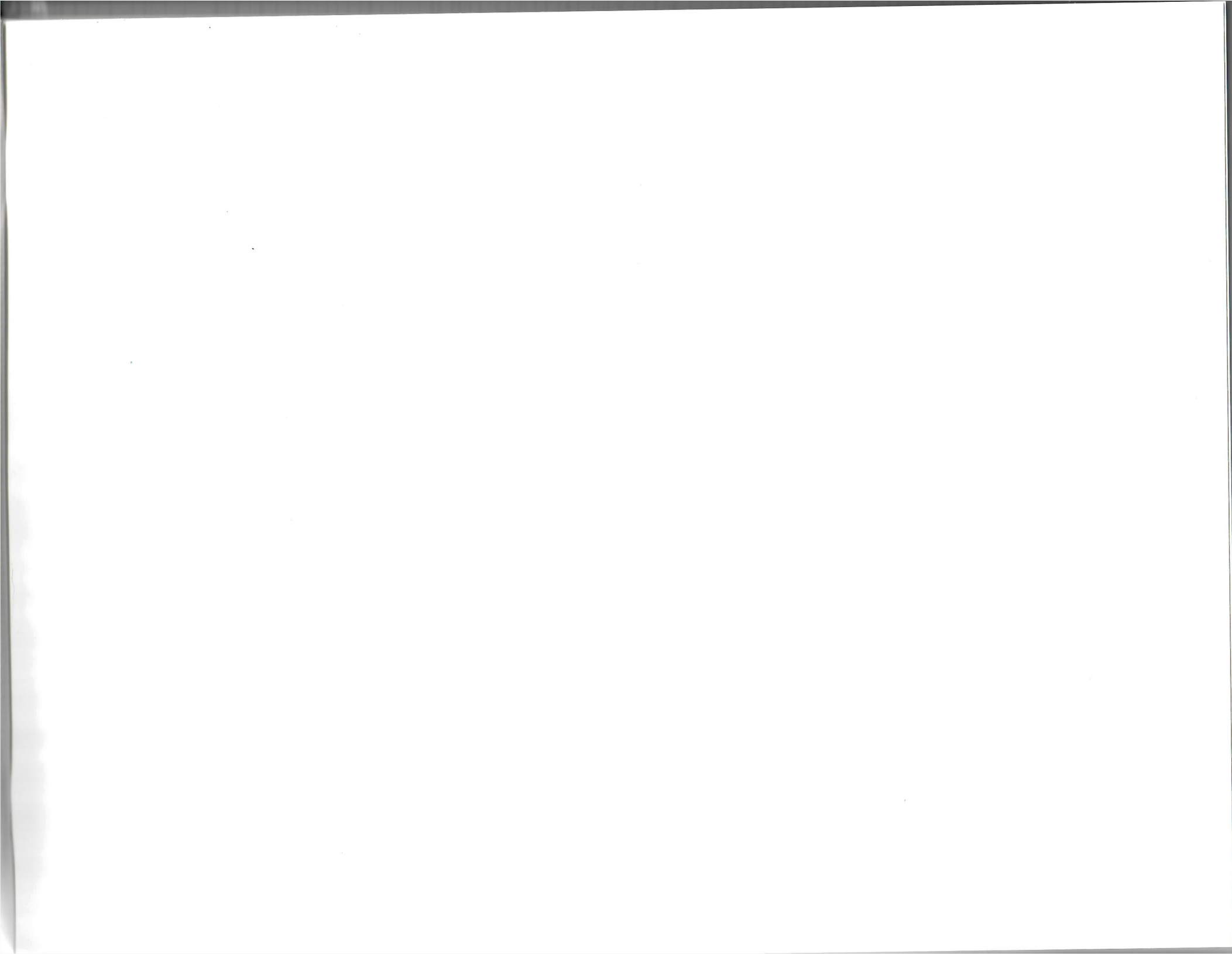


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Note From The Authors

This book is a celebration of the WSWGGA's centennial. It was also written to be a companion volume to "Celebrating 90 Years of Championship Golf - the Grand Tradition", Ann Swanson's original accounting of the WSWGGA's history. As such, it provides a detailed update on what has occurred between years 90 and 100 as well as an overview of the WSWGGA's 100 year history.

FORWARD FROM BETH JENSEN CHEW

The objectives of the Washington State Women's Golf Association, as founded in 1922, are to "provide for an amateur championship tournament each year" and to "promote, generally, the interests of golf among women." During the decade leading up to the Association's 100th birthday in 2022, the WSWGGA was transformed to even more effectively meet its objectives.

With something as arcane as updating its governing documents to allow decisions of the Trustees to be made by e-mail, the organization at once became a more cohesive and active group of people. While twice per year in-person meetings will always be critical and desired, a lot of work has been done by our Trustees and volunteers with communications on-line.

Executive Secretary Jane Harris (Rainier) retired after serving the organization for two terms, eight years. I was pressed into service in 2013 and continue to serve past my eight years at the behest of the Trustees, until a new Secretary is willing and able to step up to the first tee!

By mid-decade, the organization faced a growing challenge - how to fill the field for our premier Championship in July. While previously in our history, we had overflowing fields of players, now, more women were in the workforce, raising children, and still trying to get in an occasional round of golf. Member clubs were getting full and did not want to share their courses for a full 5 days in July. Collegiate and other young players were not joining us anymore.

A group of women began the project of evaluating and subsequently making the case for changing our tournament format. The committee was led by Ann Swanson (Sand Point). Extensive presentations were made at both the Summer and Fall Trustee meetings in 2016.

In July, Ann reported on the survey the committee had conducted. There were 210 surveys sent out with responses from members of 28 clubs. The majority preferred match play. However, many recognized the need for changes, and a majority said they would participate if it were stroke play. There was extensive discussion of various other format options. No decision was made at that time.

In October, Ann once again outlined the situation. Participation in the Championship had been decreasing. There had only been 57 players in the 2016 Championship. There were three options: Keep the Championship as is; have a four-day match play championship; have a three-day stroke play championship. A decision had to be made.

There was a great deal of discussion and a heartfelt speech from Sue Ursino (Sahalee). Everyone loved match play, but we were losing players because of the time involved. There was no viable way to do a shorter match play tournament. A motion to have a three-day stroke play Championship was made and seconded. The results of the paper ballot vote were 22 for and 3 against. Everyone took a deep breath.

The Rules of Competition were re-written by the Trustees for the new format using on-line voting on each provision. At Inglewood in 2017, the WSWGGA had its first-ever three-day stroke play Championship with 69 players competing. In 2018, the tournament had a full field of 128 players. In 2019, the field was 99 of a possible 108. There was no tournament in 2020 because of COVID-19 restrictions. In 2021 the field was 97. In our Centennial celebration year, there was a full field of 108 players.

As of 2022, the WSWGGA currently has 32 clubs as members. Over the last ten years, three clubs left us, but we did gain a new club. Interestingly, 100 years ago, this organization was started at Grays Harbor Golf Club, a 9-hole club. It was fitting to add Gig Harbor Golf Club, another 9-hole club, during our 100th year.

As we look forward to the next decade, we will undoubtedly be looking at how we can more fully involve our 9-hole clubs in our tournament schedule. We also will likely confront the issue of what makes a club private while encouraging new private clubs to join our Association. We will find ways to encourage women to play golf, and to participate in our Home Course Competitions. We will continue to work on the Championship to be sure that it is the premier women's golf tournament in the state. We will most certainly celebrate women in golf - both the Champions mentioned in these pages, and those out to make new friends on the course who just get to play once or twice a week!

Beth Jensen Chew
WSWGGA Executive Secretary
Fircrest Golf Club



INTRODUCTION FROM ANN SWANSON

The year 2022 marks an extraordinary anniversary for Washington State golf. WA Golf (WSGA) and the Washington State Women's Golf Association are celebrating their centennial year - the 100th anniversary of a sport that salutes women as golfers: their athleticism, their unique personalities, and their passion as competitors. Plus, this year marks the 50th anniversary of Title IX, landmark legislation that changed the athletic landscape for women and girls throughout our country.

Part of the joy of the WSWGGA tournament is its aura of reunion - a remarkable blending of past players, new players, young players, and senior players. Our members have shared decades of winning and losing, of friendships, of suspense, of laughter, and of disappointment and joy. The success of this association is a tremendous accomplishment, the result of enormously hard work and dedication, and a tribute to the passion and excitement of the game and all its players.

We owe our gratitude to the WSWGGA founders, the leaders who followed them, and all the women who have served and supported the organization. The WSWGGA is rich with tradition and has created lifelong friendships and memories for everyone involved. The WSWGGA was founded in 1922 at the Grays Harbor Country Club, amazingly the same club at which I learned to play golf. Little did I know when I took those first swings at age 17 that golf would bring such amazing experiences and extraordinary people into my life. Golf has taken me places I never would have gone. Never did I dream my life would be so defined by golf.

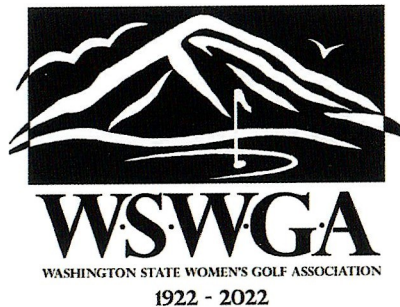
I am grateful for the opportunity I had to compete in the game and feel privileged to be a longstanding member of such an exemplary association. Because of this, and because I am keenly aware of how our group survived and thrived through some tumultuous and exceptional times, I wanted there to be a record of our history. I spent two years researching my book, "90 Years of Championship Golf... the Grand Tradition" and it was the proverbial labor of love. When it was completed, a copy was given to each contestant at our 2012 championship and the book was later selected by the USGA Museum of History for its collection.

This new book, "Washington State Women's Golf Association Centennial 1922-2022... Celebrating 100 Years of Great Golf and Friendships" is a continuation of the first, ensuring that the legacy of our first hundred years is complete. The history of any organization is a story of its members: the bonds created, the achievements realized, and the memories made to be cherished and handed down. Regardless of the outcome of any one match or tournament, the true value of an association is measured by the friendships made, the remembrances of great battles fought hard and well, and the lasting effect of lives enriched by having been a part of the game.

Please enjoy this book as we honor the past, celebrate our accomplishments and get ready for our second century.



Ann Swanson
Sand Point Country Club



A Century of Championship Golf Highlights of the Washington State Women's Golf Association

At the turn of the 20th century, golf was becoming more and more popular. Women were drawn to playing because it was a game of skill that included competition and camaraderie - highly valued qualities. By the 1920's, women were traveling to compete in exchange matches throughout the state.

At that time, some women from Washington were becoming well-known players along the west coast. This included Mrs. W. J. Patterson who was a leader in the Grays Harbor community and at Grays Harbor Country Club. A formidable woman who went by the nickname of "Frank", she decided that female golfers in Washington State should have their own championship. Her club became the host site for that first event in 1922. Twelve clubs from around the state* were represented by 46 contestants and each paid a \$1.00 entry fee. Social events were an important part of the festivities and husbands were included.

Following the qualifying round, the Washington State Women's Golf Association was formed, and "Frank" Patterson was elected President. She also went on to win that first championship.

Given the success of that event, within a few months the men took their cue from the women and started their own association - the Washington State Golf Association (WSGA). It's now known as WA Golf, and they've included women in their organization for many years.

In 1923, Spokane Country Club played host to 65 contestants, and each year after, the number of participants continued to grow. In those early years of the WSWGA, women golfers from British Columbia and down the west coast were included. In 1934, 208 women teed it up at Broadmoor Golf Club. Imagine!!!

Due to World War II, the championship was canceled from 1942-1945, but golf got rolling again in 1946. By then, the entry fee had increased to \$5.00. In 1949, Broadmoor again played host to over 200 golfing women.

*Bellingham G&CC, Broadmoor GC, Earlington CC, Everett G&CC, Grays Harbor CC, Inglewood GC, Manito G&CC, Olympia G&CC, Seattle GC, Spokane CC, Tacoma C&GC, and Yakima CC.

The 1950's and 1960's were tremendous decades for the WSWGGA. National champions Pat Lesser Harbottle, Ruth Jessen, Anne Quast Sander, JoAnne Gunderson Carner, and Edean Ihlanfeldt were "regulars" in the WSWGGA championships. These women from Washington formed a dynasty of national winners for more than a decade that was unmatched in any other part of the country.

The 1970's ushered in a new group of eventual Hall of Famers. This included Ann Swanson, who became the all-time champion with nine victories. She was also the runner-up nine times.

During this time, many WSWGGA contestants were championship material, and each title was hard-fought and well earned. Articles about the championships continued to be plentiful in all the local newspapers, and TV sportscasters would show up at the events (along with their TV cameras).

Title IX was passed in 1972 and kicked off a whole new era in women's sports. It was now very cool to be athletic. College golf scholarships became available, and the women's professional tour (LPGA) continued to grow.

Something else was happening in the 1970's - senior golf was becoming popular. Older players still wanted to compete, but it was hard to keep up with the younger ones. Therefore, in 1974, the first WSWGGA Senior Championship was held at Moses Lake Golf and Country Club. It continues to be a can't miss championship for women in Washington who are age 50 and over and play golf at private clubs.

Prior to 1994, there were two state championships each year in Washington. The WSWGGA had a championship for women who were members at private clubs, and the Washington State Women's Public Links Association (WSWPLA) had a championship for women who played at public golf courses.

In the early 1990's, the Washington State Golf Association (now WA Golf) decided that they should host a state championship for ALL women in Washington. Therefore, in 1994, women gathered from public and private courses around the state to compete against each other. This was a big step for women's golf in Washington. However, it also had the effect of reducing the field in the WSWGGA championships, since some women chose to play only in the WA Golf event.

In addition, the lifestyle of many women was changing dramatically during this time. The feminist movement created many career opportunities for them, and they were very busy juggling families, jobs, and their hobby of competing at golf.

One of the biggest challenges in the history of the WSWGGA took place in 1996 at Walla Walla Country Club. Just days before the contestants were arriving for the championship, their clubhouse burned to the ground. Even under these tough circumstances, they managed to pull off a great event.

In the new century, participation in the championships eventually started to decrease. The 5-day match play format of the WSWGGA was becoming harder for women to manage along with so many other time-consuming commitments. Following endless informal conversations, meetings, and an extensive survey of past participants, the Trustees of the WSWGGA decided at the end of 2016 to change their future championships from a 5-day match play event to 3 days of medal play. This was a big change for the association and not taken lightly. It did have the intended result of dramatically increasing participation.

The unthinkable took place in 2020 when a once in a lifetime pandemic changed lives forever. Playing golf became one of the few activities that had any normalcy. However, due to COVID-19, most things in life were curtailed, including traveling and being around groups of people. Therefore, the decision was made to postpone the WSWGGA championship for that year. What a joyous occasion to finally gather and tee it up at Canterwood Golf and Country Club in 2021.

The mission of the Washington State Women's Golf Association is to promote golf, competition, and camaraderie for women of all skill levels who are members of recognized clubs within the WSWGGA. We salute our past champions and participants who have received national recognition, represented the United States in international competitions, and who have turned professional. We also commend those who have gone into coaching and/or whose careers are involved in our great game.

In this centennial year, we are grateful for the forward-thinking women who founded the WSWGGA. In addition, hats off to ALL the contestants and volunteers in these past 100 years who have continued the goal of having a golfing organization that is designed for women and managed exclusively by women.

The WSWGGA website (<http://thewswga.com>) can be consulted for further historical information. The Grand Tradition written by Ann Swanson is also available at the WA Golf Library and many private clubs in Washington.



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



Mrs. W.J. Patterson ("Frank")

THE GOLFER'S CREED

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-door, 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, kindness and generosity to an opponent.
It promotes not only physical health but moral force.

- David R. Forgan, 1899

"Frank" Patterson was civic minded, progressive, and a leader in the Grays Harbor community. She was a masterful woman. She had a sharp mind and a take charge attitude which served her interests well. It was at her instigation that the WSWG was founded at Grays Harbor Country Club on August 22, 1922. She became our first champion and first President. For many years, "Frank" was the leading light of the GHCC. She dominated the female members and cowed the men...at least that seemed to be both her intention and reputation.

NORTHWEST GOLF GIRLS COME INTO THEIR OWN



**Anne Quast Sander, JoAnne Gunderson Carner,
Pat Lesser Harbottle, Ruth Jessen, and Edean
Ihlanfeldt**

The 1950's was a decade in which the Pacific Northwest became known as "the cradle of great women golfers." Over a 13 year period there were only two years in which a golfer from the northwest did not finish as either champion or runner up in the U.S. Women's Amateur. The USGA often joked, "There must be something in the water out there." Pat Lesser Harbottle was the first in a series of remarkable competitors. She was followed by JoAnne Gunderson, who won five titles and had two runner up finishes. Anne Quast Sander began her reign in 1958. She won three U.S. Women's Amateur Championships plus four other USGA titles. These three women, along with Ruth Jessen and Edean Ihlanfeldt sharpened their skills on WSWGGA courses. Imagine playing in the WSWGGA Championship field that included these players! The 1954 Seattle Times wrote, "The entry of Lesser, Quast, and Jessen in the WSWGGA championship gave the tournament importance such as few state events can boast."

Pat Lesser blazed the trail to fame for the feminine swingers as a teenager by playing for the Seattle University Men's Golf Team, capturing the National Collegiate Championship and scoring many successes on the national circuit. She played at Jackson Park and Sand Point Country Club. Ruth Jessen followed Pat to the Seattle University Men's Team. She won SWGA, WSWGGA, and PNGA titles. Ruth was the youngest, along with Anne Quast and Jean Perry to win the WSWGGA at age 17. She was the youngest person at the time to turn pro at age 19. Ruth played at Meadow Park, Sand Point, and Inglewood Golf Club.

Anne Quast Sander grew up in Marysville and first attracted national attention when she won the Western Junior Amateur at age 15. She played at Everett Golf and Country Club. JoAnne Gunderson Carner grew up in Kirkland and was given playing privileges at Sand Point CC and took lessons from Head Pro John Hoetmer. She went on to become one of the greatest women golfers of all time. Edean Anderson Ihlanfeldt grew up in Montana, won the Montana State Championship at age 14 and went on to be a USGA Sr Champion. All of these women are in the PNGA Hall of Fame.

WSWGA NOTABLES



Pat Lesser Harbottle
Seattle P.I. 1955 Man of
the Year. Curtis Cup.
PNGA Centennial Team.



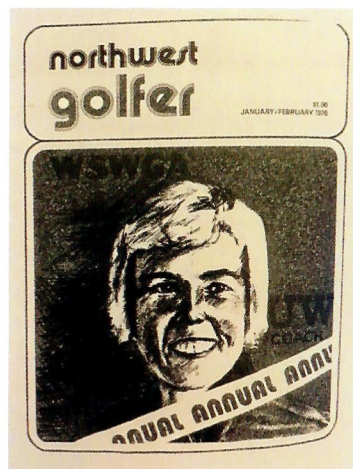
JoAnne Gunderson Carner
Seattle P.I. 1957 Man of the
Year. Curtis Cup. Solheim Cup.



Anne Quast Sander
Seattle P.I. 1961 Man of
the Year. Curtis Cup.



Hilda McAuslan Beck
Ste. Michelle requested from the
WSWGA that Hilda's picture be
used in their marketing for the
sponsorship of the LPGA
ShopRite Classic.



Edean Ihlanfeldt
Is named the Women's Golf Coach at
the University of Washington in 1974.
Ann Swanson is named her assistant
coach. Later on, the UW renamed
their event the Edean Ihlanfeldt
Invitational.



**The Northwest Cup Matches 1989-2002
(1993 Team Pictured)**

The Northwest Cup Matches began in 1989. The event consisted of annual team matches between the British Columbia Golf Association and the WSWG. Ann Swanson, the current WSWG champ was asked to organize the matches and captain the team. The first match was hosted at Glendale Country Club with the WSWG team winning. The matches were conducted in a Ryder Cup format. In 1994, British Columbia bowed out and the annual matches were started with the Oregon Golf Association.

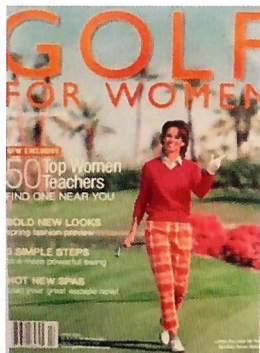


Betty Jean (Rucker) Hulteng
left an indelible mark on
Washington State golf. In 1946,
she advanced to the semifinals of
the inaugural U.S. Women's
Open, losing to Patty Berg on the
35th hole. It was the only year
the Open was contested in match
play.

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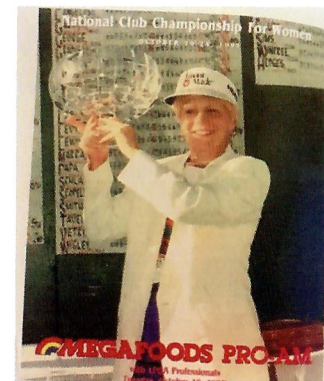
Sharon Johnston
Fircrest Golf Club
2010 PNGA Distinguished Service Award, First female WSGA President, 2-time WSWG President, PNGA Board of Directors, USGA Mid AM Committee, Chair of the USGA Public Links Championship. Co-Chair with Amy Elieff Walker of the 2023 USGA Four Ball.



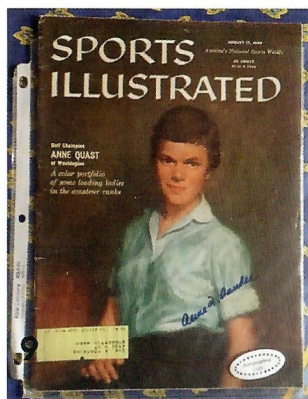
Dana Heffernan Bates
Fircrest Golf Club
In 2012 was ranked in the top 50 LPGA Teachers and was a Golf Channel "Big Break" contestant.



Judy Thompson
Meridian Valley CC
2010 PNGA Distinguished Service Award, PNGA President of Woman's Board, SWGA President, WSWG President, Volunteer Chair of the LPGA Safeco Classic (18 years), recipient of the USGA Ike Grainger Award (25 years of service).



Ann Swanson
Sand Point CC
1992 National Club Champion, PNGA Centennial Team, and Inaugural PNGA Cup Team. USGA Nominating Committee. PNGA Board of Directors. Ladies National Golf Association Board of Directors. Chair of the Trans National Championship.



Anne Quast Sander
Winner of many national events including 3 Women's USGA Amateurs.

Sports Illustrated



"Faces in the Crowd"
Ann Swanson wins 1989 WSWG Championship while wearing a walking cast after breaking her leg.



Team Washington in the Centennial USGA State Team Championship, held in 1995 at Lake Buena Vista (Florida) Club. Competing were Deb Doles, Ann Swanson, Sue Ursino.

WSWGA PARTICIPANTS INDUCTED INTO THE PNGA HALL OF FAME



**Pat Lesser
Harbottle 1985**



**Edean
Ihlanfeldt
1985**



**Liz Culver
1989**



**Betty Jean Rucker
Hulteng 1995**



**Connie Oldershaw
Guthrie
1997**



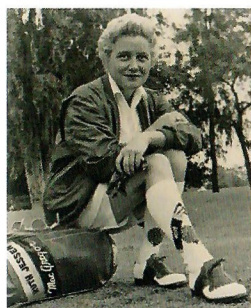
**Anne Quast
Sander 1999**



**Ann Swanson
2007**



**Hilda McAuslan
Beck 2015**



**Ruth Jessen
2017**



**JoAnne Gunderson
Carner
1999**

The PNGA Hall of Fame was established in 1978 to recognize men and women from the Pacific Northwest who have made extraordinary contributions to the game of golf. This is primarily through competitive accomplishments, with consideration also given for contributions given in a volunteer capacity.

ADDITIONAL HALL OF FAMERS



JoAnne Gunderson Carner
Member of several Halls of Fame including the World Golf Hall of Fame and the LPGA Hall of Fame. Winner of the USGA prestigious Bob Jones Award. "The Great Gundy" or "Big Momma" was great at every level of the game. Her gregarious personality and go for broke style made her a popular figure in the pro ranks. She holds many records.



Judy Hoetmer
UW Hall of Fame.



Sue Dougherty Ursino
Seattle University Hall of Fame.



Ann Swanson
Northwest Athletic Conference Hall of Fame, Grays Harbor College Hall of Fame, J.M. Weatherwax HS Hall of Fame, and SPCC Hall of Fame.



Edean Ihlanfeldt
UW Hall of Fame, Montana State Hall of Fame, National Coaches Hall of Fame.



Ruth Jessen
Seattle Public Schools Hall of Fame.



Pat Lesser Harbottle
Seattle University Hall of Fame, Washington State Sports Hall of Fame.



Anne Quast -Sander
Washington -State Sports Hall of Fame.

WSWGA FUN FACTS FROM OUR CHAMPIONS



Hilda McAuslan Beck

In 1934, the Seattle Times named Hilda, "Champion of Washington the ideal American girl". She won 6 WSWGGA titles. Golf tip from Hilda, "Learn the game properly and then practice, practice, and practice some more."

MEMORY OF HILDA FROM DAUGHTER ELAINE JUNTA: "Most of my mothers titles were won before I was born. As a child I wasn't aware of the fact that she was a great golfer and a champion. In the late 1950's, she developed 'the shanks'. The shanks remained with her the rest of her golfing career. They have not yet invented a shank replacement hormone!"



Ruth Jessen

Ruth was Seattle's first LPGA Pro. Her career was plagued by injury and medical issues. JoAnne Carner said, "Ruth had the game for a Hall of Fame career if she had stayed healthy." She had wonderful public relation skills to keep the LPGA going during its difficult years. A great asset was Ruth's extremely wide putting stance.

RUTHS GOLF TIP: "Putting is very important in scoring well. Try taking a wider stance to stabilize yourself and keep your body still while you are putting."



Pat Lesser Harbottle

Pat was one of the greatest golfers to come out of the northwest and was a celebrity in national golf circles. She was the first female in the western United States to play on a men's college golf team. Her dad was an Army Colonel and the family was stationed at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked in 1941. Pat once told Ann Swanson, "she was the only person in the history of Holy Names Academy who had to repeat sewing class." She finally passed by knitting a set of head covers. Ann told this story during a victory speech at a tournament. Everyone laughed hilariously. Pat stood up and very loudly said, "I'm never telling you anything again!" All in the fun of ladies' golf.

PAT'S GOLF TIP: "Play from the tees you feel most comfortable playing from."

WSWGA FUN FACTS FROM OUR CHAMPIONS

Edean Ihlanfeldt



**Edean presenting her
SWGA Medalist
Trophy to Sue Ursino**

Not only did Edean win titles, trophies, and was a lifelong friend to women on golf courses throughout the northwest, she was a born entertainer. She kept golfers laughing for decades. Stunts, dressing up, jokes...there was never a dull moment around Edean. Another priceless Edean moment: she was being interviewed with her brother in Montana where they grew up. The newspaper picture showed Edean helping her brother with his swing. The reporter, hoping for smiles, said, "I wish you two would lighten up a bit." Edean had an immediate response. She said to her brother, "Hey, Ralph, your fly's down." the reporter got the smiles!

EDEAN'S GOLF TIP: When she was coaching the UW Women's Golf Team, she always told her players whether they were up or down after the first nine holes... "New nine, go get 'em."



**Another one of
Edean's colorful
moments**



JoAnne Gunderson Carner

"JoAnne loved match play, showboating to galleries, riding motorcycles and partying in the clubhouse with members after her rounds. She dominated women's golf and nobody had more fun dominating than she did. There was a little Babe Ruth in her, a little Babe Zaharias, a little Walter Hagen and a little Shelley Winters, too. It made for some package. Win or lose, Big Momma was quite a show." (From the World Golf Hall of Fame). JoAnne was a natural left hander but played golf right handed. She told Ann Swanson, "You think you can go places and not be recognized. I took my boat down to the Bahamas and docked it. There I was...my big, fat body, in a swimming suit and the guy in the boat next to me looked over and said casually, Oh, hi JoAnne!"

JOANNE'S GOLF TIP: "If you want to play on the Pro Tour learn to play golf in the northwest. Playing in Seattle, you face tall trees, narrow fairways, sidehill, downhill, and uphill lies...and how to play in different weather conditions."

"Concentration and getting involved with the shot are very important but don't get too serious."

WSWGA FUN FACTS FROM OUR CHAMPIONS

MEMORY OF JOANNE GUNDERSON CARNER - from Ann Swanson: In 1976, I was one of three amateurs in the northwest invited to play in the LGPA Portland Classic. I shot very well the first day and my name was on the leader board along with no other then JoAnne Carner. I told my mother to hurry up and go take a picture because my name wouldn't be up there for long. The next morning I was in disbelief when I checked the pairings and, sure enough, I was paired with her. I immediately became so nervous, I couldn't eat my breakfast. I drew a big gallery on the first tee...of course, I was paired with Big Momma. There were about 300 people around the first tee. I have never in my entire golf career been as nervous as I was in that moment. My hands were shaking so much I couldn't take the club back. I finally told myself I had to hit it, and I did...off the heel very low about 170 yards. JoAnne then stepped up and hit it dead right into the trees. That made me feel more relaxed and I went on to shoot 74. She was wonderfully nice to me during the round.



Ann Swanson

When I was 10 years old, my sister Judy and I had leading roles in a Chef-Boyardee advertisement. Yes, the forever "wanna be chef"!

ANN'S GOLF TIP: "Never underestimate playing one shot at a time."



Dana Heffernan Bates

In 2008, Dana Bates was in the Big Break Kanipalii competition aired by the Golf Channel. She was leading after the 5th episode, won the flop shot green wall competition, and was eliminated the next day against the player who ultimately won. When she went to audition for this show there were over 7,000 applicants. When the producers asked her what she was going to do on the show she said, "I'm going to be the Cougar Mama that is going to show these kittens how to play some golf. And that was a charactor they didn't have, and there I was on Big Break Kaanapali."

DANA'S GOLF TIP: "Visualize the shot then trust your swing."

ANOTHER DECADE OF WSWGGA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012-2022

"Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening - and it is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented."
Arnold Palmer

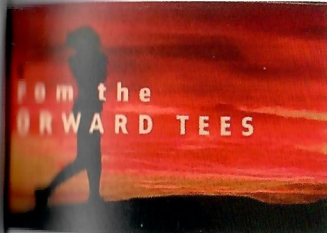


"I have really enjoyed every minute I have spent in golf - above all, the many wonderful friends I have made. I have loved playing the game and practicing it. Whether my schedule for the following day called for a tournament round or merely a trip to the practice tee, the prospect that there was going 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

Edythe Boucher Trophy

**Her 21 years of service as
Executive Secretary were honored
by naming the WSWGGA Championship
Trophy in her honor.**



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 THE GREENS and Golden Lady of Northwest Golf. Other appropriate descriptions are team captain, college coach, committee and board member, golf shop manager, trailblazer 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 years WSWGGA State Championship will be held July 30-August 3 at Sand Point Country Club, Swanson's home club. 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 Ann Swanson, a nine-time State Champion. Unlike many of today's stars who begin swinging as toddlers, Swanson was 17 when she got her start. One day her brother, who caddied at Grays Harbor, brought home a couple cast-off persimmon woods, sunk orange juice cans in their backyard 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 included victories spanning four decades and an unparalleled 21 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 Mom (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 1950's and 60's, 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 in my accomplishments," she says. Her mother took up the game at age 49 and subsequently served as the Grays Harbor WSWGGA representative for 25 years.

When Swanson entered Grays Harbor College there were no women's golf teams. 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 has met and the memories she has accumulated.

Intrigued by the memories and stories, and inspired by WSWGGA's 2012 tournament theme of 90 Years of Championship Golf...the Grand Tradition, she is dedicating precious 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 this region. This marks the fourth time the tournament will be held at Sand Point.

2012 CHAMPIONSHIP AT SAND POINT COUNTRY CLUB



Champion: Flora Weeks Overlake Golf and Country Club
Runner Up: Leslie Folsom Rainer Golf and Country Club
Ann Swanson Medalist Trophy: Gretchen Klein, Cassie McKinley
and Denise Kieffer
President: Ann Swanson



Flora Weeks



Ann Swanson Medalist Trophy



Leslie Folsom



Pat Terry

2012 Senior Championship at Overlake Golf and Country Club

Senior Champion: Pat Terry Wenatchee Golf and Country Club
Senior Runner Up: Gretchen Klein Grays Harbor Country Club

2013 CHAMPIONSHIP AT YAKIMA COUNTRY CLUB



Champion: Leslie Folsom Rainier Golf and Country Club
Runner Up: Denise Kieffer Fircrest Golf Club
Ann Swanson Medalist Trophy: Leslie Folsom
President: Cindi Stewart



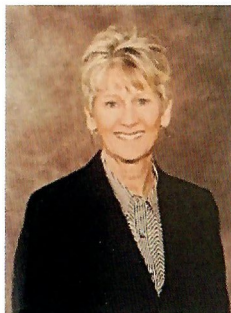
Leslie Folsom



Leslie and Denise



Denise Kieffer



Pat Terry

2013 Senior Championship at Broadmoor Golf Club

Senior Champion: Pat Terry Wenatchee Golf and Country Club
Senior Runner Up: Denise Kieffer Fircrest Golf Club



Leslie Folsom of Rainier Country Club hits out a bunker in the championship match of the 21st Washington State Women's Golf Association State Championship on Friday at the Yakima Country Club. Folsom beat Denise Kietler 5 and 4 to claim her sixth state title.

Photo by GORDON KING/Yakima Herald-Republic

BEATING THE HEAT

Folsom starts hot and doesn't cool off in cruising to state title

2014 CHAMPIONSHIP AT EVERETT GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB



Champion: Cassie McKinley Seattle Golf Club
Runner Up: Denise Kieffer Fircrest Golf Club
Ann Swanson Medalist Trophy: Gretchen Klein
President: Dee Hanich



Cassie McKinley



Denise Kieffer



Sharon Drummey

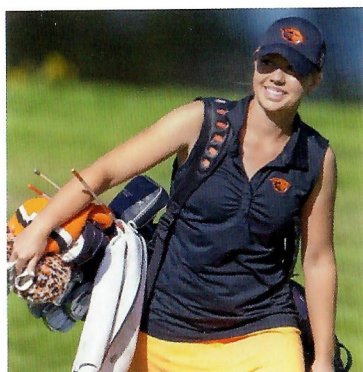
2014 Senior Championship at Tacoma Country and Golf Club

Senior Champion: Sharon Drummey Rainier Golf and Country Club
Senior Runner Up: Monica Boegl Wing Point Golf and Country Club

2015 CHAMPIONSHIP AT FIRCREST GOLF CLUB



Champion: Olivia Benzin Fircrest Golf Club
Runner Up: Madisen Bentley Fircrest Golf Club
Ann Swanson Medalist Trophy: Olivia Benzin
President: Sharon Johnston



Olivia Benzin



Madisen Bentley



Nancy Eglin

2015 Senior Championship at Meridian Valley Country Club

Senior Champion: Nancy Eglin Yakima Elks Golf and Country Club
Senior Runner Up: Joyce Martin Fircrest Golf Club

2016 CHAMPIONSHIP AT OLYMPIA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB



Champion: Olivia Benzin Fircrest Golf Club
Runner Up: Jaime Huo Fairwood Golf and Country Club
Ann Swanson Medalist Trophy: Jaime Huo
President: JoAnn Osborn



Olivia Benzin



Jaime Huo

2016 Senior Championship at Rainier Golf and Country Club



Michelle Hood

Senior Champion: Michelle Hood Sahalee Country Club
Senior Runner Up: Sue Ursino Sahalee Country Club

2017 CHAMPIONSHIP AT INGLEWOOD GOLF CLUB



Champion: Olivia Benzin Fircrest Golf Club
Runner Up: Sue Ursino Sahalee Country Club
Ann Swanson Medalist Trophy: Olivia Benzin
President: Chris Hogan



Olivia Benzin



Sue Ursino



Michelle Hood

2017 Senior Championship at Wenatchee Golf and Country Club

Senior Champion: Michelle Hood Sahalee Country Club
Senior Runner Up: Leslie Folsom Rainier Golf and Country Club

2018 CHAMPIONSHIP AT SAHALEE COUNTRY CLUB



Champion: Olivia Benzin Fircrest Golf Club
Runner Up: Jaime Huo Fairwood Golf and Country Club
Ann Swanson Trophy: Shawn Farmer-Sese
President: Eleanor Devlin



Olivia Benzin



Jaime Huo



Leslie Folsom

2018 Senior Championship at Longview Country Club

Senior Champion: Leslie Folsom Rainier Golf and Country Club
Senior Runner Up: Michelle Hood Sahalee Country Club

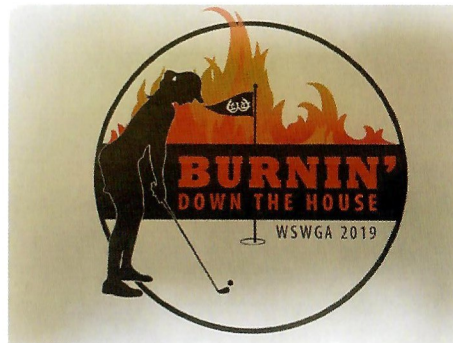
2019 CHAMPIONSHIP AT WALLA WALLA COUNTRY CLUB



Champion: Gretchen Klein Grays Harbor Country Club
Runner Up: Michelle Hood Sahalee Country Club
Ann Swanson Trophy: Gretchen Klein
President: Sarah Michelson



Gretchen Klein



Michelle Hood



Leslie Folsom

2019 Senior Championship at Useless Bay Golf and Country Club

Senior Champion: Leslie Folsom Rainier Golf and Country Club
Senior Runner Up: Gretchen Klein Grays Harbor Country Club



Klein, Marks hold on for victories

THE LEMIEUX TROPHY

WSWGA Senior Championship Low Net of the Field

Donated in 2019 By Sue Ursino and brothers John and Brian Dougherty.



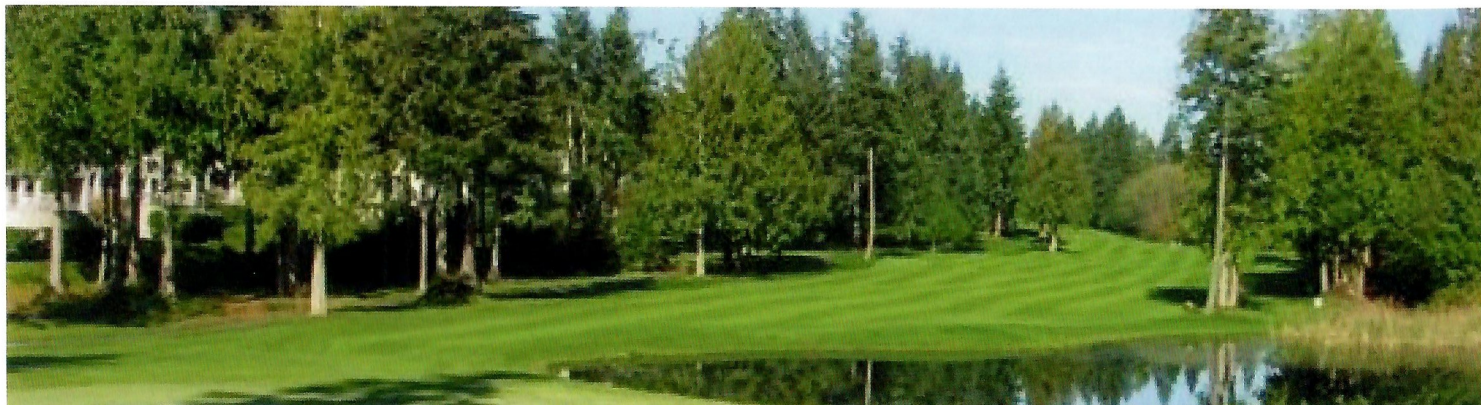
2020 WSWGGA Championships canceled due to COVID-19

**The World Health Organization on March 11th, 2020,
declared the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
outbreak a global pandemic.**



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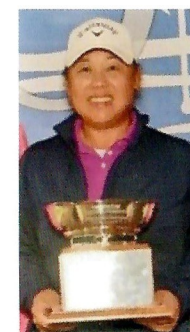
2021 CHAMPIONSHIP AT CANTERWOOD GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB



Champion: Jessica Zalasko Canterwood Golf and Country Club
Runner Up: Kim Shek Sahalee Country Club
Ann Swanson Trophy: Jessica Zalasko
President: Kathryn Giff



Jessica Zelasko



Kim Shek



Leslie Folsom

2021 Senior Championship at Mill Creek Country Club

Senior Champion: Leslie Folsom Rainier Golf and Country Club
Senior Runner Up: Maryanne Lee Mill Creek Country Club



Welcome to the Centennial Year of the Washington State Women's Golf Association

In 1922, Grays Harbor Country Club was getting ready for women all over the state to compete in a great tournament at their club. Besides the golf, social events contributed to the importance of the week.

Since then, this organization has attracted some of the greatest women golfers in the northwest and the United States. Our champions have won major events around the world, including the USGA Amateur, USGA Senior Amateur and British Amateur. They have been Curtis Cup and World Team Members, NCAA Champions, and winners of other national amateur events including the Western Amateur, Trans National Championship, North South Amateur and the National Club Championship. Several have been inducted into the Pacific Northwest Golf Association Hall of Fame and others have gone on to professional golf careers.

In July, we'll be gathering at Overlake Golf and Country Club for three days of golf and camaraderie at our state championship. Like 100 years ago, it will be a great test of golf and also a festive occasion.

In September, the age 50 and over crowd will hold their championship at Glendale Country Club. This will be another can't miss event.

As we continue through COVID, author Billy Baker reminds us that, "our human story is not one of loners, but of groups, collectives, communities, and friends." He comments that, "in forcing us apart, COVID reminds us why we are better together."

By Scott Hanson

A CENTURY IN, WASHINGTON STATE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION STILL GOING STRONG



Seattle University Golf Coach Ann Swanson in March of 2015 at Broadmoor Golf Club in Seattle.

In 1911, William J. Patterson, the founder of a bank in Aberdeen, purchased a ranch outside of town and turned the land into a golf course that became Grays Harbor Country Club. His wife, known as "Frank" (no one seems sure what her given name was), was quite a golfer and activist. In 1922, her country club invited all the top golfers in the state to come to the course for a tournament. The convergence of players from around the state led to creation of the Washington State Women's Golf Association.

One hundred years later, the WSWGGA is still going strong and will host its annual state tournament July 11-13 at Overlake Golf and Country Club in Medina.

"Celebrating 100 Years of Friendship" is the motto for this year's event. It all began with Patterson, who became the first president of the WSWGGA and also won the inaugural tournament. "She was a very masterful woman," said Ann Swanson, who has won the WSWGGA championship a record nine times. "She had a sharp mind and a take-charge attitude. So often, I look back and wonder if she had any idea what she started. It was really at her instigation that this all happened."

Swanson, who has also won the WSWGGA Senior Championship three times and was the organization's president in 2012, was so interested in the history of women's golf in the state that she wrote a book about it 10 years ago. She spent two years doing research. "Mrs. Patterson, was way ahead of the curve for her time," Swanson said. "She had her detractors but none of that deterred her."

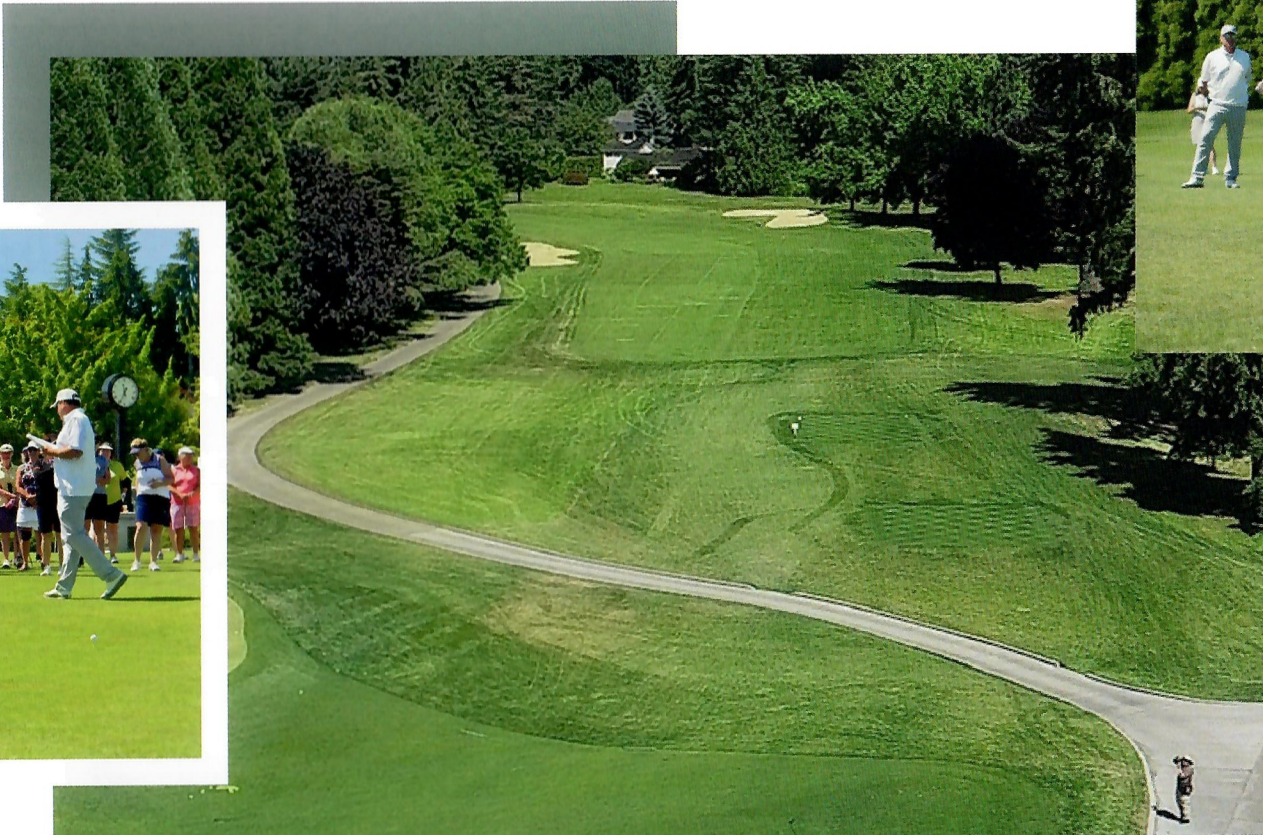
Swanson said the first WSWGGA championship had 46 players and the entry fee was \$1. She said the fields in the championship got so big that the tournament was limited to just members of private clubs in 1929.

The list of WSWGGA championship winners includes many of the top female golfers in state history, including Pat Lesser Harbottle, Anne Quast Sander, Ruth Jessen, who won the U.S. Women's Amateur, and Edean Ihlandfelt, who won the US Senior Women's Amateur. "The success of this tournament and the success of this organization is really a tremendous accomplishment," Swanson said. "It was the result of enormously hard work and dedication and a tribute to the passion and excitement for the game and all of it's players."

THE 100th WSWG CHAMPIONSHIP



ANN SWANSON HITTING CEREMONIAL FIRST DRIVE



THE GAMES BEGIN!

Past Champions

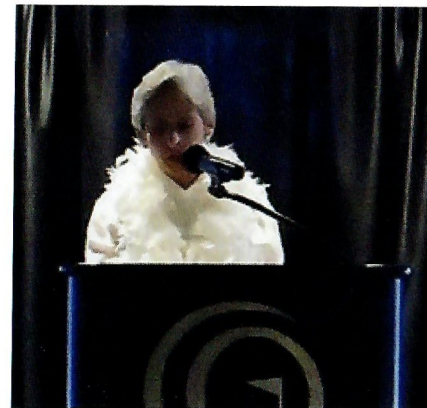


**President Gwynne
Johnson and Executive
Secretary Beth Jensen
Chew**

**Beth Campbell
President of Overlake Golf and Country Club**



**Troy Andrew PNGA and WA Golf Executive
Director**



**Sue Ursino
WSWGA Historian**



Meadow Springs ladies at the festivities



Enjoying the celebration



Mark And Sue Ursino

Many thanks to Mark and Sue for their contributions to our Centennial Celebration. In particular, thanks to Mark, a brilliant and talented man who has donated so much time with photography and projects for women's golf.



New Match vs Par Trophy - won by Walla Walla CC. Donated by Dougherty/Ursino Family in 2022

2022 CHAMPIONSHIP AT OVERLAKE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB



Champion: Kendall Nicholson Overlake Golf and Country Club
Runner Up: Jessica Zelasko Canterwood Golf and Country Club
Ann Swanson Trophy: Kendall Nicholson and Jessica Zelasko
President: Gwynne Johnson



Kendall Nicholson



Jessica Zelasko



Kim Shek

2022 Senior Championship at Glendale Country Club

Senior Champion: Kim Shek Sahalee Country Club
Senior Runner Up: Gretchen Klein Grays Harbor Country Club

WASHINGTON GOLF

Nicholson wins WSWGGA championship

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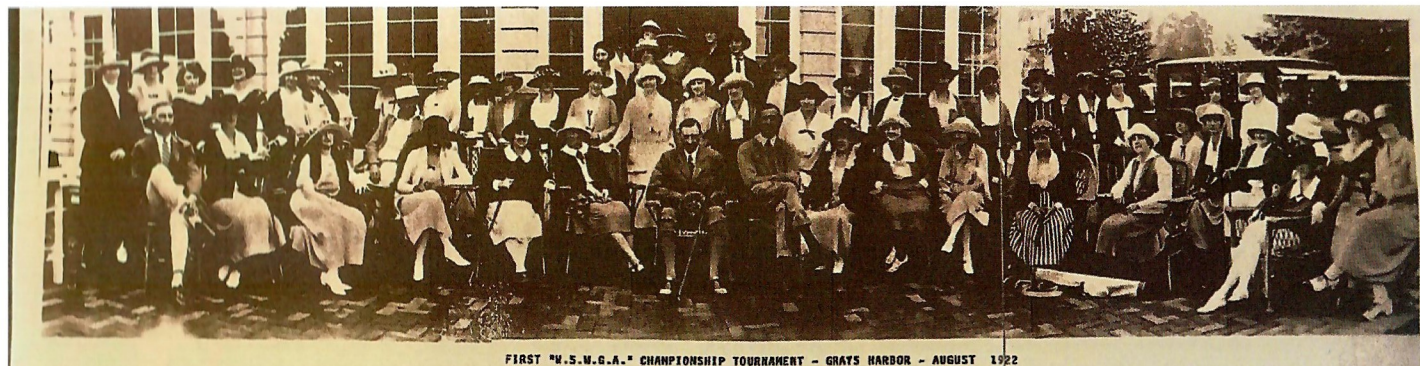
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Washington State Women's Golf Association celebrates 100th anniversary in 2022 season



Jessica Zelasko and Kendall Nicholson

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FIRST "W.S.W.G.A." CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT - GRAYS HARBOR - AUGUST 1922

The inaugural Washington State Women's Golf Association Championship was held in August 1922 at Grays Harbor Country Club. There were 46 competitors, each paying a \$1 entry fee.

WSWGA: Celebrating 100 years of Golf and Friendships

The Washington State Women's Golf Association (WSWGA) is celebrating its centennial year in 2022.

One hundred years ago, a woman by the name of "Frank" Patterson decided that women golfers in Washington should be able to compete for the title of



Charter members at Earlington G&CC in 1927.

The Washington State Women's Golf Association was founded in 1922 by these charter member clubs:

Bellingham G&CC, Broadmoor Golf Club, Earlington G&CC, Everett G&CC, Grays Harbor CC, Inglewood Golf Club, Manito G&CC, Olympia C&GC, Seattle Golf Club, Spokane CC, Tacoma C&GC and Yakima CC

MORE HISTORY FROM ONE OF OUR GREATEST CHAMPIONS PAT LESSER HARBOTTLE

Congratulations to Ann and Sue for taking the time to write the history of WSWG 2012-2022. They did a super job. Ann asked me to write a few words as I am the oldest living winner of our state championship. Is that a compliment? My first win was 1952 at Inglewood. I was medalist with a course record-breaking 71. Peggy Walker and I made the finals. We were on the practice tee getting ready for the 36-hole finals. She shanked a ball that hit me on the thigh. You could see the impression. We were good friends and she felt so bad. After 6 holes I was 4 down, but I got lucky and won 10 & 8.

When I started playing in the late 1940's, junior girls golf did not exist, so I got to play with the women. My first tournament was the Club Championship at Jackson Park. I was 13 and the ladies could not have been nicer. I played against Mrs. Gusterson in the finals, and this was my first win. I am proud of the fact that I have won club championships in 8 decades from 1940 to 2010.

Up until 1955, we had to wear skirts or dresses while competing. I remember in the late 1940's in the State Public Links at Jefferson Park I wore pedal pushers (capris). I was told not to wear them the next day or I would be disqualified. The bad part about wearing a skirt was the slip. In the hot weather it would stick to your legs. Not fun! In 1955 the USGA decided we could wear shorts, no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Golf has brought me so many fond memories: wonderful people, places traveled, and golf courses played.

At the national level I had the opportunity to compete against Patty Berg, Babe Didrikson Zaharis, Louise Suggs and most of the 13 LPGA Founders. Locally I had the good fortune to play with our dear friend Edean Ihlanfeldt, Ruthie Jessen, Connie Guthrie, Gundy (JoAnne Gunderson Carner), Ann Swanson, and Anne Sander. Golf is a wonderful sport that brings us all closer together. I thank God every day for golf being a part of my life.



Pat at Centennial Dinner



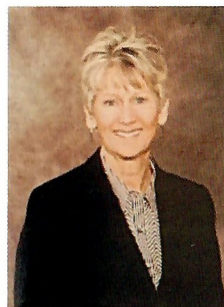
WSWGA EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES

1962-1983 Edythe Boycher
Overlake Golf and Country Club



Edythe's loyalty and devotion to women's golf was outstanding. Everyone who came to know her remembers her with affection.

2002-2005 Pat Terry
Wenatchee Golf and Country Club



Pat is an outstanding player. Her long list of accomplishments include 3-time WSWG Senior Champion, Club Champion 17 times and winner of many invitationals. She has been a WSWG Trustee and represented the organization with great devotion, skill, and grace.

1984-1995 Mary Ellen Ries
Moses Lake Golf and Country Club



Mary Ellen served the WSWG as a Trustee and then as President in 1970.

2006-2013 Jane Harris
Rainier Golf and Country Club



Jane is a school principal and life long golfer. She has brought outstanding leadership and knowledge to the WSWG. She is a two time WSWG Champ and won the SWGA City Championship when she was just 16. She represented Washington in the USGA State Team Championship. Jane played golf for Arizona State University and was on the Futures Tour for three years. First female president of Rainier Golf and Country Club.

1996-2001 Mary O'Donnell
Overlake Golf and Country Club



Mary has been devoted to the betterment of Women's golf, serving in many capacities. She was elected the first female President of Overlake Golf and Country Club in 2001. She also served as the second female President of the PNGA.

2013 - Current Beth Jensen Chew
Fircrest Golf Club



Beth has been a tremendous asset to the WSWG with her leadership and knowledge throughout our recent changes. Her organizational skills have been exceptional. Carry on Beth!

ABOUT OUR PRESIDENTS

What makes an organization successful, ongoing, and deemed to have great integrity and spirit? Primary among all the committed volunteers and enthusiastic members have been those women "who have stepped up to the tee" and served as WSWGAs presidents.

The earliest leaders were visionaries, challenged to unite a group of diverse women with a love for golf and a desire to compete, to make friends, and to strive for excellence. Those Presidents were followed by more outstanding women who have kept the organization "on the green" for 100 years.

We pay tribute to the women who have served us well, enabling our members and peers to reap the joys of sterling competition in the company of treasured friends.



Ann Swanson 2012
Sand Point



Cindi Stewart 2013
Yakima



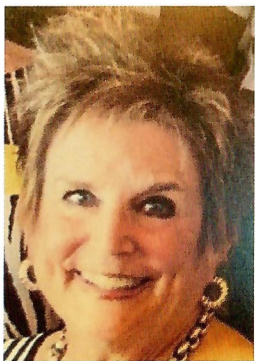
Dee Hanich 2014
Everett



Sharon Johnston 2015
Fircrest



JoAnn Osborn 2016
Olympia



Chris Hogan 2017
Inglewood



Eleanor Devlin 2018
Sahalee



Sarah Michelson 2019
Walla Walla



Kathryn Gift 2021
Canterwood



Gwynne Johson 2022
Overlake

WSWGA PRESIDENTS

1922 Mrs. W.J. Patterson (Grays Harbor)
 1923 Mrs. W.J. Patterson (Grays Harbor)
 1924 Mrs. Elizabeth Farrell (Seattle)
 1925 Mrs. Roy Thomas (Everett)
 1926 Mrs. Riggs (Yakima)
 1927 Mrs. C.W. Howard (Bellingham)
 1928 Mrs. W.S. Griswold (Inglewood)
 1929 Mrs. E.C. Cooney (Sand Point)
 1930 Mrs. L.S. Ruble (Earlington)
 1931 Mrs. C.R. Harmon (Manito)
 1932 Mrs. E. Dwan (Rainier)
 1933 Mrs. A. Stebbins (Tacoma)
 1934 Mrs. E. Ristine (Broadmoor)
 1935 Mrs. H. Paige (Bellingham)
 1936 Mrs. E.V. Nelson (Olympic View)
 1937 Mrs. Roy Thomas (Everett)
 1938 Mrs. A. Belts (Spokane)
 1939 Mrs. J.E. Charbonnel (Sand Point)
 1940 No tournament
 1941 Mrs. L.A. Johnson (Fircrest)
 1942-1945 No tournament
 1946 Mrs. H. Manchester (Manito)
 1947 Mrs. R. Smith (Tacoma)
 1948 Mrs. D. Baldwin (Rainier)
 1949 Mrs. G. Stewart (Broadmoor)
 1950 Mrs. D. Gray (Walla Walla)
 1951 Mrs. A. Olsen (Bellingham)
 1952 Mrs. G. Downton (Inglewood)
 1953 Mrs. J. Butler (Clarkston)

1954 Mrs. J. Davis (Royal Oaks)
 1955 Mrs. I. Stephenson (Everett)
 1956 Mrs. T. Cragin (Sand Point)
 1957 Mrs. C. Clausin (Spokane)
 1958 Mrs. J. Rawlings (Fircrest)
 1959 Mrs. E. Goldberg (Kitsap)
 1960 Mrs. R. Shields (Yakima)
 1961 Mrs. W. Taylor (Olympia)
 1962 Mrs. A. Hainsworth (Overlake)
 1963 Mrs. R. Thorgrimson (Seattle)
 1964 Mrs. T. Eklow (Manito)
 1965 Mrs. A. Seyster (Wenatchee)
 1966 Mrs. A. Kilpatrick (Royal Oaks)
 1967 Mrs. J. Morrison (Walla Walla)
 1968 Mrs. I. Levine (Glendale)
 1969 Mrs. O. Siler (Kitsap)
 1970 Mrs. D. Ries (Moses Lake)
 1971 Mrs. R. Sailors (Longview)
 1972 Mrs. Pattok (Rainier)
 1973 Mrs. F. Beem (Yakima Elks)
 1974 Mrs. Lou Young (Tacoma)
 1975 Mrs. Val Vaughan (Broadmoor)
 1976 Mrs. Bev Ebright (Bellingham)
 1977 Mrs. Patty Strait (Oakbrook)
 1978 Mrs. Peg Pierce (Clarkston)
 1979 Mrs. Judy Thompson (Meridian Valley)
 1980 Ms. Janice Murphy (Spokane)
 1981 Ms. Pat Look (Inglewood)
 1982 Ms. June Rogers (Sahalee)

1983 Ms. Peg Loveland (Everett)
 1984 Ms. Sharon Johnston (Fircrest)
 1985 Ms. Betty Wight (Yakima)
 1986 Ms. Jean Seyfried (Sand Point)
 1987 Ms. Lou Paulsen (Olympia)
 1988 Ms. Gerry McKee (Twin Lakes)
 1989 Ms. Betty Green (Manito)
 1990 Ms. Liz Culver (Overlake)
 1991 Ms. Roberta Britt (Royal Oaks)
 1992 Ms. Celia Ingram (Seattle)
 1993 Ms. Elaine Seabeck (Wenatchee)
 1994 Ms. Ruth Sulman (Glendale)
 1995 Ms. Martha Lindgren (Fairwood)
 1996 Ms. Joanne Dunham (Walla Walla)
 1997 Ms. Barbara Tracy (Mill Creek)
 1998 Ms. Pat Brewitt (Kitsap)
 1999 Ms. Carlye Ingram (Meadow Springs)
 2000 Ms. Betty Stulgis (Longview)
 2001 Ms. Doris Rogers (Rainier)
 2002 Ms. June Wilkes (Yakima Elks)
 2003 Ms. Susan Andrew (Tacoma)
 2004 Ms. Jackie Mansfield (Broadmoor)
 2005 Ms. Elva Osborne (Clarkston)
 2006 Ms. Carlotta Jarratt (Bellingham)
 2007 Ms. Martha Berthelson (Oakbrook)
 2008 Ms. Sharon Falkner (Meridian Valley)
 2009 Ms. Barbara Lindahl (Useless Bay)
 2010 Ms. Jennie Stephens (Skagit)
 2011 Ms. Rita Keough (Twin Lakes)
 2012 Ms. Ann Swanson (Sand Point)
 2013 Ms. Cindi Stewart (Yakima)
 2014 Ms. Dee Hanich (Everett)
 2015 Ms. Sharon Johnston (Fircrest)
 2016 Ms. JoAnn Osborn (Olympia)
 2017 Ms. Chris Hogan (Inglewood)
 2018 Ms. Eleanor Devlin (Sahalee)
 2019 Ms. Sarah Michelson (Walla Walla)
 2020 No tournament
 2021 Ms. Kathryn Gift (Canterwood)
 2022 Ms. Gwynne Johnson (Overlake)



Practice rounds for 1922 WSWGGA Championship

WSWGA CHAMPIONS

1922 Mrs. Frank Patterson (Grays Harbor)
 1923 Mrs. Fred Jackson (Inglewood & Earlington)
 1924 Mrs. C.C. Cary (Inglewood)
 1925 Mrs. Fred Jackson (Inglewood & Earlington)
 1926 Mrs. C. C. Cary (Inglewood)
 1927 Mrs. Kenneth Reed (Oregon Champion)
 1928 Miss Margaret Murphy (Portland Champion)
 1929 Miss Hilda McAuslan (Rainier)
 1930 Mrs. George Johnson (Earlington)
 1931 Mrs. Guy Riegel (Manito)
 1932 Mrs. George Johnson (Earlington)
 1933 Miss Hilda McAuslan (Broadmoor)
 1934 Miss Hilda McAuslan (Broadmoor)
 1935 Mrs. Don Scott (Kitsap)
 1936 Mrs. Don Scott (Kitsap)
 1937 Mrs. Hilda McAuslan Beck (Broadmoor)
 1938 Mrs. Hilda McAuslan Beck (Broadmoor)
 1939 Miss Muriel Veatch (Longview)
 1940 No tournament
 1941 Miss Muriel Veatch (Longview)
 1942-1945 No tournament
 1946 Miss Betty Jean Rucker (Spokane)
 1947 Miss Barbara Smith (Royal Oaks)
 1948 Mrs. J.R. West (Rainier)
 1949 Mrs. Barbara Smith Sorensen (Royal Oaks)
 1950 Mrs. Barbara Smith Sorensen (Royal Oaks)
 1951 Miss Connie Oldershaw (Spokane)
 1952 Miss Pat Lesser (Sand Point)
 1953 Miss Jean Perry (Rainier)
 1954 Miss Ruth Jessen (Inglewood)
 1955 Miss Anne Quast (Everett)
 1956 Miss Anne Quast (Everett)
 1957 Mrs. Hilda McAuslan Beck (Overlake)
 1958 Mrs. Jack Baty (Fircrest)
 1959 Mrs. Pat Brewitt (Kitsap)
 1960 Miss Linda Anderson (Olympia)

1961 Mrs. Edean Ihlanfeldt (Inglewood)
 1962 Mrs. Edean Ihlanfeldt (Inglewood)
 1963 Mrs. Edean Ihlanfeldt (Inglewood)
 1964 Miss Judy Hoetmer (Sand Point)
 1965 Mrs. Linda Anderson Challman (Linden)
 1966 Miss Pat Reeves (Everett)
 1967 Ms. Rita Weihe (Bellingham)
 1968 Ms. Rita Weihe (Bellingham)
 1969 Ms. Linda Anderson Challman (Linden)
 1970 Ms. Liz Culver (Overlake)
 1971 Ms. Judy Hoetmer (Sand Point)
 1972 Ms. Liz Culver (Overlake)
 1973 Ms. Ann Swanson (Inglewood)
 1974 Ms. Pat Lesser Harbottle (Tacoma)
 1975 Ms. Edean Ihlanfeldt (Broadmoor)
 1976 Ms. Linda Fuller Bellar (Sahalee)
 1977 Ms. Linda Fuller Bellar (Sahalee)
 1978 Ms. Linda Fuller Bellar (Sahalee)
 1979 Ms. Patty Curtiss (Fircrest)
 1980 Ms. Connie Oldershaw Guthrie (Spokane)
 1981 Ms. Ann Swanson (Sand Point)
 1982 Ms. Ginny Burkey (Fircrest)
 1983 Ms. Lisa Smith (Tacoma)
 1984 Ms. Mimi Racicot (Broadmoor)
 1985 Ms. Dana Heffernan (Fircrest)
 1986 Ms. Mimi Racicot (Broadmoor)
 1987 Ms. Julie Ralls (Sahalee)
 1988 Ms. Ann Swanson (Sand Point)
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 1991 Ms. Mimi Racicot (Everett)
 1992 Ms. Ann Swanson (Sand Point)
 1993 Ms. Ann Swanson (Sand Point)
 1994 Ms. Lisa Smith Newman (Tacoma)
 1995 Ms. Ann Swanson (Sand Point)
 1996 Ms. Ann Swanson (Sand Point)

1997 Ms. Angie Cates (Bear Creek)
 1998 Ms. Sharon Johnston (Fircrest)
 1999 Ms. Molly Cooper (Tacoma)
 2000 Ms. Anne Carr (Fairwood)
 2001 Ms. Jani Japar (Everett)
 2002 Ms. Jane Harris (Rainier)
 2003 Ms. Leslie Folsom (Rainier)
 2004 Ms. Shawn Farmer (Sahalee)
 2005 Ms. Leslie Folsom (Rainier)
 2006 Ms. Denise Kieffer (Fircrest)
 2007 Ms. Leslie Folsom (Rainier)
 2008 Ms. Leslie Folsom (Rainier)
 2009 Ms. Anne Carr (Fairwood)
 2010 Ms. Jane Harris (Rainier)
 2011 Ms. Leslie Folsom (Rainier)
 2012 Ms. Flora Weeks (Overlake)
 2013 Ms. Leslie Folsom (Rainier)
 2014 Ms. Cassie McKinley (Seattle)
 2015 Ms. Olivia Benzin (Fircrest)
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 2019 Ms. Gretchen Klein (Grays Harbor)
 2020 No tournament
 2021 Ms. Jessica Zelasko (Canterwood)
 2022 Ms. Kendall Nicholson (Overlake)



1922 Match Play Begins. (L) Mrs. Frank Patterson vs Mrs. E.A. Wheeler (R)



**Mrs. "Frank" Patterson
 Teeing off at 1922
 WSWG
 Championship**

WSWGA SENIOR CHAMPIONS

1974	Helen Johnson	Fircrest	2000	Joyce Moellering	Glen Acres
1975	Helen Johnson	Fircrest	2001	Gina Oh	Mill Creek
1976	Helen Johnson	Fircrest	2002	Anne Carr	Fairwood
1977	Helen Johnson	Fircrest	2003	Ann Swanson	Sand Point
1978	Virginia James	Everett	2004	Ann Swanson	Sand Point
1979	Virginia James	Everett	2005	Ann Swanson	Sand Point
1980	Florence Rutherford	Lakeview	2006	Sue Ursino	Sahalee
1981	Nita Kirrage	Oakbrook	2007	Cathy Uptain	Mill Creek
1982	Doris McGuire	Grays Harbor	2008	Debbie Acton	Sahalee
1983	Anita Cocklin	Useless Bay	2009	Mimi Racicot	Everett
	Nita Kirrage	Oakbrook	2010	Ann Johnson	Meridian Valley
1984	Electra Koeniger	Grays Harbor	2011	Pat Terry	Wenatchee
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1987	Marjorie Urban	Tacoma	2014	Sharon Drummey	Rainier
1988	Olive Ruff	Yakima Elks	2015	Nancy Eglin	Yakima Elks
1989	Linda Farmin	Spokane	2016	Michelle Hood	Sahalee
1990	Marion Weis	Ellensburg	2017	Michelle Hood	Sahalee
1991	No tournament		2018	Leslie Folsom	Rainier
1992	Shirley Baty	Fircrest	2019	Leslie Folsom	Rainier
1993	Liz Culver	Overlake	2020	No tournament	
1994	Wannie Chung	Mill Creek	2021	Leslie Folsom	Rainier
1995	Diana Newberry	Manito	2022	Kim Shek	Sahalee
1996	Joyce Moellering	Glen Acres			
1997	Penny Knowles	Useless Bay			
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1999	Marianne McGhan	Lakeview			

Waiting to tee off in 1922
Championship.



Helen Johnson
Fircrest Golf Club
First WSWG Senior Champion
and four time winner.

AFTERWORD

Thanks to the vision of "Frank" Patterson, the Washington State Women's Golf Association was founded in 1922. Ever since we've been gathering our courage and teeing it up in WSWGGA events all over the state.

As you can see from this book, our list of contestants over the years reads like a "Who's Who" of female golfers in the Pacific Northwest. Proudly, our players have been national and international champions, Hall of Famers, Curtis Cup Team members, and Big Break contestants. Some of us have turned professional, some have become golf coaches, others have gone into the golf business.

The second century of the WSWGGA begins. Like the women of 100 years ago, we must be forward-thinking. Now is a good time to ask, "Where do we go from here?" It seems to us that because women are passionate about ventures that keep them active and engaged with others, the game of golf is an ideal fit. However, complacency is never a good thing. We need to continue to evolve as an association, and find ways in which we can encourage and invite others to join us.

Golf has been described as the "hardest game that has ever been invented." Who can argue? Yet we all know that the thrill of a good day on the course instills pride in golfers at every level. Therefore, let's continue to move together to promote golf to women of all handicaps. This means inspiring others to play in our two WSWGGA championships and encouraging participation in the competitions held at our home courses.

We salute the women who have contributed to the success of the Washington State Women's Golf Association over the last one hundred years. We tip our visors to their accomplishments and intend to continue their grand traditions far into the future.

enjoy!

Ann Swanson and Susan Ursino
WSWGA HISTORIANS



*"For when the One Great Scorer comes to mark
against your name, He writes not that you won or
lost, but how you played the game!" - Grantland Rice*

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Ann Swanson's resume of championship victories covers a remarkable four decades. While she has enjoyed much success at the national level, including three appearances in the USGA Womens Open, it has been in state and regional competitions that her golf talents have shined the brightest. Ann's combined twenty-three victories in state and city championship tournaments are unparalleled. She has won five PPGA titles, two national events and was a finalist in several national tournaments. Her skill on the golf course reached legendary status when she won the WSWGGA and SWGA titles in 1989 while wearing a walking cast after breaking her leg.

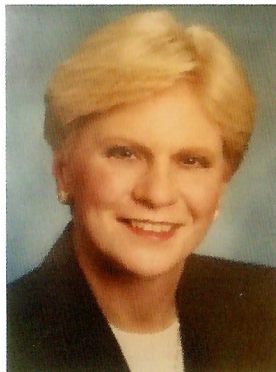
Throughout the decades, Ann has been a tireless volunteer serving on the Board of Directors of the Ladies National Golf Association, PPGA Board of Directors, WSWGGA Championship Committee, PPGA Hall of Fame committee, WSWGGA President and Trustee, Chairperson of 2013 Trans National Championship, NWAC Golf Commission, Founder and Director of GHC Elite Jr. Golf Camps, WSWGGA Director of Northwest Cup Matches, and Sponsor/Director of Grays Harbor County Jr. Golf Championships.

In recent years, Ann has served served as Assistant Coach for the Women's Golf Team at the University of Washington, as well as Assistant Men's and Women's Coach at Seattle University. Ann is currently the Head Men's Golf Coach at Grays Harbor College, the school at which she was the first female to play on a men's team and the first woman in the NWAC Conference. She is also a Lead Coach for the First Tee of Seattle.

In addition, to her extraordinary achievements and service, Ms. Swanson has authored three books, one of which now resides in the USGA Museum of History. Her books can also be found in private clubs and libraries around the state and the northwest.

By the time of this landmark centennial, Ann's golf career has garnered many treasured memories and experiences, including having been selected to five Halls of Fame. Still she feels that, "nothing is more satisfying then what I am currently doing: coaching the GHC Golf Team where my golf all began and helping young people learn more about themselves and the greater things the game of golf can teach."

Good
Golfing
Always,
Ann Swanson



Ann Swanson
Sand Point Country Club

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Susan (Dougherty) Ursino has lived her entire life in the Puget Sound area. She started to play golf when she was 10 years old and entered her first tournament at age 12. By 17, Sue was the Pacific Northwest Junior Champion and the 9th-ranked junior girl in the country. During those teenage years, she was granted a Junior Honorary Membership at the newly established Sahalee Country Club, and later became a regular member there.

Sue attended Sammamish High School in Bellevue, Washington and played on the boys golf team all three years. She earned a varsity letter in her junior and senior years and was elected Team Captain in her senior year.

She followed her brothers to Seattle University and got her degree in Business Administration. In 2013, she was inducted into the Seattle University Athletics Hall of Fame.

A winner of 12 major golf championships in the Pacific Northwest, Sue has been a contestant in 13 national championships and one LPGA event. She was also part of the Sahalee winning team in the Albertson's Team Championship series in 2010. Sue has won the Club Championship at Sahalee Country Club 21 times over five different decades, is a 5-time Senior Club Champion at Sahalee, and has won over 60 invitationals in our area. She qualified eight different years to represent the state of Washington in the Northwest Cup Matches that were sponsored by the WSWGGA and represented our state in the 1995 United States Golf Association Centennial State Team Matches.

Sue has been a volunteer for several golf associations in the Pacific Northwest. She's also been an active volunteer at Sahalee Country Club for many years. This has included working with her husband on the Historical Committee in each of the four big professional golf events that have been held at Sahalee.

Between 1970 and 2022, Sue competed in 43 WSWGGA Championships - more than any woman in history. She was the runner-up in 1973 and 2017, in addition to being the medalist in 1993. Sue has competed in 14 WSWGGA Senior Championships (also a record), won that championship in 2006, and was the runner-up in 2016.

In her business life, Sue worked in a golf store for five years after graduating from college and then spent 41 years in the financial services business. She made the decision to retire in 2019.



Susan Ursino
Sahalee Country Club

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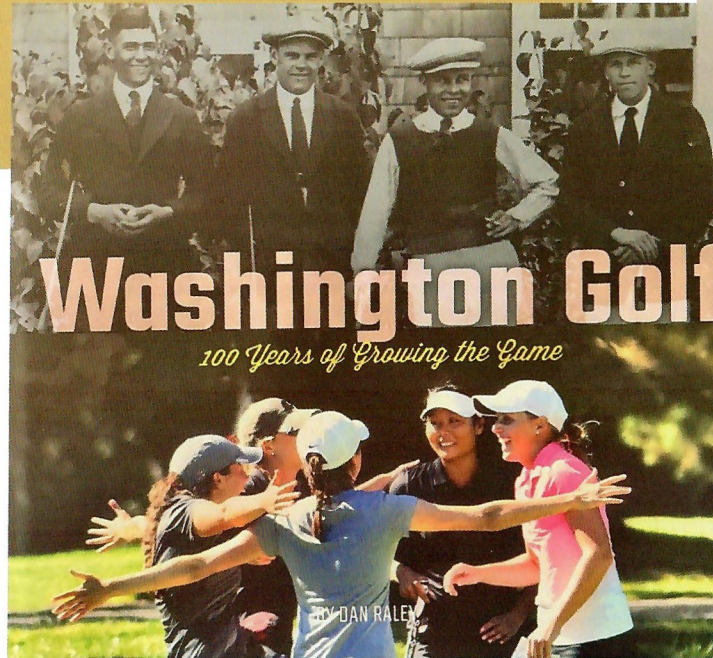
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State Championship Dates

	Last	Next
Bear Creek	n/a	2023
Fairwood	1995	2024
Meadow Springs	1999	2025
Seattle	1992	2026
Glendale	1994	2027
Wing Point	n/a	2028
Kitsap	1998	2029
Mill Creek	1997	2030
Longview	2000	2031
Rainier	2001	2032
Yakima Elks	2002	2033
Tacoma	2003	2034
Meridian Valley	2008	2035
Bellingham	2006	2036
Broadmoor	2004	2037
Useless Bay	2009	2038
Skagit	2010	2039
Twin Lakes	2011	2040
Sand Point	2012	2041
Yakima CC	2013	2042
Everett	2014	2043
Fircrest	2015	2044
Olympia	2016	2045
Inglewood	2017	2046
Sahalee	2018	2047
Walla Walla	2019	2048
Canterwood	2021	2049
Overlake	2022	2050

Sr. State Championship Dates

	Last	Next
Yakima Elks	1986	2023
Kitsap	1987	2024
Bellingham	1989	2025
Olympia	1990	2026
Canterwood`	n/a	2027
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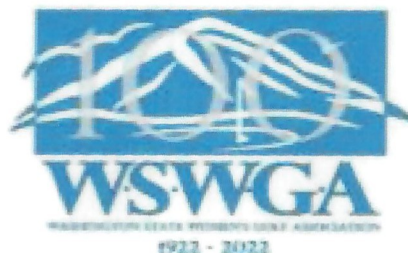
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