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship for a second time yesterday by defeating Pat Reeves of Everett, 4 and 3. Mrs. Challman, winner in 1960, led throughout the 33-hole match in 100-degree heat at Wenatchee Golf Club. She was four over par in the championship match.

Pat Reeves Gains State Golf Final

WENATCHEE, July 30. — (AP) — Pat Reeves, 19, of Everett, trounced the defending champion, Judy Hoetmer of Sand Point, 1-up, yesterday to earn a spot in today's finals of the Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament.

- Arnold Palmer blows a seven-stroke lead over the final nine holes of the U.S. Open, allowing Billy Casper to tie and force an 18-hole playoff. Casper wins the playoff, 69-73.
- Jack Nicklaus wins the Masters and the British Open, joining Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, and Gary Player as career Grand Slam winners. (The modern day Grand Slam includes the U.S. Open, the British Open, the Masters, and the PGA Championship.)
- For the first time the British Open is televised live in the U.S.
- Anne Quast Sander is selected to the first of three teams in which she will represent the U.S.A. in the Amateur World Cup.

1966 Champion



PAT REEVES

Everett Golf & Country Club

From THE SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, July 29, 1966... "A great comeback and a major upset sent Pat Reeves of Everett and Mrs. Amel Pascuzzi of Portland into the 36-hole final match in the WSWGGA tournament. Miss Reeves, a state finalist two years ago, made up a three-hole deficit on the back nine yesterday to defeat Rita Weihe of Bellingham. Mrs. Pascuzzi scored a victory over Mrs. Edean Ihlanfeldt of Seattle, winner of five Northwest Amateur championships."

Runner-Up: Mrs. Amel Pascuzzi

Medalist: Judy Hoetmer

Host: Royal Oaks Country Club

Reeves State Amateur Champ

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Miss Pat Reeves, a 20-year-old college student from Seattle, is the 1966 Washington State women's golf champion.

Miss Reeves, who plays out of Everett, defeated Mrs. Amel Pascuzzi of Portland 7 and 6 Friday at the Royal Oaks Country Club.

It is the first championship for Miss Reeves, who was the runnerup last year.

She took a 5-up lead after 18 holes in the morning round, and held the lead through 27 holes in the championship flight.

Then she won the 38th and 30th holes to go 7-up with only six holes to play.

There were 19 other flights in the tournament.

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Friday, July 29, 1966

Edean Upset; Pat Reeves In State Final

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 29.—(AP)—A major upset and a great comeback sent Mrs. Amel Pascuzzi of Portland and Pat Reeves of Everett into today's 36-hole championship match in the state Women's Golf Association tournament.

Mrs. Pascuzzi scored a 2-and-1 victory yesterday over Mrs. Edean Ihlanfeldt of Seattle. Mrs. Ihlanfeldt, winner of five Northwest amateur championships, was bidding for her fourth state title.

Pat Reeves Wins State Golf Crown

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 31.—(UPI)—Pat Reeves, a Seattle co-ed who plays out of the Everett Country Club, defeated Mrs. Amel Pascuzzi of Portland, 7 and 6, yesterday to win the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship.

Miss Reeves was 5-up at the end of the day's first 18 holes and held the

Edean Ihlanfeldt Ousts Judy Hoetmer, 2 and 1

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 28.—(AP)—Mrs. Robert Ihlanfeldt, Seattle, and Mrs. Amel Pascuzzi are among golfers facing each other in 18-hole semifinals in the Washington women's golf championships.

Mrs. Ihlanfeldt defeated the medalist, Judy Hoetmer, Seattle, in quarterfinal play yesterday, 2 and 1.

Mrs. Amel Pascuzzi, Vancouver, defeated Mrs. George Squillace, Seattle, 7 and 6, and Rita Weihe, Bellingham, took a 1-up victory over Helene Root, Vancouver.

Pat Reeves, Everett, defeated Mrs. Fred Brewitt, Bremerton, 5 and 3.

Today Miss Reeves met Miss Weihe.

Judy Hoetmer Wins In State Golf Test

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 28.—(Special)—Judy Hoetmer of Seattle, the tournament medalist, advanced into the second round of the state women's golf championships today with an easy victory.

Miss Hoetmer trimmed Ruth Sailors of Longview, by an 8 and 7 margin. The Seattle woman carded a 39 — two over par — on the front nine. Yesterday, she carded a 77 to win medal honors.

Pat Reeves of Everett, who was runner-up with an 81, also won her opening match. She defeated Betty Rahe of Seattle, 1 up. Mrs. Robert Ihlanfeldt, Seattle, won from Mrs. Dorothy Carratt of Bellevue, 3 and 2.

foot putt for a par on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff.

In the qualifying play for the women's and senior division, the medalists were Ashland's Diana Murphy, who fired an 80, and Harold Fletcher of The Dalles, 76.

Miss Murphy, 18, a University of Oregon freshman, edged Polly Pattock of Seattle by one stroke.

Mrs. Bruce Taylor was third with an 82 and Mrs. Evans Manolides, Tina Powell and Mary Wolfe were tied with 83s.

- Catherine Lacoste of France becomes the first amateur to win the U.S. Women's Open.
- Responding to growing demand for his "Answer Putter," Karsten Solheim resigns from General Electric and incorporates Karsten Manufacturing, which will produce Ping Golf Clubs.
- Charlie Sifford becomes the first African-American to win a PGA tour event.
- Future WSWGGA Champion Liz Culver starts Action Fashions Rainwear Company.

1967 Champion



RITA WEIHE

Bellingham Golf & Country Club

From THE SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, July 29, 1967... "Rita Weihe, a tiny blonde from Bellingham, won her first WSWGGA championship yesterday after weathering a challenge by Mrs. Henry Hulscher, a 47-year-old grandmother of seven. The two were tied going into the 10th hole, but Miss Weihe, twenty-one years old, pulled ahead to go up at the start of the 19th. Mrs. Hulscher cut the margin to two holes at the 32nd, but couldn't come closer."

Runner-Up: Mrs. Henry Hulscher

Medalist: Mrs. Henry Hulscher (after sudden death playoff with Liz Culver)

Host: Walla Walla Country Club



Champ Beams

Rita Weihe of Bellingham proudly displays the plaque she gained for winning the State Women's Golf Association championship in Walla Walla yesterday on a 2 and 1 decision over Mrs. Henry Hulscher, Tacoma, in the 36-hole finals. (AP wirephoto)

- Arnold Palmer passes the one million dollar mark in career PGA earnings.
- The Ramlon, produced by RAM, is the first golf ball with a Surlyn cover. Surlyn, invented by DuPont, is a hard plastic with much greater longevity than the previously favored Balata covers.
- At age forty-eight, Julius Boros wins the PGA championship, becoming the oldest player ever to win a Major.
- Kathy Whitworth and Carol Mann both record ten wins on the LPGA tour.
- Liz Culver becomes Chairwoman of the PPGA Advisory Committee, a position she will hold until 1983.

1968 Champion



RITA WEIHE

Bellingham Golf & Country Club

From THE SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, July 27, 1968... "Rita Weihe battled from far behind at a sunbaked Glendale Country Club to win the WSWGGA championship a second year in a row... Rita, still down two with only three holes to play, had led only once, after the fourth hole, until she won it on the 36th."

Runner-Up: Liz Culver

Medalist: Cindy Kobleski

Host: Glendale Country Club

Rita Is 1968 Champ Again

Bellingham's Rita Weihe had her second straight State Women's Golf Association championship yesterday, but only after an afternoon rivaling "The Perils of Pauline."

In the 36-hole showdown at Glendale with Elizabeth Culver of Overlake, Miss Weihe won it on the very last hole after trailing her opponent the entire afternoon.

Miss Culver was two-up at the end of the first 18 holes; was three-up at the end of 27 and still two-up with three holes to play.

But the defending champion refused to give up her crown.

Miss Weihe won the 16th or 34th hole with a par; birdied the difficult par five 17th, then closed the match when the unfortunate Miss Culver overshot the green with her third shot and wound up with a double-bogey.

In the first flight finale, Mrs. Sam Rubenstein of the home course was only three over par in defeating Ethel Boothe of Tri-Cities 3 and 2.

OTHER FLIGHT RESULTS

Miss Weihe Rallies To Retain Golf Title

By GIL LYONS

Rita Weihe battled from far behind yesterday to win the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship a second year in a row.

Miss Weihe, 21, won the last three holes to edge Elizabeth Culver of Overlake, 1 up, in their 36-hole match at sunbaked Glendale Country Club.

THE SLENDER champion from Bellingham, a senior at Lamar Tech in Texas, took advantage of her opponent's collapse on the final nine holes to turn a three-hole deficit into victory.

Miss Culver, a former physical-education teacher at the University of Washington, had played outstanding golf through 27 holes. In building a 3-up advantage, she played the morning round in 79, only six over par, and shot a two-over-par 38 on the front nine in the afternoon.

FROM THERE, Miss Culver had one problem after another. It was a trap at the 10th and water at the 11th. Miss Weihe won both holes,

up lead at the 14th, knocking in a 15-foot birdie putt. Then she missed a chance to all but salt away the title. Miss Weihe, who had a miserable time on the greens, three-putted for a bogey at the 15th, but Miss Culver also took three putts, missing from about three feet.

RITA, STILL two down with only three holes to play, took the 16th when Elizabeth hit into a trap. She won the 17th when Miss Culver drove into an unplayable lie.

That squared the match and Rita wrapped it up on the 18th, even though she three-putted for a bogey 5. Elizabeth hit her third shot over the green, chipped back short and two-putted for a 6.

Miss Weihe, a physical-education major who teaches gymnastics, carded a five-over-par 78 in the afternoon. She had led only once, after the fourth hole, until she won it on the 36th.

In a well-played first-flight match, Mrs. Sam Rubenstein of Glendale defeated Ethel Boothe of the Tri-Cities, 3 and 2. Mrs. Rubenstein was only three over par for the 16 holes.

Tacoma Girl Medalist By Six Strokes

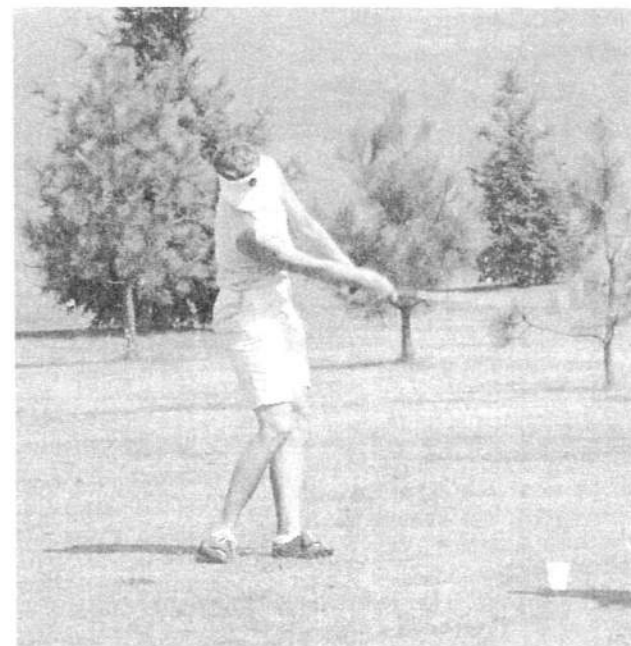
Cindy Kobleski of Tacoma's Fircrest Country Club was in a class by herself — at least for a day — in the Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament at Glendale.

Miss Kobleski shot a three-over-par 76 to earn medalist honors by six strokes yesterday.

Tied for second at 82 were Rita Weihe, Bellingham, the defending champion; Helene Root of Vancouver, and Dorothy Polglase of Sand Point.

The 16 championship-flight qualifiers entered the first round of matches today, leading to Friday's final.

76—Cindy Kobleski, Fircrest.



Liz Culver

4, 1968 Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Women's Medalist Beaten

As it seemingly must to all golf medalists, disaster struck young Cindy Kobleski Wednesday at Glendale.

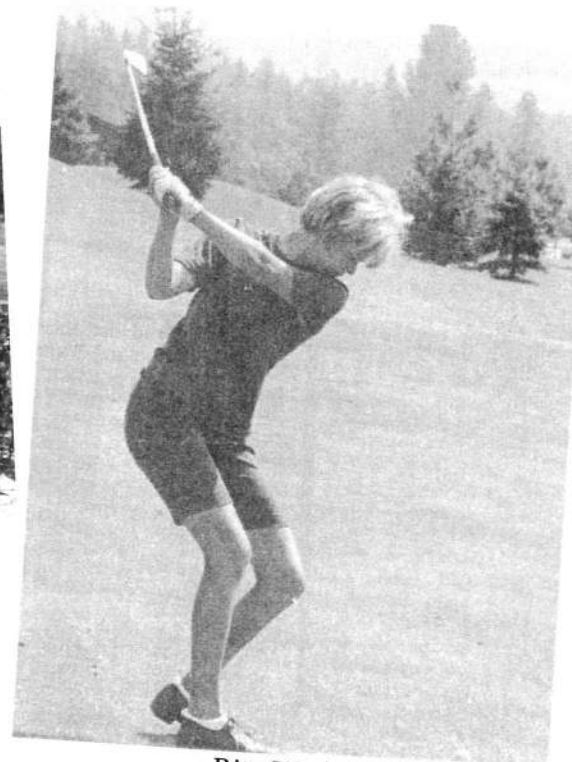
The 16-year-old from Tacoma's Fircrest, who beat the entire field by six shots in the qualifying round, bowed to Ann Swanson of Grays Harbor 3 and 2 in the quarterfinals of the State Women's Golf Association Tournament.



TOP GOLFERS ARE competing in the 1968 championship tournament of Washington State Women's Golf Association this week at Glendale Golf and Country Club. Among them are (left to right) Miss Cindy Kobleski, Fircrest Country Club in Tacoma; Miss Rita Weihe, Bellingham Country Club, and Mrs. Betty Rahe, Overlake Country Club. Rita, defending champion, is a scratch handicapper. Cindy qualified with a three over par 76 winning opening day honors.—(P-I Photos by Bob Miller.)



Liz Culver Runner-Up & Rita Weihe Champion



Rita Weihe

- Karsten Solheim, founder of Ping, continues his ascent in golf equipment when he introduces the first cavity-backed irons. Their perimeter weighting offers more forgiveness.
- JoAnne Gunderson Carner is the first amateur to win an LPGA event taking the Burdine's Invitational.
- Graphite shafts are invented by Frank Thomas who will become the Technical Director of the USGA. He later authors the book "JUST HIT IT."
- Sue Dougherty (Ursino), who later becomes a WSWG Runner-up, Medalist, and Trustee for Sahalee Country Club (as well as an insurance agent) wins the PPGA Junior Girls Championship.

1969

Champion



LINDA ANDERSON CHALLMAN

Linden Golf Club

From THE BREMERTON SUN, July 23, 1969... "Linda Challman was pressed hard yesterday in her quest to win her third WSWG tournament. But she survived the challenge and for the third time is the champion. She first won the title in 1960 and repeated in 1965."

Runner-Up: Barbara Peterson

Medalist: Ann Swanson

Host: Kitsap Golf & Country Club

Contestants: 160

Women's State Tourney

Linda Challman

Wins Third

State Tee Title

BREMERTON — For the third time Linda Challman of Puyallup is champion of the Washington State Women's Golf Association.

Mrs. Challman won the title yesterday with a 2-and-1 victory over Barbara Peterson of Seattle. She first won the title in 1960 and repeated in 1965.

Mrs. Challman had a six-over-par 77 for the first 18 holes to Miss Peterson's 81. Miss Peterson cut the margin on the second round but could not overcome the deficit.

160 Gals Enter
State Amateur

THE TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE

**Seattle's Ann Swanson
Earns Medalist Honors**

Ann Swanson's 74 Sets Pace In State Tourney

By TED PEARSON
Sun Sports Writer

Sixteen women — including two former champions Pat Brewitt and Linda Challman — qualified for the championship flight as the Washington State Women's Amateur Golf Tournament got under way at Kitsap Golf and Country Club yesterday.

Mrs. Challman of Puyallup fired a 78 and Mrs. Brewitt of the host KGCC, scored an 84, in the 18-hole qualifying round on the tight-quartered 5,574-yard course.

Both, however, took a back seat to young Ann Swanson of Inglewood, who grabbed low gross honors with a three-over-par 74.

Ann, a seven-handicapper, toured the 34-37 layout with rounds of 35-39, firing one bogey

crest; Mrs. Evans Monolides of Rainier; Ethel Boothe of Tri-City; Mrs. William Caswell of Everett; Mrs. A. S. Hainsworth of Overlake; Mrs. Wendell Arnold of KGCC; Mrs. Robert McGuire of Grays Harbor, and Mrs. Fred Weihe of Bellingham.

Mrs. Weihe is the mother of defending champion Rita Weihe. Rita is currently attending the University of Arizona and is unable to defend the title she won last year at Glendale and in Walla Walla in 1967.

Today the 43rd renewal of the event shifts from medal play to match play with 10 flights of competition, including the coveted championship group comprised of yesterday's top 16 shooters.

Three other awards (besides Miss Swanson's low gross total) were presented following yesterday's

ture the Paula Nelson Trophy for low net. Mrs. Armitage and Mrs. Salmon both had low net scores of 69 to give the KGCC threesome a 204 low net total.

It marked the first time a KGCC team has won the award.

Barbara Peterson and Fern Wallenstrom from Tacoma tied with fewest putts, 28, while Mrs. Hal Kihlman of Rainier was third with 29.

Sharing second place honors in the low gross competition were Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Henry Hulscher. Both fired 77s.

Cindy Kobleski, lowest handicapper in the field with a four and medalist of the 1968 tournament, came in with an 82 with nine-hole scores of 41-41.

Mrs. Elizabeth Culver, runner-up to Rita Weihe last year, failed to make the championship flight and is among the 16-mem-

- At age thirty JoAnne Gunderson Carner turns professional, joining the LPGA Tour full-time.
- At age thirty-four Mickey Wright retires from full-time competition on the LPGA Tour.
- At Hazeltine Tony Jacklin becomes the first British winner of the U.S. Open in almost fifty years. He will remain the last European to win this event until 2010 when Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland was victorious.
- Edean Ihlanfeldt is named to the USGA Women's Committee where she will serve for ten years.

1970

Champion



LIZ CULVER

Overlake Golf & Country Club

"High winds that swept over the fairways turned out to be a harbinger of change as the WSWG tournament drew to a climactic close. In still air under sunny skies, defending champ Linda Challman led by a stroke after the first eighteen holes.... But shortly after Liz Culver teed off for the final round, gusty winds started blowing billowy clouds over the course. And after 27 holes, Liz led by one. The next six holes decided the championship as Miss Culver won four of them."

Runner Up: Linda Anderson Challman

Medalist: Ann Swanson after a three-way playoff with Liz Culver and Electra Koeniger

Host: Moses Lake Golf & Country Club

Entry Fee: \$ 12.50

- Astronaut Alan Shepard, using a club and ball he sneaked aboard the Lunar Lander, hits a golf shot on the moon... He uses a six-iron.
- The classic book, "GOLF IN THE KINGDOM," by Michael Murphy is published.
- JoAnne Gunderson Carner wins the U.S. Women's Open, becoming the first person ever to win three different individual USGA Championship events.
- Anne Quast Sander wins the Seattle Women's Golf Association City Championship.

1971

Champion



JUDY HOETMER

Sand Point Country Club

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Runner Up: Ann Swanson

Medalist: Judy Hoetmer

Host: Longview Golf Club

Contestants: 144

Country Club hosts state women's golf tourney



Top brass

Mrs. M. M. Boucher of the Overlake Golf and Country Club, Bellevue, left, is executive secretary of the Washington State Women's Golf Association holding its 45th annual tournament this week in Longview. Mrs. Donald Veatch, center, of the Longview Country Club, is state secretary and Mrs. Darrel Ries, Moses Lake Country Club, is state treasurer. They pause at the entry of the Country Club where ropes and piling give a clue to the nautical setting for the tournament.



Champions greeted

Mrs. Harry Hale, left, president of the Women's Association of the Longview Country Club, greeted Liz Culver, center, of Overlake Golf and Country Club, Bellevue, who was the 1970 state champion. At right is Mrs. Ted Chaffman, Linden Country Club of Puyallup, last year's runner-up for the State Women's Golf Association title. — Photos by Agnes Staggs



State tourney here

Women's Association members at the Longview Country Club are completing plans for the annual tournament of the Washington State Women's Golf Association to be held here Monday through Friday. Mrs. Ivan Thornley, left, registration chairman, reported there are 144 entrants for the annual event. Mrs. R. L. Sailors, seated, state president and general chairman of the tournament, and Mrs. Carl Walker, right, tournament co-chairman, are holding souvenir tote bags to be given all entrants. They are wearing middie blouses, red ties and navy skirts that all of the local members serving as hostesses will wear during the tournament. A nautical theme will be used for the decorations. Special social events are planned.

Social events are listed for club golf tourney

Special social events have been planned by the Women's Association of the Longview Country Club for the annual tournament of the Washington State Women's Golf Association being held in Longview next week.

The trustees' dinner to be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday will honor the trustee officers from each of the 35 private golf clubs in the state association. Mrs. R. L. Sailors, as state president and general chairman of the tournament, will preside. Mrs. Donald Veatch is the state secretary.

Three cocktail parties, directed by Mrs. Harry Hale, social chairman, will be given for the visiting golfers on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Mrs. Clifford Nichols is chairman of the Monday party, assisted by Mesdames Harry Kelsey, W. S. Mainer, Richard Ford, Glenn Hittle, Dana Nelson, George Taylor, Arvid Putas, Eric Lindgren, J. L. Sheridan, Louise Fullerton and J. A. Freeman.

The chairman of the Wednesday party will be Mrs. George Sibbald. Members of her committee are Mesdames

Varney, H. H. Martin, La Vern Allen, Robert Crook, Richard Nimitz, Ed Ashe, Nicholas Conzatti, George Papadakis and Ted DeGroot.

Prizes will be awarded to the tournament winners during the Friday party being arranged by Mrs. Jack Field, assisted by Mesdames Robert McKinney, David Creel, Franklin Cleek, Fred Bishop, Howard Richman, Howard Rankin, William Edmund, A. W. Mason, Arthur Clarkson, Ralph Forsberg and I. E. Clary.

A dinner dance will be the social feature Thursday evening. This will follow a special "mixie" tournament during the late afternoon directed by Mr. and Mrs. William Edmund and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Parks.

Continental breakfasts will be served each morning by Chairman Mrs. J. L. Morrow and the club's 9-hole golfers, while Mrs. J. F. McCarthy is in charge of the between-nines snack bar.

A nautical theme has been chosen by Mrs. Thomas Melin and Mrs. Frank Donahue, decorating chairmen, for all the decorations and favors during the week's tournament. Local hostesses

Miss Hoetmer retains crown

LONGVIEW — (AP) — Judy Hoetmer of Seattle successfully defended her Washington women's golf championship yesterday as she beat Ann Swanson of Yakima, 3 and 1, in the final round.

The 36-hole championship was played on the par-73 Longview Country Club course.



Ann Swanson & Judy Hoetmer

Judy Hoetmer state medalist

By GARY BALES
Daily News Sports Writer

Ann Swanson of Seattle's Inglewood Country Club gave Sandpoint's Judy Hoetmer a run for the honors here Friday, but had to settle for second place in the Washington State Women's Golf Association championships at the Longview Country Club.

Miss Hoetmer scored a 2 and 1 victory over Swanson on the 35th hole of the scheduled 36-hole playoff for the championship.

Hoetmer, the low gross medalist for the tournament, trailed Swanson at the end of the first 18 holes. Swanson earned her 1-up position on the 13th when Hoetmer bogied the hole. She maintained it at the half-way point.

From the 13th through the 18th the pair played head-to-head golf with each pulling off super shots to stay even with the other.

After a short break, Swanson went 2-up when Hoetmer bogied the 19th hole. But Judy evened things with birdies on 21 and 22.

On 24, Swanson stroked in her putt for a par, but Hoetmer took a bogie and again trailed by one hole. Swanson bogied the 25th and things were even again. Both birdied 26, and made the turn at 27 even up.

At that point, Hoetmer started working her putter, which had failed her in the earlier holes. She dropped a 25-footer at 29 to go 1-up for the first time in the match, but Swanson took her with a par on 30 to even the match again.

Swanson took three putts on 31 to give Hoetmer a one-hole advantage again, and Judy stroked a 10-footer in on 34 to go 2-up.

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Just that close

The championship match in the Washington State Women's Golf Association Tournament at the Longview Country Club Friday was about as close as this putt by winner Judy Hoetmer (above photo left), who is shown with runnerup Ann Swanson of Seattle. Hoetmer, also from Seattle, was the tournament winner in 1964.

- Spalding introduces the Top Flite Golf Ball, destined to become one of recreational golf's most popular brands.
- The European Tour is born. Antonio Garrido wins the first official European Tour tournament – the Spanish Open.
- Arnold Palmer goes winless for the first time in seventeen years.
- With a purse of \$ 110,000, the brand new Colgate Dinah Shore Winner's Circle is the first LPGA event with a six-figure prize. In 1983, the event would become one of four golf Majors for women.
- Sue Dougherty (Ursino) wins the SWGA City Amateur. She successfully defends her title in 1973.

1972

50th Anniversary Champion



Photo courtesy of PNGA

LIZ CULVER

Overlake Golf & Country Club

From the SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, July 29, 1972... "Overcoming a case of final-match jitters, Liz Culver settled down to earn a second WSWGGA championship at Rainier. Liz, a one-time school teacher who has started a mail-order business in women's rainwear, took the title two years ago and was runner-up in 1968. 'I was very happy I got straightened out in the afternoon round,' Miss Culver said. 'For a while there, I wasn't swinging very well at the ball.'"

Runner Up: Ann Swanson

Medalist: Ann Swanson

Host: Rainier Golf & Country Club

Contestants: 160 (40 on waiting list)

36 Member Clubs Participated

NOTABLE – 1972

The Golden Anniversary

Anniversary time – the 50th – at the annual tournament of the Washington State Women's Golf Association will bring salutes (and commemorative plaques) to champions of past tournaments.

From Charlene Dean of the Rainier Fairway News:

"Rainier women started in late Spring preparing the club to greet members from the state association. The women, who took part in the beautiful plantings of flowers around the entrance, certainly deserved a round of applause for the way it turned out. 'The club never has been quite as beautiful.'

The dining room and cocktail lounge were decorated in the 'Roaring Twenties' theme. Entertainment was provided by Rainier's members. Daryl Day's Sweet Adeline quartet was featured; Trudy Hawley was there with her banjo; Goldie Chatalas played piano; Ruby Leonard and Madeline Menella sang."

Women to Gather for State Titles at Rainier

SEATTLE—A pair with five championships between them will be absent when 160 gals tee it up here this week in the 46th Washington State Women's Amateur golf tournament at the Rainier Golf and Country Club.

Judy Hoetmer of Seattle, who won last year and in 1964 and was Northwest Women's Amateur titleholder in 1966, will not defend, meaning the goal in Monday's qualifying round will be all 16 berths for match play, which will get under way Tuesday.

Also bypassing the tourney is Linda Challman of Puyallup, who triumphed in 1960, '65 and '69 and was runnerup to Liz Culver of Overlake in 1970.

However, this week's field retains respectability with the likes of Ann Swanson, 25-year-old from Inglewood who was runnerup a year ago; Robin Walton, 17-year-old from Clarkston who won the Pacific Northwest Golf Association Junior Girls' crown Friday after a runnerup finish last year; Terry Powell of Yakima, who bowed in the 1971 semifinals to Miss Hoetmer; Sue Dougherty of Sahalee, the Seattle city champ; and Miss Culver.

The 36-hole championship match will be played Friday. Rainier this week will play to par 37-37-74 over 5,863 yards for the women.

Ann Swanson medalist in state meet

Ann Swanson of Seattle led 16 qualifiers into the championship flight as match play began today in the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship at the Rainier Golf and Country Club.

Mrs. Swanson shot 37-39 for a two-over-par 76 to take medalist honors yesterday. She was runnerup in last year's tournament.

Elizabeth Culver of Bellevue, the 1970 champion, finished second in medal play with an 80.

Those failing to make the championship flight included Robin Walton of Clarkston, the Pacific Northwest junior women's champion and Gail Collopy, club champion on the Rainier course.



ACTIVE IN PLANNING the 50th Anniversary Tournament of the Washington State Women's Golf Association are these Rainier Ladies. From the left are June Chandler, Ruth Busch, Alex Manalides, Joanne Bristol, Mary Partin, Anne Murphy and Polly Pattok. Tournament will be held here July 24 through July 28.

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Mrs. Darrell Ries	TREASURER

Swanson, Culver In Golf Finals



Champions saluted

Anniversary time — the 50th — at the annual tournament of the Washington State Women's Golf Association this week will bring salutes to champions of past tournaments. Mrs. John E. Beck (Hilda McAuslan), left, tournament champ in 1929 (and again in 1933, 1934, 1937, 1938 and 1957) looked at her commemorative plaque with the 1972 tournament leaders, Mrs. Emmet Smith (standing), assistant chairman, and Mrs. Hal Kihlman, chairman. The tournament, which will be played at Rainier Golf and Country Club, has registration today and qualifying rounds tomorrow. Social events include cocktail hours most days; a dinner, followed by dancing, Thursday evening, and presentation of trophies Friday after play. Entrants representing the association's 36 clubs are expected. Staff photo by Cole Porter.

Liz overcomes jitters to win 2nd golf title

By GIL LYONS

Overcoming a case of final-match jitters, Liz Culver of Overlake settled down yesterday to earn a second Washington State Women's Golf Association championship at Rainier.

Miss Culver dissipated an early lead, then rallied with steady play over the last 12 holes to defeat Ann Swanson of Inglewood, 4 and 3.

Liz, a one-time schoolteacher who has started a mail-order business in women's rainwear, took the title two years ago and was runner-up in 1968.

"I was very happy I got straightened out in the afternoon round," Miss Culver said. "For a while there, I wasn't swinging very well at the ball."

NEITHER golfer played as well as they had when they swept through the field with one-sided victories during the week.

Liz was 1-up after the morning round. She shot an 83, nine over par, to Ann's 86, and was 4-up after seven holes.

Miss Swanson squared the match on the first hole of the afternoon round by parring the first hole. She double-bogeyed the second, needing two shots from a trap, but again drew even with a 10-foot putt for a birdie 3 at the third.

The fifth hole turned the match once more to Miss Culver. There, Liz chipped in from about 30 feet from behind the green for a birdie 3.

That stroke of fortune seemed to rattle Miss Culver's less-experienced opponent. Miss Swanson bogeyed the sixth hole, then drove out of bounds at the seventh to go 3 down.

Ann won the eighth with a par but lost the ninth by three-putting for a double-bogey 6. She drove into trouble at 10, had to chip back to the fairway and wound up with another double-bogey, cushioning Miss Culver's lead to 4 up.

The next five holes were halved with pars. The match ended at the 33rd hole when Ann, needing a win to stay alive, trapped her tee shot and blasted long. Liz had a

tap-in for a par, so Ann conceded the putt and match.



Executive Secretary Edythe Boucher with Champion Liz Culver



Liz and Ann



Champion Form



Liz



Runner-Up Ann Swanson and Rainier Legend Ruth Busch

- Jack Nicklaus wins the PGA championship and breaks Bobby Jones's record for most major victories with his fourteenth.
- In one of golf's greatest final round performances, Johnny Miller shoots 63 at Oakmont Country Club to win the U.S. Open.
- Playing in the British Open at age seventy-one, Gene Sarazen records a hole-in-one on Royal Troon's "Postage Stamp" hole.
- Ben Crenshaw wins the NCAA Title for a record third consecutive time. Later in the year, he joins the PGA tour and wins The Texas Open, his first tournament as a professional.
- Newly crowned WSWGGA champ Ann Swanson beats U.S. Amateur champion Mary Budke in the finals of the Southern Oregon Amateur, considered to be the largest amateur tournament on the West Coast. Swanson becomes the DAILY NEWS "Athlete of the Year" and goes on to win that tournament five more times.
- Miss Swanson receives the PNGA Certificate of Merit Award for her promotion of junior golf and sponsorship of the First Annual Grays Harbor County Junior Championship.

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ANN SWANSON

Inglewood Country Club

From the YAKIMA HERALD-REPUBLIC, July 28, 1973... "There's no question about it – this is the greatest thrill of my golfing career," Miss Swanson said, nearly in tears after the match. 'I thought about winning this tournament a long time ago, and now that it's happened, I don't know what to say.' Miss Dougherty, crestfallen after the match ended, said her opponent left few doors open. 'She didn't give me much of a chance out there, and I didn't make use of the opportunities I had.'"

Runner Up: Sue Dougherty (Ursino)

Medalist: Ann Swanson

Host: Yakima Elks Golf & Country Club

Swanson wins State golf

By JIM GOSNEY
Amid hushed, dramatic surroundings over the Yakima Elks Country Club and followed by several hundred silent enthusiasts, Ingleswood's Ann Swanson won both a private and public victory in the finals of the 47th annual Washington

State Women's Golf Association championships Friday.

It came with a methodical 6 and 5 decision over Sahalee's Sue Dougherty, eclipsing two years of final-round frustration for Miss Swanson.

For it was two years ago that

shy Miss Swanson lost in the finals of this tournament to Judy Hoettner and last year to Overlake's Liz Culver.

Miss Dougherty had recently given Miss Swanson more frustration, beating her badly in the finals of the Seattle City Championship last month.

"There's no question about it — this is the greatest thrill of my golfing career," Miss Swanson said, nearly in tears after the match. "I thought about winning this tournament a long time ago, and now that it's happened, I don't know what to say."

Miss Dougherty, crestfallen after the match ended on the 31st hole of the 36-hole finale, said her opponent left few doors open. "She didn't give me much of a chance out there, and I didn't make use of the opportunities I had."

"I could have put on a charge on the sixth hole of the second 18 when I was only two down and had a makeable putt, but, like all the others, I missed it. It might have been a different match had it dropped."

The two young talents traded holes through much of the first 18, but Miss Swanson took a three-hole lead with birdies on 16 and 18 and a "gilt" on 17

when Miss Dougherty got caught in the trees.

Miss Dougherty made a brief charge on the 428-yard fifth when she capitalized on Miss Swanson's too-strong explosion from a bunker to cut the margin to 2 holes, but lost the momentum on the next hole.

A sidehill six-footer failed to drop and Miss Swanson quickly regained the edge. A 30-footer to inches away on the seventh hole got her 3 up again, and when Miss Dougherty faded her tee ball too much on the eighth hole and ran into difficulty, Miss Swanson went for par to go 4 up.

A missed six-foot putt on the ninth hole after a splendid bunker shot signalled the beginning of the end for Miss Dougherty, but Miss Swanson failed to recognize it.

"I've seen her be four down before and come back," Miss Swanson said. "I was just going to play for pars and keep moving."

Another missed six-foot putt put Miss Dougherty five down on the 10th hole, but she cut the margin back when she holed a superb 18-foot putt for a birdie three on the 11th.

Miss Swanson, however, was unrattled, and coolly one-putted

for a par on the 193-yard 13th to regain her edge. A fine middle iron to 10 feet was enough to close Miss Dougherty out as she faded her approach and chipped short of the green.

Overlake's Liz Culver, relegated to the first flight after losing to Miss Dougherty in the first round, got it going on the last three holes to down Spokane's Connie Guthrie 1 up. Miss Culver, the defending champion in the tourney, was 2 down going into the final three holes.

In an all-Elks finale, Betty Sausley defeated June Devine 3 and 1 in the sixth flight championship and Yakima Country Club's Mary Gladson downed the Elks' Janet Goldsworthy 3 and 2 in the eighth flight conclusion.

The Elks' Nyda Damaskos lost her championship in the tenth flight but Pat Brolliar, also of the Elks, captured the eleventh flight.

The Elks' Ellen Matich, in only her second year of golf, won the twelfth flight with a 3 and 2 decision over fellow clubmember Virginia Jessee and Leona Thalheimer of Mount Adams took the thirteenth flight. Laraine Acton was runnerup in the fourteenth flight and Mildred Stearns of the Elks snared the fifteenth flight trophy.

Ann Swanson shoots 78 in 1st round

YAKIMA — (AP) — Ann Swanson of Seattle fired a course-record 78 yesterday in the opening round of the 47th annual Washington State Women's Amateur golf tournament.

She faced Electra Koeniger of Aberdeen today as match play opened. Culver of Overlake, champion,

State women's golf It's Swanson vs. Dougherty

By JIM GOSNEY

Within the vast population of women golfers who busily attack the game with varying effectiveness, there is an elite handful of ladies who master the game. They seem to spring up from time to time, add their names to the bottom of perpetual trophies, enjoy a widespread reputation for a time, and then slowly fade, to be replaced by still another young star.

It's been that way with the Lessers, the Quasts, the Gundersons, and many more. And today, in the windup of the 47th annual Washington State Women's Championships, two

Normally modest, Miss Swanson did admit her front nine play against Mrs. McGuire was "super."

"I really did play well — in fact, I think I only made one bad shot on the first side and I didn't get hurt by it. My putting was better than it has been here and I was happy with it," she said before returning to the practice tee.

Mrs. McGuire threatened by taking the 10th and 11th holes, but Miss Swanson captioned the 12th and 13th and halved her way out, ending the match after 15 holes.

For Miss Dougherty, it was

allowed that her game too, was in order. "I am hitting the ball well here. The greens are fast, far faster than we're used to on the coast, and tricky too, but I'm putting well."

Aside from the championship match, finals are also set in the succeeding 14 flights. Overlake's Liz Culver, the defending champion and loser to Miss Dougherty in the first round of the championship flight, tangles with Spokane's Connie Guthrie, who downed Grays Harbor's Electra Koeniger 2 and 1 in the semis.

Yakima Valley golfers begin to appear in the sixth flight, where the final match involves

Jessee, both of the Elks, face off in the 12th flight showdown. Leona Thalheimer of Mount Adams, Laraine Acton and Mildred Stearns of the Elks are also involved in final matches. Tee time for the Swanson-Dougherty match is set for 8:35 a.m. with a lunch break prior to the final 18 holes.

Championship Flight
Semifinal Round
Ann Swanson d. Doris McGuire 4-3;
Sue Dougherty d. Joyce Toney 4-2
First Flight
Connie Guthrie d. Electra Koeniger 2-1; Liz Culver d. Marian Arnold 7-5
Second Flight
Mary Ann George d. Marti Lundgren 1 up; Lou Young d. Ruth Erwin 4-3
Third Flight
June Silts d. Betty McCoy 4-3; Joy Aarstad d. Shirley Laws 1 up.

State women's golf

Amateur field culled

By JIM GOSNEY

And so the list was cut again Wednesday, sliced down to but four talented women who remain as candidates for the title of champion of the Washington State Women's Golf Association.

The list is a respectable one, however, for any of the four have the games necessary to win it all after managing two rugged matches already.

In the championship race is determined Ann Swanson of Ingleswood, consistent Doris McGuire of Grays Harbor, tiny Sue Dougherty of Sahalee and respected Joyce Toney of Fir-

Adams' Olive Ruff, who was the only Yakima Valley player remaining in the championship flight.

Mrs. McGuire, who will face Miss Swanson in one of the semifinal matches today, carved out a 2 and 1 victory over Rainier's Lee Bennett.

Sahalee's Miss Dougherty, who won the 1972 Blossom Invitational at Yakima Country Club, made it two straight with a 2 and 1 victory over Bellingham's surprising Pat O'Brien.

And Mrs. Toney, with her ordered game, downed Tacoma's Martha Wood 5 and 3

below such respected figures as eighth flight semis while Nita Thompson of the Elks is alive in the fourth flight.

In the first flight, the drop flight for losers in the championship first go-round, Electra Koeniger of Grays Harbor will clash with Spokane's Connie Guthrie, while Liz Culver of Overlake meets Marian Arnold of the Tri-Cities in the other match.

Yakima Valley women begin popping up in the succeeding flights. Marti Lundgren of Yakima Country Club faces Mary Ann George today in one of the semifinals while Nita Thompson of the Elks is alive in the fourth flight.

Leona Thalheimer, Pauli Koch and Jewell Sliger, all Mount Adams, are alive in the lower flights, as are Laraine Acton and Mildred Stearns of the Elks.

Tee times for the championship flight today are 9: and 9:10 a.m. with Miss Swanson and Mrs. McGuire the fi-



QUIET DETERMINATION — Ann Swanson of Ingleswood, lost in concentration, eyed her second shot to the ninth green Friday. Miss Swanson, four up at the time over Sue Dougherty, won the match on the 31st hole.



Honors to champ

Ann Swanson was the center of attention at her home club, Ingleswood, when its Women's Division honored her for winning the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship July 27. Chatting with the young golfer at the champagne reception Thursday were Mrs. Henry P. Knowles,



LONG OFF THE TEE — Miss Ann Swanson kept her head down as she laced a long tee shot down the fairway. Her drives consistently sailed past the 200-yard markers. (Staff photo Bound)



STRONG FROM THE SAND — Miss Dougherty attempted to fly a sand wedge close to the second hole, but the bunker shot was too strong and she lost the hole.

- The Tournament Players championship is played for the first time. Jack Nicklaus wins.
- Bonnie Bryant wins the LPGA Bill Branch Classic. She is the first and only left-handed golfer to win on the LPGA tour as of 2012.
- Eight days past his 17th birthday, Seve Ballesteros turns pro and plays in the Spanish Open. He is the youngest golfer to join the European tour.
- Jack Nicklaus's "GOLF MY WAY" is published and rapidly becomes one of the best-selling sports books of all time.
- Edean Ihlanfeldt is named Women's Golf Coach at the University of Washington. Ann Swanson becomes the Assistant Coach.
- Fircrest Country Club's Helen Johnson wins the inaugural WSWGGA State Senior championship. She is the only person to win it four consecutive times.

1974

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PAT LESSER HARBOTTLE

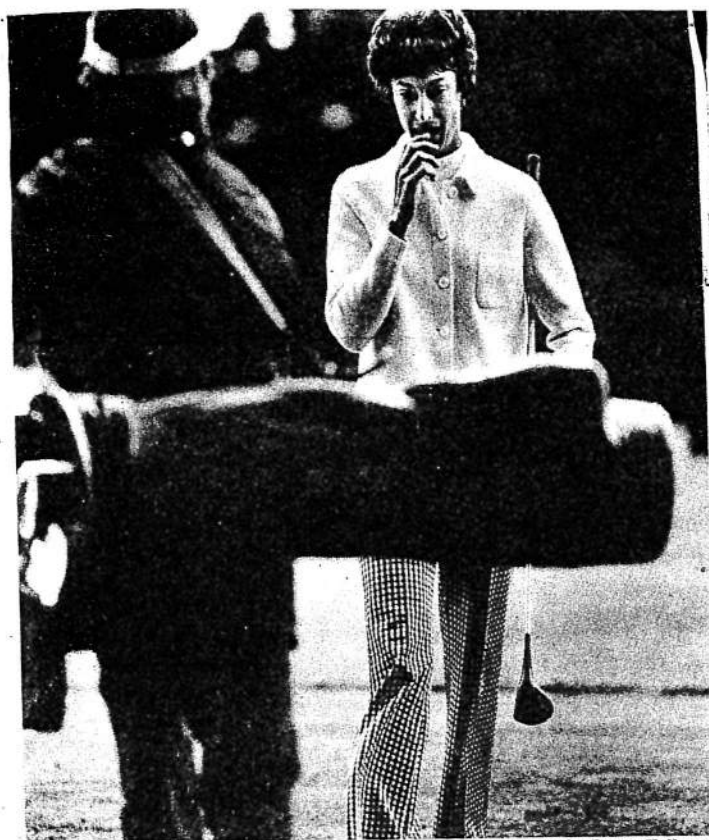
Tacoma Golf & Country Club

From the SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, July 1, 1974... "Pat Harbottle finally has made contact with a golf ball to her satisfaction. She won this tourney in 1952 between her freshman and sophomore years as Seattle University coed Pat Lesser. Her regimen then, something like sixteen tournaments a year, produced National and Western women's Amateur titles in 1955, the U.S. Junior in 1950 and a national intercollegiate crown. Now, however, after seventeen years of marriage and five children (the youngest is three), she's played in a total of twelve tournaments."

Runner Up: Linda Bellar (Fuller)

Medalist: Helene Root

Host: Tacoma Golf & Country Club



Staff photo by Bruce Kellman

Mrs. Harbottle, a nervous finalist

Bites on tee during Thursday play at Tacoma Country Club

Pat Harbottle shooting for 2nd state women's title

Pat Harbottle finally has made contact with a golf ball to her satisfaction.

On her home course, she was in today's finals of the 48th Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament against Linda Bellar, a 27-year-old from Bellevue who plays to a four handicap with a big swing at Sahalee Country Club.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP match was booked for 36 holes at the Tacoma Country Club. Mrs. Bellar beat medalist Helene Root of Vancouver 7 and 6 Thursday and Pat bested defending champ Ann Swanson of Inglewood 2 and 1.

Mrs. Harbottle also plays to a four handicap. She also used to play a lot more golf.

She won this tourney in 1952, between her freshman and sophomore years as Seattle University coed Pat Lesser.

Her regimen then, something like 16 tournaments a year, produced National and Western Women's Amateur titles in 1955, the U.S. Junior in 1950 and a national intercollegiate crown.

During 17 years of marriage and five children, the youngest 3, she has played in a total of 12 tourneys.

"I played poorly," Pat muttered Monday after qualifying with an 86. She was still muttering going into Thursday's semifinals. "But I hit the ball well from the fifth hole on," she added of her Thursday duel with

Miss Swanson. "If nothing else, I'd just like to hit it as well today."

SHE AND Miss Swanson halved their first four holes, the first three with bogeys. Pat took the next two, then Ann the seventh and eight, the latter with a birdie.

Pat went 1 up when Ann double-bogeyed the 12th, and gained her final margin when Miss Swanson bogeyed the 14th. Ann, 24, and a finalist the last three years, fought illness as well as Pat.

Pat Harbottle captures state golfing crown

TACOMA — (AP) — Pat Lesser Harbottle, playing on her home course, defeated Linda Bellar of Seattle, 3 and 2, yesterday to win the championship match of the Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament.

Mrs. Bellar was 2 up after the 19th hole, but her opponent had a solid string of pars to go 3 up after the 32nd hole. The Seattle woman recovered briefly to win the 33rd hole with a par, but Mrs. Harbottle parred the 34th to win the match.

Mrs. Harbottle last won the state event in 1952. Mrs. Bellar was competing for the first time since she won the Detroit junior championship in 1965.

State golf tournament Monday

Ann Swanson of Inglewood Country and Golf Club, Seattle, will defend her title Monday when 160 entrants play in the 48th Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club. Tee time will be 7:30 a.m.

Match plays will be held throughout the week and the final round is scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday with 40 players entering the championship flight.

Mrs. Robert Young is president of the Washington State Women's Golf Association.

- Lee Elder is the first black player to compete in the Masters.
- Tom Watson's British Open title is his first win in a Major and the first of his five British Open victories.
- Cobra Gold introduces "The Baffler," A 23-degree 7 wood that is considered the progenitor of the modern "utility club."
- Born this year: Tiger Woods, career Grand Slam winner.
- Ann Swanson wins her first Seattle Women's Golf Association City Championship at Seattle Golf Club.

1975 Champion



EDEAN IHLANTFELDT

Broadmoor Golf Club

"Two former champions, well-tested in this sort of thing — collided today in the WSWGGA finals at Broadmoor. Edean tired visibly during the final 36, yet was never behind in her match. Winner of three previous State titles, Edean showed a touch of her old form earlier in the week as she defeated the tournament medalist Gayle Collelo in the quarter finals, then Linda Bellar in the semis."

Runner Up: Ann Swanson

Medalist: Gayle Collelo

Host: Broadmoor Golf Club

Ihlanfeldt In Victory

Edean Ihlanfeldt of the host Broadmoor club scored an eagle-3 on the 387-yard, 17th hole yesterday and defeated Mary Smith of Meridian, 1-up, in first-round match play of the Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament.

In another interesting match Ann Swanson of Inglewood defeated Pat (Lesser) Harbottle, Tacoma, 4 and 3. Complete first-round results:



Golf-tournament winn

Edean Ihlanfeldt, left, of Broadmoor Golf Club was the winner and Ann Swanson of Sand Point Country Club was the runner-up in the Washington State Women's Golf Association's 49th tournament, which ended Friday at the Broadmoor Golf Club. The decorations carried out a circus theme. The five-day tournament closed with a cocktail party honoring the contestants, sponsored by the Women's Division at Broadmoor.—Staff photo by Vic Condiotty.

Medalist wins opening match

Gayle Collelo of the Rainier Golf Club medalist, advanced in the first round of match play by defeating Fircrest's Pat Curtiss, seven and six, at the Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament at Broadmoor yesterday.

Edean Ihlanfeldt, who has won the tournament three times, downed Mary Smith of Meridian Valley, one-up.

Ann Swanson from Inglewood defeated the defending champion and two-time winner, Pat Lesser Harbottle, of Tacoma, four and three.

Ex-golf Champs To Vie



Winner Edean Ihlanfeldt (left) congratulated by Ann Swanson

Ex-Tee Champs Survive

Three former champions and last year's runnerup moved into the semifinals of the Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament yesterday at Broadmoor.

While the two upper-bracketed winners, Edean Ihlanfeldt of the home course and Linda Bellar of Sahalee, advanced with ease, the day's cliff-hanger involved Ann Swanson of Inglewood and Connie Guthrie of Spokane.

Ms. Swanson, the 1973 winner, rallied to edge Mrs. Guthrie on the 19th hole, canning a 40-foot birdie putt on the first hole of sudden death.

Liz Culver of Overlake, winner in 1972, moved past Helene Root of Vancouver, Wash., 3 and 2.

Mrs. Ihlanfeldt, who took the crown in 1961, '62 and '63, played superbly in ousting medalist Gail Collelo of Rainier, 7 and 6, as did Mrs. Bellar, last year's finalist, who won by the same score over Olive Ruff of Mount Adams.

In today's semis, Mrs. Ihlanfeldt will take on Mrs. Bellar, while Swanson battles Culver.

The 36-hole finale is set for tomorrow, with the morning round scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and the afternoon play for 12:30 p.m.

Just no quit in Golden Lady of Northwest golf



BLAINE NEWNAM
Times associate editor

than any of us."

The women golfers talk about her as a tough competitor, but the respect transcends her venerability, even her accomplishments.

"She is so gracious, so caring, win or lose," said Bennett. "The women golfers respect her like crazy. She's known nationwide. Everybody knows and likes Edean Ihlanfeldt."

I caught up with her as she was walking off the second green at Glendale in Tuesday's first-round match. She had struggled in qualifying the day before, shooting an 83, and had caught a bunker in front of No. 2 and lost the hole to go 1-down to Nancy Halin of Sahalee.

She looked right past me as she marched grimly to the next tee. A hole, a par and a win later, she came over, introduced herself, and invited me to ride in a cart with her as she battled all odds in posting a victory.

Ihlanfeldt had polio as a kid. She's had both shoulders operated on for bursitis, and she has a plastic joint implanted in her hand so her left thumb will work. Nevertheless, she hit the ball

Swanson in a repeat of last year's final, and then Swanson lost to Bennett, who finally defeated University of Oregon player Amy Elleff of Inglewood in Friday's final.

Ihlanfeldt could well be enjoying her grandchildren and the recent retirement of her husband, Bob, who is a story in himself. Actually, she is, but there is still the tug of competition.

"I did work hard to get ready for this tournament," she said, peeling back the glove on her left hand to reveal a blister the size of a quarter on the heel of the hand.

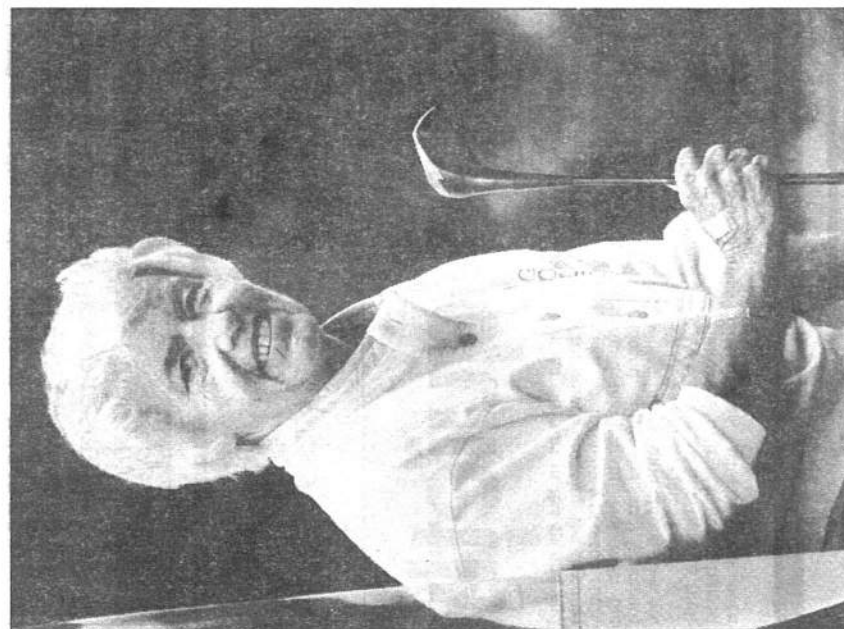
There was a time before she won the 1982 U.S. Women's Senior Amateur championship that she practiced five and six hours a day. The competitive fire has flickered a little since then, but she still loves to play and win. Always has.

Her dad, a car dealer in Helena, Mont., promised her a car when she won her first Montana women's state title. He didn't plan on her winning the first of six at age 14. She now is a member of the women's golf hall of fame in Montana and the Pacific Northwest, as well as the one at the University of Washington.

"Bob came over to play in Montana and we met," she said. "We were married two months later."

"He's the real story," she said. "He's got a 1-handicap and plays every bit that well."

Bob Ihlanfeldt, 63, was hit by a truck while in a crosswalk a few years ago. The accident mangled his right arm, but he has recovered well enough to be one of the area's best players.



Jim Loti / Seattle Times
In Seattle golf circles, 61-year-old Edean Ihlanfeldt is a legend in her own time — a tenure that shows no signs of ending soon.

'If your opponent knows you haven't given up, it has an effect on them.'

Edean Ihlanfeldt

"I'm really proud of Bob," she said. "When the accident happened, they didn't know if he would ever play golf again."

Edean moved to Seattle with Bob in 1954, to a golf world dominated by Ruth Jessen, JoAnne Carner and Ann Sander. Edean thought about turning pro, as Carner and Jessen did.

"But I made the best decision," she said. "I got married."

There could — should — be a time in the future that she is named captain of the U.S. women's amateur team for international matches.

But that's politics, and Edean Ihlanfeldt is more about playing than talking.

"I used to tell the girls at the University of Washington to never give up in a match. If your opponent knows you haven't given up, it has an effect on them. Trust me, Edean Ihlanfeldt hasn't given up."

Seattle Times
June 30th, 1991

- *The British Women's Open is played for the first time. The event will become a Women's Major in 2001.*
- *Jack Nicklaus's tournament, "The Memorial," is played for the first time. Roger Maltbie is victorious in a playoff against Hale Irwin.*
- *The USGA puts the robot "Iron Byron" to work measuring golf balls' initial velocities and distances.*
- *Ann Swanson wins Low Amateur in the LPGA Portland Classic.*
- *Mimi Racicot wins the Southern California PGA Junior championship.*
- *Future WSWG champ Jani Japar wins the Washington State Public Links tournament.*
- *Jani Japar is THE EVERETT HERALD'S "Sportswoman of the Year."*

1976

Champion



LINDA BELLAR (FULLER)

Sahalee Country Club

From LINDSLEY ON GOLF... "It's definitely one of the best fields we have had in recent years," beamed the host club's Beverly Ebright, who will be ram-rodding the five-day fairway safari as the reigning president of the WSWG.... The star-spangled field will include the defending champion, plus several former winners and strong contenders. There may be others lurking in the big field, as Washington has long been known for the excellence of women golfers who went on to national and international fame after cutting their eyeteeth in the women's state tournament."

Runner Up: Laurie Campbell

Medalist: three-way tie - Linda Bellar, Edean Ihlanfeldt, Patti Marquis

Host: Bellingham Golf & Country Club

Contestants: 144 (and a waiting list)



LINDA BELLAR

Linda Bellar wins state golf match

Linda Bellar of Bellevue won the Washington State Women's Golf Association state tournament last week in Bellingham. Bellar plays out of the Sahalee Country Club. Bellar was the medalist with a qualifying round of 75. After three days of match play she made it into the final 36 holes on Friday against Laurie Campbell of Rainier Golf Club. After the first 18 holes the two finalists were tied. In the final 18 holes, Bellar caught her.

Bellar is a junior high physical education teacher in the Mercer Island schools. This is the first state tournament victory for her. She said she has been playing golf since she was seven years old except for when she was in college when she was a ski enthusiast. She resumed the game of golf about four years ago because she wanted an activity for her summer months off from teaching.

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Medalist gains state semifinals

BELLINGHAM — (AP) — Linda Bellar, the qualifying medalist from Redmond, yesterday advanced to semifinals of match play with a 1-up victory over Liz Culver of Overlake in the 50th Annual Washington State Women's golf championship at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. In other championship-flight quarterfinal action, Patty Marquis of Renton took a 3-and-1 victory over Sue Ursino of Redmond; Laurie Campbell of Rainier defeated Leah Powers of Bellingham, 6-and-5, and Ann Swanson of Sand Point ousted Janice Foster of Yakima, 5-and-3.

Women's state starts Monday

An anticipated field of 140 women golfers from all sections of the state will begin registering at the Bellingham Golf & Country Club today for the start of the 50th annual Washington State Women's golf championship Monday.

Monday's 18-hole qualifying round will deploy the low 16 scorers, including defending champion Edean Ihlanfeldt of Seattle, into the championship bracket with the remainder going into flight play. Match play starts Tuesday and winds up Friday with the titular match scheduled for 36 holes.

In addition to many other activities, including a meeting of the WSWG's board of trustees Tuesday evening, there will be a mixed-ball event Thursday.

- Al Geiberger becomes the first player to shoot 59 in a professional tournament, setting a new PGA Tour 18-hole record.
- In what has been described as "the most exciting tournament in golf history," Tom Watson defeats Jack Nicklaus by one stroke in the British Open at Turnberry.
- For the first time all eighteen holes of a U.S. Open round are televised.
- Ann Swanson wins Medalist and Champion honors in The Oregon Coast championship. She retains her title in 1978. She holds the Southern Oregon and Oregon Coast titles consecutively for two years.

1977

Champion



LINDA BELLAR (FULLER)

Sahalee Country Club

Runner Up: Ginny Burkey

Medalist: Liz Culver

Host: Oakbrook Golf & Country Club

NOTABLE – 1977

It Was A Very Good Year

Seattle Slew wins The Kentucky Derby.

The University of Washington Huskies are victorious in The Rose Bowl.

Liz Culver and Ann Swanson play The Orange Blossom Amateur Circuit in Florida for the first time. Known as "the stepping stone to national and British amateur championships," the virtually unknown Culver and Swanson were playing against the defending champions and nationally ranked team in the first round of the International Four-Ball championship. Heading to the first tee, the Washington golfers sported T-shirts that read:

"Seattle Slew's Riding High on Husky Fever"

The hush in the gallery was palpable. Who were these women?

- The USGA introduces a modified version of "The Stimpmeter." Invented by Eddie Stimpson, it provides a uniform method for measuring green speeds.
- Nancy Lopez bursts onto the scene with five consecutive LPGA wins in her rookie season.
- Sahalee's Linda Fuller, physical education teacher and later professional golfer becomes only the second player in the history of the WSWGGA to win three titles in a row.
- Liz Culver wins the Women's PPGA championship defeating all collegiate players en route to her first PPGA victory. At the awards ceremony she wears a T-shirt given to her by the PPGA Women's Championship Committee that reads: "Old age and treachery will overcome youth and skill."
- Ann Swanson sets a course record in winning the Pacific Northwest Qualifying medal to compete in the Women's U.S. Amateur. Liz Culver also qualifies. Swanson upsets British Amateur champ and the NCAA Women's champ on her way to the quarter finals. Swanson later wins the Pacific Northwest Section qualifying medal eleven times in qualifying for future USGA Mid-Amateur and USGA Senior Women's Amateur championships.
- University of Washington's Robin Walton turned professional after this event.

1978

Champion



LINDA BELLAR FULLER

Sahalee Country Club

From The LEWISTON MORNING TRIBUNE, June 24, 1978... "The impact of winning still hadn't hit Linda Fuller as she walked back to the clubhouse. 'I don't know,' she said. 'I really don't know how it feels yet. I guess it'll sink in later. But that was my goal. I know I accomplished it now. I wanted to win three in a row and I did it.' Fuller beamed a smile and accepted the congratulations of the many golf fans who walked along with her.

Runner Up: Ann Swanson

Medalist: Robin Walton

Host: Clarkston Golf & Country Club

Contestants: 144

Entry Fee: \$ 30.00

NOTABLE – 1978

Final Drama

The 36-hole final match lasted from 8:30 a.m. until just before 4 p.m. It was followed by a gallery that reached a peak of more than three hundred, many of whom rode along in a fleet of electric golf carts. One cart played a part in a minor "accident" that developed during the match. During the early part of the day, Fuller had taken a lead of two holes through the 10th. On the 11th – a par-5 – the players both played their second shots and were readying to hit their approaches. Suddenly, one of the golf cars ran over Swanson's ball, mashing it into the turf. The club pro searched the rule books and finally located the proper ruling. Swanson was allowed to lift the ball, clean it, and place it back as close as possible to its former position.



Ann Swanson of Seattle glances at opponent Robin Walton, who has other things on her mind during their quarterfinals match of the Washington State Women's Golf Association Tournament.

LPGA

Wednesday, Robin Walton played her last round of golf as an amateur.

From here on out, the former Clarkston High player is a pro looking for a spot on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour.

"You're looking at a professional golfer," Walton said with a smile Wednesday.

Walton, 22, had just lost in the quarter finals of the Washington State Women's Golf Association championships, falling to Ann Swanson, 2 and 1. But while she would have liked to win the tournament, she wasn't feeling too badly because she was about to set out on a whole new dream.

Fuller, Swanson in finals

By John Killen
of the Tribune staff

Linda Fuller thought for a moment about today's finals in the 52nd Annual Washington State Women's Golf Association championships.

"36 holes — that's a long ways," she said. "A lot could happen. It should be a good match."

Fuller should know. She's been there before. The two-time defending champion, she's hoping to become the first woman to ever win this title three times in a row as she faces Ann Swanson this morning at 8:28 for the start of the 36-hole final.

But then, Swanson isn't exactly new to the whole thing. She too has experienced the whole thing before, having won the title in 1973.

"I wouldn't make any predictions," Swanson said. "I would just say that my game plan is going to be the same as it has been all week — try to be consistent."

Fuller, from Issaquah, and Swanson, from Seattle, were both pretty consistent Thursday as they shot their way into the championship match with semi-final wins. Fuller downed tenacious Patty Strait of Tacoma 3 and 2 while Swanson put away a shaky Patty Cripps of Tacoma on the

14th hole, 5 and 4.

The title match in the championship will be one of 17 crowns determined at the Cl Golf and Country Club today as players many flights meet head-to-head. Tee-off with the eighth flight at 8 a.m. and on through the 17th flight, which leaves the f at 9:58. Only the championship flight, ho goes 36 holes. The rest of the matches w clude over 18 holes.

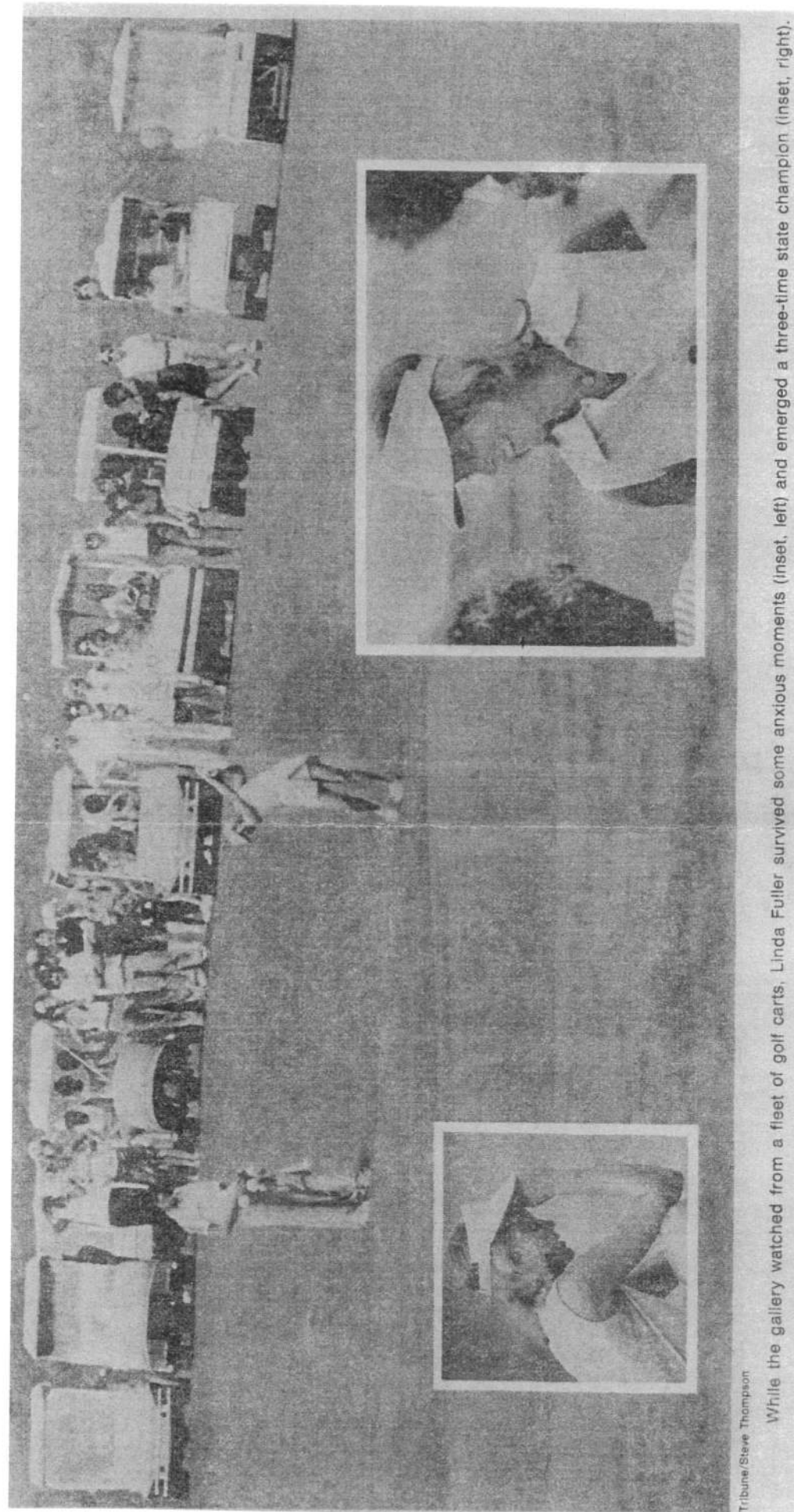
Most of the attention is bound to be focu the Fuller-Swanson match, however.

See WOMEN'S GOLF, page 4B

Friday, June 23, 1978 — Lewiston Morning Tribune



Ann Swanson of Seattle is the final obstacle in Linda Fuller's way, as she attempts to win her third straight golf title. See Page 1B



While the gallery watched from a fleet of golf carts, Linda Fuller survived some anxious moments (inset, left) and emerged a three-time state champion (inset, right).

Fuller gets her triple crown

- Taylormade introduces the first metal woods.
- Ryder Cup matches are opened to players from all of Europe instead of only Great Britain.
- Jani Japar repeats as Seattle Public Links Champion of Champions.
- Inglewood Golf Club's Sue McCoy wins her third SWGA City championship.
- Ann Swanson qualifies for the U.S. Women's Open and the U.S. Women's Amateur. She also qualifies for the Mexican Women's Amateur Open. She will go on to qualify an additional four times.
- Future WSWGGA Champion - and physical therapist DTP - Mimi Racicot, wins the Pac 8 Western Intercollegiate Championship.

1979 Champion

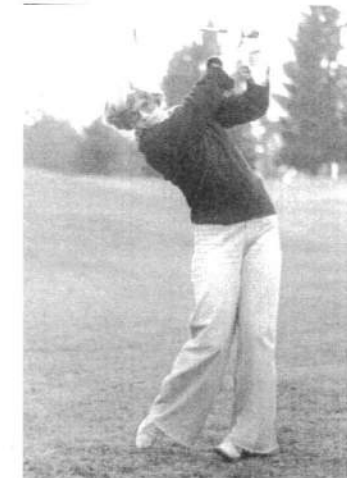


Photo courtesy of Fircrest Golf Club

PATTY CURTISS

Fircrest Country Club

(collegiate team: University of New Mexico)

From Jack Sareault, TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE, August 5, 1979... "Patty Curtiss isn't letting an avocation interfere with her preparations for a vocation, and vice versa. In a couple of weeks she'll be heading back to Albuquerque and the University of New Mexico where she'll be a junior majoring in health education. She wants to be an athletic trainer. 'If I were on a training scholarship,' says Patty, 'there would be a real clash. But since I'm on a golf scholarship I can work my own hours. I'm as interested and as good as the guys on training scholarships.'"

Runner Up: Liz Culver

Medalist: Janice Foster

Host: Meridian Valley Country Club

Golf pays the way for Patty Curtiss

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THE 20-YEAR-OLD from Curtis High School and Fircrest Golf Club wants to be an athletic trainer. This summer she established herself as one of the better women golfers in the Northwest when she went to the 36th and final hole of the PNGA in Eugene, Ore., before losing; then two weeks later went through a similar grind to win the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship.

Golf got Patty a scholarship to New Mexico, where she played the No. 3 position as a freshman and No. 1 or 2 last year.

"If I were on a training scholarship," says Patty, "there would be a real clash. But since I'm on a golf scholarship, I can work my own hours."

"There are 15-20 undergraduates in the program, and I'm as interested and as good as the guys on training scholarship. We deal with all sports, guys' and gals'. I sign up for my own hours, but have to go with whatever activity is going on at the time."



Champion Patty Curtiss

Wash. State Women's Golf Assn.

At Meridian Valley

Championship flight: 73—Janice Foster (Lakeview). 75—Sue Ursino (Sahalee). 76—Ann Swanson (Sand Point). 77—Gertie Beaton (Inglewood). 78—Susan McCoy (Rainier). 79—Ginny Burke (Fircrest), Lisa Smith (Tacoma), Leah Powers (Bellingham). 80—Jean Harris (Inglewood), Edean Ihlanfeldt (Broadmoor). 81—Liz Culver (Overlake). 82—Patty Curtiss (Fircrest), Mary Jane Smith (Meridian Valley), Helene Root (Royal Oaks), Patty Strait (Oakbrook), Gail Dils (Royal Oaks). Low net—Dottie Stordock (Oakbrook) 64.

Patty Curtiss
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Patty Curtiss is certified both as an LPGA Class A golf pro and as an athletic trainer certified by the National Athletic Training Association. BILL MARCHESI/SPECIAL TO MYDESERT

Entrepreneur

Curtiss has been a consultant and offered seminars to the PGA and LPGA, college coaches and medical professionals. She has dual certification as a golf pro and an athletic trainer.

An entrepreneur, Curtiss also has two other service businesses she runs in tandem with Golf Rehab. One is called "Bounce you Back," designed for short-term injury and post-surgical in-home care. The second, "Elder Caring," is a long-term in-home senior care service.

Curtiss also works as an instructor at College of the Desert where she is as an athletic trainer for all 14 varsity sports and teaches classes in athletic training and first aid and safety.

- The Senior PGA Tour (now called "The Champions Tour") is officially launched.
- The U.S. Senior Open is played for the first time. Roberto De Vincenzo is the first winner.
- At age forty Jack Nicklaus wins the U.S. Open and PGA Championship. His fifth PGA win ties Walter Hagen's record; his fourth Open win ties the record shared by Bobby Jones, Ben Hogan, and Willie Anderson.
- Future Middle School Vice Principal, WSWGGA Champion, and WSWGGA Executive Secretary Jane Harris wins the Seattle Women's Golf Association City Championship at age sixteen.
- Ann Swanson qualifies for the U.S. Women's Open and U.S. Women's Amateur. She also wins Florida's Harder Hall All Amateur/Amateur, an event she will win three more times.

1980 Champion



Photo courtesy of PNGA

CONNIE OLDERSHAW GUTHRIE

Spokane Country Club

Runner Up: Tarie Pharr
Medalist: Ann Swanson
Host: Spokane Country Club
Contestants: 160

- Kathy Whitworth becomes the first woman in golf to earn one million dollars in career prize money.
- Golf's first "Stadium Course"- The Tournament Players Course, opens at Sawgrass.
- Future WSWGGA Champ and owner of Golf Options Enterprises, Jani Japar wins the SWGA City championship.
- Mimi Racicot wins Pacific Northwest Qualifying Medal to play in the Women's U.S. Open and is PPGA Medalist. Ann Swanson also qualifies for U.S. Amateur and misses cut at Women's U.S. Open by one shot.
- Northwest great Anne Quast Sander wins the British Amateur.

1981 Champion



ANN SWANSON

Sand Point Country Club

"The 36-hole final match saw the just retired University of Washington women's golf coach gamely battle her UW assistant, but Edean was unable to overcome and Ann claimed the title on the 35th hole."

Ihlanfeldt's jinx hole of the tournament, the 12th, gave Swanson the lead for good. 'I had a hole-in-one on that hole about a month ago, and I haven't been able to hit the green since,' said Edean."

Runner Up: Edean Ihlanfeldt

Medalist: Linda Fuller

Host: Inglewood Country Club

NOTABLE – 1981

A Big Year for Our Champ

Ann Swanson played stellar golf as she:

- ... Finishes in the top ten at the Harder Hall Invitational section of The Orange Blossom Amateur circuit.
- ... Loses in the semi-finals of Lone Jones/Dougherty Cup to Florida's Leslie Shannon who goes on to win the title.
- ... Upsets medalist in Women's North-South Amateur on Pinehurst Number 2 and goes on to the quarter finals.
- ... Is a finalist in the International Four-Ball Championship with partner Bonnie Bell (whose mother, Peggy Kirk Bell won the event in 1949 with partner Babe Didricksen Zaharias)

Nacional Femenil de Golf



Dígame, si el principio del Nacional Femenil de Golf, que se inicia el próximo martes, no vale la pena verlo. Miren qué chulada de muchachas van a jugarlo. En su orden tres rorras de buen ver: 1.-Nilsson Pia, de Suecia; 2.-Ann Swanson de USA.



Anne Swanson of Sand Point watches a drive at Inglewood yesterday.

Staff photo by Natalie Forbes

Swanson wins golf crown

by John Lindtved
Times staff reporter

Ann Swanson today reigns as 1981 champion of the Washington State Women's Golf Association because the things she stressed in practice came together when they were needed.

Swanson, 30, of Sand Point, squeaked to a 2-up victory with one hole to play over Edean Ihlanfeldt after the former University of Washington women's coach had fought back from a four-hole deficit in the second 18 holes of the match.

Swanson won it with a 12-foot putt on the 35th hole after chipping from a trap, and Ihlanfeldt's 10-footer lipped the cup.

That the match went that far was a tribute to Edean's competitiveness.

Ihlanfeldt, of Broadmoor, after holding her only lead after the eighth hole of the morning round, was three down before cutting Swanson's lead to two strokes after the first 18 holes.

But Swanson birdied the first

eighth with a par 3 while Ann struggled after her tee shot went wide left.

The lead was 1 after Swanson three-putted the 10th and even when Ann found a trap and took a double-bogey on 11.

"Was I worried? You're always shaky when zap, you're even," Ann said. "But you just have to reach down and pull yourself together."

Ihlanfeldt's jinx hole of the tournament, the 12th, gave Swanson the lead for good at the 12th.

"I had a hole-in-one on that hole about a month ago, and I haven't been able to hit the green since," Edean said. Her tee shot landed in a trap and she hit over the green on the second shot.

A fine chip by Swanson set up a 2-up lead at 13, but the green at 14, toughest on the course, was kinder to Edean, who needed four putts, than to Ann, who needed five. That narrowed the lead to the one hole that Swanson held until winning the 17th.

Both said they were off their games.

just was not normal."

The United States Amateur, to be held in Portland August 10 to 14, will be the next tournament appearance for both. And both have the same preparation plans — a vacation from golf for a few days.

Ihlanfeldt, Swanson gain women's final

Two Seattleites, Edean Ihlanfeldt and Ann Swanson, will meet today at Inglewood Country Club for the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship.

Ihlanfeldt, just retired as coach of the University of Washington women's golf team from Broadmoor, breezed to a 6-and-5 victory over Linda Fuller, Sahalee, in one of yesterday's match-play semifinals.

Swanson, Sand Point, beat Susan McCoy, Broadmoor, 2 and 1.

Today's title showdown is scheduled for 36 holes, with rounds beginning at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

- Tom Watson holes one of the most famous shots in U.S. Open history – a delicate chip shot from the rough beside the 17th green at Pebble Beach that helps him defeat Jack Nicklaus.
- Julie Inkster wins her third straight U.S. Women's Amateur.
- Payne Stewart wins his first PGA Tour victory at the Quad Cities Open.
- Anne Quast Sander wins her second SWGA City championship.
- Ann Swanson qualifies for the British Amateur Open at Walton Heath Golf Club. She finishes second at the Wentworth Amateur.
- Edean Ihlanfeldt is victorious at the USGA Senior Women's Amateur championship at Kissing Camels Golf Club in Colorado Springs.
- The University of Washington Women's Husky Invitational becomes "The Edean Ihlanfeldt Golf Classic."

1982

Champion



GINNY BURKEY

Fircrest Golf Club

From the TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE, July 24, 1982... "Ginny Burkey used the lunch break to calm her nerves and regain her game. Then she went back out and beat Jan Whiting and not only gained a championship, but also a berth in the SAFECO Classic LPGA tournament in September at Meridian Valley. 'I was so nervous I didn't eat lunch,' said Burkey, a 27-year-old interior designer. 'And I didn't sleep much the night before. The first 18 was real shaky. We were both terrible. But my swing came back, and I was a lot more aggressive.'"

Runner Up: Jan Whiting

Co-Medalists: Ann Swanson & Mimi Racicot

Host: Sahalee Country Club

Contestants: 161

Entry Fee: \$ 50.00

Ginny's state title also worth play with pros

Special to The News Tribune

The half-hour between rounds was for lunch yesterday in the finals of the 56th Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament at Sahalee.

But Ginny Burkey of Fircrest Golf Club used the break to calm her nerves and regain her game. Then she went back out and beat Jan Whiting of Wenatchee 8 and 6, not only gained the championship but also a berth in the SAFECO Classic LPGA tournament in September at Meridian Valley.

"I was so nervous I didn't eat lunch," said Burkey, a 27-year-old interior designer. "And I didn't sleep much the night before. The first 18 was real shaky. We were both terrible. But my swing came back, and I was a lot more aggressive."

Ginny was 1 down at the first turn, squared the match on the 10th, went up for good on the 12th and took the 13th. The only birdie

by either in the morning round was Ginny's on the 18th hole, putting her 2 up. "We were playing each other," she said, "instead of golf and the course."

Burkey chipped to within a foot to win the 20th and tanked a 45-foot birdie putt to take the 21st. The only other hole she lost the rest of the day was the 22nd, where she drove into a bunker.

She recovered by winning the 24th, 25th and 26th, all with pars, to go 6 up. She took the 28th with a six-foot par putt and the 30th despite a bogey, Whiting pushing her second shot and hitting a tree with her third.

"I was getting my swing back," Ginny said of her afternoon play. "After those birdies on the 20th and 21st, I felt real confident. I told myself I've come too far to blow it now."



Ginny Burkey

Sahalee to host women's golf tourney

By Marty Murphy

Special to Eastside Week End
Sahalee golf course, ranked among the nation's top 100, will challenge 160 amateur women golfers from 25 state country clubs as they gather July 19 for qualifying rounds in the Washington State Women's Golf State Championship.

Matches follow July 20 through 23. Among the 160 are 30 whose handicaps range from two to 10. All will need command of every golfing skill as they face a bevy of trees, water hazards, a few steep bunkers, and some fairways that narrow approaching the greens.

Due to excellent maintenance by course supervisor Bill Campbell and his crew, the fairways and greens are Ireland green. Added attractions for spectators and golfers

alike are a couple of duck families and ripening thimble blackberries and blackcap raspberries along some of the fairways.

Defending state champion is Ann Swanson (2) of Sandpoint. Past champions are Edean Ihlanfeldt, Broadmoor; Liz Culver, Overlake; Connie Guthrie, Spokane; and Sahalee's Linda Fuller (2), present club champion, who captured the state crown consecutively from 1976 to 1978; Sue Ursino (6) also of Sahalee, and club champion five

times, stands a good chance to take the crown for which she was recently runner-up. Jan Whiting, former Sahalee member and club champion, now a resident of Antiot, will represent Wenatchee Country Club. Three 18-year-olds — Janet Hopkins (5) and Dana Nefferman (5) of Fircrest, and Jane Harris (3) of In-

glewood, will provide good competition. Others in the five and under handicap group are Mimi Racicot (2), and Susan McCoy (5), Broadmoor; Ginny Burkey (2), Fircrest; Connie Guthrie (3) and Ann Plopper, Spokane Country Club; Jane Harris (3), Inglewood; Jani Japar (5) and Carole Holland, Meridian Valley; Lisa Smith (5), Tacoma C.C.; Cynni Weber, Rainier; Beth Campbell, Overlake; Terry Powell, Yakima C.C.

A winner from the five and under group will receive a complimentary entry in the Pro-Am Ladies' Professional Golf Safeco Classic, Meridian Valley, which will be held the week of September 20.

A phenomenon in golf lies in the fact that a tall player does not necessarily drive the ball longer than one less tall. Linda Fuller is tall, with a graceful wal' to match her smooth, easy swing. Sue Ursino and Jan Whiting are petite, yet strong, hovering around five feet,

but it's that even tempo of the swing that gets their shots nearly equa-distant to that of a tall golfer.

All golfers are aware that a bit of luck helps, and that its greatest discipline lies in the recovery shot, particularly those from deep bunkers, over water, over trees, and that delicate Tom Watson style chip shot from deep fringe close to a downhill pin. These shots are fully as exciting as a long and powerful drive.

The Sahalee women's course record of 70,

established by member Stephanie Drake in 1981, remains intact. Drake, an art history major, now employed as a courier for KOMO-TV, cannot be in attendance to defend the record.

There will be 19 flights, with handicaps up to 25.

Chairman of the event is June Rogers of Sahalee. The State Championship will not be held again at "high and heavenly hill" until 25 years hence. Spectators are most welcome to enjoy outstanding golf.



Jan Whiting WSWG Runner-Up Sahalee

- The first "Skins Game" features Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, and Tom Watson.
- Fred Couples wins a five-way playoff at The Kemper Open to earn his first PGA tour title.
- Money leaders: PGA: Hall Sutton - \$ 426,668 LPGA: JoAnne Carner - \$ 291,404
- Seve Ballesteros wins his second U.S. Masters, and is inspirational as the youthful European team comes agonizingly close to defeating the USA in the Ryder Cup.
- Sahalee Country Club's Linda Fuller wins her second of four SWGA City championships.
- Mimi Racicot is three under par as she wins the 36-hole finals match over Ann Swanson in the PPGA Women's Amateur championship.

1983

Champion



LISA SMITH

Tacoma Country & Golf Club
(collegiate team: University of Arizona)

Runner Up: Edean Ihlanfeldt

Medalist: Sue McCoy

Host: Everett Golf & Country Club

- Ben Crenshaw, after five second-place finishes in major championships, wins his first Masters title.
- Hollis Stacy, a three-time winner of the U.S. Girls Junior, wins her third U.S. Open.
- Ping introduces the Ping Eye 2 Irons with square grooves, the first of that type (which produce more spin) to hit the market.
- Long-time PPGA Ladies Advisory Committee Chairwoman, Liz Culver, is instrumental in establishing the PPGA Women's Division.
- Sand Point Country Club's Ann Swanson is the PPGA Women's Amateur Medalist.
- Mimi Racicot repeats as Low Amateur in LPGA Safeco Classic.
- Connie Guthrie wins the USGA Women's Senior Amateur at Tacoma Golf & Country Club (stroke play). She will win again in 1986.
- Connie Guthrie wins the PPGA Championship and Jane Harris is the runner-up.
- Future WSWG Champ Sharon Johnston of Fircrest Golf Club serves as WSWG President.

1984

Champion



MIMI RACICOT

Broadmoor Golf Club

(collegiate teams: UCLA & Cal State Long Beach)

From The SEATTLE DAILY TIMES, July 28, 1984... "Mimi Racicot's reluctant putter came alive at the beginning of the final nine holes yesterday and the Seattle woman shook off perennial finalist Ann Swanson 3 and 2 to win the WSWG championship. ... 'I never really felt I was playing that badly; I was just losing to birdies,' Racicot said while tied three-fourths of the way through the match, 'I was just hoping some putts would drop.'

Runner Up: Ann Swanson

Medalist: Paula Gamble

Host: Fircrest Golf Club

Swanson, Racicot reach finals of WSWGGA tourney at Fircrest

D-4 Tacoma, Sat., July 28, 1984, The News Tribune

Racicot's putting brings golf crown

By JACK SAREAULT
The News Tribune

Mimi Racicot didn't even wait to get to the green to sink a long putt which put her up for good yesterday in the championship match of the 57th Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament at Fircrest Golf Club.

And the 26-year-old Seattle physical therapist barely was on the green for another which was her final margin en route to a 3-and-2 triumph over Ann Swanson, also of Seattle.

For Racicot, who plays out of Broadmoor, it was the first state title. For the 33-year-old Swanson, from Sand Point and a two-time WSWGGA winner, it was the seventh trip to the finals in 14 years.

But also for Racicot, it was the third victory over Swanson in two years. Mimi beat Ann for last year's Pacific Northwest Golf Association title.

"I hadn't been putting badly," said Racicot. "But not many were dropping. I was losing to birdies. I never felt I was playing that badly when my lead was slipping."

Three times, she was 3 up midway through the match, after 17 holes and again after 19, where Swanson three-putted, and again after 21, where Ann three-putted again.

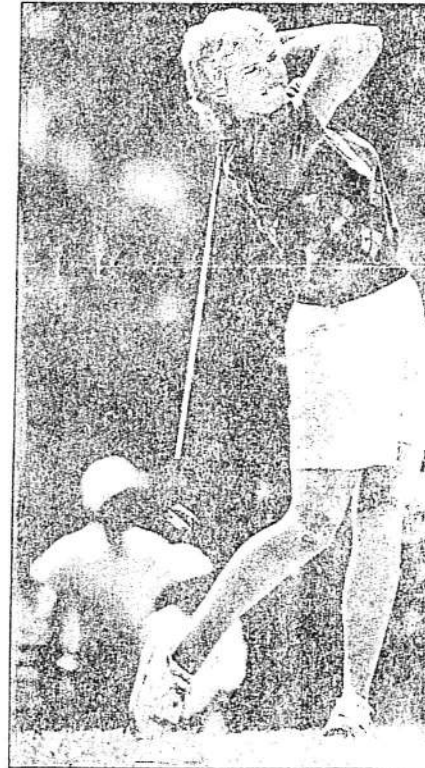
Swanson birdied the 11th, hitting the flagstick with a chip shot. A 12-foot birdie putt gave her the 22nd. She parked a sand wedge shot three feet from the pin on the 25th and birdied, then squared the match on the 26th with a conceded putt after Racicot was on the back edge of the green.

And Mimi went 3 up on the 32nd when her 55-foot putt from just on the front of the green went in and out.

The match ended with double bogeys, Swanson pushing her tee shot under trees, chipping twice and two-putting, Racicot driving into a bunker and three-putting.

"Basically it came down to short putts," said Swanson. "In match play, you have to prove yourself over and over again."

Both Swanson and Racicot will be at Inglewood Tuesday, with 35 others vying for 17 berths in the U.S. Women's Amateur Aug. 13-18 at Broadmoor — Mimi's home course.



Staff photo by BRUCE
Mimi Racicot drove toward women's golf title

35-foot eagle putt starts Racicot to 3 and 2 victory over Swanson

by Lynn Mucken
Times staff reporter

TACOMA — Mimi Racicot's reluctant putter came alive at the beginning of the final nine holes yesterday and the Seattle woman shook off perennial finalist Ann Swanson 3 and 2 to win the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship.

For 27 holes, Racicot, 26, had played one-over-par golf built on solid play from tee to green and some consistent two-putting on the Fircrest Golf Club greens.

All it got her was a tie three-fourths of the way through the 36-hole match-play final as Seattle's Swanson used four birdies on the front nine of the afternoon round to recover from a three-hole deficit.

"I never really felt I was playing that badly; I was just losing to birdies," Racicot said of her thinking at that point. "I was just hoping some putts would drop."

She didn't have to wait long. Two powerful woods on the 475-

yard par-5 tenth hole left her on the fringe in front of the green. "I remembered that Ann made one from the same place in the morning, so I knew I had a makeable putt," said Racicot, who dropped the 35-foot eagle putt to go 1-up.

Three holes later, on the 130-yard par-3 13th, Racicot drilled in an 18-foot downhill putt for a birdie.

Racicot, a physical therapist, then all but put Swanson away on the 14th.

Two more monster wood shots, the second a fade around a tree guarding the green, left her 50 feet from the pin on the 385-yard par-5 hole. Racicot's aggressive putt hit the back of the hole and stopped less than six inches away for another guaranteed birdie and a 3-up lead. Two consecutive halves gave Racicot her first state championship to go with last year's Pacific Northwest Golf Association title.

The victory capped off a week of exceptional golf for the Broadmoor Golf Club standout — she won three matches 3 and 2 and

another 6 and 5 — and came as a bit of a surprise after a mediocre spring.

"I've been spotty this year," Racicot said. "I changed my grip and I didn't putt well. I was struggling until the last couple of weeks, but this really was one of the best tournaments I've ever played."

It was a tough loss for Swanson, 33, who has lost to Racicot all three times they have met in match play. The seven-time finalist — and winner in 1973 and '81 — also had putting problems but seemed to have put those behind her with her birdie binge in the afternoon.

But putting betrayed her at the end, when she played the final six holes of the match four over par.

"I missed several short putts that definitely would have made a difference," The Sand Point Country Club golfer said with a shrug. "You never say never in match play — I was two down yesterday with two to play and won — but about the 14th hole today I began to wonder."

- The "Slope System" is introduced by the USGA as a refinement to the USGA handicapping system.
- WSWGGA Greats and Northwest Legends Pat Lesser Harbottle and Edean Ihlanfeldt are inducted into the Pacific Northwest Golf Hall-of-Fame.
- In recognition of her significant accomplishments as a player and her longstanding administrative contributions to the PNGA, the PNGA Women's Division creates the Liz Culver Medalist Trophy.

1985 Champion



DANA HEFFERNAN (BATES)

Fircrest Golf Club

(collegiate team: University of Arizona)

From The TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE, August 2, 1985... "To Dana Heffernan, 'It's been a great summer... I was really into playing the course,' she said of the WSWGGA tournament, 'But if it was a tight match, I knew where I stood. Against Ann, I was really concentrating on being myself, playing at my own pace. When I got going on the second 18 holes, she tended to slow down. I had to click in and click out. When I played Sue McCoy in the semi-finals, it was totally opposite. She's a real fast player. It was one extreme to the next.'"

Runner Up: Ann Swanson

Medalist: Linda Fuller

Host: Yakima Golf & Country Club

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A Champion Speaks

Dana Heffernan Bates, 1985 WSWG Champ, is now a golf professional. She shares memories of her WSWG experience:

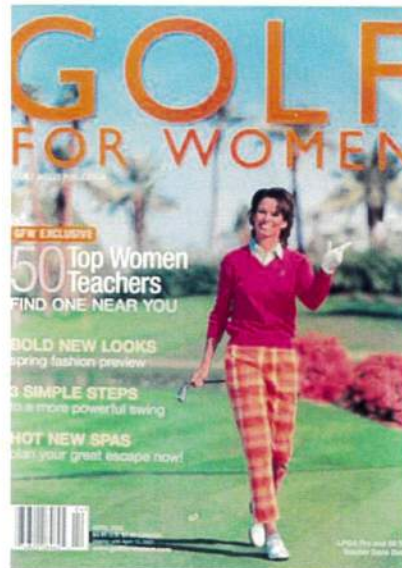
"Playing golf as a young lady amateur golfer with the women that 'showed me the way' truly set the stage for my success. Being surrounded by Shirley Baty and Pat Harbottle at Fircrest Golf Club, I stood taller and paid more attention because I saw how they played the game. Then more amazing women appeared – Carole Holland, Jani Japar, Linda Fuller, Jane Harris, and Ann Swanson (just to name a few)! The examples that were shown to me from our Washington women on how to hit golf shots, walk with composure, smile with gratitude, show poise, and do courteous gestures, stayed with me for life. They showed me how to make a difference, because the women of the Washington State Women's Golf Association made a difference for me.

The things I am most proud of personally are my daughter, Katelynn who is now twenty-four, and setting examples for others as the WSWG set them for me. I am one proud mom and grandma, too!

I tied the all-time 9-hole record shooting 28 (8 under) at the LPGA Western Section Championship in 2004 – I was on fire for two hours!

Everyday my goal is to make other people's day better. I teach at La Quinta Country Club, California in the winter and Quaker Ridge Golf Club in Scarsdale, New York during the summer. It is truly rewarding to make a person smile after hitting a golf shot, even when the shot isn't so great!

My latest adventure is playing polo. I have been riding horses all my life, playing golf all my life, and polo is really playing golf on a horse! I take more hot tubs, get more massages to keep this body in shape, because as much as I think I'm that young gal competing for the big crystal vase, I have become the woman who is now 'setting the stage' for other young ladies as the WSWG did for me."



2012 Dana Bates voted in top 50 LPGA Teachers and Golf Channel "Big Break" Contestant

Heffernan wins state golf title

Dana Heffernan, a 21-year-old collegian from Tacoma, wrapped up her first Washington State Women's Golf Association state championship Friday, defeating Ann Swanson of Seattle 3-and-2 at the Yakima Country Club.

It was the second straight runner-up finish for Swanson, who has now been runner-up in the tournament six times and has won it twice, in 1973 and 1981.

Heffernan, a senior-to-be at the University of Arizona, where she attends on a full golf scholarship, trailed Swanson by one hole after 13 holes. But, for the Championship Flight only, the title match is 36 holes.

Heffernan felt that her experience in the Arizona heat probably was a factor in her victory.

"Thirty-six holes is a long day, and it started getting hot," she said. "But it's a nice dry heat here, just like Tucson. I know how to control myself in this kind of heat."

After Swanson had four birdies and Heffernan two on the first 18, they had just one each during the second round. Heffernan on No. 3 and Swanson on No. 7.

They were dead even with six holes to play, but Swanson then bogeyed the 13th and 15th to fall two holes behind with three remaining. Off the tee on 16, Swanson hit two drives out of bounds, and Heffernan easily won.

Heffernan, who hopes to try the women's pro tour season after next — "give it a try and see what happens" — has improved her game swiftly since she played to an 18 handicap as a junior at Tacoma's Wilson High School.

She began getting serious about her golf that summer, though, and lowered her handicap 10 strokes, to an 8. It is now 0.

"I put my mind to it," she said. "I decided I liked the game."

This was her fourth time in the state women's tournament but her first time to get as far as the semifinals.

"This was my first win in a major amateur tournament," she said. "It was a great experience. I learned so much this week."

Five local players won championships in the tournament, including four from the host club YCC's Becky Shields in Fourth Flight, Dorothy Messinger in 12th Flight, Kathryn Riemcke in 13th Flight, and Betty Wright in 14th Flight claimed titles. Clara Silvas of Toppensish, playing out of Mount Adams, won the Sixth Flight.

Mary Gladson of YCC won Friday's nine-hole Low Net Tournament for players not in championship matches, shooting a 32.

(Results in Scoreboard, page 4B)



Dana Heffernan drives toward a 3-and-2 victory over Ann Swanson in the state women's championship match Friday at the Yakima Country Club. (Self photo by Roy Mustelin)

- Jack Nicklaus, at age 46, wins his sixth Masters championship. It is his final major championship and PGA tour win.
- The first world golf rankings (still used today) debut with Bernhard Langer at Number One. Originally called "The Sony Rankings," they are now known as "The Official World Golf Rankings."
- The inaugural Pacific Northwest Senior Women's Championship played at Everett Golf & Country Club was won by Edean Ihlanfeldt. She will win again in 1987 and 1988.
- Ann Swanson sets a competitive course record of 3-under par (70) in winning the Seattle Women's Golf Association City Qualifying medal.
- Future WSWGGA Champ Sharon Johnston of Fircrest Golf Club serves as WSWGGA President.

1986 Champion



MIMI RACICOT

Broadmoor Golf Club

(collegiate teams: UCLA & Cal State Long Beach)

From The SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, July 26, 1986... "It's probably as good this summer as it's ever been," said Racicot, a Riverside California native who played at UCLA. She cited a new-found weight-training regimen and tips from long-time teaching pro Billy Derrickson as possible reasons for her steady play. And Ihlanfeldt (the runner-up). 'Edean's helped me actually,' said Racicot. 'She's an incredible teacher. She knows my swing.'"

Runner Up: Edean Ihlanfeldt

Medalist: Mimi Racicot

Host: Sand Point Country Club

Racicot in control; Ihlanfeldt in shock

by Lynn Mucken
Times staff reporter

Edean Ihlanfeldt stood almost in a state of shock as friends came forward tentatively, much like distant relatives offering condolences at a funeral.

Ihlanfeldt, for more than three decades one of the best woman golfers in the Northwest, had self-destructed yesterday, playing the final 10 holes 11 over par in losing 9 and 8 to Mimi Racicot in the final of the state amateur championship at Sand Point Country Club.

"I'm sorry I let some people down today," said the 56-year-old Broadmoor player, who has no need to apologize to anyone for a career that includes a national senior championship, five Pacific Northwest titles, four Washington state championships and five Seattle crowns.

But the Pacific Northwest Golf Association hall-of-famer, one hole down to her 28-year-old clubmate after a fine morning 18, played like a 22-handicapper after the break. It wasn't bad luck, it was plain terrible golf.

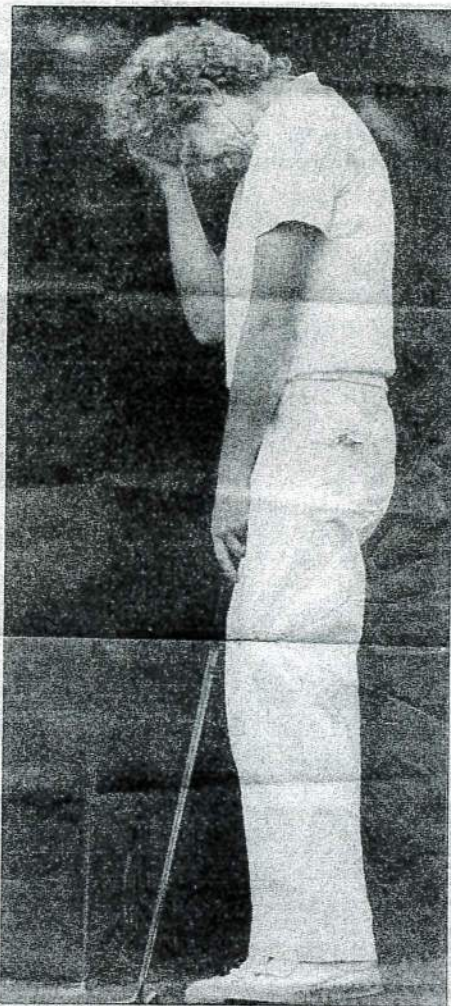
On the 248-yard, par-4 second hole, Ihlanfeldt twice hit into trees and twice landed in bunkers before conceding the hole when she still had not reached the green in six strokes. On the 160-yard seventh hole, she hit her tee shot perhaps 120 yards and bogeyed. She reached just one of her final 10 greens in regulation and had only two pars, one of those coming on a 22-foot putt.

"I just can't believe it," said Ihlanfeldt. "To play as well as I did this morning, then stop for a half-hour and it's like somebody else is in your body. And I couldn't get them out."

"I don't want to take anything away from Mimi, but she had no competition this afternoon."

No one could take anything away from Racicot, who might well have beaten the Ihlanfeldt who usually shows up at the golf course.

The 28-year-old Racicot played the final 10 holes even par on a golf course that yielded nothing all week. Her pars were generally routine, but the one bogey and one



State champion Mimi Racicot holds her head in amazement after stroking in a birdie from just off the eighth green.

trating. You have to maintain concentration and keep yourself steady."

Racicot, Ihlanfeldt meet for golf title

Mimi Racicot of Broadmoor defeated Michelle Wooding of Fircrest 4 and 3 yesterday in the championship flight of the Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament at Sand Point Country Club.

Racicot will meet Edean Ihlanfeldt of Broadmoor, who defeated Linda Fuller of Sahalee 4 and 3, in today's match finals.

In the first flight, Sue Ursino of Sahalee defeated Michelle Watson of Sahalee, 2 and 1. Ursino will tee off against Pat O'Brien of Bellingham today. O'Brien defeated Liz Colver of Overlake on the 19th hole in semifinal play.

Jani Japar of Meridian Valley defeated Dee Hanich of Everett 5 and 3 in the second flight. She will face Lisa Gohrick of Fircrest, who defeated Janice Whiting of Wenatchee 6 and 5.

Racicot rolls to WSWGGA title

By Dan Raley
P-I Reporter

The match-play finals of the 60th annual Washington State Women's Golf Association Championship yesterday surprisingly turned up a mismatch.

Paired were two former titleholders who play out of the same club and count each other as good friends. But that's where the similarities ended as Mimi Racicot soundly defeated Edean Ihlanfeldt

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9 and 8 at Sand Point Country Club.

Racicot and Ihlanfeldt, both from Broadmoor Golf Club, had played even through the first 12 holes. Then Racicot, a 28-year-old sports physical therapist, captured the next two holes to take the lead for good and won eight of the last 10 to clinch her second state title

in three years.

Four-time winner Ihlanfeldt (1961, '62, '63 and '75) finished as runnerup for a fourth time. The 67-year-old golfer, a legendary figure in local circles, had a rare off day.

Racicot, in earning her state title, defeated Sahalee's Michelle Watson 5 and 4, Fircrest's Dana Heffernan 2 and 1, Fircrest's Michelle Wooding 4 and 3 and Ihlanfeldt. Heffernan, a recent Arizona State University grad, had entered as the defending state champ.

"It's probably as good this summer as it's ever been," said Racicot, a Riverside, Calif., native who played at UCLA.

She cited a new-found weight-training regimen and tips from long-time teaching pro Billy Derickson as possible reasons for her steady play. And Ihlanfeldt.

"Edean's helped me actually," said Racicot. "She's an incredible teacher. She knows my swing."

Too well.

- The European Ryder Cup team wins for the first time on U.S. soil.
- A year after serving as a caddie for Ken Green during the 1986 event, Mark Calcavecchia wins the PGA Honda Classic.
- Greg Norman is victimized in another major by another "hole-out." This time it's Larry Mize holing a pitch shot to win a playoff for the Masters.
- Liz Culver is named to the USGA Mid-Amateur Committee. She serves for three years.

1987 Champion



JULIE RALLS

Sahalee Country Club

(collegiate team: San Jose State University)

From THE OLYMPIAN, July 25, 1987... "Julie Ralls likes to play golf. She likes lollipops just as much. She enjoyed both of them at the WSWGGA championship Friday. Sucking a lollipop throughout most of the 35 holes... Ralls won with long drives, but her most appealing aspect was her lollipops. She almost never was seen without one. She loves them so much that a boy carried a bag full of candy. 'I went through several suckers,' Ralls said. 'I don't know how many, but I had to send people out to my car for more. It's not a superstition, I just like them... It's a depressing thought for my stomach and teeth,' she explained. 'I haven't been to the dentist lately. I've been hesitant to go.'"

Runner Up: Ann Johnson

Medalist: Julie Ralls

Host: Olympia Golf & Country Club

Ralls captures State Women's Golf crown

By Ken Ruppert
Olympian staff writer

Julie Ralls likes to play golf. She likes lollipops just as much.

She enjoyed both of them at the Washington State Women's Golf Association Championship at the Olympia Country and Golf Club Friday.

Sucking a lollipop throughout most of the 35 holes, Ralls defeated Ann Atwood Johnson in the match-play tournament championship finals, two and one. It was both golfers' first appearance in the state tourney.

Ralls won with long drives, but her most appealing aspect was her lollipops. She almost never was seen without one. She loves them so much that a boy carried a bag full of the candy.

"I went through several suckers," Ralls said. "I don't know how many, but I had to send people out to my car for more."

"It's not a superstition, I just like them. I have them all the time, not just on the golf course."



Women golfers hit links as state tourney begins

Body English: Ann Swanson tries to help her putt drop Monday.

- LPGA Pro Lori Garbacz orders a pizza between holes at the U.S. Women's Open to protest slow play.
- Curtis Strange becomes the first player to win over one million dollars in a single season.
- The Ladies European Tour (a European version of the LPGA) is established.
- Seve Ballesteros wins seven tournaments (including his third British Open) each in a different country.
- Ann Swanson and Mimi Racicot finish third and fifth, respectively, in the Women's Washington State Open in Pasco, Washington.
- Judy Hoetmer is inducted into the University of Washington Hall-of-Fame.

1988 Champion

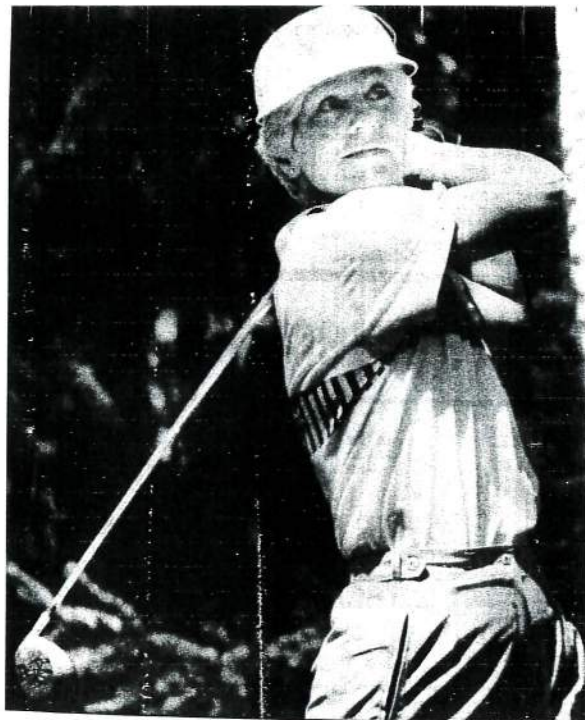


ANN SWANSON

Sand Point Country Club

Swanson Sizzles on Greens: "Ann Swanson calls her third WSWGGA championship the best of all. 'I think this victory was the sweetest, because I feel I'm probably a little more accomplished player than when I won the first time, plus the competition is much better than when I first started out,' she said... 'I putted very well all week.' The key putt came at the 27th hole where she made a par-saving 10-footer."

Runner Up: Mimi Racicot
Medalist: Tarie Pharr Bennett
Host: Twin Lakes Golf & Country Club



ANN SWANSON of Sand Point swings for a Washington State Women's Golf Association championship Friday at Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club. Swanson defeated Mimi Racicot from Broadmoor in the championship flight.

Swanson wins golf title

Ann Swanson from Sand Point defeated Mimi Racicot of Broadmoor, four and three, to claim top honors at the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship at Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club Friday.

The match between Swanson and Racicot in the championship flight marked the end of five days of heated competition.

In addition to the championship flight, there were other winners named.

Jani Japar (Meridian Valley) won the first flight over Tarie Bennett (Glendale) on the 19th hole. Barbara Nelson (Walla Walla) defeated Grace Walker (Royal Oaks), three and two, in the second flight.

Judy Howell (Rainier) defeated Electra Koeniger (Skagit), 1-up, in the third flight with Mary O'Donnell (Overlake) defeating Joan Davidson (Meridian Valley), 2-

up, in the fourth flight. Dione Nichols (Twin Lakes) defeated Mary Jo Uhlman (Fircrest), five and three, in the fifth flight and Betty Wells (Glen Acres) ousted Sara Seward (Skagit), 2-up, in the sixth flight.

Pat O'Brien (Bellingham) conquered Lil Schmidt (Fairwood), on the 19th hole in the seventh flight while Florence Rutherford (Lakeview) beat Karol Deidel (Sand Point), 1-up, in the eighth flight.

Ninth flight winner was Janet Dobbins (Olympia), who beat Ruth Sobotta (Wenatchee), three and one, with Connie Parks (Twin Lakes) beating Cindy Ostrom (Twin Lakes), two and one, to take the 10th flight.

ROSEMARY AUSTIN (Twin Lakes) captured the 11th flight over Gerry McKee (Twin Lakes), three and two.

Patty Neiklejohn (Glen Acres) defeated Nobuko Iwamura (Rainier), 1-up, in the 12th flight and Robert Britt (Royal Oaks) was the winner in the 13th flight over Jean Yates (Oakbrook), four and three.

Nancy Murphy (Twin Lakes) took the 14th flight over Jerene Holt (Meridian Valley), five and four, with Jesse Eshelman (Wenatchee) defeating Dot Budinich (Sand Point), 1-up, in the 15th flight.

Margaret Soden (Twin Lakes) took the 16th flight over Marilyn Juranich (Twin Lakes), 1-up, while Susie Rens (Twin Lakes) claimed the 18th flight victory over Louise Serber (Everett).

This marked the first time in its 20-year history that Twin Lakes has hosted the WSWGGA championship. The WSWGGA consists of 39 private golf clubs within the state.

Women's tourney finalists play today

Ann Swanson from Sandpoint and Mimi Racicot of Broadmoor will square off today in the championship flight final match to determine the winner of the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship at Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club.

Swanson and Racicot will play 36 holes of match play with the two finalists scheduled to tee off for the first 18 at 9 a.m. and then again at 1 p.m. for the second 18.

Swanson reached the finals by defeating Lisa Smith of Tacoma, 4-3, on Thursday, while Racicot beat Christy Dodel from Sandpoint 5-4, the same day.

One day earlier in quarter-final match competition, Racicot went 24 holes against Ann Johnson from Meridian Valley before winning on the sixth sudden-death playoff hole. Swanson was a winner over Linda Fuller in another quarter-final match.

In other championship flight matches, Lisa Smith defeated Liz Culver (Overlake), and Christy Dodel defeated Audrey Wooding of Fircrest.

This is the first time that Twin Lakes has hosted the prestigious WSWGGA championship tourney. The WSWGGA consists of 39 private golf clubs within the state.

Swanson defeats Racicot for third state links crown

P-I Staff

FEDERAL WAY — Ann Swanson, ignoring her runner-up hex, captured the 62nd Washington State Women's Golf Association Championship yesterday with a 4 and 3 win over Mimi Racicot yesterday at Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club.

It was the third state title for the 36-year-old Swanson, who previously won in 1973 and '81.

In the match-play format, Swanson, who plays out of Sand Point Country Club, defeated Meridian Valley's Carole Holland, Sahalee's Linda Fuller, Tacoma's Lisa Smith and Racicot. It was Swanson's first win over Fuller, the pre-tourney favorite, in four years.

Former champs to golf for state women's title

- Curtis Strange wins his second straight U.S. Open, the first back-to-back winner since Ben Hogan in 1950-51.
- The Ben Hogan Tour is launched by the PGA to serve as a feeder for the PGA Tour. It will later be called: The Nike Tour, Buy.Com Tour, and Nationwide Tour.
- Liz Culver wins the Pacific Northwest Women's Senior championship at Uplands Golf Club.
- Ann Swanson wins the Seattle Women's Golf Association City championship with a broken leg in a walking cast. She goes on to win the WSWGGA title also wearing the walking cast. In recognition of her achievements, SPORTS ILLUSTRATED includes Ann in its "Faces in the Crowd" feature.
- The Northwest Cup matches are launched with Ann Swanson named Captain.
- Edean Ihlanfeldt is inducted into the University of Washington Hall-of-Fame.

1989 Champion



ANN SWANSON

Sand Point Country Club

From the SPOKANE CHRONICLE, July 22, 1989... "The next time the WSWGGA folks decide to hold a tournament, they might demand that Ann Swanson wear casts on BOTH legs. And maybe an arm or two, too. 'I'm really thrilled...', said Swanson... 'When this cast went on, I never dreamed I would even play in the tournament.' She didn't just play in the tournament, she dominated it, never having to go past the 16th hole to win her matches."

Runner Up: Liz Culver

Co-Medalists: Ann Swanson & Mimi Racicot

Host: Manito Golf & Country Club

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The Northwest Cup 1989 - 2002

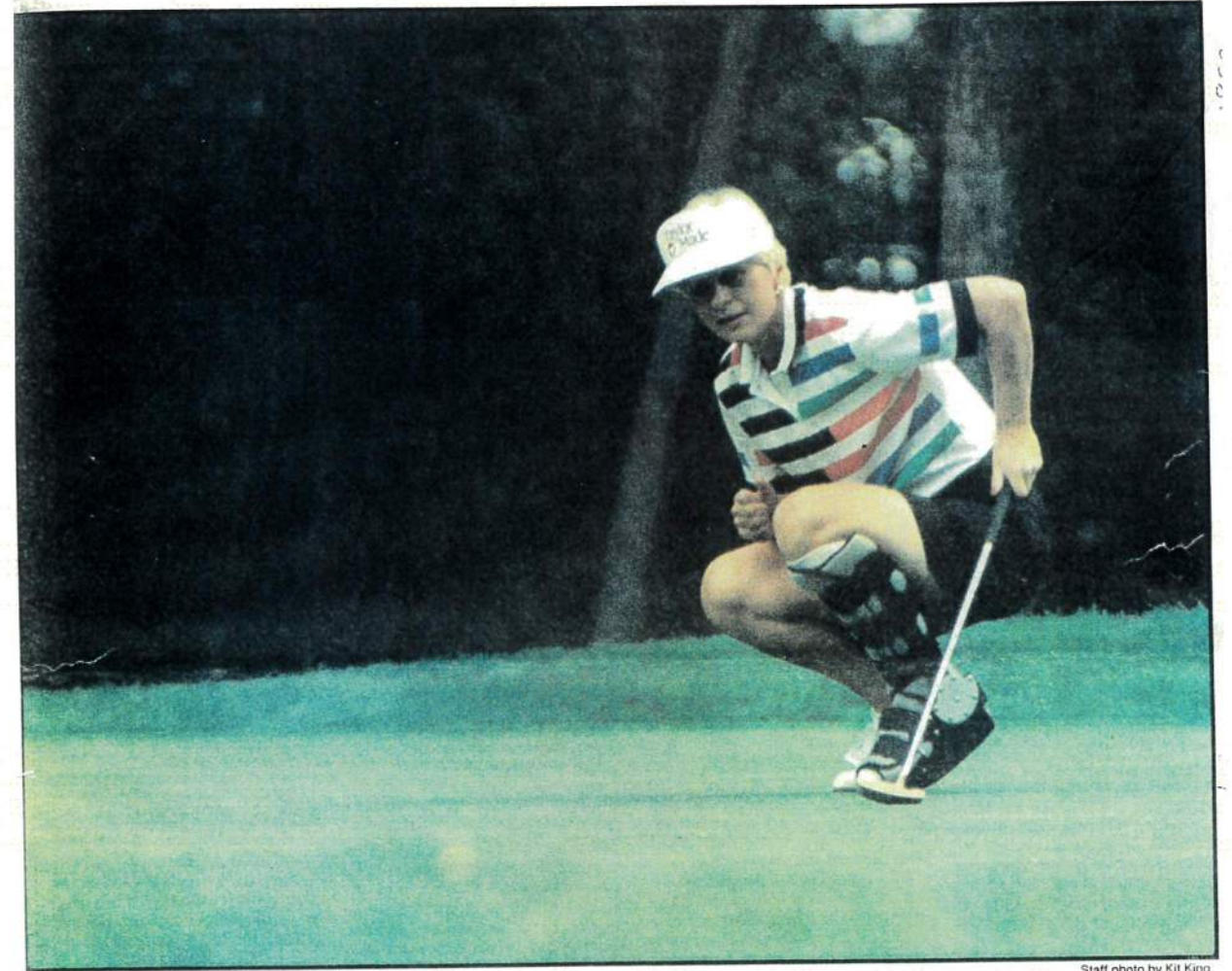
The Northwest Matches began in 1989 when Lois Botham of the British Columbia Golf Association presented the idea to Mary Ellen Ries, Executive Secretary of WSWG. The event would consist of annual team matches between the two associations.

The inaugural event was held at Glendale Country Club. Mary asked Ann Swanson, current WSWG champ to organize the matches and captain the team. WSWG won, represented by Liz Culver, Lorianne Johns, Mimi Racicot, Anne Quast Sander, Lisa Smego, and Ann Swanson. After the first competition was a rousing success, Lois Botham, Ann Swanson and WSWG President, Liz Culver, met to establish the rules.

It was to be called The Washington-British Columbia Cup (changed to The Northwest Cup in 1994) and, like the Ryder Cup for men and the Curtis Cup for women, would use two-ball and four-ball matches, three points per match, played on sites that would alternate between Washington and British Columbia.

The matches continued until 1994 when British Columbia bowed out. The annual event and format continued with matches between the WSWG and The Oregon Golf Association (organized by Ms Swanson specifically for that purpose). In 1999, when Ann stepped down as organizer and captain, Jani Japar and Mimi Racicot very graciously agreed to take over and run the matches. In 2002, the annual event was discontinued.

WASHINGTON STATE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT: DOWN TO TWO



Defending champion Ann Swanson had reason to celebrate after advancing to today's 36-hole match play final.

Finals pairing: Age vs. injury

Culver, Swanson will play 36 holes

By Dave Boling
Staff writer

Having advanced to today's Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament finals, Liz Culver has started to wonder what she's doing there.

"I have got to have rocks in my head to think I can compete with these kids," said the 56-year-old Culver, a Bellevue golfer with a 6 handicap.

Culver, who will meet defending champion Ann Swanson in a 36-hole final match today at Manito Golf and Country Club, scored a 1-up win over Sue Ursino Thursday.

Her round of 77 largely invalidates Culver's protests of being too old to compete against "the kids."

"We had an excellent match and battled back and forth all day," Culver said. "We both played very well."

Culver flirted with disaster on Manito's two showcase water holes — No. 9 and No. 18. On 9, she fired an approach shot that hit the water but skipped up onto the fringe.

On 18, meanwhile, her second shot cleared the pond in front of the green by barely a foot. She rolled in an 18-foot putt — when all she needed was a two-putt to win the match — to put Ursino away.

Ursino shot a 35 on the front nine, but slipped to a 43 with a couple three-putt greens on the back.

Culver happily noted the historical implications of her win, as she has played in the finals in 1969, 1979 and now, 1989. Happy, that is, until she remembered she lost the final matches in '69 and '79. In 1970 and '72, though, she came away with titles.

Swanson, too, has been in the finals so many times she couldn't exactly remember how often it has been. Three times, she captured the tournament title.

Thursday, she downed Jani Japar 3 and 2 (leading three holes with just two to play).

"I would say I played pretty consistent and steady today," said Swanson, who is seemingly unhampered by the cast on her left leg that protects a stress fracture.

Japar, a 4-handicap player from

Kent, said she was "just awful" Thursday. "I didn't hit one shot to the green. My little buddy over there (Swanson) was very nice to me on the last few holes, she didn't just drive the knife in when she could have."

Culver shrugged when asked about her approach to what could be a draining 36-hole final.

"I think it's probably a concern for both of us: her because of her leg and me because of my age," Culver said. "It will definitely be a factor if it's hot."

Culver would probably prefer it rain. Since 1971, she has run a company that produces rain gear of her own design. And if Culver has not made it to the LPGA, her clothes have, as they have been selected as the official rain wear of the tour.

Swanson, Culver in finals

SPOKANE — Defending champion Ann Swanson of Bellevue, who plays out of Sand Point, and Liz Culver of Overlake advanced to the final round of the Washington State Women's Golf Association championships Thursday at Manito Country Club.

Swanson, a three-time champion, defeated Jani Japar of Meridian Valley 3 and 2, and Culver beat Sue Ursino of Sahalee 1-up.

Swanson and Culver will play 36 holes today for the title.

YOUR MOTHER
must be so proud



Ann and Ruth Swanson

State champ Swanson 'refused to feel negative' about injury

"Going the Rounds" with Rick Anderson

Ann Swanson was at the peak of her golfing form this spring when she rolled a wet artificial turf tee.

Slipping in the middle of her swing, the Aberdeen native felt something give in her left leg. The diagnosis was a stress fracture of the tibia, the leg's big bone.

"I'm kind of thinking to myself, 'there goes my summer,'" Swanson recalled.

Instead, it's been the best summer of Swanson's distinguished amateur golf career. Playing despite a heavy walking cast on her left leg, she won her second Seattle city amateur last month and her fourth Washington Women's Golf Association championship last weekend.

It's the first time the pro shop manager at Bellevue's Glendale Country Club, has won the Seattle and state titles in the same year.

"I don't think golf is a test of your muscle and nerves, but a test of your inner self," she said on a Harbor visit earlier this week. "I basically refused to allow myself to feel negative about (the injury)."

SHE WAS examined by an orthopedic surgeon in Seattle, who gave her the green light to play. That knocked her out of qualifying for the U.S. Women's Amateur and Open, since walking is mandatory in United States Golf Association sponsored events, but meant she could play in state tournaments.

Next, she consulted with Joe Golia, in which she was allowed to determine if playing with a cast would cause irreparable harm to her swing.

"The first thing I wanted to know was, 'Does it hurt when you swing,'" Golia, the pro at Highland Golf Course in Cosmopolis. "She said no, so I said if she was willing to try it, we'd make some adjustments."

ONE obvious difficulty concerned her stance. The cast elevated her left



Swanson

leg two inches higher than her right. "(Joe) told me it's going to be like hitting off an uphill lie every shot for 18 holes," said Swanson. "I know how to hit off an uphill lie, so we went from there."

Golia advised her to take one more club on fairway shots, employ a three-

quarter swing and make frequent use of punch shots.

"The biggest problem has been balance and also mobility," Swanson related. "You've got very little mobility. What it's taught me is to be very precise and very exact throughout the shot. I've had to think and concentrate twice as hard."

"Being mentally disciplined helps a lot, which I am," the blond Aberdeen product added.

SWANSON has actually gone three for three in tournaments entered since the accident.

She teamed with Linda Fuller of Redmond to set a tournament record in the Kitsap Invitational Best Ball prior to the Seattle event.

"When I won city, I was surprised as anyone," Swanson admitted, (the time of the state tournament, (the cast) was basically a part of me."

Swanson admitted she had a tough time during the Seattle event more rain during the Seattle even more round made her balance made it into the precarious and she barely made it into the match play competition. But the weather improved and she encountered no further difficulty.

And the Manito Golf and Country Club in Spokane, the site of the state amateur, is predominantly flat.

Golia noted that an injury such as Ann's can also pose a psychological barrier for match play opponents.

"The funniest comment I heard during one of the tournaments was, 'I don't know if it's worse to be beat by somebody in a cast or to beat somebody in a cast,'" said Swanson.

THE CAST is scheduled to be removed soon and Swanson plans to try to qualify for the U.S. Mid-Amateur, a tourney for women between the ages of 40 and 55, next month.

"She's swinging as good as I've ever seen her," said Golia, who has been Ann's principal instructor for 25 years. "She's working hard at her and she's very dedicated to the game."

Swanson only laughed when asked if she had tips for golfers wearing a walking cast.

"I think I know what it's like for a handicapped person now," she said. "But I think I've proved you can play with adversity."

NORTHWEST CUP MATCHES WSWGA MEMBERS

1989 (versus British Columbia)

Liz Culver (Overlake)
Lorraine Johns (Allenmore)
Mimi Racicot (Everett)
Anne Sander (Broadmoor)
Lisa Smego (Tumwater)
Ann Swanson (Sand Point), Captain

1990

Tarie Pharr Bennett (Glendale)
Liz Culver (Overlake)
Jani Japar (Meridian Valley)
Mimi Racicot (Everett)
Lisa Smego (Tumwater)
Ann Swanson (Sand Point), Captain

1991

Tarie Pharr Bennett (Glendale)
Jani Japar (Meridian Valley)
Nicole Materne (Spokane)
Mimi Racicot (Everett)
Lisa Smego (Tumwater)
Ann Swanson (Sand Point), Captain

1992

Tarie Pharr Bennett (Glendale)
Sara Berlin (Twin Lakes)
Lisa Smith Newman (Tacoma)
Mimi Racicot (Everett)
Ann Swanson (Sand Point), Captain
Sue Ursino (Sahalee)

1993

Tracy Cone (Royal Oaks)
Amy Elieff (Inglewood)
Caroline Spigelberg (Oakbrook)
Valerie Stull (Sand Point)
Ann Swanson (Sand Point), Captain
Sue Ursino (Sahalee)

1994

Tarie Pharr Bennett (Glendale)
Carole Holland (Meridian Valley)
Lisa Smith Newman (Tacoma)
Caroline Spigelberg (Oakbrook)
Ann Swanson (Sand Point), Captain
Sue Ursino (Sahalee)

1995 (versus Oregon)

Tarie Pharr Bennett (Glendale)
Mendy Cooper (Tacoma)
Lisa Smith Newman (Tacoma)
Caroline Spigelberg (Oakbrook)
Ann Swanson (Sand Point), Captain
Sue Ursino (Sahalee)

1996

Sheree Golden (Inglewood)
Carole Holland (Meridian Valley)
Caroline Spigelberg (Oakbrook)
Ann Swanson (Sand Point), Captain
Pat Terry (Wenatchee)
Sue Ursino (Sahalee)

1997

Jani Japar (Meridian Valley)
Lisa Smith Newman (Tacoma)
Mimi Racicot (Everett)
Ann Swanson (Sand Point), Captain
Pat Terry (Wenatchee)
Sue Ursino (Sahalee)

1998

Tarie Pharr Bennett (Glendale)
Patty Curtiss (Fircrest)
Jani Japar (Everett)
Mimi Racicot (Everett)
Ann Swanson (Sand Point), Captain
Sue Ursino (Sahalee)

1999 - No Match

2000

Anne Carr (Fairwood)
Jani Japar (Everett), Co-Captain
Kim Kleppen (Meridian Valley)
Mimi Racicot (Everett), Co-Captain
Lisa Smego (Indian Summer)
Sue Ursino (Sahalee)

2001 - Cancelled



2000 WSWGGA Team

1993 WSWGGA Team



- The women's golf equivalent of The Ryder Cup is launched. It is named "The Solheim Cup," in honor of PING founder Karsten Solheim.
- For the first time since Jack Nicklaus accomplished the feat, a player wins both the U.S. Amateur and the NCAA championship. Phil Mickelson is that player.
- Ann Swanson becomes the third player in WSWGGA history to win three consecutive state titles. She also captures her third Seattle City title.
- Former champ, Liz Culver of Overlake Golf & Country Club serves as WSWGGA president.

1990 Champion



ANN SWANSON

Sand Point Country Club

From the Aberdeen DAILY WORLD, July 28, 1990... "Ann Swanson's bid for a fifth state women's amateur championship nearly crashed and burned before it was barely launched.... Seven holes into her first match play, Swanson found herself three down. 'That's when I really dug inside myself and I think that's when my mental training really helped,' Swanson recalled..."

Runner Up: Amy Elieff

Medalist: Mary Jo Uhlman

Host: Overlake Golf & Country Club



Elaine Thompson/Journal America

Ann Swanson wins third straight WSWGGA title.

Swanson defends title

Ann Swanson of Bellevue withstood a challenge from Amy Elieff of Bothell Friday to defend her title in the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship at Bellevue's Overlake Golf and Country Club.

Swanson, the pro shop manager at Glendale but who plays out of Sand Point, edged Inglewood's Elieff 3 and 1 to win the title for the third straight year.

The match was close all the way and was tied after 27 holes. Swanson pulled away and was 2-up going into the 17th and next-to-last hole of the afternoon round in the 36-hole championship flight final. Elieff, a sophomore-to-be and member of the women's golf team at the University of Oregon, needed a match-tying birdie. But she bogeyed, and Swanson claimed her fifth WSWGGA title.



Toasting the Champion



Champion Ann Swanson and President Liz Culver

- Callaway introduces the "Big Bertha Driver." Mark Brooks is the first player to win on the PGA tour using a Big Bertha, which becomes the best-selling club in golf history.
- John Daly's prodigious drives are the talk of the golf world when he wins the PGA championship after making the field as an alternate.
- A 20-year-old amateur named Phil Mickelson wins the Northern Telecom Open, a PGA tour event.
- Glendale Country Club's Tarie Pharr Bennett wins her first Seattle Women's Golf Association City championship. She will win again in 1998.
- Sand Point Country Club's Ann Swanson begins a 16-year appointment as Washington State representative to the Women's Trans National Golf Association.
- Edean Ihlanfeldt and Pat Harrop-Schumacher win the PNGA Senior Team championship.
- Mimi Racicot is appointed to the USGA Mid-Amateur Committee; she will serve for 5 years.

1991

Champion



MIMI RACICOT

Everett Golf & Country Club

(collegiate teams: UCLA & Cal State Long Beach)

From THE COLUMBIAN, July 28, 1991... "Mimi Racicot maintained her composure just enough Friday to hold off a familiar opponent winning the championship flight... The Racicot-Swanson matchup was thrilling from start to finish as Swanson played Racicot even over the final 18 holes, but couldn't overcome her opponent's early four-hole advantage... Swanson whittled Racicot's lead down to one hole three times in the final six holes, but Racicot responded each time with clutch shots to upset Swanson."

Runner Up: Ann Swanson

Co-Medalists: Ann Swanson & Suzanne Monson

Host: Royal Oaks Golf & Country Club

Contestants: 144



MILAN CHUCKOVICH/The Columbian
Mimi Racicot blasts a shot out of the sand at Royal Oaks.

Racicot holds off Swanson to garner title

By LOREN WOHLGEMUTH, Jr.
The Columbian

Mimi Racicot maintained her composure just enough Friday to hold off a familiar opponent, winning the championship flight of the Washington State Women's Golf Association Championships at Royal Oaks Country Club in Vancouver.

Racicot, runner-up in the 1989 state tournament, carded a 2-up decision in the 36-hole match-play format to beat five-time state champ Ann Swanson and win her third state title.

From that point, Racicot's confidence suffered several setbacks as she took two bogeys and a double-bogey in three holes to let Swanson back into the match.

Swanson then three-putted the 14th hole, but came back on 15 with a par.

A double-bogey on 16, including another three-putt, pushed Racicot's lead back to 2-up with two holes to go.

Women's golf title at stake

Two aces highlight Women's Association play at Royal Oaks

By NELSON P. HOLMBERG
The Columbian

The Washington State Women's Golf Association championship kicked off Monday at Royal Oaks with a touch of safari.

With 94-degree heat and models of African animals covering the course — including the tee boxes — the championship flight for this week's tournament was set.

Suzanne Monson of Yakima Country Club and defending state champion Ann Swanson of Seattle's Sand Point Country Club finished their rounds with three-over par 77s to lead the field. Swanson and Monson tied for medalist of Monday's round.

Tooey Clifford of Seattle Golf Club fired a 69 net to take the top spot in the low-net category. Her 79 gross score put her in the championship flight.

Paula Weihe of Bellingham Golf and Country Club shot a four-over 78 to qualify with Amy Elieff of Inglewood Golf Club in Seattle.

The highlight of the day featured two holes-in-one by two different golfers.

Monson hit a hole-in-one on the 139-yard eighth hole using a seven iron. Marty Bussell, out of Walla Walla Country Club, took only one shot with her six iron and aced the 109-yard fifth hole.

Grace Walker, a former Royal Oaks club champion, and Gail Dils, the current Royal Oaks champ, were the only local entries to make the championship flight. Each each shot an 82 in Monday's play.

The tournament has attracted the 144 lowest handicap women in the state to Royal Oaks.

Other golfers who made the championship flight include Sue Ursino of Sahalee Country Club in Redmond, who had a round of 79; Tarie Bennett of Bellevue's Glendale Country Club, with an 81; Mimi Racicot of Everett Golf and Country Club, who also shot 81; Wannie Chung from Mill Creek with an 82; Jani Japar of Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent with an 82.

Christy Dodel of Sand Point, Sharon Johnston of Fircrest Golf Club in Tacoma, Suzi Stone from Spokane Country Club and Lorianne

Johns out of Fircrest all shot 83s to be added to the championship flight.

A six-player tie at 83 forced a sudden death playoff round to be played to determine the final four golfers to make the field.

The remaining 128 players will be seeding in eight flights for the start of match play, which began today.

- Raymond Floyd becomes the first player to win on The Senior Tour and The PGA Tour in the same year.
- Tiger Woods becomes the first player to win the U.S. Junior Amateur in consecutive years.
- In winning the LPGA Championship, Betsy King becomes the first player to post sub-70 rounds in an LPGA major.
- Rainier Golf & Country Club's Carole Holland wins the Pacific Northwest Senior Women's Championship.
- Ann Swanson wins the National Club Championship in Scottsdale, Arizona with the final round televised on ESPN. She will finish in 2nd place on two more occasions.
- Swanson is also inducted into the NWAACC Sports Hall-of-Fame as the first female to play on a Northwest community college men's golf team (Grays Harbor College).

1992 Champion



ANN SWANSON

Sand Point Country Club

From THE DAILY WORLD, July 29, 1992... "I was pretty overwhelmed," Swanson acknowledged. "Every time you win, it's a different feeling and winning is a very personal thing." This was a victory Swanson hardly took for granted. Tendonitis had forced her off the links for two months last winter. "In this tournament, I seemed to snap out of it," Swanson related. "I was very focused all week." ...Her putting and confidence improved considerably after holing a 20-foot downhill with a three-foot break to halve the 21st hole, a shot she considered the match's turning point."

Runner Up: Sara Berlin

Co-Medalists: Ann Swanson and Donna Holmes

Host: Seattle Golf Club

Contestants: 144 (32 qualifiers for Championship Flight)

Entry Fee: \$100.00



GILBERT W. ARIAS/P-I
Ann Swanson studies a shot during her WSWG victory.

Swanson wins state again

P-I Staff

Ann Swanson of Bellevue won 10 of the final 15 holes yesterday to defeat Sara Berlin of Federal Way 3 and 2 for the 65th annual Washington State Women's Golf Association title at Seattle Golf Club.

Swanson came back from four down after 19 holes in the 36-hole match to win her sixth WSWG championship. Berlin, 18, a 1991 graduate of Federal Way High School who competes for Oregon State Univer-

sity's women's golf team, admitted pressure got to her. "After 27 holes I was a wreck," she said. "The morning round I felt steady, then I got tired and nervous. This is the first time that I have played in front of a gallery. This is all brand new."

It's old hat for Swanson, an assistant professional at Bellevue's Glendale Country Club. Besides her WSWG titles in 1973, '81, '83, '89, '90 and '92, Swanson is also a six-time runner-up.



Swanson wins National Club Championship

Swanson meets Berlin

By Journal American staff

SEATTLE — Ann Swanson of Bellevue will vie for her sixth Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament championship today when she meets first-time entrant Sara Berlin in the match play final at the Seattle Golf Club.

The veteran Swanson, who plays out of Sand Point Golf Club, defeated Sahalee's Sue Ursino 4-and-3 in Thursday's tournament semifinals. It was her fourth straight match-play victory in the week-long tournament, after tying for the top score of 76 in Monday's 18-hole qualifying round.

An assistant pro at Bellevue's Glendale Country Club, Swanson has already won the state tournament five times.

Berlin, a 1991 graduate of Federal Way High who plays at Oregon State and represents the Twin Lakes Golf and Country Club of Federal Way, downed Tacoma's Lisa Smith-Newman, 1-up, in the other semifinal.

Today's championship match consists of two 18-hole sessions.

Swanson wins sixth state title

Bellevue golfer comes from behind to beat Berlin

By Mike Moore
Journal American Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Ann Swanson had just lost two holes in a row to fall four holes behind 18-year-old Sara Berlin in the final of the Washington State Women's Golf Association match-play championship at Seattle Golf Club Friday.

The veteran had the youngster right where she wanted her.

Swanson, taking heart when a late-arriving putter finally kicked into gear, quickly erased Berlin's lead and went on to a 3-and-2 victory and her sixth state title.

Swanson, the venerable, 40-something assistant pro at Glendale Country Club, lost the final hole of the morning round, then dropped the afternoon opener—both owing to faulty chip shots.

She was down, but definitely not out.

"That (being well behind) can be a real inspiration," said Swanson, who broke out of her morning funk in a big way, winning eight of the next 12 holes to turn the tables on Berlin, the Oregon State University sophomore-to-be who was playing in her first state tournament.

"I figured I just had to reach down inside myself, believe in myself," said Swanson. "I've played enough to know that you never give up. I refuse to give up."

Going four down might have been a wake-up call. She won No. 20 (the second hold of the afternoon) when Berlin's drive sailed into the trees on the right while she played in textbook par-4.

The key, though, was the 21st hole, where she rescued herself from a potential disaster with—at long last—a seeing-eye putt.

After driving into trees and having to punch back into the fairway, Swanson knocked her third shot 12 feet past the pin, while Berlin lofted a chip within about 3 feet. Swanson had to make the putt, a tricky, breaking downhill, to avoid dropping back into a four-hole deficit.

She guided it in, forcing Berlin to make her putt to halve the hole.

"The real key was the putt I made on three," said Swanson, who admitted

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she was beginning to lose confidence in her putter during the morning round. "That was the definite turning point."

From there, Swanson won the next five holes in a row with routine pars, while Berlin's putting—which, like the rest of her game, had been rock solid in the morning—began to abandon her.

Berlin, a Federal Way High School graduate representing Twin Lakes, said she felt things starting to unravel when she belted a lag putt about 14 feet past the hole and three-putted.

"All I had to do there to tie the hole was two-putt," said Berlin, who beat defending state champ Mimi Racicot of Everett on her way to the final. "I think that probably did it."

That hole knocked Berlin's lead down to one, and Swanson was sprinting. She didn't come up for air until she led by two, and eventually stoked her advantage up to four holes.

Berlin's putter did make a return appearance on the 33rd hole, when she staved off elimination by draining a 40-footer for par, obliging Swanson to make her 6-footer to avoid any damage.

But that putt—perhaps the day's most brilliant shot—also led to Berlin's undoing. She was so unnerved by the putt, and the reaction to it by the gallery of some 150 spectators, that she putt her drive on the par-3 34th hole into the water well left of the green. Swanson played it safe and settled for the halve to give herself an unbeatable edge with two holes left to play.

"I've never played where people followed," said Berlin, who up until about a year ago wouldn't even allow her own parents to watch her play. "I have to get used to this."

Swanson, a Bellevue resident who represents Seattle's Sand Point Country Club, said there was plenty of motivation to pick herself up off the carpet and try a comeback after her discouraging morning round.

"I really wanted to win this one



Ann Swanson reacts as a key par putt heads for

WSWGA title. "I believe that's the record, or at least ties it."

Plus, she just plain didn't want things to keep going the way they had been against the upstart Berlin.

"I always say, I might get beat, but I'm not gonna get killed," said Swanson. "I'm not gonna lay down and die."

"My putter was missed a lot."

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Local women WSWGA CHAMPIONSHIP At Seattle Golf Club

Here are championship flight qualifiers in the tournament, which begins match-play eliminations today:

Ann Swanson, Sand Point	76
Donna Holmes, Royal Oaks	76
Mimi Racicot, Everett	77
Suzi Stone, Spokane	77
LoriAnne Johns, Fircrest	77
Jani Japar, Meridian Valley	78
Debbie Brady, Inglewood	78
Paula Weihe, Bellingham	78
MaryJo Uhlman, Fircrest	78
Amy Elieff, Inglewood	79
Liz Culver, Overlake	79
Sue Ursino, Sahalee	80
Carole Holland, Mer. Valley	80
Gail Dils, Royal Oaks	80
Pam Hubbard, Yakima	81
Patty Curtiss, Fircrest	81
Tarie Bennett, Glendale	81
Lisa Newman-Smith, Tacoma	81
Sara Berlin, Twin Lakes	81
Lee Fesler, Rainier	81
Gayle Colello, Rainier	82
Tana Wyrick, Tri City	82
Regina Koh, Inglewood	82
Sharon Johnston, Fircrest	83
Janice Whiting, Wenatchee	83
Judith Fawcett, Inglewood	83
Dee Hanich, Everett	83
Nancy Halin, Sahalee	83
Lynda Adams, Grays Harbor	83
Shirley Serwold, Mill Creek	83
Sally Maher, Sahalee	83
Sandra McLaughlin, Manito	84

- "Softspikes" are introduced, signaling the demise of metal ones. Softspikes are easier on the golf course, particularly the greens.
- Playing in his first event as a professional, Phil Mickelson wins the PGA tour Buick Invitational.
- Bernhard Langer wins the Masters playing a Persimmon driver. He would be the last player to win a major using a wood driver. By the end of 1993, most equipment manufacturers will make only metal drivers.
- Jani Japar wins the Pacific Northwest Sectional qualifying medal to compete in the USGA Mid-Amateur championship.
- Connie Guthrie wins the Pacific Northwest Senior championship.

1993

Champion



ANN SWANSON

Sand Point Country Club

From INSIDE GOLF, October 1993 and THE WENATCHEE WORLD, August 1, 1993... "Not once. Twice. Or even three times. Ann Swanson has won the WSWGGA title for a record-breaking seventh time. Swanson admits she once considered turning professional... She said she's glad she decided to retain her amateur status. 'Golf has given me so much, the opportunity to travel and meet people,' she said. 'The best thing about amateur golf is the camaraderie among the contestants.'"

Runner Up: Wannie Chung

Co-Medalists: Ann Swanson & Sue Ursino

Host: Wenatchee Golf & Country Club

Contestants: 144

Defending champ leads amateur field

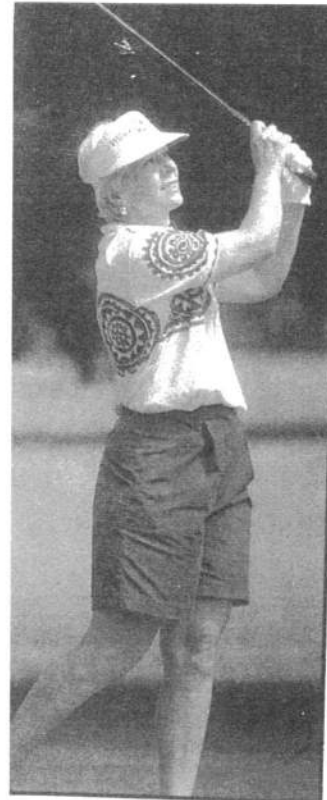
EAST WENATCHEE — Defending champion Ann Swanson of the Sand Point Country Club in Seattle shared medalist honors Monday in the qualifying round for the 66th annual Washington State Women's Golf Association State Amateur at the Wenatchee Golf and Country Club.

Swanson, a six-time winner who was playing in the second group off the first tee in the morning, shot a 9-over-par 81 to share low gross honors with Sue Ursino of the Sahalee Country Club in Redmond.



Co-Medalists Sue Ursino and Ann Swanson

Another final for Seattle golfer



World photo/Don Seabrook
Ann Swanson

Washington's First Lady of golf does it again and again



Not once. Twice. Or even three times. Ann Swanson has won the Washington State Women's Amateur title for a record-breaking seventh time.

In the final match at Wenatchee Golf and Country Club, Swanson defeated Winnie Chung of Mill Creek Country Club. Chung, a 1975 winner, has claimed the Mill Creek club championship seven times in the last seven years.

On the 14th hole, Swanson was up 4 holes with four holes remaining. Chung finished with a 3-over-par 75, while Swanson finished with a 3-over-par 75.

Swanson is a finalist in the U.S. Amateur, North-South Amateur, Canadian Amateur, the International 4-Ball Championship and the North-South National Amateur Championship.

In 1989 she broke her leg, and with a walking cast propped to win the Washington State and Seattle City championships.

When asked if she had ever considered turning professional, Swanson claimed that she did give some thought after reaching the final of the U.S. Amateur in 1976, but was told she had missed her amateur status.

OSU star ousts local favorite in golf tourney

■ Jan Whiting among WG&CC winners in consolation flight play.

EAST WENATCHEE — Sara Berlin was a late entry into the 66th annual Washington State Women's Golf Association State Amateur.

She's certainly made the most of her opportunity.

Berlin, of the Twin Lakes Golf Club in Federal Way, advanced to today's semifinals with a 1 up victory Wednesday over Pat Terry from the host Wenatchee Golf & Country Club.

Berlin, a 5-handicap who plays at Oregon State University, wasn't added to the field until the weekend because another golfer canceled. Her mother, Carol Berlin, was eliminated with a second-round loss Wednesday in the 15th flight.

The younger Berlin was scheduled to face six-time and defending champion Ann Swanson of the Sand Point Country Club in today's semifinals. Swanson defeated Mary Sue Serwold from Mill Creek Country Club 1 up Wednesday.



World photo/Don Seabrook
WG&CC's Pat Terry

The lady is a champ

■ Swanson earns record seventh title in women's State Amateur.

By GENE WARNICK
World sports writer

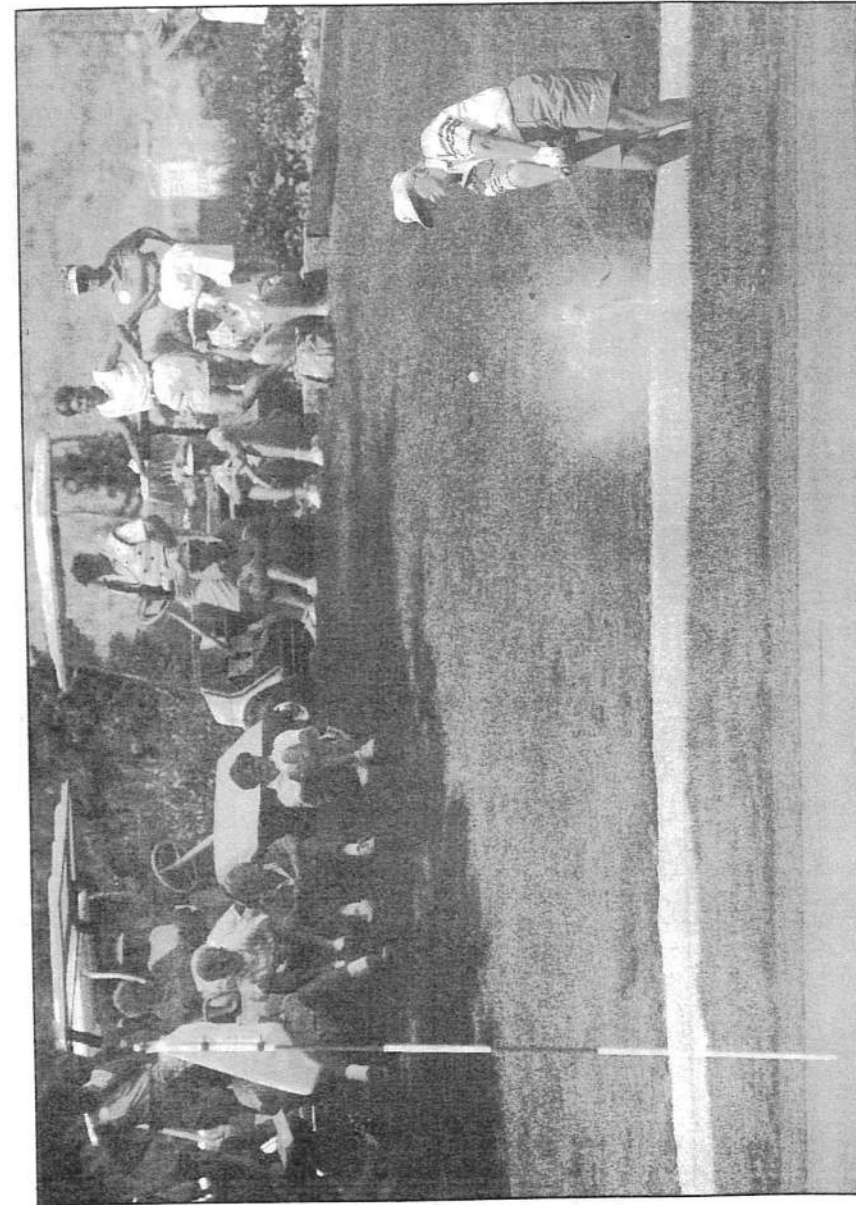
EAST WENATCHEE — With all her trophies and accomplishments on the golf course, one might think Ann Swanson would occasionally lack for incentive.

Never.

Swanson, of the Sand Point Country Club in Seattle, posted a record seventh women's State Amateur title Friday at the Wenatchee Golf & Country Club, defeating Wannee Chung of Mill Creek 3 and 1 in the 36-hole championship match.

"I've been thinking about that (the record) for a long time. I got my batting average up to .500 now," said Swanson, who along with seven titles also has seven runner-up finishes since first competing in the tournament in 1967. "I've had a lot of years coming in second place, so it's always nice to win."

It was merely the latest in a long line of amateur triumphs for Swanson, who is also a two-time Oregon state champion, three-time Seattle city cham-



World photo/Don Seabrook
Sand Point CC's Ann Swanson blasts out of a sand trap Friday on her way to a record seventh women's State Amateur title.

Swanson and has been a finalist in the U.S. Amateur, Canadian Amateur, North-South Amateur and International 4-Ball Championship.

Swanson admits she once considered turning the professional, after reaching the finals of the U.S. Amateur in 1978. She said she's glad she decided to retain her amateur status.

"Golf has given me so much, the opportunity to travel and meet people," she said. "The best thing about amateur golf is the camaraderie among the contestants."

from Chung, a 5-handicap whose claim to fame is having won the club championship at Mill Creek each of the last seven years.

Chung felt she was so deficient in match-play experience that she entered the recent Pacific Northwest Golf Association tournament at the Kitsap Country Club in Bremerton just to play a few matches.

"I didn't want to give her (Swanson) an easy game," Chung said. "She is a cham-

Chung seemed to become the fan favorite, not only for her underdog status, but also because of her bubbly personality.

The two players were even after nine holes before Swanson took the lead by winning the 10th, 13th and 17th holes despite scrambling for pars. Chung rebounded to win the 18th hole with a par to finish the first round 2 down.

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- *Playing at his beloved Oakmont, Arnold Palmer makes his final appearance in the U.S. Open.*
- *The President's Cup is played for the first time. It is modeled after The Ryder Cup, but pits the U.S. Team against the International Team, comprised of players from outside Europe. The U.S. wins the inaugural event.*
- *Annika Sorenstam joins the LPGA tour. She does not win a tournament, but is named Rookie-of-the-Year.*
- *Ann Swanson finishes as runner-up in the International Tournament of Club Champions.*

1994

Champion



LISA SMITH NEWMAN

Tacoma Country & Golf Club

(collegiate team: University of Arizona)

From THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN, July 30, 1994... "Tarie Bennett played the perfect host to her best friend all week. Unfortunately for Bennett, she couldn't quite shut the hospitality value off in time Friday. The Bellevue resident spotted her ol' pal Lisa— her house guest all week — a five-hole lead in the first nine holes... and ended up losing 5-and-4 on Bennett's home course.... How close are Newman and Bennett? They were present at the births of each other's children; Bennett was maid-of-honor at Newman's wedding to former Glendale assistant pro Doug Newman, and claims that her parents, Jo and Rocky Pharr, set the couple up for their first date."

Runner Up: Tarie Pharr Bennett

Medalist: Ann Swanson

Host: Glendale Golf & Country Club

NOTABLE – 1994

Received from Lisa J. Newman in March, 2012:

Hi Ann,

Great to talk with you the other day. Gathered what I could on '83 and '94 for you. Better coverage in '94. It was fun to look back at such great times and good friends.

I always dreamed of being a 2-time champion, perhaps more... but never imagined I would become a 2-time cancer survivor as well. I hope to get back to golfing more in my 50's as I look to the great champions such as yourself still competing and enjoying golf at a high level.

Championship golf and cancer survivorship require some of the same unique characteristics... positive attitude, strong will, determination and, most importantly, all made possible and worthwhile by the love and support of family and friends.

Enough 2-bit philosophy. I know your tournament will be a great success because you are running it.

Love to you and all!

Lisa



Lisa Newman follows through on a tee shot en route to winning the state tournament over Tarie Bennett.

From Journal American reports

Swanson shoots top qualifying score

BELLEVUE — Defending champion Ann Swanson of Bellevue fired a 77 Monday to post the top qualifying mark in championship flight qualifying at the Washington State Women's Golf Association Championships at Glendale Country Club.

Swanson, who golfs for Sand Point Country Club, has won the tournament a record seven times.

Last year's runner-up, Wannie Chung of Mill Creek, shot a 78 and tied with Sara Berlin of Twin Lakes as the No. 2 qualifiers.

Woodinville's Angie Cates, a 1994 Redmond High graduate bound for Washington State University this fall, is among four golfers at 79. Also at 79 are Penny Knowles of Broadmoor, Sue Ursino of Sahalee and Lisa Newman of Tacoma.

Also in the 16-person championship flight are Liz Culver of Overlake, Nicole Jacobson of Inglewood, Tarie Bennett of Glendale, Mary Sue Seriwold of Mill Creek.

Four-time champ Edean Ihlantfeldt of Broadmoor was one of two golfers eliminated in a sudden-death playoff for the final spot after shooting an 83. Match play begins today, with the finals set for Friday.

Newman wins friendly final

New state champ jumps to early lead and beats Bennett

By Lenny Anderson
P-I Reporter

A friendship not even golf could put asunder stayed alive and well through 32 holes yesterday at Bellevue's Glendale Country Club.

Lisa Newman of Pendleton, Ore., and the Tacoma Country and Golf Club won her second Washington State Women's Golf Association championship by defeating her best friend, Tarie Bennett of the host club, 5 and 4.

In keeping with the weather, Bennett's game was cool in the morning and hot in the afternoon. Newman went up by five during the first 18 holes and Bennett was forced to play catchup.

"I felt I just had to play a steady game in the afternoon," Newman said. "I played very steady today."

The two have been friends since

junior golf. Bennett won the two previous matches against each other.

"We've been looking forward to this for years," Newman said.

Bennett's anticipation ran into a cloud of bogeys.

"I buried myself on the front nine," she said.

When she attempted to battle back, Newman turned her own game up a notch. Bennett birdied the 12th hole on the afternoon round, but Newman sank a 15-footer for a par of her own.

"I want to buy that putter," Bennett told her friend after the match.

The friendship that began in junior golf has grown through the years.

Newman was introduced to her husband Doug by Bennett's parents, Jo and Rocky Pharr.

When Lisa gave birth to a child, Tarie was there and vice-versa. During the tournament, the Newmans were house guests of the Bennetts.

"It got a little awkward around

the house this morning — that was the only time," Bennett said.

The camaraderie of the two finalists survived not only the test of a pair of birdies on the 30th but the waning pursuit and strengthening lead during the final two holes.

The end came in a trade of bogeys on the final hole of the day. Bennett needed a par to win it and to keep her chances alive.

Newman had every right to a bad day.

She came to the championship flight with two hours' sleep after spending the night with an ailing baby. The Newman's son, Scott, celebrated his first birthday Thursday by gorging himself on birthday cake and the entire family paid the price.

On hand at the finish was Doug Newman, Lisa's husband, former assistant Glendale pro now the pro at Pendleton. The new champion was eligible for this tournament through her membership in the Tacoma Country and Golf Club. Her previous championship came under her maiden name of Lisa Smith.

Friends meet for state golf title

P-I Staff

Tarie Bennett and Lisa Newman have dreamed of playing for a championship against each other for almost 20 years. Today it comes true.

The two long-time friends square off for 36 holes of match play to determine the Washington State Women's Golf Association Championship at Bellevue's Glendale Country Club.

"We've dreamed of this all the time," said Bennett, who is hosting Newman at her house.

The pair tee off at 9 a.m. for their first 18 holes, with the second 18 beginning at 1 p.m.

Bennett, playing on her home course, beat seven-time state champion Ann Swanson 3-and-1 yesterday in the semifinals. Bennett was the runner-up in 1981.

Newman, who now lives in Pendleton, Ore., earned her sec-

ond final appearance with a 5-and-4 win over Sara Berlin. Newman won the WSEGA title in 1983.

"We've been best friends since we were 14 years old," Bennett said. "Hopefully it will be fun and we'll both play well. I hope I can put our friendship on one side and my competitive nature on the other."

The two have met in competitive play twice with Bennett winning both.

Baby provides winning perspective

Lisa Newman finds success, fulfillment on the golf course and at home

By BILL ANDRUS
of the East Oregonian

Can having a baby improve your golf game?
The answer for Lisa Newman of Pendleton is, apparently, yes. Newman, the mother of 1-year-old Scott, highlighted what has become one of the most successful summers of her golfing career with the championship of the Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament at Bellevue last week.

Newman stayed at the home of life-long friend Tarie Bennett of Bellevue during the week-long tournament — and beat her hostess in the match-play final.

Her convincing 5-and-4 victory came despite the fact that Scott was up sick most of the night before after eating too much frosting at his first birthday party. Newman managed just a couple hours sleep.

"We went down to grandpa's for a birthday party. Scott ate all the icing he could get his hands on," Newman said. Although the Newmans were staying with the Bennetts, Tarie wasn't affected by the crisis, Newman said. "She slept through it. She didn't wake up," Newman said with a laugh.

The 33-year-old Newman won the Washington amateur title once before in 1983. At the time Newman, who grew up in Tacoma, was just finishing her college career at the University of Arizona.

In the years since, she spent several years as manager at an Eddie Bauer store in a mall in Bellevue. She all but gave up golf during that period of her life.

"I was busy on the career track and just didn't have time," Newman said. She and Doug Newman were married five years ago. He was an assistant pro at Glendale Country Club in Bellevue, the site of this year's WSWGGA tournament. He and Lisa were introduced by Tarie Bennett's parents.

The Newmans moved to Pendleton three years ago, when Doug Newman was named the head pro at Pendleton Country Club. Former store manager Lisa Newman's priorities had changed.

"When we moved here we had that goal in mind. We wanted to start a family and get Doug on a good career path," Newman said.

The move to Pendleton also gave her a chance to return to golf and gave her new friends to play golf with. "That was one of the benefits of moving to Pendleton. I could resume playing and practicing, it was kind of a goal I had," Newman said.

The Newmans also benefit from her retail experience when she helps in the pro shop with buying, merchandising and doing the books, which Newman said she works at on a "part, part, part-time basis."

With work, marriage and now with Scott, Newman's perspectives on golf and life have changed a lot since her college days.

"I'm more patient and I have a better perspective that just comes with maturity. I think in college I just put so much pressure on myself that I



Lisa Newman shows off her 1-year-old son Scott and the Golf Association Tournament. Newman won the Washington championship trophy from the Washington State Women's amateur championship for the second time last week.

"At the awards ceremony Doug ran over to Tarie's to pick the baby up and came back ... everybody just gave them a standing ovation when they walked in the room. It was just so cute."

Lisa Newman

began to not care about the game as much," she said.

She met new pressures in her career at Eddie Bauer.

"The corporate offices are in Redmond right next door (to Bellevue) there, so I was under the eye a lot," she said. "I think that just helped me to be able to handle pressure."

Having Scott, and taking him to tournaments, just adds to the fun. At

Glendale Country Club in Bellevue last week, Scott had recovered from his bout with birthday-cake icing by the end of the final round.

"It was so much fun. At the awards ceremony Doug ran over to Tarie's to pick the baby up and came back and, oh, everybody just gave them a standing ovation when they walked in the room. It was just so cute," Newman said.

The baby also helps in lending focus to her golf and her life.

"Well you see, that just puts it all in perspective right there. I mean, you come home and there's the dirty diapers..." said Newman, who seems to have a natural tendency to happiness and laughter, a tendency that often breaks through when she makes those kinds of observations.

"I think it makes my practice time more efficient. You just have this time frame, you just have to plan in much more detail," Newman added.

Newman developed her game during her years at Arizona, one of the nation's top collegiate women's golf powers.

"The competition there was really tough. Most of my teammates are on the tour now," she said.

- The Golf Channel debuts on U.S. television.
- Annika Sorenstam's first LPGA tour win comes in the U.S. Women's Open.
- For the first time a major international golf competition, "The World Cup of Golf," is played in China.
- Liz Culver is inducted into the Pacific Northwest Golf Hall-of-Fame.
- After a twenty-two year hiatus, Sahalee's Sue Ursino wins her third Seattle Women's Golf Association City championship. She successfully defends her title in 1996.
- Sue Ursino, Debra Doles, and Ann Swanson are selected to represent Washington State at the inaugural USGA state team championship played at Disney World.

1995 Champion



ANN SWANSON
Sand Point Country Club

From BACK NINE, October 1995... "Ann Swanson scored a 'Hard Way Eight' in Renton when she beat Lisa Newman for the WSWGGA championship. Swanson won her eighth championship. The 36-hole finale ended on the 29th hole of the sun-drenched Fairwood Country Club.... Heralded by her peers as one of the Pacific Northwest's finest women amateur golfers ever... the win for the diminutive Swanson was her sixth victory in the last eight championships. She has been runner up seven times."

Runner Up: Lisa Smith Newman
Medalist: Carole Holland
Host: Fairwood Golf & Country Club

LOCAL GOLF NOTEBOOK

Swanson continues reign as state's queen of greens

By CRAIG SMITH
Seattle Times staff reporter

Talk about dominating a tournament. Ann Swanson's recent victory in the Washington State Women's Golf Association Championship marked the sixth time she has won it in eight years.

Swanson has won the tournament, which is for private-club players, a record eight times, dating back to 1973. She has been the runner-up seven times.

Her proudest victory was in 1989, when she played in a walking cast. She traveled the course in an electric cart and said every shot "was like hitting on an uphill lie."

Swanson also wore the cast when she won the Seattle Women's Golf Association City Championship that same summer. She has won the city tournament four times.

Swanson manages the golf shop at the Seattle Golf Club and is a member of the Sand Point Country Club.

An Aberdeen native, she was runner-up in the 1978 U.S. Women's Amateur and won the national club championship tournament in 1992. She has played in three U.S. Women's Opens and the British Amateur.

Swanson notches eighth state title

RENTON — Ann Swanson's magic number is now eight.

The former Aberdeen resident racked up a record eighth Washington State Women's Golf Association

championship with an 8 and 7 rout of defending champion Lisa Newman of Tacoma in Friday's title match at Fairwood Country Club. Details of

the match were not reported.

The title was the sixth in the past eight years for Swanson, who now lives in Bellevue and plays out of Seattle's Sand Point Country Club. She had won her first two state titles in 1973 and 1981.

She is also a former National Club champion and has captured three Seattle city titles. A former Grays Harbor College and Seattle University player, she is a member of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Sports Hall of Fame.



Swanson



Defending champion, Lisa Newman, displays outstanding sportsmanship as she congratulates Ann Swanson after Swanson beat Newman 8 and 7 at Fairwood in Renton for this year's state championship.

Profile: Ann Swanson

Winning Comes From Hard Work

by Leo M. Chandler
"The Old Caddie"

It is no little coincidence that one of the best golf shop manager in the Pacific Northwest is also one of the regions finest female amateur golfers.

Ann Swanson, pro shop manager at Seattle Golf Club, is a champion amateur golfer as defined by the U.S.G.A. standards but she is a bona fide professional when it comes to merchandising high quality golf fashions and golf equipment.

The pro shop at Seattle Golf truly glistens with thoughtful merchandise displays, tempting members and guests to brighten their golfing wardrobes and equipment cache with the newest and brightest fashion items of the day.

Always tastefully attired herself, Ann's pro shop literally smacks of class. And that comes only with years of experience and hard work. "Doing is learning," Ann feels.

Ann Swanson is in her second year at Seattle Golf Club, managing one of the regions finest and oldest established private golf facilities. She is blessed to be associated with some very able and well-experienced assistant P.G.A. pros: Art LaGried, Mike Barnett, and John Domann.

Members of Glendale Golf and Country Club, have nothing but the highest praise for Swanson's retail professionalism. Ann was with Glendale for seven years and her work was outstanding. The pro shop was a source of pride to members while Swanson managed it.

Merchandising high fashion golf apparel and golf equipment is not that for which Ann Swanson is most famous. No! It is her playing ability and accomplishments as a golf player for which she will be most remembered.

A 1992 community college sports hall of fame inductee (she, like Spokane's Connie Gutherie at Gonzaga University, played on the "men's" golf team), Ann Swanson has won the Washington State Women's Amateur Championship seven times, "count 'em—seven times", and twice she has won the Oregon State title. Ann is also a six time Southern Oregon champion and twice won the Oregon Coast Championship. She won the 1992 National Club Championship and the list goes on.

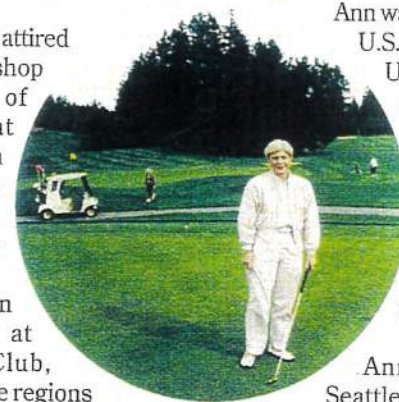
Ann was a finalist in the 1978 U.S. Amateur, a five time U.S.G.A. qualifying medalist, a North-South amateur, Canadian amateur and International Four-Ball finalist. She won the Seattle City Amateur Cup three times.

A tough competitor, Ann won both the Seattle Amateur and the State of Washington titles while playing in a walking cast after breaking her leg.

A certified neuro-thera-specialist, Ann also has a private practice counseling athletes in training their brain for better concentration and consistency.

Throughout Ann's remarkable career, from her five years as an assistant coach at the University of Washington to Edean Ihanfeldt, an icon in women's sports history, to her induction into Sand Point Golf and Country Club's Hall of Fame, she has been highly acclaimed. "The most touching tribute", Ann confessed, "was when I was presented with an honorary club membership at Sand Point G&CC recently."

The singularly highest rewarding



aspect of her golf experiences, however, comes from her involvement with youth and junior golf. Many of the young men and women with whom she has worked early in their lives are now golf pros, teachers, successful moms and dads and good citizens making contributions to their communities. Time spent with kids, Ann feels, is invaluable, rewarding and fun.

Her work ethic, her winning attitude, and her merchandising gifts come directly from her family. Ann's grandfather, C.O. Swanson commenced a grocery business in 1905 which today her dad, Carl Swanson and her uncle, Chuck Swanson, administer. The thriving grocery business also includes a wholesale division servicing most of Washington State and parts of Oregon. The Swansons have the Pacific Northwest's oldest family owned grocery business still in operation today.

Ann not only comes with some very competitive roots, but she pays the price to be where she is today. Hard work. ♣

Editors note: Back Nine golf magazine commences a special tribute with this issue to WOMEN IN GOLF. Researched and written by Leo M. Chandler, "an old caddie", the articles will pay a special tribute to the women of the Pacific Northwest who have excelled in the golf world.

- Judy Bell becomes the first female president of the USGA.
- The SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER names Ann Swanson "Top Female Golfer in Washington State." Ann becomes the "winningest champ" in WSWG history with her 9th victory.
- The European Tour, Japan Golf Tour, PGA Tour, PGA Tour of Australia and Southern Africa Tour form "The International Federation of PGA Tours." The alignment will lead to the World Golf Championships and the first widely-accepted worldwide golf ranking system.
- Tiger Woods turns pro. He wins two late season PGA tour events and is named "Rookie-of-the Year."

1996

Champion



ANN SWANSON

Sand Point Country Club

From the UNION-BULLETIN, Saturday, August 15, 1996... "Ann Swanson's played in enough of these things to know when she's in trouble and to know when she needs to bear down. So when she was down four holes to Sharon Johnston Friday, she didn't panic. Swanson fired 2-under par over the final 22 holes before clinching her title. 'It never gets old,' Swanson said. 'Every time you win, you kind of wonder if you'll ever have the chance to do it again. All I can say is that I'm enjoying the ride.'"

Runner Up: Sharon Johnston

Co-Medalists: Pat Terry & Sheree Golden

Host: Walla Walla Country Club



A fire that destroyed the Walla Walla Country Club, adjacent to the club's golf course, should not seriously disrupt play at the Washington State Women's Golf Association Championship Tournament that begins Monday. Players will tee off at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Play begins at 8 a.m. Thursday and Friday, except for the championship flight, which will tee off at 9 a.m. on Friday. The public is invited to watch play.

Women's tournament to play through fire

Wind, rain and lightning often sends golfers to the nearest shelter. The recent fire that ravaged the Walla Walla Country Club building, however, should have little effect on play at the five-day Washington State Women's Golf Association Championship tournament that begins at the country club course on Monday.

"It's very unfortunate that this happened, but we plan to continue with the tournament. We can still use the course. We've just had to come of with alternate plans for

space and equipment for the social activities we planned," publicity chairman Mary Lu Johnson said.

Damage to the 73-year old clubhouse, recently renovated at a cost of \$700,000, has been estimated as between \$3 million and \$3.5 million. Minimal damage occurred to the golf course.

A match-play format will be used for the tournament that begins Monday at 7:30 a.m. Players will also tee off at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday, except for the cham-

onship flight, play begins at 8 a.m.

Monday's round will be the qualifying round for the championship flight, which will tee off Friday at 9 a.m. The championship round will be a 36-hole playoff round.

Members of the public are invited to watch the tournament play.

A field of 144 players will participate in the event, including 12 players from Walla Walla. Out of town players began arriving in Walla Walla Saturday and today for registration and practice.

Ann Swanson of Sand Point, Idaho, will be on hand to defend the title she won last year. She also won titles in 1973, 1981, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992 and 1993.

Liz Culver of Bellevue, who won titles in 1970 and 1972, will also be on hand.

The field this year will feature approximately 53 players with handicaps of 12 strokes or less, Johnson said.

The tournament began in 1922 when Mrs. Frank Patterson of

ington State Women's Golf Association. This year's association president is Joanne Dunham of Walla Walla. Dunham is also serving as the tournament chairman.

Players from nine clubs participated in the original tournament. Forty-two clubs will be represented here this year. The tournament rotates among clubs around the state on a regular basis. Walla Walla Country Club held the event

Swanson near 9th state title

Swanson nets 9th state title

WALLA WALLA — Ann Swanson made a ninth state championship look easy Friday.

The former Grays Harbor resident, who now lives in Seattle, repeated as the Washington Women's Golf Association titlist with a 7 and 5 rout of Sharon Johnston of Tacoma at Walla Walla. Details of the match were not reported.



Swanson

Semifinal pairings set in golf tournament

Ann Swanson of Sand Point moved one step closer to defending her title in the Washington State Women's Golf Association State Championship at Walla Walla Country Club Wednesday.

Swanson defeated Pat Terry of Wenatchee 1-up in advance to today's semifinal round of the championship flight.

Swanson was scheduled to meet Angie Cates of Bear Creek this morning. Cates advanced with a 3-and-1 win over Suzi Stone of Spokane. Other quarterfinal winners Wednesday included Sharon Johnston of Fir Crest, a 3-and-1 winner over Bonnie Vaholic of Kitsap; and Sue Ursino of Sahalee, a 6-and-5 winner over Frankie Stephens of Twina Lakes. Johnston and Ursino were also scheduled to play this morning.

The winners of today's semifinal matches will play for the championship in a 36-hole round beginning at 9 a.m. Friday.

Five Walla Wallans advanced toward flight championships during Wednesday's play.

Walla Walla's Helene Chong defeated Rhonda Mazure of Walla Walla 5-and-4; Joanne Dunham of WW defeated Katie Kintner of Mill Creek 1-up; Naomi Fulgham defeated June Rogers of Sahalee 2-and-1; Jackie Minton of WW defeated Diane Truswell of Wenatchee 2-up; and Margy Monahan of WW defeated Bonnie Kuechenmeister of WW 4-and-3.



U-B photo by GREG LEHMAN

Ann Swanson of Sand Point Country Club rimmed out this 10-footer Wednesday, but still played well enough to advance to the semifinals of the WSWGGA state tournament.

No sweat for Swanson en route to 9th WSWGGA title

By DAVE GRUMBOIS

Ann Swanson played in enough of these things to know when she's in trouble and to know when she needs to bear down.

So when the seven-time Washington State Women's Golf Association Champion was down four holes to Sharon Johnston Friday in the best-of-36 match-play championship at the Walla Walla Country Club, she didn't panic. Swanson fired 2-under par over the final 22 holes before clinching her eighth title with a 13-foot birdie put on hole No. 31. Swanson ended up winning the match 7-and-5.

It was the second consecutive win for Swanson and her sixth in the past seven years.

"I never gets old," Swanson said. "Every time you win, you kind of wonder if you'll ever have the chance to do it again. All I can say is that I'm enjoying the ride."

Spreading of rides, Swanson's may have been the difference. While Swanson used a cart during the tournament, Johnston walked. By the end of the first 18 holes, Johnston's fatigue was evident.

"I've had a caddy all week," Johnston said. "I just figured it was only fair to bring her into the finals. I just tried to keep doing what I had been doing and stay in a rhythm."

Johnston said she wasn't used to playing in this kind of heat. "We aren't used to this kind of weather on the west side," Johnston said. "We've been working up to it all week. But I feel as though I've just laundered my clothes, and I'm wearing them wet."

Johnston led by three holes going into the second nine Friday. After both players opened with par on the 10th hole, Swanson birdied No. 11 to cut the lead to two holes. Then the momentum shifted.

On the 12th hole, Johnston marked her ball, then turned and threw the ball to her caddy who was standing just off the green. The ball landed on the green, short of the caddy, and rolled off. Johnston was penalized for testing the green and forfeited the hole to Swanson.

"After having played 13 holes, I certainly wasn't testing the green," Johnston said. "I didn't have anything to do with where my shot was



U-B photo by JEFF HORNER
Ann Swanson (right) raises her arms in victory after sinking a putt on No. 15 to win her second Washington State Women's Golf Association title in 1993. Sharon Johnston, who led early in the final round Friday and finished second, chips from a trap (left).

going or what direction I was hitting. It was a very innocent mistake, but it was very stupid at the time."

Swanson's birdie at the par-3 13th hole deadlocked the score. The players exchanged the lead before Swanson pulled ahead for good on the 21st hole when Johnston bogged. Johnston could not make up any more ground, and Swanson walked away with the victory.

"Sharon's a very good player," Swanson said. "I think she just ran out of steam. It's been not all week, and we're not used to that. It could have gone either way."

Johnston, who was playing in her first state final after 16 years in the event, had no regrets.

"I'm thrilled to have been able to play on Friday," she said. "The competition is so keen; it's a privilege to get to play on Friday. When I put the ball in the last hole on Thursday, I just started shaking. I really couldn't believe it had happened."

Final results of the 1993 Washington State Women's Golf Association state championship at Walla Walla Country Club Friday. Match-play flight, winners and runner-up scores. Note: 36-hole match-play.

SWANSON NINE-TIME STATE CHAMPION



HOW I LEARNED THE GAME



By Ann Swanson

In our suburb of Central Park, Washington, outside of Aberdeen, we didn't have a lot of kids around to play with. My sister and I did all the things our two older brothers did, building tree houses, playing football, basketball and baseball by the hours. I loved sports and dreamed of being a champion at something. Amazingly, it wasn't till age 17 that I found my true passion, golf.

My parents belonged to Grays Harbor Country Club, where my older brother caddied for a short time. One day he brought home two old persimmon woods. He sunk orange juice cans on our very large lawn and made a makeshift golf course. My sister and I began hitting balls as far and as hard as we could.

My mother, always supportive of our interests, signed us up for lessons with the country club pro at the time, Dan Strite. We each used our savings, about \$50, and bought two Wilson Patty Berg starter sets. With a shag bag and a stash of range balls from Dan, I practiced every day that first summer. Thinking back, someone might have called me obsessive, but I was in love with the game. I practiced from 5 a.m., going home only to eat dinner before returning to the

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range till dark. As time went on, Joe Golia came to the club and basically taught me how to play the game.

When I entered Grays Harbor College it was the 1960s. They didn't have a women's golf team. I took the initiative and asked the unusual: "Could I play on the men's team?" They gave me a chance and I became the first girl in the state of Washington to play on a men's community college golf team. It was a character-building experience, but it had its moments. I can still remember the looks I got when my opponents found out they had to play a girl. Not only that, I can still remember the teasing we endured when we showed up in our team jackets with the college mascot on the back. Coming from logging country, the Grays Harbor College teams were called the Chokers! Appreciating the backing I received, I have enjoyed supporting the college's Choker Club and Choker golf teams over the years.

When I grew up in the 1950s and '60s there were no organized sports for girls, but my mother was my major supporter in the beginning and throughout my golfing career. She accompanied me to tournament after tournament. She saw that I had everything I needed for golf. She lived through all my ups and downs. When I turned 19 she surprised me with a brand new set of Ben Hogan irons and woods. I believe her support and the values of hard work she taught me played a definite role in my accomplishments.

Taking those first swings at 17, I wouldn't have believed it if some fortune teller had given me a glimpse into my golf future — becoming a nine-time state champion, winning national titles, playing in the U.S. Women's Open and hobbling on a broken leg to win the Washington State and Seattle City championships in 1989.

Excellence at golf isn't just a matter of physical skill. It takes a great commitment to achieve challenging goals. Now that I have reached many of mine, I realize for me it was largely about an inner, passionate desire to be the best.

Ann Swanson is one of the most accomplished golfers in state history. She's won the National Club Championship, nine Washington State championships, six Seattle City championships and numerous other events while qualifying to play in 22 USGA championships, including three U.S. Women's Opens.

- Tiger Woods first major championship comes with a twelve-stroke win at the Masters.
- When Jack Nicklaus tees off in the U.S. Open, it is his 150th consecutive major championship appearance.
- John Daly is the first player to finish the PGA tour season with a driving distance average of more than three hundred yards.
- Bear Creek's Angie Cates adds the Seattle Women's Golf Association City Championship to her WSWGGA title.
- When Davis Love III wins the PGA championship, he is only the second player to win whose dad was also a PGA professional (Dave Marr was the first).
- Jani Japar, Jennifer Ededer, and Ann Swanson are selected to represent Washington State in the 2nd USGA State Team Championship in Scottsdale AZ.

1997 Champion



ANGIE CATES

Bear Creek Country Club
(collegiate team: Washington State University -
Angie will later coach at Fresno State University)

From THE HERALD, July 26, 1997... "Call her the great entertainer. Jani Japar may have lost in the final of the WSWGGA championship, but she did it in stirring fashion... 'I do a lot of bizarre things on the golf course,' Japar said. 'I'm anything but boring.' Cates was brimming with respect for her older rival. 'She was really hanging in there,' Cates said. 'She would never say die. It's tough to beat eagle, birdie and all the other things she threw in my face.' Japar said the last time she was in a final was 1981 when she won the Seattle City championship. 'My opponent (Angie Cates) was five years old at the time.'"

Runner-Up: Jani Japar
Medalist: Lisa Newman
Host: Mill Creek Golf & Country Club

Mill Creek to host women's state golf championship

By David Pan

Mill Creek Enterprise sports editor

MILL CREEK — The top women golfers in the state are coming to Mill Creek.

More than 140 golfers, including two-time defending champion Ann Swanson of the Sandpoint Golf Club, are expected to tee off at this week's Washington State Women's Golf Association Championship at the Mill Creek Country Club.

As of last week, 144 golfers were registered for the tournament, which will wrap up with a 36-hole match playoff on Friday, July 25. The qualifying round for the championship flight was scheduled to get under way Monday. Match play will continue through tomorrow.

Though she has been battling a pinched nerve in her hip the past two months, Swanson said she is ready to defend her championship.

"I feel pretty good. My game is starting to come around now," she said. "I feel pretty positive. We're starting to get

some nice weather. That always helps."

Swanson, a nine-time Washington State Women's Champion (1973, 1981, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996), is somewhat familiar with the Mill Creek course.

"I've played the course a couple of times before. I won the Ladies Invitational ... about five years ago. So it's been a while," Swanson said. "It's a very tricky golf course. It's an excellent match-play golf course."

Also in the field of 144 are four former champions: Liz Culver of Overlake (1970, 1972), Patty Curtiss of Firecrest (1979), Lisa Newman of Tacoma (1983, 1994) and Mimi Racicot of Everett (1986, 1991).

"The competition gets harder and harder all the time," said Swanson. "Each year it gets tougher."

Sixteen players from the host club will be in the field, including 13-time club champion Wannie Chung.

WASHINGTON STATE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSN. CHAMPIONSHIP

At Mill Creek CC

FINALS

Championship flight — Angie Cates, Bear Creek, beat Jani Japar, Everett, 6 and 5. **First flight** — Sue Ursino, Shahalee, beat Ann Swanson, Sand Point, 2 up. **Second flight** — Carol Holland, Meridian Valley, beat Peggy Dubuque, Mill Creek, 5 and 3. **Third flight** — Sharon Johnston, Fircrest, beat Cynthia Carlin, Everett, 7 and 6. **Fourth flight** — Crystal Baker, Glen Acres, beat Mary Roche, Yakima, 2 and 1. **Fifth flight** — Sara Seward, Skagit, beat Suzanne Monson, Yakima, 3 and 2. **Sixth flight** — Judy Thompson, Meridian Valley, beat Marianne McGhan, Lakeview, 5 and 4. **Seventh flight** — Patti Smith, Longview, beat Joanne Dunham, Walla Walla, 1 up. **Eighth flight** — Linda Tungvik, Twin Lakes, beat Jackie Evenson, Longview, 2 and 1. **Ninth flight** — Judy Rodia, Twin Lakes, beat Marge Freeberg, Clarkston, 4 and 3. **Tenth flight** — Evey Lester, Fircrest, beat Betty Stulgis, Longview, 1 up. **11th flight** — Robin Cole, Yakima, beat Gladys Trzcinski, Meadow Springs, 3 and 1. **12th flight** — Sandy Lingenbrink, Mill Creek, beat Sandy Kelliher, Mill Creek, 1 up. **13th flight** — Helen Kim, Mill Creek, beat Martha Johanson, Everett, in 20 holes. **14th flight** — Katie Stull, Sand Point, beat Helen Schrader, Kitsap, in 19 holes. **15th flight** — Glenda Hunkapiller, Fairwood, beat Judy O'Neal, Royal Oakes, 4 and 3. **16th flight** — Kim Anthony, Glendale, beat Sandy Quisenberry, Kitsap, 1-up. **17th flight** — Ramona Pease, Oakbrook, beat Dot Budinich, Sand Point, 6 and 5.

Cates wins state title

Angie Cates of the Bear Creek Country Club defeated Jani Japar of the Everett Golf and Country Club 6 and 5 yesterday to win the Washington Women's Golf Association title at the Mill Creek Country Club.

Cates, who will be a senior at Washington State, last month won the Greater Seattle Women's Golf Association championship at the Seattle Golf Club.

"I came out of a slump and won two great tournaments this summer," said Cates, who built a four-stroke lead after 18 holes of the scheduled 36-hole match.

The match ended on the 31st hole.

Cates wins Washington State Women's title

MILL CREEK — Bear Creek Country Club's Angie Cates added another golf title to her resume yesterday, beating Everett's Jani Japar 6-and-5 in the championship match of the Washington State Women's Golf Association Tournament at Mill Creek Country Club.

Cates, a scholar-athlete award winner at Washington State University, also won the Seattle Women's Golf Association Championship this summer.

Cates to play for state golf title

MILL CREEK — Angie Cates of Redmond will face Jani Japar today for the Washington State Women's Golf Championship at Mill Creek Country Club.

Cates, representing Bear Creek Country Club, defeated Sahalee's Carol Gile yesterday, 1-up, in match play. Japar defeated Mimi Racicot 5-and-3.



Jani Japar of Everett (right) and Angie Cates of Bear Creek Country Club, await the start of the second 18 Friday during the final of the Washington Women's Golf Association championship at Mill Creek Country Club.

Japar takes second at state tourney

By Fred Sheffield
Special to the Enterprise

MILL CREEK — The weather had been perfect. The course was in marvelous shape all week. Heading into last Friday, the final day of competition in the Washington State Women's Golf Championship, the Mill Creek Country Club had been hosting the perfect tournament. An exciting championship match would make the week complete.

Angie Cates of the Bear Creek Country Club, and Jani Japar of the Everett Country Club did not disappoint.

After both players advanced through a week of match play in the highly competitive championship flight, Cates defeated Japar on the 31st hole of a 36-hole match and was crowned the 1997 Women's State Champion.

With 18 holes left to play, it looked like Japar, who defeated defending champion Ann Swanson on Tuesday, might go down quietly. Cates, a

senior-to-be at Washington State University, already led her older opponent by five holes. Throughout the next nine, the 21-year-old's steady play made it impossible for Japar to cut into the lead.

Japar was not shooting badly but every time she was a little off, Cates made her pay. "I have to take advantage when my opponent is in trouble," Cates said. "It gives me a real opportunity to capitalize."

With nine holes remaining, Cates had capitalized enough to open up a seven-hole lead.

Both players bogied the 10th and as they moved to the par-4 11th. Another lost hole for Japar would mean elimination. With Cates lying two on the green, Japar fired the shot of the tournament and holed-out from 130 yards for an eagle. The gallery of nearly 100 that had been following the twosome erupted into cheers. But there was more to come.

On the par-5 12th hole, Cates found her second shot lying in the middle of the fairway while Japar found hers halfway under water.

Cates landed her third shot safely on the green and it looked like the end for Japar. But the Everett Country Club member was not finished as she splashed a line drive from 70 yards to within 10 feet of the cup. Both players two-putted and Japar had once again sidestepped defeat.

Heading to the 13th, Japar now needed to win every hole to stay afloat. Both players were near the hole in two shots. Japar was 20 feet away on the fringe while Cates was on the green about 15 feet away. In a do or die shot, Japar once again did the impossible and holed out from off the green.

But this time Cates had an answer. She rolled her 15-footer in, matching Japar's birdie and clinching the match by taking a six-hole lead with five holes remaining.

"She really hung in there," Cates said of Japar's final few holes. "She would never say die."

Japar, however, said she has not always been successful in the head-to-head style of match play. "For me this is phenomenal just to get to the finals.

I've had a match play demon on my back for about 15 years."

Cates, who was coming off a win the Seattle City Championship, said she knew she was playing well coming in and the match play format on would help her.

"This competitive edge comes out of me in match play where it doesn't happen in stroke play," Cates said. "Out here I do play my own game. I'm not playing against my opponent at a but I still feel that competitive edge."

As the week of excitement drew to a close, Mill Creek members and tournament coordinators said they felt the tournament had gone well.

"Today it's all worth it, and there's a tremendous sense of relief. During the week there were a few times we were going 'Oh boy,' but right now it's all worth it," said publicity chairperson Carol Wilkinson.

"It's a lot of fun to have members from other clubs get a chance to come and get to know our course," said Mill Creek member Katie Kintner. "It gives us a nice opportunity to show case our club."

- Casey Martin, suffering from a debilitating circulatory ailment that makes it difficult for him to walk, is allowed to use a golf cart at the U.S. Open.
- At age nineteen Se Ri Pak wins the U.S. Open and the LPGA championship. Her success marks the beginning of a wave of Korean players joining the LPGA tour.
- Ann Swanson wins the gold medal for golf in The Washington State Games.
- Future WSWGGA Champion (and police officer) Denise Kieffer begins playing golf.
- Pat Harbottle and Ann Swanson win the PNGA Senior Team championship. They will win it again in 2000.
- 1959 WSWGGA Champion Pat Brewitt of Kitsap Golf & Country Club serves as WSWGGA President.

1998 Champion



Photo courtesy of PNGA

SHARON JOHNSTON

Fircrest Golf Club

From THE KITSAP SUN, August 1, 1998... "Sharon Johnston upsets nine-time champion Ann Swanson to win the WSWGGA championship. 'Surprised you, didn't I,' said a smiling Johnston after her 5 and 3 victory. The 53-year-old champ, who didn't start playing until she was 30, has been playing some of the best golf of her life since adjusting to a new set of clubs (Callaway X12s). Johnston won the match when Swanson 3-putted from 25 feet on No. 15. The players hugged and the gallery erupted in applause. 'I'm floating,' said Johnston when asked how she felt. 'You want to drive my car? I think I can fly home.'"

Runner Up: Ann Swanson

Medalist: Mimi Racicot

Host: Kitsap Golf & Country Club

STATE WOMEN

'Golffest' star turns out to be Johnston

■ Sharon Johnston upsets nine-time champion Ann Swanson to win the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship.

By Chuck Stark
Sun Staff

On the day before EndFest, Tacoma's Sharon Johnston was supposed to be the supporting act at the Kitsap Golf & Country Club.

Ann Swanson, a nine-time champion and seven-time runner-up of the Washington State Women's Golf Association Championships that wrapped up a five-day run Friday, was clearly the headliner of this golffest.

A confident Johnston, however, stole the show, ending it on the 33rd hole.

"Surprised you, didn't I," said a smiling Johnston after her 5 and 3 victory (five holes up with three holes left to play).

The 53-year-old Fircrest Golf Club champion, who didn't start playing until she was 30, has been playing some of the best golf of her life since adjusting to a new set of clubs (Callaway X12s).

"I knew she had the advantage because she's been there so many times, but I knew I could do it if I played well," said Johnston, who lost 6 and 5 to Swanson in the WSWG finals in 1995. "If I didn't make mistakes, it was possible."

The player they call "Swannie," — she has built an amateur record rivaled by few in this state — wasn't expecting much this week.

"I really felt fortunate to get this far," said Swanson, who manages the Seattle Golf Club's pro shop and plays out of Sand Point Country Club.

She has cut back on her tournament play. Plus, a ruptured tendon on the middle finger of her left hand earlier this year kept her off the course for two months.

In addition, the former U.S. National Club Champion and U.S. Amateur finalist, who has never been married, recently became engaged.

"He's a fly-fisherman, so I've been learning to fly-fish," she said.

At times Friday, Swanson, who had played so well earlier in the week, might as well have been using a rod and reel.

"I'm real happy for Sharon, but I'm disappointed I didn't play better," said Swanson, who caught a tree branch and whiffed on one swing while trying to pitch her ball out of the deep rough below the green on No. 4.

Johnston had pushed two shots into the trees on the right



Staff photo by Steve Zugswardt

TITLIST: Sharon Johnston of Tacoma watches her putt on the 14th green fall short en route to winning the Washington State Women's Golf Association Championship Friday at Kitsap Golf & Country Club.

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- David Duvall shoots 59 in the final round of The Bob Hope Chrysler Classic to win by one shot. He and his father, Bob, win tour events on the same day later in the year with Bob winning the Senior PGA Emerald Coast Classic and David winning The Players Championship.
- Payne Stewart wins his second U.S. Open, but is killed in a plane crash later in the year.
- The Pacific Northwest Golf Association celebrates their 100th Anniversary. Northwest golfing legends Anne Quast Sander and JoAnne Gunderson Carner are inducted into the PNGA Hall-of-Fame.
- Pat Lesser Harbottle and Ann Swanson are selected to represent the PNGA in the Historical Centennial matches between the PNGA and the Western Pennsylvania Golf Association. The first leg of the matches (played in Pittsburgh) is intended to be an extension of goodwill between the two associations and their outstanding players. Anne Sander and Sharon Johnston join the team for the final match held at the Tacoma Country & Golf Club. The PNGA defeats the WPGA to win the Centennial competition.

1999 Champion



MOLLY COOPER

Tacoma Country & Golf Club
(collegiate team: Arizona State University)

Runner Up: Jani Japar

Medalist: Mimi Racicot

Host: Meadow Springs Country Club

39 Member Clubs participate

- Tiger Woods wins the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach by fifteen strokes; he later adds the British Open and the PGA Championship, becoming the first player since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win three majors in one year.
- Ann Swanson wins the first SWGA tourney and Anne Carr wins the first WSWGGA title of the new millennium.
- Ann Swanson wins the Pacific Northwest Senior championship and sets a course record 69 in the first round. She goes on to win the 2000 PPGA Senior Player-of-the-Year.
- Jane Harris and Leslie Folsom win the inaugural Washington State Women's State Best Ball championship.
- Ann Swanson wins the inaugural Washington State Golf Association Women's Senior championship. She will win again in 2001 and 2009, and finish as runner-up three times.

2000 Champion



ANNE CARR

Fairwood Golf & Country Club

From the SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER... "Carr wants to do it all. 'I'll take anything on,' she said. 'I love new adventures. I love new places.' This is a woman who used to race a Lotus Europa sports car, has been a national ski patrol member, speaks German fluently, plays the guitar, rides horses, floats rivers, has remodeled homes, became an artist, backpacked alone through Europe, lived in a tent in the Wyoming outback... and much more. Whew."

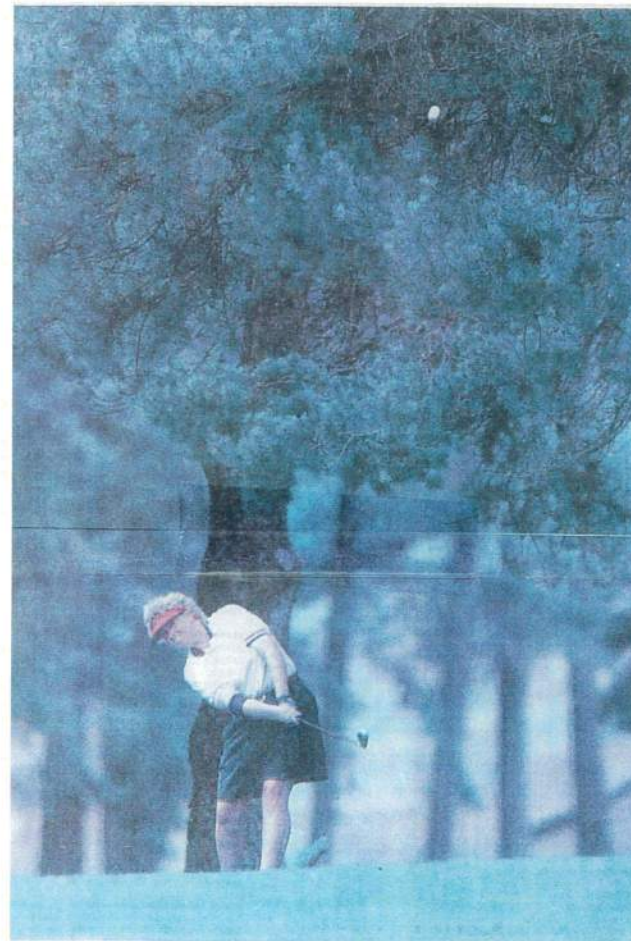
Runner Up: Mimi Racicot

Medalist: Mimi Racicot

Host: Longview Golf & Country Club

WSWGA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Carr drives home with title



Photos by Dave Rubert / The Daily News
Mimi Racicot kicks up some turf on the ninth hole during Friday's championship match.

Champion is wrong, and happy about it

By Rick S. Alvord
THE DAILY NEWS

When Anne Carr woke up Friday morning, she fully expected to lose her 36-hole match against three-time winner Mimi Racicot in the finals of the 74th Washington State Women's Golf Association tournament.

It's safe to say her golf bag didn't exactly run-neth over with confidence.

But a funny thing happened to Carr on her way to accepting the runner-up medal. She won.

Carr couldn't have been more wrong. And she couldn't have been more happy about it.

"Mimi is such a good player and she's always tough to beat. So I didn't give myself much of a chance," said Carr, a 2-handicap golfer from Fairwood Country Club in Renton. "I just didn't want to embarrass myself in front of everyone."

Not much chance of that happening after Carr used a strong front nine in the 18-hole afternoon round to overcome Racicot's slim lead, then held on to win 1-up on the 36th and final hole at Longview Country Club.

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— Anne Carr
WHO BEAT RACICOT
FOR THE WSWGA STATE
CROWN ON FRIDAY

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Anne Carr lines up a shot on the 10th green during Friday's title match at the Longview Country Club.

Carr captures her first WSWGA title



Longview Country Club
Established 1926

- The term "Tiger Slam" enters the golf lexicon when Tiger Woods wins the Masters, making him the first person in history to hold all four of golf's major professional titles simultaneously.
- Annika Sorenstram shoots 59 in the LPGA Standard Register Ping, the first sub-60 round on the LPGA tour.
- The Ryder Cup is postponed after the September 11th terrorist attacks on U.S. cities.
- Anne Carr and Ann Swanson both qualify for the USGA Senior Women's championship. Anne Carr, a website developer, becomes the Cinderella story of the tourney as she takes the legendary Carol Semple Thompson to the 18th hole in the title match. Carr and Swanson are grounded for several days in Sewickley, Pennsylvania due to the events of September 11th.
- Leslie Folsom, Jane Harris, and Mimi Racicot are selected to represent Washington State in the USGA State Team championships.
- Anne Carr is named the PPGA Senior Player-of-the-Year, an award she will win again in 2003 and 2010.
- Sharon Johnston and Pat Harrop-Schumacher win their 3rd PPGA Senior Team championship.
- Ann Swanson finishes 2nd in the WSWGA Championship for the ninth time, becoming the only player in WSWGA history to play in the finals eighteen times.

2001 Champion



JANI JAPAR
Everett Golf & Country Club

Runner Up: Ann Swanson
Medalist: Leslie Folsom
Host: Rainier Golf & Country Club

Japar wins WSWG State Championship

Swanson edged in state final

SEATTLE — Former Grays Harbor resident Ann Swanson took it to the limit but fell short in her bid for an 11th state women's amateur golf championship.

Jani Japar of Everett nipped Swanson, 1 up, in the 36-hole title match of the Washington State Women's Golf Association Championships Friday at the Rainier Golf and Country Club. **Swanson**

Details of the match were unavailable.

Swanson, a member of the Aberdeen High School and Grays Harbor College Hall of Fames, already owns the record for state women's amateur crowns. She now plays out of Seattle Sandpoint Country Club.

She had successfully defended her State Senior Women's Amateur title last month.



Jani Japar Champion and Ann Swanson Runner-Up

- The U.S. Open is played at a public golf course — Bethpage Black — for the first time.
- Julie Inkster becomes the first woman and second golfer in history (Jack Nicklaus was the first) to win a U.S. Amateur and U.S. Open at the same course.
- Walter Morgan, age 61, playing in the Canada Senior Open, shoots a round of 60, setting the record for youngest age shooter on the major professional senior tours.
- Anne Carr and Ann Swanson finish runners-up in the Women's Trans-International Four-Ball championship, losing by one shot in Scottsdale, Arizona. They will finish third in 2006 and 2007.

2002 Champion



JANE HARRIS

Rainier Golf & Country Club
(collegiate team: Arizona State University)

Runner Up: Alisa Wilson
Medalist: Leslie Folsom
Host: Yakima Elks Golf & Country Club

NOTABLE - 2002

"A Spawning Ground for Great Golfers"

2002 marks the 75th anniversary of Sand Point Country Club. In the 1950s, the Pacific Northwest was hailed as the cradle of great women golfers. During a remarkable 13-year period, there were only two years - 1959 and 1967 - when a Northwest woman was not a champion or finalist of the U.S. Women's Amateur.

During that period, it was thought that Sand Point was greatly responsible for the magnitude of the region's success on a national level. The Club's head golf pro, John Hoetmer, was toasted as the maker of champions. Jo Anne (Gunderson) Carner and Johnny's daughter, Judy Hoetmer, were his prize pupils.

Over the years that followed, four other extraordinary golfers: Anne (Quast) Sander, Pat (Lesser) Harbottle, Ruth Jessen, and Ann Swanson were connected with Sand Point, all of them considered some of the finest golfers in the Pacific Northwest.



Local Heroines, from left to right: Anne Sanders, Jo Anne Carner, Pat Harbottle, Ruth Jessen and Edean Ihlanfeldt.
Photo courtesy of the PNGA

Harris Has It Her Way

Seattle golfer bears down, marches to state women's title

By ROGER UNDERWOOD
YAKIMA HERALD-REPUBLIC

SELAH — When the first 18 holes were completed, it appeared the Washington State Women's Golf Association Championship might be decided in one of those nail-biting, down-to-the-wire, cliffhangers.

But then Jane Harris skipped lunch. Instead of replenishing herself nutritionally, she did so technically. She went to the practice putting green and then to the driving range. And when Harris and Alisa Wilson teed it up for their final round of match play Friday, Harris turned a tenuous 1-up advantage into a victory parade.

Making clutch putt after clutch putt, she carved three strokes off par on the Yakima Elks Golf & Country Club's front nine, inflating her lead to five holes and defeating, if not demoralizing, Wilson.

The match went five more holes, but they were mostly a formality. Wilson conceded a short par putt on No. 14, crowning a new champion for this 75-year-old event on a cooler, but breezy afternoon, with a 5 and 4 triumph.

That Harris had stumbled on the back nine of Friday's first round, letting a 5-up lead slip to one, now seemed ancient history.

Her tribulations had gotten her attention, though. Enough so to skip lunch.

"I was going along there," the scratch golfer from Seattle's Rainier Golf & Country Club said, "and all of a sudden everything just went caddy-wampus. My irons were going all over the place and I wasn't making any putts."

From then on, however, Harris was hitting fairways and greens with clockwork regularity and, when most needed, holing just about every makeable putt.

Harris birdied all three par 5s on the front side, and even lost a hole on one of them. That was when Wilson, who plays out of Everett Golf & Country Club, drained a 30-foot eagle putt on No. 4 to reduce her deficit to two holes.

But Harris got that back with a four-foot par putt on the par-3 fifth hole, then won the last two holes of the front side by two-putting for par from 50 feet on the par-3 eighth and canning a 20-footer for birdie on the par-5 ninth.

Wilson, an 8-handicapper who said, "I'm just happy to be playing today and proud to be playing against Jane, to be honest," strained to ignite another rally. But it wasn't to be.



Jane Harris hits out of the sand trap on the 14th hole at the Yakima Elks Golf & Country Club on Friday afternoon. Harris, of Seattle's Rainier Golf & Country Club, went on to win the Washington State Women's Golf Association, beating Everett's Alisa Wilson 5 and 4.

- At age thirteen Michelle Wie wins the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links championship, becoming the youngest winner of an adult USGA championship. She also plays in men's events on the Canadian tour and nationwide tour, but misses the cut in both.
- Annika Sorenstam plays in the PGA Tour Colonial, the first woman to play in a PGA tour event since Babe Didrikson Zaharias in 1945. Sorenstam misses the cut.
- Overlake's Liz Culver is presented with "The Keeper-of-the-Game Award." This is given to individuals who have exemplified golf's core values, and promoted them in supporting the spirit and traditions that make golf such a special game.
- Fairwood's Anne Carr becomes only the second player in SWGA history to win three consecutive Seattle Women's Golf Association City championships.
- Fircrest's Denise Kieffer wins the Puget Sound Women's Golf Association Championship, a title she will win six more times.
- Jani Japar and Mimi Racicot win the Washington State Golf Association Women's State Best Ball championship.
- Linda Fuller and Sue McCoy win the Pacific Northwest Women's Senior Team championship. They will win again in 2004.

2003 Champion



LESLIE FOLSOM

Rainier Golf & Country Club
(collegiate team: Memphis State University)

Runner Up: Anne Carr

Co-Medalists: Ann Swanson, Mimi Racicot, & Jane Harris

Host: Tacoma Country & Golf Club

- Now fourteen Michelle Wie is given an exemption into the PGA tour Sony Open. She shoots 72-68, missing the cut by one stroke.
- Arnold Palmer plays the Masters for the 50th and final time.
- Phil Mickelson birdies the final hole at the Masters to edge Ernie Els by one stroke and win his first Major championship.
- The PGA Championship is played at Whistling Straits and the course gets almost as much attention as the tournament. Whistling Straits is only a few years old, sits dramatically on the shores of Lake Michigan, and features more than one thousand bunkers. Vijay Singh wins the tournament.
- Ann Swanson wins the SGA Senior Amateur Championship of America at Sea Island, Georgia.

2004 Champion



SHAWN FARMER

Sahalee Country Club

(collegiate team: Eastern Washington University)

"Shawn won handily by driving long and putting well. As temperatures soared to 90 degrees, Shawn ended the 27-hole final match 7 & 6. Shawn was a wonderful representative for her home course."

Runner Up: Anne Quast Sander

Co-Medalists: Alana Condon & Shawn Farmer

Host: Broadmoor Golf Club

Farmer outduels Sander in match play

SAHALEE GOLFER BEATS LEGEND FOR WSWGGA TITLE

Wins 7 and 6

BY JOHN BOYLE
Special to The Seattle Times

Sharing Broadmoor Golf Club's first tee with a golf legend, Shawn Farmer couldn't help but be a little overwhelmed.

The 22-year-old from Sahalee got over her nerves, however, and beat Anne Sander of Broadmoor 7 and 6 in the 36-hole final round of the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship.

"It was a little intimidating," said Farmer, a former collegiate player at Eastern Washington. "It was in my head before the round, and my hands were shaking for at least the first three holes. Getting to play against someone like that is incredible, and it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."



Anne Sander won the title twice in the 1950s.

Sander, the "someone like that" Farmer beat, won the 1955 and '56 WSWGGA championships and made a habit of dominating amateur golf in the second half of the 20th century.

Sander has played in the WSWGGA championship only once since her consecutive wins, but she returned because the course held a special place in her heart.

"Broadmoor is very special to me," said Sander, who was inducted into the Pacific Northwest Golf Association Hall of Fame in 1999. "They gave me practice privileges when I was a teenager in Seattle. This has just been a wonderful place for me."

Sander's illustrious career has been highlighted by three U.S. Women's Amateur titles, a British Women's Amateur title, four U.S. Senior Women's Amateur titles and several Curtis Cup team appearances. Sander also appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated in 1959 as one of the country's top amateur golfers.

But in yesterday's final, Sander struggled with her putting and couldn't keep up with Farmer's distance.



BRIAN CASSELLA / THE SEATTLE TIMES

Shawn Farmer looks on as Anne Sander putts in the final of the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship.

"I had the yips off and on all week," said Sander. "She's a beautiful player, though. I would have had to putt really well to have even come close to her."

"I haven't seen such a wonderful display of golf in a long time. She was fantastic."

Despite her putting problems, Sander maintained a sense of humor, at one point asking the gallery if anyone would putt for her after she missed a short par attempt.

With the match all square after 10 holes, Farmer quickly went ahead by winning the 11th, 12th and 14th holes. At the end of 18 holes, Farmer was 3 up but far from comfortable.

"I really felt like the match could have gone either way," said Farmer. "I didn't feel comfortable until the last hole. She's an amazing player and she knows how to win."

win."

Farmer was leading 6 up after 27 holes, thanks in part to Sander's putting woes.

After both players bogeyed the 28th hole of the day, Farmer went 7 up with seven holes to play by parring the next hole. Sanders made par on the 30th hole then conceded Farmer's tap-in par putt.

Farmer wins first WSWGGA crown

Shawn Farmer of Sahalee Country Club defeated PPGA Hall of Famer Anne Sander to win her first Washington State Women's Golf Association Championship yesterday at Seattle's Broadmoor Golf Club. Farmer, the co-medalist in qualifying and a former Eastern Washington University golfer, was 3 up after the first 18 holes and combined long shots off the tee with several critical iron shots to defeat Sander 7 and 6.

- Fifteen-year-old Michelle Wie is believed to be the first female to enter a U.S. Open qualifier. She finishes as third alternate in her sectional. She also advances to the quarter finals at the Men's U.S. Amateur Public Links championship. Shortly after her 16th birthday, Michelle Wie turns professional. Her first event as a pro is the Samsung World Championship where she finishes fourth only to be disqualified for an improper drop.
- Tiger Woods misses the cut at the Byron Nelson Classic, ending his consecutive "cuts streak" at a record 142.
- Ann Swanson, Leslie Folsom, and Lisa Smego are selected to represent Washington State in the USGA State Team Championship in South Carolina.
- Sue Ursino becomes the first player to win three consecutive Washington State Golf Association Senior state titles.
- Ann Swanson wins the SGA Pacific Northwest Championship at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, setting the competitive course record of 68 in the first round.
- Ms Swanson also wins her 7th Seattle Women's Golf Association City championship becoming the "winningest" champion in SWGA history. Swanson was also runner-up eleven times, playing in the finals a record eighteen times
- Ann Swanson and Amy Elieff Walker win the Washington State Golf Association Women's State Best Ball championship.

2005 Champion



LESLIE FOLSOM

Rainier Golf & Country Club
(collegiate team: Memphis State University)

Runner Up: Kari Sampson
Medalist: Amy Elieff Walker
Host: Clarkston Golf & Country Club

Walker starts strong in amateur tourney

With a even-par 72 on Monday, Amy Walker posted the top score at the Washington Women's State Amateur golf tournament at the Clarkston Golf and Country Club.

After a day of stroke play, the five-day, 128-player tournament now switches to match play the rest of the way.

Walker, who hails from Fircrest, Wash., earned the top seed in the 16-player championship flight of the tournament. She'll play Cathy Uptain, who won a seven-women playoff to eke into the top flight.

Kari Sampson, who coaches women's golf at Washington State, finished tied for 10th. She shot an 81.

Gross scores

Round 1 — 1, Amy Walker 72; 2, Jane Harris 75; 3, Sue Ursino 77; 4, Pat Terry 79; 5, Leslie Folsom, Debra Myers, Betty Gilmore, Maurya Radvilas, Linda Tungsvik 80; 10, Kari Sampson, Carol Gile, Denise Kieffer, Sue Chestnut 81.

WSWGA

At Clarkston, WA
(Played at the Clarkston Golf and Country Club.)

Championship Flight

Leslie Folsom (Rainier) beat Kari Sampson (Clarkston) 5 & 4

1st Flight

Carol Gile (Sahalee) beat Frankie Stephen (Twin Lakes) 2 & 1

2nd Flight

Sue Wilcox (Mill Creek) beat Nancy Eglin (Yakima) 1 up

3rd Flight

Catherine Chamberlain (Meridian Valley) beat Joan Schille (Walla Walla) 3 & 1

4th Flight

Crystal Baker (Glen Acres) beat Helen Henry (Clarkston) 2 & 1

5th Flight

Susan Arkell (Rainier) beat Beth Chew (Fircrest) on 20th hole

6th Flight

Laurie McNett (Skagit) beat Dixie Dallas (Bellingham) 1 up

7th Flight

Hallie Marks (Rainier) beat Margy Monahan (Walla Walla) 7 & 5

8th Flight

Diane Anderson (Useless Bay) beat Helen Bear (Glendale) 2 & 1

9th Flight

Sandy Oberg (Bellingham) beat Margaret Smith (Glen Acres) 1 up

10th Flight

Jamie Deak (Glendale) beat Cindy Kirkham (Glen Acres) 5 & 3

11th Flight

Jen DiBiase (Skagit) beat Roberta Pollard (Useless Bay) on the 19th hole.

12th Flight

Elva Osborne (Clarkston) beat Pat Bland (Bellingham) 1 up

13th Flight

Barbara Dertinger (Clarkston) beat Julie Jacobs (Clarkston) 5 & 4

14th Flight

Rita Keough (Twin Lakes) beat Linda St. Andre (Bellingham) 5 & 4

Sampson, Folsom earn championship berths at women's state tourney

> WASHINGTON AMATEUR

Clarkston's Kari Sampson earned a berth in the championship match of the Washington Women's State Amateur golf tournament with a victory over Sue Ursino Thursday at the Clarkston Golf and Country Club.

Sampson will square off against Leslie Folsom of Rainier, Wash., today at 8 a.m. for the state amateur title. Folsom advanced with a victory over top-seeded Amy Walker.

Other Clarkston players who were victorious on Thursday and will be playing today are Elva Osborne, Julie Jacobs, Barbara Dertinger and Helen Henry.

Championship flight — Leslie Folsom def. Amy Walker 2 & 1; Kari Sampson def. Sue Ursino.

1st flight — Carol Gile def. Linda Tungsvik 1 up; Frankie Stephens def. Jane Harris 2 & 1.

2nd flight — Sue Wilcox def. Nancy Cooney 2 up; Nancy Eglin def. Mary O'Donnell 1 & 2.

3rd flight — Catherine Chamberlain def. Jan Dobbins 1 up; Joan Schille def. Penny Knowles 5 & 4.

4th flight — Helen Henry def. Barbara Tracy 3 & 1; Crystal Baker def. Sharon Vahikamp 2 & 1.

5th flight — Beth Chew def. Joyce Martin 1 up; usan Arkell def. Helen Kim 3 & 6.

6th flight — Laurie McNett def. Cinci Stewart 5 & 4; Dixie Dallas def. Ann Hall 3 & 1.

7th flight — Hallie Marks def. Rene Knudson 3 & 2; Margy Monahan def. Sharan Courounes 4 & 3.

8th flight — Diane Anderson def. Joan Hodges 1 up; Helen Bear def. Cheryl Corn 4 & 3.

9th flight — Sandy Oberg def. Linda Gates 3 & 2; Margaret Smith def. Judy Bader 3 & 1.

10th flight — Jamie Deak def. Linda Wheat 4 & 3; Cindy Kirkham def. Diane Mitchell 2 up.

11th flight — Roberta Pollard def. Kay Brittingham 1 up; Jen DiBiase def. Cheryl Zompetti 4 & 3.

12th flight — Pat Bland def. Lois Ping 19 holes; Elva Osborne def. Penny Stigers 5 & 3.

13th flight — Barbara Dertinger def. Peggy Stahl 4 & 3; Julie Jacobs def. Carmen Lucas 4 & 3.

14th flight — Linda St. Andre def. Linda Ellis 3 & 2; Rita Keough def. Carol Betts 1 up.

15th flight — Barbara Bettsworth def. JoAnn Burbank 2 up; Trisha Morton def. Charlotte Von Moos 2 & 1.

- Michelle Wie, now sixteen, makes the cut in a men's Korean tour event, the SK Telecom Open, her first cut made in a men's tournament.
- This year marks Arnold Palmer's final tour event as a player.
- Ann Swanson is appointed to serve on the USGA Women's Nominating Committee.
- Leslie Folsom, Lisa Smego, Ginny Burkey, and Ann Swanson are selected to represent the Washington State Golf Association team for the inaugural PPGA Cup matches at Seattle Golf Club. To date (2012) Leslie Folsom has played on every team thus far. Other WSWGGA Champs who later played on the WSGA team include Anne Carr, Denise Kieffer Shawn Farmer and Ginny Burkey.
- Anne Carr wins the Pacific Northwest Women's Senior championship.
- Ann Swanson is selected to the Women's Trans National Board of Directors.
- Sue Ursino and Ann Swanson successfully defend their Pacific Northwest Women's Senior Team championship winning for the second time.
- Leslie Folsom, business intelligence consultant, wins her first Seattle Women's Golf Association City championship
- Robin Anderson of Yakima Country Club and Lynda Adams of Grays Harbor Country Club receive the PPGA Distinguished Service Award.

2006 Champion



DENISE KIEFFER

Fircrest Golf Club

From the BELLINGHAM HERALD... "In case you're wondering, the glass slipper fits Denise Kieffer just fine... It's the first WSWGGA title for Kieffer who beat three former champions during the tournament.... 'I don't think it's sunk in yet,' Kieffer said. 'This is the first time I've gone past Wednesday in the championship flight.' ...Kieffer started the event with an upset of the No. 1 seed on Tuesday, then beat the No. 8 seed on Wednesday. In the semis on Thursday she came back from five holes down to force a playoff to advance."

Runner Up: Jane Harris

Medalist: Leslie Folsom

Host: Bellingham Golf & Country Club

Improbable run is complete

Denise Kieffer beats three former champs to win first WSWGGA title

JOE SUNNEN
THE BELLINGHAM HERALD

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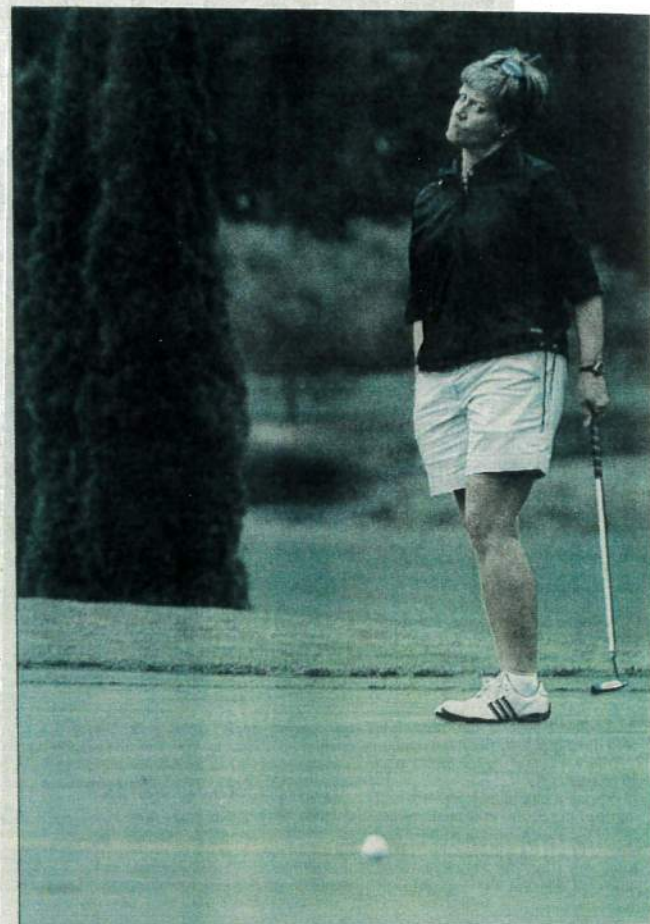
Kieffer completed her improbable week-long run through the Washington State Women's Golf Association Championship with a 6 and 5 win over Jane Harris in match play to take the state title at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Friday.

It's the first WSWGGA title for Kieffer, who beat three former champions during the tournament. She qualified for the tournament as a 16th seed after winning a four-way playoff on Monday.

"I don't think it's sunk in yet," Kieffer said. "This is the first time I've gone past Wednesday in the championship flight."

Kieffer seized control of the 36-hole championship during the second round of 18, winning five of the final nine holes. She won the title on the 31st hole when Harris missed a putt on the 13th green.

"She outplayed me," said Harris, whose home course is the Rainier Golf and Country Club in Seattle. "I was frustrated with myself. I couldn't get the ball to go where I wanted it to go. That's not to take anything away from Denise, she did a great job."



RUSS KENDALL THE BELLINGHAM HERALD
Denise Kieffer, of Fircrest, reacts as her ball stops short of the cup at the second hole of the Washington State Women's Golf Association final on Friday.

- *Money Leaders: PGA – Tiger Woods, \$ 10,8657,000
LPGA – Lorena Ochoa - \$ 4,365,000.*
- *Morgan Pressel becomes the youngest major champion in LPGA history winning the Kraft Nabisco championship at 18 years, 10 months old.*
- *Alexis Thompson breaks another of Pressel's records, becoming, at age twelve, the youngest player to qualify for the U.S. Women's Open.*
- *Rainier's Leslie Folsom is appointed Washington State representative to the Women's Trans National Golf Association.*
- *Ann Swanson is inducted into the Pacific Northwest Golf Hall-of-Fame.*
- *Edean Ihlanfelt is inducted into the NCAA Coaches Hall-of-Fame.*

**2007
Champion**



LESLIE FOLSOM

Rainier Golf & Country Club
(collegiate team: Memphis State University)

Runner Up: Denise Kieffer
Medalist: Leslie Folsom
Host: Oakbrook Golf & Country Club

Women's Championship At Oakbrook Golf and Country Club Lakewood

Leslie Folsom	71
Debra Meyers	73
Amy Walker	74
Mimi Racicot	77
Cathy Uptain	77
Ann Swanson	78
Pat Terry	78
Britany Zefkeles	78
Jane Harris	79
Sue Ursino	79
Denise Kieffer	80
Penny Knowles	80
Sue Rockwell	80
Patty Knight	81
Sharon Falkner	82
Mary O'Donnell	82

Kieffer looking for repeat

Fircrest Golf Club's Denise Kieffer won her semifinal match at the Washington State Golf Association Women's Amateur, and will defend her title today in a 36-hole championship against Rainier's Leslie Folsom at Oakbrook Golf and Country Club in Lakewood.

Kieffer won the last two holes to defeat Debra Meyers, 2 and 1, in one semifinal. Folsom, the medalist, beat Mimi Racicot, 3 and 2, in the other semifinal.

The championship match tees off at 8 a.m.



Leslie as a 60's Golfer

• It took 37 holes, but in the end Leslie Folsom of Rainier Golf and Country Club was able to hold off Denise Kieffer of Fircrest Golf Club to win the championship flight at the Washington State Women's Golf Association. In the first flight at Oakbrook Golf and Country Club near Tacoma, Sue Ursino of Sahalee won 1-up over Brittany Zefkeles of Bear Creek.

- Annika Sorenstam steps away from the LPGA ending her career with 72 wins and 10 Major championships.
- Lorena Ochoa runs off a streak of four consecutive wins, including her 2nd win in a Major.
- Tiger Woods and Rocco Mediate stage a dramatic U.S. Open duel with Woods eventually besting Mediate in a 19-hole playoff.
- Leslie Folsom finishes 2nd in the Washington State Golf Association Women's State Amateur.
- Leslie Folsom wins the Pacific Northwest Sectional qualifying medal for the USGA Mid-Amateur. She will win it again in 2010.
- Former WSWGGA Champ Sharon Johnston is elected the first female president of the Washington State Golf Association.

2008 Champion



LESLIE FOLSOM

Rainier Golf & Country Club

(collegiate team: Memphis State University)

From the RENTON REPORTER... "Folsom credits her sweet putting stroke to her days as a 5'3", 100 pound girl playing on a boys' golf team in high school in Valdosta, Georgia. Because of her small size, the boys could drive the ball much farther so Folsom had to look elsewhere to stay with the pack. 'I had to find some way to keep up and not be embarrassed,' she said.... Folsom finally landed in the Puget Sound area in the mid-1990s. She started playing golf at area courses before work and on weekends and that soon 'rekindled the fire.'"

Runner Up: Anne Carr

Medalist: Anne Carr

Host: Meridian Valley Country Club

Driving for success

Renton resident is making waves in area golf scene

By ADAM McFADDEN
Renton Reporter

For Leslie Folsom, success in golf has always meant adaptation.

She couldn't hit as far off the tee as the boys in high school, so she became an ace putter. She felt she might be slipping physically, so she hired a personal trainer and became stronger.

And instead of just dealing with issues of inequality toward women golfers, she joined the board of directors at her country club and is now part of the change.

Those adaptations have worked well. She recently won the Seattle Women's Golf Association city championship and placed second in the Washington State Golf Association Women's Amateur championship.

Folsom credited her experience, fitness and home-course advantage for her city championship win over 18-year-old Mollie Johnsen of Redmond on June 20 at Rainier Golf and Country Club.

"Being fit helped," Folsom said. "It doesn't take as much of a toll mentally if you're fit."

Folsom, 40, of Renton didn't start the match on top of her game and fell behind by three holes through the 14th hole, but she made up ground and drew even after the first 18 holes. She pulled away the second time through the 18-hole course and built up enough of a lead to end the match after 31 holes.

Most recently, Folsom finished second behind Stephanie Corey of Seattle at the Washington State Golf Association Women's Amateur championship on June 26 at Sunland Golf and Country Club.

Though Folsom held the lead through 36 holes, she couldn't hold off the late-charging Corey, who shot a tournament-low score of 72 in the final round to take the lead and the win.

"I started pressing a bit," Folsom said. "I just didn't get it done. She [Corey] had a



Leslie Folsom poses on the edge of the practice putting green Tuesday at the Rainier Golf and Country Club in Seattle.



Leslie Folsom works on one of her strong suits - putting.

great run."

Folsom works as an information-technology consultant and is a member of Rainier Golf and Country Club in south Seattle.

Folsom started golfing as a 13-year-old high school freshman in Valdosta, Ga. She spent much of her early time catching up to the pack, because most serious golfers start in their pre-teens.

Folsom credits her sweet putting stroke to her days as a 5-foot-3-inch, 100-pound girl playing on a boys golf team in high school. Because of her small size, the boys could drive the ball much farther, so Folsom had to look elsewhere to stay with the pack.

"I had to find some way to keep up and not be embarrassed," Folsom said.

Folsom has also always relied on an accurate driving game. She said while she may not hit the ball the farthest every time, she's "usually on the fairway, and usually on the right side of the fairway."

She developed her game throughout high school and earned a golf scholarship to Memphis State University

(now University of Memphis).

"I approached college as an opportunity to get an education through golf," Folsom said.

After graduating from college, Folsom pushed golf to the side for a while in order to focus on her career. While moving around the country because of her job, Folsom finally landed in the Puget Sound area in the mid-1990s. She started playing golf at area courses before work and on weekends and that soon "rekindled the fire."

Folsom joined Rainier Golf and Country Club in October 2000 and has been on a roll ever since, winning various tournaments. Folsom has won two Seattle Women's Golf Association city championships, three Washington State Women's Golf Association state titles and a number of other events.

- Lorena Ochoa is named LPGA Player of the Year for the fourth consecutive year.
- In the President's Cup, the U.S. team defeats the International team for its third consecutive victory. Fred Couples captains the American team.
- Denise Kieffer wins the inaugural Washington State Golf Association Champion of Champions.
- Leslie Folsom, Catherine Allen, and Anne Carr are selected to represent Washington State at the USGA State Team championship.

2009
Champion



ANNE CARR
Fairwood Golf & Country Club

Runner Up: Leslie Folsom
Medalist: Leslie Folsom
Host: Whidbey Island Golf & Country Club

NOTABLE – 2009

HOW, WHEN, WHERE, WHY I BECAME INVOLVED IN GOLF...

By Anne Carr

When I was a year old, my parents bought a lovely home on a lake next door to the country club in Leesburg, Florida. All the neighborhood kids used the course as our playground – romped in the sprinklers in our bathing suits after the golfers went home; threw boomerangs which never came back; dragged kites along the ground for miles, hoping they'd get airborne, which they rarely did; and rode our horses through the orange groves and along the dirt roads which lined the fairways. When I was eight, I began tagging along with my parents when they played golf on the weekends, begging them to pull me while I stood on the axles of their pull-carts. I began swinging their clubs when they weren't looking and eventually tried to actually hit the ball.

When I was twelve-years-old, a new golf course superintendent was hired, and my life was never the same. His name was Jack Bumgarner, and he was about the handsomest man I'd ever seen. I made up any excuse to go next door to the club so I'd get to see him. Since he spent so much time out on the course, I needed a reason to go out there, so I began to "play golf" with my mother's whippy-shafted clubs. It didn't take long before I outgrew her cubs, outdrove her, and fell in love with the game itself. I spent many hours watching Jack, a scratch golfer and brother of actor James Garner. I hit balls, memorized his swing and was soon swinging exactly like him, or so I hoped.

That was pretty much the extent of my lessons – just watching Jack. To this day I have only taken a handful of "paid for" lessons from a pro. And since I've been out of high school, I have played golf a total of ten summers with breaks of five, four, nine, three and twelve years between those golf summers. The summers since 1998 are the first ones in which I've played golf more than one summer in succession. (I say "summer" because you can only play golf in the summer in Denver and Jackson Hole where I lived for sixteen years, and I don't play during the winters in Seattle.)

I do owe a lot of credit to Tom Boucher, bless his dear departed soul, for my current golf swing. He was a teaching pro, had been on the PGA tour for a short time some years back and was a real student of the golf swing. In 1986, I spent a lot of time with him, and during many joint practice sessions, he worked with my homemade swing to help turn it into the swing I have today.

- Fred Couples wins Rookie-of-the-Year on the Champions Tour.
- The Ryder Cup at Celtic Manor is considered one of the greatest in the history of the contest.
- Cristi Kerr wins her second Major championship by a landslide twelve strokes, two shy of the LPGA record and three shy of Tiger Woods' fifteen stroke win in 2000.
- Anne Carr wins the Pacific Northwest Sectional qualifying medal to advance to the USGA Senior Amateur in Ft. Meyers, Florida. Ginny Burkey, Denise Kieffer, and Ann Swanson also qualify.
- Former WSWGGA presidents Sharon Johnston and Judy Thompson receive the Pacific Northwest Golf Association Distinguished Service Award.
- Ann Swanson wins her sixth Senior Golfers of America Golf Classic title in Phoenix, Arizona.

2010 Champion



JANE HARRIS
Rainier Golf & Country Club

Runner Up: Pat Terry
Medalist: Leslie Folsom
Host: Skagit Golf & Country Club

NOTABLE – 2010

My Life in Golf

By Jane Harris

When asked how old I was when I started playing golf, my parents always said "in the womb!" My first golf memories were hitting my cut down 5-iron from about 100 yards with my parents at Inglewood GCC or going to the Puetz driving range where my dad, Rod Harris, taught lessons before he ventured out on his own to start Harris-Conley Golf in 1967. While my mom thought I may have had talent for golf she made sure I had exposure to other sports: namely figure skating. She had always wanted to be "Sonja Henie" and was well on her way to making sure I had my shot! After many years of six-days-a-week, three-hour practice sessions and never placing higher than 4th in competition, I suggested to my parents that maybe I could try another sport. Fortunately, they agreed, tired of the trek from Bellevue to Seattle and back each practice day.

We had moved to Bellevue's Tam-O-Shanter community in 1970 and there was a pool and a nine-hole golf course right outside our back door. In my first summer away from the skating rink, I joined the swim team and entered the Tam-O-Shanter Jr. Golf program. That summer I'd rise at 6 am to get to swim practice by 7 am and be at the first tee by 10:30 am. I'd play golf until it got dark, dinner was ready, or complete exhaustion! My swimming talent was mediocre, to say the least; however I found that I had some degree of success on the golf course. Actually, I won my first trophy ever in my first Tam-O-Shanter Jr. nine-hole event. I promptly told my parents I was done with swimming and would be focusing on golf, with as much conviction as an 11-year-old could muster! I knew I would not be disappointing my dad with this news but I was worried about my mom, seeing how I would not become the next Sonja Henie or Esther Williams.

For the next several years my days were filled with school, working for Harris-Conley, and playing golf; although there were a few years where I found I was a decent skier and gave downhill ski racing a chance to take over my golf. After a very tough and scary fall at Alpental during a Race, I decided that I really liked the non-contact aspect of golf and set my sights solidly back to the course. I played a variety of local junior events, often against the boys as there were few girls competing in these events. Fortunately, the PPGA conducted a well-attended event for Jr. Girls and it was the foremost event to win in the Northwest. It took me seven tries to win the PPGA Jr. Girl's, but finally in the summer of 1981, at Wenatchee GCC against Kerry (Liedes) Postillion, I won! Throughout those seven years I also was successful in winning the Seattle Women's Golf Association "City" Tournament at Glendale in '81, placed second two times in the WJGA State Jr., and participated on three Junior Americas' Cup Teams representing Washington... all the while still being the only one of two girls playing on my high school golf team!

Fall of 1981 brought me to the University of Washington and a position on its women's golf team. Golf had always been easier for me than school and so it only made sense that I practiced golf more than I concentrated on my studies for that year-and-a-

half. After meeting with the University's women's athletic director, Kit Green, it was agreed that I should take a step back and regroup, as it were, and decide if college was for me. All I wanted to do was work for my parents and play golf. My mom, however, was having none of that and promptly enrolled me in community college. She was never one to let me quit if she felt I had not completed the task. Turns out my mom was right. I confidently earned my Associate's Degree and received a small scholarship to Arizona State University. I completed my playing eligibility at ASU but had my sights set on returning to the University of Washington to earn my degree. While I was attending Arizona State, I became better at balancing practice in the classroom and on the course. In those years I was runner-up to Connie Guthrie in the 1984 PPGA Amateur and qualified for the USGA Amateur. I was finally making my way in the regional and national amateur scene. My dad, on the other hand, had different aspirations for me.

Since I'd won a couple of college tournaments he felt it was time for me to turn professional. I had not been home from school for more than a week when he handed me a ticket to Albany, NY where I would be playing in my first Future's Tour Event, and each of their events throughout that summer of 1986. I played the Future's Tour and a few smaller tours in attempts to earn my LPGA status from 1986-1990. I came close to making it through the LPGA Qualifying Schools, but the only true golf footnote worthy of recognition was my win at the Mt. Dora Classic. I shot 67 in the final round to win against some players who will be in the LPGA Hall of Fame in the very near future! I had quite an adventure those four years traveling around North America on the mini-tours, but the traveling became tedious and I missed the amateur golf scene and my longtime friends in the Northwest.

I again returned to Seattle to finish my bachelor's degree at the University of Washington and ended up continuing for a Master's degree in Education. With degrees in hand, I began my career teaching high school English. I did not play much golf in the next seven years until 1997 when I petitioned for my amateur status and returned to golf in 1998. My first event was the PPGA Publix at Spanaway Lakes. I did not play well, even though I expected to, but I was in my element and very happy. In 2000, Leslie Folsom, Kelli Kamimura and I were in a playoff for the PPGA Publix title. Needless to say, I didn't win but had a heck of a final round to get in the play-off. I had found my game again, but still lacked one thing... I wanted to be a member of a private club and play in the WSWGGA State championship again.

Years earlier, in 1979, I played in the WSWGGA State championship at Meridian Valley and qualified for the championship flight only to lose in an early round match. The following year the championship was to be held at Inglewood G & CC, my home course, and I was very excited to enter. Unfortunately, a change in the by-laws that year required that every player had to be over eighteen years of age. And while I had many junior events to play, I was crushed that I would not be able to be a part of the WSWGGA championship on my home course.

In the fall of 2000, I joined Rainier Golf and Country Club along with Leslie Folsom, Jeanne Link, and Carole Holland. My dad always said Rainier was a "players" golf course," and it didn't hurt that Rainier was one of the only clubs in Seattle at the time offering a membership that a teacher's salary could handle! Much to my surprise, Rainier GCC was hosting the state championship in 2001 and I was going to get the

chance to reprise my dream of playing the event at my home course. I did not win that year – 2001, but did win the following year at Yakima Elks and again in 2010 at Skagit.

I have been very fortunate to have won events hosted by the PNGA, WSGA, and WJGA as well as represent Washington in national events, but it is the WSWGGA which has been very instrumental in my growth, not only as a golfer, but also as a person in the game of golf; so much so, that I became Executive secretary of the WSWGGA in 2005 following in the footsteps of Edythe Boucher, Mary O'Donnell, and Pat Terry. It is my privilege to continue to help develop this "grand organization" into the 21st century while maintaining its fundamental purpose: To grow the game of golf for women through camaraderie and competition!



- Money Leaders: PGA – Luke Donald \$ 6,683,200
LPGA – Yani Tseng \$ 2,921,700
Champions Tour – Tom Lehman \$ 2,081,500
- The American team of Matt Kuchar and Gary Woodland win the WORLD Cup, giving the United States its 24th World Cup win.
- Leslie Folsom, Denise Kieffer, and Anne Car are selected to represent Washington State at the USGA State Team championship.
- Ann Swanson is individual champion at the 6th annual Washington State Club Team championship.
- Leslie Folsom of Rainier becomes the first player in the history of the Seattle Women's Golf Association City Championship to win four consecutive titles.
- Fairwood's Carole Holm wins the inaugural PNGA Super Senior Championship at Victoria Golf Club.

2011 Champion



LESLIE FOLSOM

Rainier Golf & Country Club
(collegiate team: Memphis State University)

Runner Up: Nancy Eglin
Medalist: Sharon Drummey
Host: Twin Lakes Golf & Country Club

NOTABLE - 2011

MY GOLF LIFE

By Leslie Folsom

I grew up in South Georgia towns by the name of Clyattville and Lake Park, outside of Valdosta. There were two golf courses in the area – Valdosta Country Club and Francis Lake Golf Club. Since we lived "south of town," I learned to play golf with my daddy and his golf buddies at Francis Lake Golf Club. My daddy was a good athlete and when I was in second grade he came home and told me he had a "birdie." I asked him to bring the bird and the cage into the house. Of course, he chuckled and explained that he had been playing golf. He stopped playing golf for a while and started again when I was in the 9th grade.

By this time I was playing basketball and softball and had already been assured a collegiate basketball scholarship. But my daddy got me in our two acre backyard to hit plastic balls. I was hooked! I was completely taken by the game and wanted to understand how to get the ball to do what I wanted it to do. I started taking lessons from Bill Dahl who was a retired Information Technology professor from Purdue University. He was a scratch golfer with a rhythmic swing and an amazing short game, which coincidentally became my strengths as well.

Francis Lake Golf Club had only three junior players when I started, and I was a nuisance to them as a beginning golfer. Luckily for me, the women of the Ladies Division took me under their wings...

I stopped playing basketball and softball my junior year of high school to focus totally on golf, much to the chagrin of my mama! As time has passed, she's become quite the passionate golf fan and can't get enough of the game. I did receive a golf scholarship to Memphis State University (now referred to as the University of Memphis) from 1985-1989. I was very fortunate to get an education through golf! I played my best collegiate golf my first and last semesters at MSU. Being somewhat of an overachiever, I also graduated in four years with a major in Business Administration and a minor in Finance and another minor in Real Estate.

After college I focused on my professional career in Information Technology (IT). I lived in Memphis, Florida, New Jersey, Dallas, and Chicago before finally moving to Poulsbo in 1995. By the time I arrived in Washington I was ready to play golf regularly again. I joined the Ladies Division at Gold Mountain Golf Club and we all quickly became fast friends.

I wanted to begin competing again and registered for the WSGA Women's Am at Useless Bay G & CC in 1996. I didn't know anyone at the event. I purposely arrived late to the players' dinner and thought I'd mingle and find someone to chat with. I got a drink and realized everyone else already knew each other, so I finished my drink by myself. I left and got in my car where I paused and told myself to buck up and get back in there. I slid into an empty chair where, lo and behold, Liz Culver and Judy Thompson were seated! They made me feel welcome, told me about golf opportunities in the State of Washington and continued to speak to me throughout the tournament.

I truly believe that I would not have continued competing had Liz and Judy not befriended me. The game of golf is as much about friendships as it is about sport! I went on to meet Sue Ursino, Jani Japar, Mimi Racicot, Ann Swanson, Anne Carr, and Jane Harris in 1998. My life and golf game were forever changed.

Jane and I joined Rainier Golf and Country Club in 2000. I had never been a member of a private club and was eager to be a member in good standing and not break any rules. I quickly learned the depth of talent in the Rainier Ladies Division and the number of City and State champions from Rainier. I was thrilled to become part of the Rainier Ladies family! I also learned, out of the gate, that Rainier is a golfers' golf club – if you can play well at Rainier, you can play well anywhere. That concept translated in my handicap immediately rising during my first year of membership, before I learned how to play uneven lies better and putt more consistently on quick, undulating greens.

I had high hopes of participating in my first WSWGGA championship in the summer of 2001 since Rainier was hosting. I was in awe of the women who were part of WSWGGA history and totally impressed with the list of past champions. Being a member of the host club, this was my first experience not only of representing me, but representing the club. I was uncomfortable with the attention. I subsequently did not handle the pressure well and did not play well. I also realized that I stunk in match play! All of my junior and collegiate tournaments were stroke play events. I had never competed in a tournament match until I moved to the Pacific Northwest. Before the 2001 WSWA Championship, I had competed in three PNGA Women Amateurs that were conducted under match play format and you can figure out the results of those matches.

In 2001 and 2002, I watched how others played their matches and asked those who had been successful how they were able to succeed. It didn't hurt that Jane won the WSWGGA Championship in 2002 and I had unlimited opportunities to learn from her success. I certainly would not be the golfer I am today without Jane Harris!

I broke through for my first WSWGGA win in 2003 at Tacoma Country and Golf Club after securing the last spot in the Championship flight! I had to beat Jane Harris, Sue Ursino, Ann Swanson, and Anne Carr to secure the title. Pat Lesser Harbottle was the referee for the match. Oh, what a special week for me!

I am delighted to have won the WSWGGA Championship five times and to be a part of the WSWGGA story. The WSWGGA is a unique organization in that it is an all-women volunteer organization that was started in 1922. At my first WSWGGA championship in 2001, I was immediately touched by the SGA's storied history. I am honored to be a part of this wonderful organization. I am committed to the longevity of the WSWGGA so that other women in the State of Washington have the same opportunity afforded me to compete and build lifelong friendships.

- *Sand Point Country Club hosts the Washington State Women's Golf Association championship for the fourth time and celebrates the WSWGAs 90th year. Sand Point's Ann Swanson serves as President.*
- *British Open champion Louis Oosthuizen makes only the fourth double eagle at the Masters and finishes second to Bubba Watson in a playoff.*
- *Byron Nelson, Sam Snead, and Ben Hogan all would have turned 100 years old in 2012... They were three iconic players, born within seven months of one another, who had a profound impact on their sport and left the golfing world with lasting memories of their astonishing gifts and contributions.*
- *Grays Harbor Country Club, where it all began, celebrates its 100th anniversary.*
- *Jane Harris and Leslie Folsom win the Washington State Women's State Best Ball Championship for a record eighth time.*
- *Ann Swanson creates and contributes a perpetual award to be known as THE ANN SWANSON MEDALIST TROPHY. On it, every winning medalist since 1922 is engraved.*

2012

Champion

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THE WINNER

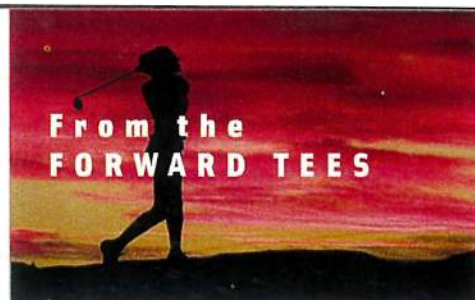
Runner Up: ????

Medalist: ????

Host: Sand Point Country Club

Contestants: 96

Entry Fee: \$ 220.00



The Circle Game

BY CHERI BRENNAN

PNGA Hall of Famer Ann Swanson champions a championship

THE WORD "CHAMPION" ONLY BEGINS TO DESCRIBE A WOMAN SPORTSWRITERS HAVE DUBBED THE "QUEEN OF GREENS" and "Golden Lady of Northwest Golf." Other appropriate descriptions are team captain, college coach, committee and board member, golf shop manager, trailblazer, tireless volunteer and PNGA Hall of Fame member.

And now, Ann Swanson, a woman of many talents and titles, is serving as president of the Washington State Women's Golf Association (WSWGA) as it celebrates its 90th year. The new gig comes with added responsibility.

Coincidentally, this year's WSWG State Championship will be held July 30-Aug. 3 at Sand Point Country Club, Swanson's home course. That venue, established in 1927, has been hailed as "the cradle of great women golfers." Some of the best golfers in the Pacific Northwest have a connection to Sand Point, including Swanson, a nine-time State Champion.

Unlike many of today's stars who began swinging as toddlers, Swanson was 17 when she got her start. One day her brother, who caddied at Grays Harbor (Wash.) Country Club, brought home a couple of cast-off persimmon woods, sunk some orange juice cans into the ground and created a course. She was hooked.

Daily practice and perseverance provided a solid foundation not only for Swanson's early success, but also for a remarkable career that has included victories spanning four decades and an unparalleled 21 titles in individual state and city championships. Among them are the 1989 Washington State and Seattle City championships, which she carded while hobbling on a broken leg!

Swanson also credits her mother ("my major supporter") and some unabashed pluck with cultivating her passion for the game. She attributes much of her success on the course to her consistency, which she calls her trump card.

No organized sports for girls existed in the 1950s and '60s, when she was a child, but her mom drove her to countless tournaments and made sure Ann had everything she needed for golf. "I believe my mother's support and the values of hard work she taught me played a definite role



Ann Swanson

in my accomplishments," she says. (Her mother took up the game at age 49 and subsequently served as the Grays Harbor representative for WSWG for 25 years.)

When Swanson entered Grays Harbor College there was no women's golf team. No problem. She asked to join the men's team and was given the chance, becoming the first female in the state to play on a men's community college golf team.

Reflecting on her outstanding golfing accomplishments, Swanson says the magic is in the people she's met and the memories she has accumulated. Intrigued by the memories and stories, and inspired by WSWG's 2012 tournament theme of "90 Years of Championship Golf...the Grand Tradition," she is dedicating precious spare

time to compiling some of the history.

Swanson will not be competing for this year's title because she intends to devote "110 percent" to the event, which is the oldest championship for women in the state and one of the longest-running match play competitions in the region. This year marks the fourth time the tournament will be held at Sand Point.

Spectators are welcomed at both the WSWG tournament (www.thewswga.com) and at another event that will showcase some sensational women golfers – the "Official Legends Tour of the LPGA." Inglewood Golf Club in Kenmore, Wash. is hosting an 18-hole Legends event on July 29 and a pro-am fundraiser the next day (www.thelegendstour.com).

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WSWGA SENIOR CHAMPIONS 1974 - 2010

1974	Helen Johnson	Fircrest
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1976	Helen Johnson	Fircrest
1977	Helen Johnson	Fircrest
1978	Virginia James	Everett
1979	Virginia James	Everett
1980	Florence Rutherford	Lakeview
1981	Nita Kirrage	Oakbrook
1982	Doris McGuire	Grays Harbor
1983	Anita Cocklin	Useless Bay
	Nita Kirrage	Oakbrook
1984	Electra Koeniger	Grays Harbor
1985	Electra Koeniger	Grays Harbor
1986	Electra Koeniger	Grays Harbor
1987	Marjorie Urban	Tacoma
1988	Olive Ruff	Yakima Elks
1989	Linda Farmin	Spokane
1990	Marion Weis	Ellensburg
1991	No tournament	
1992	Shirley Baty	Fircrest
1993	Liz Culver	Overlake
1994	Wannie Chung	Mill Creek
1995	Diana Newberry	Manito
1996	Joyce Moellering	Glen Acres
1997	Penny Knowles	Useless Bay
1998	Penny Knowles	Useless Bay
1999	Marianne McGhan	Lakeview
2000	Joyce Moellering	Glen Acres
2001	Gina Oh	Mill Creek
2002	Anne Carr	Fairwood
2003	Ann Swanson	Sand Point
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2005	Ann Swanson	Sand Point
2006	Sue Ursino	Sahalee
2007	Cathy Uptain	Mill Creek
2008	Debbie Acton	Sahalee
2009	Mimi Racicot	Everett
2010	Ann Johnson	Meridian Valley
2011	Pat Terry	Wenatchee

WSWGA Senior Champions



"Growing old is not for sissies."
Etta Clark in *Portraits of Senior Athletes*

WASHINGTON STATE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES

1962 – 1983 Edythe Boucher



Overlake Golf & Country Club
Edythe's loyalty and devotion to women's amateur golf and to the WSWGGA were honored with the state championship trophy named in her honor. Everyone who came to know her remembers her with affection.

1984 – 1995 Mary Ellen Ries



Moses Lake Country Club
Mary Ellen served the WSWGGA as Trustee, Board member, and President in 1970.

1996 – 2001 Mary O'Donnell



Overlake Golf & Country Club
Mary, a fine golfer, participated in many tournaments and has been a club champion. She has been devoted to the betterment of women's golf, serving in many capacities. She was elected the first female president of Overlake Golf & Country Club in 2001.

2002 – 2005 Pat Terry



Wenatchee Golf & Country Club
An outstanding player, Pat won the 2011 WSWGGA Senior Championship. Her long list of accomplishments include: runner-up and medalist in the WSWGGA, Northwest Cup, club champion seventeen times, and winner of many invitationals. She has been a WSWGGA Trustee since 1995 and served on its Board of Directors. She represented the organization with great devotion, skill, and grace.

2006 – 2013 Jane Harris



Rainier Golf & Country Club
Assistant middle school principal and lifelong golfer, Jane has brought outstanding leadership and knowledge to the WSWGGA. She is also a two-time WSWGGA champ and won the SWGA City championship when she was just sixteen. She won the PNGA Juniors in 1981, was a PNGA Runner-up in 1984, and represented Washington in the USGA State Team championship. Jane played golf for Arizona State University and was on the Futures Tour for three years.

TROPHIES

EDYTHE BOUCHER TROPHY

Mrs. Boucher as the WSWGAs executive secretary from 1962-1983. Her twenty-one years of service were honored with the WSWGAs State Championship Trophy in her honor.

ELIZABETH DWAN TROPHY

Played in May of each year, each club entered submits the lowest net scores in three divisions, subtracting the course rating from each net score. The club posting the lowest total is the annual winner of the Elizabeth Dwan Trophy.

Elizabeth Dwan was one of the original organizers of the Seattle Women's Golf Association and its first president in 1927, as a charter member of Rainier Golf & Country Club. She was a president of the WSWGAs, and first vice-president of the Western Women's Golf Association from Washington State. She also gave two decades of volunteer service for the betterment of competitive women's golf.

PAULA NELSON TROPHY (Tea Set)

During the WSWGAs Championship, the three low net scores from each club are combined. The club with the lowest combined net score is that year's winner of the Trophy. In the 1940s, Mrs. Paula Nelson of Manito Golf Club donated this trophy to give the players additional incentive to play well on qualifying day and represent their clubs in a friendly, competitive spirit.

LOU YOUNG TROPHY

Donated in 1974 by Lou Young, WSWGAs President and a member of the Tacoma Country and Golf Club, this trophy goes to the WSWGAs Senior Champion.

ANN SWANSON MEDALIST TROPHY

Donated by Ann in 2012, on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the WSWGAs, this trophy honors the entire roster of Medalist winners from the inception of the tournament in 1922.

Additional Home Course Competitions

Match vs Par All State Medal

WSWGAs PRESIDENTS

1922 Mrs. W.J. Patterson, Grays Harbor CC

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1924 Mrs. Elizabeth Farrell, Seattle GC

1925 Mrs. Roy Thomas, Everett GCC

1926 Mrs. Riggs, Yakima GC

1927 Mrs. C.W. Howard, Bellingham GCC

1928 Mrs. W.S. Griswold, Inglewood GC

1929 Mrs. E.C. Cooney, Sand Point CC

1930 Mrs. L.S. Ruble, Earlington GC

1931 Mrs. C.R. Harmon, Manito GCC

1932 Mrs. E. Dwan, Rainier GCC

1933 Mrs. A. Stebbins, Tacoma CGC

1934 Mrs. E. Ristine, Broadmoor GC

1935 Mrs. H. Paige, Bellingham GCC

1936 Mrs. E.V. Nelson, Olympic View GC

1937 Mrs. Roy Thomas, Everett GCC

1938 Mrs. A. Belts, Spokane CC

1939 Mrs. J.E. Charbonnel, Sand Point CC

1940 - No Tournament Held

1941 Mrs. L.A. Johnson, Fircrest GC

1942-1945 No Tournaments Held

1946 Mrs. H. Manchester, Manito GCC

1947 Mrs. R. Smith, Tacoma CGC

1948 Mrs. D. Baldwin, Rainier GCC

1949 Mrs. G. Stewart, Broadmoor GC

1950 Mrs. D. Gray, Walla Walla CC

1951 Mrs. A. Olsen, Bellingham GCC

1952 Mrs. G. Downton, Inglewood GC

1953 Mrs. J. Butler, Clarkston GCC

1954 Mrs. J. Davis, Royal Oaks CC

1955 Mrs. I. Stephenson, Everett GCC

1956 Mrs. T. Cragin, Sand Point CC

1957 Mrs. C. Clausin, Spokane CC

1958 Mrs. J. Rawlings, Fircrest GC

1959 Mrs. E. Goldberg, Kitsap GCC

1960 Mrs. R. Shields, Yakima CC

1961 Mrs. Wm. Taylor, Olympia GCC

1962 Mrs. A. Hainsworth, Overlake GC

1963 Mrs. R. Thorgrimson, Seattle GC

1964 Mrs. T. Eklow, Manito GCC

1965 Mrs. A. Seyster, Wenatchee GCC

1966 Mrs. A. Kilpatrick, Royal Oaks

1967 Mrs. J. Morrison, Walla Walla CC

1968 Mrs. I. Levine, Glendale GC

1969 Mrs. O. Siler, Kitsap GCC

1970 Mrs. D. Ries, Moses Lake GCC

1971 Mrs. R. Sailors, Longview GC

1972 Mrs. Pattok, Rainier GCC

1973 Mrs. F. Beem, Yakima Elks GC

1974 Mrs. Lou Young, Tacoma CGC

1975 Mrs. Val Vaughan, Broadmoor GC

1976 Mrs. Bev Ebright, Bellingham GCC

1977 Mrs. Patty Strait, Oakbrook GCC	2004 Ms. Jackie Mansfield, Broadmoor GC
1978 Mrs. Peg Pierce, Clarkston GCC	2005 Ms. Elva Osborne, Clarkston GCC
1979 Mrs. Judy Thompson Meridian Valley GCC	2006 Ms. Carlotta Jarratt, Bellingham GCC
1980 Ms. Janice Murphy, Spokane CC	2007 Ms. Martha Berthelson, Oakbrook GCC
1981 Ms. Pat Look, InglewoodGC	2008 Ms. Sharon Falkner, Meridian Valley GC
1982 Ms. June Rogers, Sahalee CC	2009 Ms. Barbara Lindahl, Useless Bay GC
1983 Ms. Peg Loveland, Everett GCC	2010 Ms. Jennie Stephens, Skagit GCC
1984 Ms. Sharon Johnston, Fircrest GC	2011 Ms. Rita Keough, Twin Lakes GCC
1985 Ms. Betty Wight, Yakima CC	2012 Ms. Ann Swanson, Sand Point GCC
1986 Ms. Jean Seyfried, Sand Point CC	
1987 Ms. Lou Paulsen, Olympia GCC	
1988 Ms. Gerry McKee, Twin Lakes GCC	
1989 Ms. Betty Green, Manito GCC	
1990 Ms. Liz Culver, Overlake GCC	
1991 Ms. Roberta Britt, Royal Oaks CC	
1992 Ms. Celia Ingram, Seattle GC	
1993 Ms. Elaine Seabeck, Wenatchee CC	
1994 Ms. Ruth Sulman, Glendale GCC	
1995 Ms. Marta Lindgren, FairwoodGCC	
1996 Ms. Joanne Dunham, Walla Walla GCC	
1997 Ms. Barbara Tracy, Mill Creek GCC	
1998 Ms. Pat Brewitt, Kitsap GCC	
1999 Ms. Carlye Ingram, Meadow springs GC	
2000 Ms. Betty Stulgis, Longview GCC	
2001 Ms. Doris Rogers, Rainier GCC	
2002 Ms. June Wilkes, Yakima Elks GC	
2003 Ms. Susan Andrew, Tacoma CGC	

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Most golfers have stories to tell and share. Whoever we are, no matter our age, our stories can make a positive difference when we share them with others. I am amazed at the wealth of information about our Washington State Women's Golf Association that I discovered during my research. We have a truly wonderful legacy. We have had outstanding champions who have won national tournaments, played on World Cup and Curtis Cup teams, USGA state teams, won international and regional events, played and taught professionally, and participated on The Golf Channel's "Big Break." Others have gone on to be outstanding college golf coaches, devoted homemakers, successful business women... civic-minded and good citizens. I have always loved reading golf history and been touched by the incredible impact and difference golf made upon those who found golf, either by happenstance or by choice.

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