



PHILADELPHIA

WOMEN'S GOLF REPORT



Sharing A Passion for the Game

This issue of Women's Golf Report features extensive coverage of the LPGA Teaching and Club Professional National Championship. There was some outstanding golf on display during the championship's three-day run at Kingsmill in Williamsburg. Moreover, the event was a gathering of an extraordinary group of golf professionals.

Some of them spent time competing on the LPGA Tour before choosing to follow another career path. Others have spent their entire careers focusing on improving others people's games rather than their own.

All of them however, have had an impact on the sport.

The members of the LPGA's T&CP division (Not to mention the men and women of the PGA of America) perform an invaluable service to the game, and are as important to the vitality of the sport and the industry as any of their colleagues on the LPGA Tour.

In their roles as club professionals, instructors, and coaches they encourage and nurture not just today's players, but the golfers of tomorrow as well, by enhancing their skills, and helping them develop a respect and appreciation for the game.

The task of growing the game begins at the grass roots level, whether it involves helping a 7-year old get the ball in the air for the first time, a 15-year old make their high-school team or a 40-year old return to the game after a layoff.

For the game to thrive, it is vital that the efforts of the T&CP professionals be encouraged and recognized.

We also want to take a moment to recognize the competitors in two recent USGA national championships, the Senior Women's Amateur and the Women's Mid-Amateur.

These two events are examples of championship golf in its purest form. The players in these events aren't playing for big purses or lucrative endorsement contracts. They compete for the love of the game, to satisfy their competitive instincts, and the opportunity to share their passion for the game with their fellow competitors.

Many of them fit competitive golf around career and family obligations, often both. Their dedication to and love of the sport is worthy of respect.

Rick Woelfel
Editor/Publisher

Herman Wins U.S. Senior Women's Amateur

Sherry Herman's special summer came to a glorious conclusion. The Farmingdale, N.J. resident made a charge on the back nine to defeat Carolyn Creekmore, of Dallas, Texas, to claim the 2009 USGA Senior Women's Amateur Championship over the Cascades Course at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Va.

It was the 51-year old Herman's first trip to a USGA final.

"It's surreal right now – it's just surreal, Herman said. "I wanted this so much. I stayed calm and wasn't nervous. I was calm. I just think that helped a lot."

It was the fourth significant win of the season for Herman, who was a professional for nine years before regaining her



In This Issue:

U.S. Senior Am

U.S. Mid Am

HVCC Invitational

LPGA TC&P News

Eastern BB & Tour of Champs

Playing with my Pro

Fischer Looks to Grow the Game

Golf Added to the Olympics

Rolling Green Review

Garden State Results

Demelis Finding Golf Again

Princeton Invitational

amateur status in 1992. She arrived in Virginia having won the WMGA Match Play, the New Jersey Women's Amateur and the North and South Senior Women's Amateur titles.

"It's a dream come true," she said, "and I don't know how to react when a dream comes true. It's just so hard and so I'm very grateful. I'm thrilled beyond words and I'm very proud of myself. I'm proud of my family for just hanging in there with me."

Herman didn't have to go beyond the 16th hole in her first four matches, but then had to go the 19th to dispatch Dana Harity in the semifinals.

continued on page 2

continued from page 1

Creekmore, who won the Senior Women's Amateur in 2004, got a scare in the second round when she had to go 19 holes to eliminate Marianne Towersey.

The championship match over the 5,515, par-71 layout was all-square after nine holes before Herman got rolling on the second nine. She won the par-4 10th with a 5-foot birdie putt to take her first lead of the match.

After the par-3 11th was halved with bogeys, Herman won the next three holes with par fours to take a 4-up advantage.

At the 195-yard par-3 15th, Herman played short of the green, leaving herself a straightforward chip shot at the

narrow chute of a hole that she played to 5 feet right of the flagstick. Creekmore drained her 10-footer for par, but it was too late as Herman sank the winning putt for a halve before embracing her husband, Ben, who was with her every step of the way. "I just started hitting it bad," Creekmore said. "She made pars and I hit it poorly and she didn't. And my putting was less than exceptional today."

The 57-year old Creekmore joined other Dallas-area players in wearing a blue ribbon on her cap in memory of their late friend Toni

Wiesner, a finalist last year, who died in late July of cancer.

Herman said she elected to play aggressively on holes that would allow ambitious tee shots to set up her approaches.

"My mindset is to hit greens, always," Herman said.

"Even if my opponent is in the bunker or wherever, when I play safe, it usually doesn't work out."

Herman, who was one over par with the usual match-play concessions, noted the significance of winning the national championship at the classic Cascades Course.

"I loved to win at this venue," she said. "It's a phenomenal golf course. I am really thrilled and honored and will never forget this moment."



Sherry Herman

First Round

Joan Higgins def. Claudia Cenko 5 and 4; Sherry Herman def. Lou Hart 3 and 2; Teresa Cleland def. Tina Barker 5 and 3; Lisa Schlessinger def. Martha Long 5 and 4; Fran Gacos def. Nancy Smith 6 and 5; Mary Jane Hiestand def. Sandy Woodruff 4 and 3; Shelley Savage def. Beatriz Arenas 2 and 1; Dana Harrity def. Sue O'Connor 21 holes; Kim Eaton def. Susan Dye 2 and 1; Carol Semple

Thompson def. Cheryl Damphouse 6 and 4; Karen Ferree def. Mimi Hoffman 2 and 1; Linda Pearson def. Lisa McGill 2 up; Robyn Puckett def. Marian Barker 1 up; Tanna Lee Richard def. Joanne Catlin 4 and 3; Rebecca Montgellas def. Cindy Bryniarski 6 and 4; Kate Grace def. Utermarek 1 up; Anna Schultz def. Kim Kaul 4 and 3; Cindy Morris def. Maggie Weder 19 holes; Noreen Mohler def. Diane Bohl 7 and 6; Jackie Little def. Pat Brogden 2 up; Cheryl Grigg def. Claudia Pilot 1 up; Terry Ehrhardt def. Joan Garety 19 holes; Alison Reifers def. Diane Masterson 7 and 5; Brenda Pictor def. Lindsay Wortham 2 and 1; Carolyn Creekmore def. Kate Johnson 3 and 2; Marianne Towersey def. Lynn Thompson 4 and 3; Daryl Nels def. Ann Carr 19 holes; Diane Long def. Laura Carosn 4 and 2; Kelly Koselek def. Boodie McGurn 1 up; Annette Galotti def. Katie Falk 2 and 1; Patricia Cornett def. Carol Sarkissian 5 and 4.

Second Round

Herman def. Higgins 6 and 5; Cleland def. Schlessinger 1 up; Hiestand def. Gacos 19 holes; Harrity def. Savage 2 and 1; Eaton def. Thompson 5 and 4; Pearson def. Ferree 1 up; Puckett def. Richard 21 holes; Grace def. Montgellas 4 and 3; Schultz def. Morris 6 and 5; Mohler def. Little 2 and 1; Ehrhardt def. Grigg 5 and 3; Pictor def. Reifers 3 and 2; Creekmore def. Towersey 19 holes; Lang def. Nels 5 and 4; Miller def. Koselek 3 and 1; Cornett def. Galotti 2 up.

Third Round

Herman def. Cleland 4 and 2; Harrity def. Hiestand 19 holes; Eaton def. Pearson 4 and 2; Puckett def. Grace 4 and 2; Mohler def. Schultz 1 up; Pictor def. Ehrhardt 4 and 3; Creekmore def. Long 6 and 4; Cornett def. Miller 2 and 1.

Quarterfinals

Herman def. Harrity 3 and 2; Puckett def. Eaton 1 up; Pictor def. Mohler 2 up; Creekmore def. Cornett 3 and 2.

Semifinals

Herman def. Puckett 19 holes; Creekmore def. Pictor 6 and 5

Finals

Jerman def. Creekmore 4 and 3.

The material in this report was furnished by the United States Golf Association



Leach Wins U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur

After playing in more than 40 USGA championships, 47-year-old Martha Leach can finally walk away from one as the champion. On an overbearingly humid day, Leach held off former University of Georgia teammate and good friend Laura Coble, 45, to win the 2009 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, 3 and 2 at Golden Hills Golf Club in Ocala, Fla. Leach joins her sister, Hollis Stacy, as only the second pair of sisters and the first since the Victorian era to win USGA championships. Stacy won six; the U.S. Girls' Junior three times (1969-71) and three U.S. Women's Opens (1977, '78, '84). U.S. Women's Amateur champions Harriot Curtis (1906) and Margaret Curtis (1907, '11, '12) are the only other sisters to have won USGA titles.

"It's special," said Leach of joining Stacy as a USGA champion. "It just means a lot...I love her but I have a lot of other siblings I love, too. Hollis just happens to be a great golfer."

It was the first time in a USGA final for both women.

Leach trailed only briefly in the scheduled 18-hole championship match over a course that played to 6,193 yards, with a par of 72.

She won the short par-4 third hole with a birdie before Coble took the lead with back-to-back birdies at the fifth and sixth. Leach won the seventh with a par four to square the match, then birdied the brutal 10th hole, a 374-yard par 4 that gave the players fits. The average score on the hole was 5.0 strokes for the week. But Leach birdied it on a 5-iron approach shot, a little knockdown shot into the wind from 162 yards, and a 15-foot putt to go 1 up.

Her pars at the 12th and 14th holes gave her a 2-up lead on Coble, her former teammate on the University of Georgia women's golf team. Coble then made an exceptional shot with a pitching wedge to the par-5 15th, her ball settling within inches of the hole for a birdie. Leach's margin was reduced to 2 up.

On the par-5 16th hole, Stacy faced a 60-yard wedge shot. She has been practicing from that distance and hit the shot to within 3 1/2 feet, sinking the putt and winning the hole and the match with a birdie.



Martha Leach

"It was a great way to finish," Leach said. "I'm thinking in the 21 years I've played in this, an average 400 entries have been sent in, 8,400 women have played and there have only been 23 champions. And there have been a lot of double winners. What are your odds of winning this? This year I was either going to win the lottery or win the Women's Mid-Am. I did (win the championship). And I said, 'Damn, I won't be winning any money.'"

With the usual match-play concessions, Leach was even par for the 16-hole match, while Coble was three over.

"I was just a little bit off today with my swing, putting, and just couldn't get it all together," Coble said, "I'm disappointed that I didn't win, but I had a great week."

This report furnished by the United States Golf Association

First Round

Mina Hardin def. Tama Caldabaugh 6 and 5; Marilyn Hardy def. Wendy Burton 4 and 3; Carolyn Creekmore def. Sarah Phillips-Durst 1 up; Lisa McGill def. Linda McMillan 6 and 5; Virginia Derby Grimes def. Carol Semple Thompson 4 and 3; Kerry Postillion def. Mary Jane Hiestand 3 and 1; Janet Moore def. Lisa Walker 5 and 4; Leigh Klasse def. Rebecca Halpern 1 up; Laura Ladden def. Reana Yun 3 and 1; Robin Burke def. Daria Cummings 2 up; Dawn Woodard def. Desiree Ting 4 and 2; Sherry Herman def. Katrin Wolfe 3 and 2; Martha Leach def. Julie Cramichael 6 and 5; Kim Briele def. Kathy Kurata 19 holes; Lisa Schlessinger def. Kendra Valone 4 and 2; Sharon Park def. Leslie Folsom 4 and 2; Jennifer Lucas def. Annette Gaiotti 5 and 4; Christy Schultz def. Jill Hardy 7 and 6; Noreen Mohler def. Anna Schultz 2 and 1; Thuhashini Selvaratnam def. Kay Daniel 3 and 2; Joan Higgins def. Lynette Duran 3 and 2; Ellen Port def. Holly Bare 2 and 1; Laura Coble def. Patti Hogeboom 4 and 3; Kim Eaton def. Alexandra Frazier 6 and 5; Meghan Stasi def. Maggie Weder 5 and 3; Jane Fitzgerald def. Tara Joy-Connelly 2 and 1; Kathy Hartwiger def. Lee Venable 8 and 6; Lynne Cowan def. Marci Zweifel 5 and 4; Wendi Golden def. Claudia Pilot 1 up; Michelle Griffith def. Rheba Maibe 4 and 3; Amber Marsh Elliott def. Corey Weworski 5 and 4; Brenda Pictor def. Wallace Hamilton 19 holes.

Second Round

Hardin def. Hardy 4 and 3; McGill def. Creekmore 1 up; Derby Grimes def. Postillion 6 and 4; Klasse def. Moore 2 and 1; Burke def. Ladden 5 and 4; Woodard def. Herman 1 up; Leach def. Briele 1 up; Schlessinger def. Park 3 and 2; Schultz def. Lucas 5 and 4; Mohler def. Selvaratnam 19 holes; Port def. Higgins 3 and 1; Coble def. Eaton 2 and 1; Stasi def. Fitzgerald 3 and 2; Hartwiger def. Cowan 5 and 4; Golden def. Griffith 2 up; Marsh Elliott def. Pictor 4 and 3.

Third Round

Hardin def. McGill 1 up; Derby Grimes def. Klasse 2 up; Woodard def. Burke 2 and 1; Leach def. Schlessinger 5 and 4; Schutz def. Mohler 3 and 2. Coble def. Port 2 and 1; Stasi def. Hartwiger 2 up; Golden def. Marsh Elliott 20 holes.

Quarterfinals

Derby Grimes def. Hardin 19 holes; Leach def. Woodard 1 up; Coble def. Schultz 3 and 1; Stasi def. Golden 4 and 3.

Semifinals

Leach def. Derby Grimes 1 up; Coble def. Stasi 5 and 4.

Championship

Leach def. Coble 3 and 2;

Paddison and Mainka Win HVCC

Invitational

By Rick Woelfel

In better-ball competition, the teams that are the most successful are those that combine partners who compliment each other's strengths and buttress each other's shortcomings.

So it was for Jean Paddison and Hilary Mainka at the Huntingdon Valley Invitational. Mainka's length off the tee and Paddison's steadiness proved a winning formula as the Huntingdon Valley Country Club tandem defeated Lisa McGill (Sunnybrook) and Kerry Rutan (Philadelphia Cricket) 3 and 1 in the championship match over their home course.

It was the first title for the Paddison-Mainka alliance in one of the area's most prestigious better ball events. McGill and Rutan were the defending champions and were trying to win the title for a record-tying sixth time. Paddison gave her team an early lead when she dropped a 6-foot birdie putt at the first hole but Rutan squared the match with an up-and-down par at the third and the margin was never greater than one hole either way through the 14th.

McGill gave her side the lead by draining a 25-footer for par at the sixth, but it was Mainka who struck the decisive blow at the short par-4 11th.

With McGill and Rutan maintaining a 1-up lead, and her partner in a greenside bunker, Mainka missed the green long and left and nearly wound up in the creek that all but surrounds the green. Her chip came out hot and bounded 18 feet past the flagstick, but Mainka drained the par putt that wound up winning the hole after her two opponents missed their own par attempts.

"(The ball) was right on the hazard line," Mainka said. "The pitch I wasn't too pleased about. To make that putt and walk away with that, that was a big move right there." Paddison and Mainka never trailed again; they finished the match at the equivalent of even par.

Paddison enjoys the match-play mindset, which allows her to focus on one hole at a time. "You're only worried about one hole," she said. "And then when you don't do well, you have to refocus. It helps me a lot to do that."

The pair started their week by shooting an even-par 73 in qualifying. They bested Ellen Miller and Judy Dwyer 5 and 3 in the first round, before slipping past Marji Goldman and Bonnie Kay 1 up in the semifinals.

Rutan and McGill won medalist honors with a 70 in qualifying before stopping Barb Gazdick and Karen Hendricks 4 and 2 in the opening round. They reached the championship match with a 3-and-2 win over Alexandra Frazier and Mary Jo McWilliams.

"It was a great week of golf," McGill said. "Everything was perfect. Today I just missed putts I had been making I was just off a little bit. I'd hit it through the break or whatever."

McGill and Rutan were trying to become the third tandem to win six titles since the championship became a better-ball event in 1951. Jan Albert and Bonnie George won six titles as partners, along with the team of Helen Sigel Wilson and Annette Kane.

Wilson holds the all-time record of 13 titles, which she achieved with three different partners.

Quarterfinals

Lisa McGill and Kerry Rutan def. Barb Gazdick and Karen Hendricks 4 and 2; Alexandra Frazier and Mary Jo McWilliams def. Jan Albert and Bonnie George 3 and 2; Cathy Sibel and Lorraine Jones def. Marji Goldman and Bonnie Kay 3 and 2; Jean Paddison and Hilary Mainka def. Ellen Miller and Judy Dwyer 5 and 4.

Semifinals

McGill and Rutan def. Frazier and McWilliams 3 and 1; Paddison and Mainka def. Goldman and Kay 1 up Championship
Paddison and Mainka def. McGill and Rutan 3 and 1

First Flight Final

Liz Haines and Lynne Thomson def. Tina Gregor and Amy Holman 4 and 3

Second Flight Final

Judy Owens and Kim Simmons def. Jeanne Castafero and Nicoll Keeney 2 and 1

Medalists: Lisa McGill and Kerry Rutan: 70



Hilary Mainka



Jean Paddison and Hilary Mainka

Bartholomew Wins LPGA T&CP

By Rick Woelfel

Jean Bartholomew has entered a new phase of her golfing life. The LPGA Tour veteran is now a teaching professional at The Creek in Locust Valley, N.Y. on Long Island.

Her competitive instincts are still sharp, however.

Bartholomew, who still plays an occasional Tour event, fired a sizzling 62 on the final day to win the 22nd LPGA Teaching and Club Professional Championship at the Kingsmill Resort and Spa in Williamsburg, Va.

She started the final round tied for fifth place, five shots off the pace, but charged past her fellow competitors with a bogey-free round that featured two eagles. The nine-under par round was the lowest competitive round ever by a woman over Kingsmill's River Course. It was also the lowest round of Bartholomew's career in terms of score.

Bartholomew finished the 54-hole event at 7-under par 206. Her closest pursuers, Christine Dorence (Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.) and Sarah Johnson (Flagstaff, Ariz.) finished six shots behind her at 212. Alicia Dibos and Sue Ginter wound up at 213. Missie Berteotti and defending champion Laura Shanahan Roe were at 216.

Bartholomew's length off the tee gave her a significant advantage on a layout that played to 6,073 yards. Her final-round included seven birdies and two eagles, one of the latter coming from the 16th fairway when she holed out with a sand wedge. But she also found success on and around the greens. She got up and down for par four times on her second nine alone and finished her round with a 25-foot birdie from the front fringe at 18.

Ironically, Bartholomew played at Kingsmill five times while on the LPGA Tour, but never felt comfortable with the golf course. On this trip however, she was in complete control of her game.

"I don't know how to describe it," she said. "You have it every once in a while. But I didn't hit the ball well at all the first two rounds. I think it's because I'm not playing so much. You don't go and try to fix your swing for the next day. You take what you get. Luckily I have shorter clubs in my hand on this course."

Ginter, a former Tour player herself, came into the tournament as the reigning T&CP Northeast Section champion. She shared the lead with Berteotti and Shanahan Rowe after an opening 70. She was at 143 after 36 holes, four shots behind Berteotti, herself an ex-Tour player, and Sarah Johnson.

Ginter shot a 70 on the final day while sharing a cart with Bartholomew.

"It was really good because (watching Bartholomew) was pulling my score down," she said. "I felt like I had to shoot low to keep up with her, so it made me go after birdies a little more."

"I had some good birdie tries, I thought if I made one or two I could put a little pressure on. But after she holed that sand wedge on 16 I knew that it was Katy bar the door."

Dede Cusimano won the Senior Division title for players 50 and over. She shot a 1-under par 70 to finish with a 54-hole total of 2-under par 211, while playing from tees that measured just 5,630 yards. Marjorie Jones and M.J. Smith shared second place, four shots behind Cusimano at 215.

"I hit the ball the best I've hit it in so long," she said. "I just missed a lot of putts or I could have shot 66 easily. I was hesitant on the putting today, I just knew I had to go out and grind it."

Cusimano moved to the head of the pack after opening with a 2-under par 69 that turned out to be the low round of the week in the Senior Division and gave her a two-shot advantage after the first round. She followed up with a 72 that left her tied with Sally Austin at 141 after 36 holes. Austin closed with a 78 to finish fourth at 218.

Cusimano is the first player in history to win both the Championship and Senior Division titles in a career. She won the Championship Division title in 2003 at LPGA International in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Cusimano, who now hails from Basalt, Colo., has also won two Northeast Section and one Southeast Section title. She teaches at River Valley Ranch Golf Club in Carbondale, Colo.

Lorraine Klippel was the Super Senior winner; the low scorer among players 60 and over. Klippel, from Camp Hill, Pa.

finished at 235. She is the owner of Bumble Bee Golf Hollow, a range and teaching facility in nearby Harrisburg, Pa.

A total of 101 players competed in the event. The total purse was \$70,000; Bartholomew took home a \$7,000 check.

Championship Division Results

Bartholomew, Jean GARDEN CITY, NY 72 72 62—206
 Dorece, Christine PALM BEACH GARDENS 74 73 65 212
 Johnson, Sarah FLAGSTAFF, AZ 70 69 73—212
 Dibos, Alicia OLD GREENWICH, CT 72 73 68—213
 Ginter, Susan RIDGEFIELD, CT 70 73 70—213
 Berteotti, Missie PRESTO, PA 70 69 77—216
 Shanahan Rowe, Laura BEDFORD, NH 72 71 73—216
 Bozarth, Marci GEORGETOWN, TX 76 72 71—219
 Fischer, Jamie GURNEE, IL 73 73 73—219
 Hirst, Charlene PINEHURST, NC 72 73 74—219
 Witvoet, Laura APACHE JCT., AZ 71 73 75—219
 Dormann, Dana PLEASANTON, CA 72 73 76—221
 Johnston-Forbes, Cathy. KITTY HAWK, NC 76 72 73—221
 DePaulo, Lisa AUSTIN, TX 73 75 75—223
 Cap, Kelly PINEHURST, NC 77 71 76—224
 Edwards, Stephanie SENOIA, GA 76 77 71—224
 Hanley, Shannon STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, 73 76 75—224
 Veliz-Gilbert, Paige WASHINGTON, DC 78 72 74—224
 Andonian-Smith, Sherry, CASTLE ROCK, CO 76 73 76—225
 DeLuca, Annette TEQUESTA, FL 76 76 73—225
 Fasoldt, Susan SARASOTA, FL 75 74 77—226
 Goslak, Anne Marie WINSTON-SALEM, NC 78 75 73—226
 Beauchesne, Claudia WHITE PLAINS, NY 78 75 74—227
 Pecora, Jessica MILTON, GA 77 75 75—227
 Tucker, Natalie PALM BEACH GARDENS 73 79 75—227
 Wagner, Piper STOCKTON, CA 75 78 74—227
 Faucette, Tiffany ORMOND BEACH, FL 79 76 73—228
 Mitchell, Heidi SNELLVILLE, GA 79 77 73—229
 Shafer, Kimberley LOUISVILLE, KY 78 78 75—231
 Beliard, Patricia HOUSTON, TX 75 79 78—232
 Lindsey, Tina BLOOMINGTON, IL 77 77 78—232
 Edelen, Cathy NORTHPORT, FL 77 78 78—233
 Marselli, Marina PALM CITY, FL 82 75 76—233
 Anderson, Cheryl HEATHROW, FL 79 77 76—235
 Reeves, Cindy BEDFORD, NY 80 78 77—235
 Rowland, Elizabeth VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 79 81 75—235
 Kleiman, Janis LAKELAND, FL 85 76 75—236
 O'Connell, Debra PALM CITY, FL 76 80 80—236
 Palacios-Jansen, K. MOORESVILLE, NC 78 82 77—237
 Reuss, Christine STATEN ISLAND, NY 81 77 79—237
 Smith, Joy KENSINGTON, MD 81 80 76—237
 Teno, Christa MIMS, FL 79 80 78—237
 Dziabo, Melissa NAPLES, FL 78 79 81—238
 Abood, Liza SILVER SPRING, MD 80 77 82—239
 Schindler, Kiernan BALTIMORE, MD 80 78 81—239
 Davis, Marlene WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 84 76 82—242
 Cassese, Kathy JUPITER, FL 83 78 82—243

Senior Division

Cusimano, Dede (S) BASALT, CO 69 72 70—211
 Jones, Marjorie (S) ORLANDO, FL 73 71 71—215
 Smith, M.J. (S) WALDORF, MD 76 72 67—215
 Austin, Sally (S) CHAPEL HILL, NC 71 70 77—218
 Kirsch, Margaret (S) NORTHPORT, FL 73 73 73—219
 Palli, Anne-Marie (S) SCOTTSDALE, AZ 73 75 71—219
 Davis, Beverley (S) JACKSONVILLE, FL 72 72 76—220
 Salmon, Bobbi (S) TRYON, NC 75 72 75—222
 Miller, Cindy (S) SILVER CREEK, NY 76 75 72—223
 Aulenti, Angela (S) FAIRFIELD, CT 77 73 75—225
 Folquet, Malia (S) LA QUINTA, CA 77 76 75—228
 Gustafson, Peggy (S) PEORIA, AZ 77 75 76—228
 Nevatt, Linda (S) CHURCHVILLE, PA 72 80 76—228
 Zimron, Jamie (S) ENCINITAS, CA 78 75 75—228
 White, Nancy (S) HARRISONBURG, VA 79 74 78—229
 Gonzalez, Maria (S) SAO PAULO, BRASIL 78 77 76—231
 Phillips, Vicki (S) FAIRFAX, VA 76 77 78—231
 Young, Loretta (S) MISSION, TX 82 74 75—231
 Klippel, Lorraine (S) CAMP HILL, PA 76 80 79—235
 Bennett, Karen (S) CANONSBURG, PA 82 74 80—236
 Kortgaard, Dawne (S) ARVADA, CO 80 78 78—236
 Benson, Patricia (S) WEST PALM BEACH, F 80 77 80—237

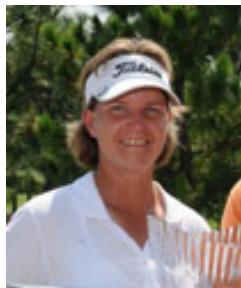
T&CP Pros Learn From Each Other

By Rick Woelfel

For the players in the field, the PGA T&CP National Championship is an opportunity to step off the lesson tee or out of the golf shop and engage in serious competition. In addition to the first-place check, the champion will receive a slot in the 2010 LPGA Championship field.

But this championship also provides an opportunity for some of the country's top instructor and coaches to interact with one another. One of the topics of discussion that's sure to come up is the importance of growing the game of golf. In today's challenging economic climate, the dynamics of the industry are changing.

Laura Shanahan Rowe had a long career as an amateur player before turning professional five years ago. A resident of Bedford, N.H. she teaches at a facility that



straddles the Massachusetts-New Hampshire border. She picked up a lot from interacting with her peers at the national championship.

"A lot of the time the other players have found products that you might not have found out about yet," she says. "You learn through them, it's always a learning experience."

Shanahan Rowe recognizes that in today's world, golf professionals have to go the extra mile to retain their customers. "We have to work extra hard to help people have success and more fun with their games," she says. "So they stay in the game. That's really what it's all about. I believe that the LPGA does a real fine job, all the teachers do that very nicely. It's all student oriented, trying to get them to have more fun."

Shanahan Rowe tries to encourage her students to take the pressure off themselves and keep things simple.

"It's a game," she says. "You're out to have fun. And if you remember what works for you, you just repeat it. It's a very repetitive swing you're trying to do."

Ritchie Looking to Take Golf to the Masses

By Rick Woelfel

Mary Ritchie missed the cut at the LPGA T&CP National Championship after shooting rounds of 88 and 78. But simply being able to compete was a victory in itself. Ritchie had barely played any golf at all in 2009 prior to the championship, after severely spraining an ankle this past spring.

Ritchie splits her time between California and Asheville, N.C. In addition to teaching, she's working with fellow T&CP professional Mary Freeman to launch a new golf apparel and marketing company. Ritchie says that in today's environment, golf facilities and golf professionals have to find new ways to stand out from their competition, "To be ahead of the curve you really have to do things in an exceptional way," she says. "You have to sort of reinvent yourself and recreate yourself and, as a teaching pro, come out with new programs on a very regular basis.

"Something that's going to appeal to more people, possibly. My group lessons became much more popular

because the price point was a lot lower than private lessons.

"Just constantly go back to the drawing board and see if you can make what you do more appealing.

Ritchie sends its important for those in the industry to encourage potential new golfers about the game.

"One of the things we want to do is have golf symposiums," she says, "where we do Q-and-As, We participated in the junior clinic (at the T&CP National Championship) and one of the parents said 'I wish that they had stuff like this for adults.' There's lots of offerings for kids to encourage them into the game, and there really aren't enough offerings for adults that are economical.

"If we could offer a little bit more to introduce people, maybe through city rec centers, maybe take golf instruction off of the driving range and into the community a little bit more. I just think we have to be really creative and expose as many people as we can to it in different ways."



PHILADELPHIA INSURANCE COMPANIES

Support The Women's Golf Report

Eastern Better-Ball

Gross

Kerry Rutan and Alison Shoemaker	75
Liz Haines and Kim Simmons	77
Pat Hughes/Gelardi	79
Ellen Miller and Marji Goldman	80
Shawn Carre and Kathy Wolfgang	81
Sue Harrigan and Sharon Eichenlaub	82

Net

Eileen Mullary and Deb La Fountain	68
MaryJo Williams and Jane Wasilov	68
Jeanne Castafero and Monica Arcana	69
Ginny Palmer and Diane Kolodziejski	69
Susan Smith and Marilyn Herr	70
Barb Blanchard and Pam Brown	71



Pat Hughes Galardi-- President of PSWGA
Judy Wolstenholme-- Eastern Director



Alison Shoemaker
Kerry Rutan



Eileen Mullary
Deb La Fountain

Eastern Better-Ball

With winds howling up to 40 mph Kerry Rutan and Alison Shoemaker defended their title winning the PA Eastern Better-Ball at the Waynesborough Country Club with a 2 over 75. "I knew the scores were going to be high," says Shoemaker, "With the wind it was kind of like survival of the fittest out there. I thought if we could just hang in there we might be able to win it."

Eileen Mullary and Deb La Fountain won the Low net with a 68.



Congratulations to **Liz Haines** for winning the 2009 Tournament of Champions at Lochnair for the 5th time with a 72, beating out the runner-up Kerry Rutan by 4 shots.

Tournament of Champions

Liz Haines-- Merion Golf Club	36-36-72
Kerry Rutan--PCC	42-34-76
Jan Albert--PCC	42-37-79
Paula Dadurka--Spring Mill	43-37-80
Mary M Thomas--Doylestown	42-38-80
Linda Kennedy--Commonwealth	41-40-81
Jill Talus Grossman--Meadowlands	40-42-82
Luanne Funari--Medford Village	43-39-82
Mary Dooney--Medford Village	45-37-82
Laura D Ryan--Coatesville	43-40-83
Judith Dwyer--Saucon Valley	43-40-83
Dianne Trevithick--Concord	46-38-84
Christine Gregor--HVCC	46-38-84
Diane M Wambold--Old York	43-41-84
Patricia M Blok--Hershey's Mill	45-40-85
Ruth M Averback--Cedarbrook	44-42-86

Playing with My Pro

By Alison Shoemaker



John Spina, teaching pro extraordinaire, is my partner today in the Pro-Lady at the Whitford Country Club. As you would imagine, having a partner who can hit fairways and greens can be very advantageous. But as you might not always imagine, playing with a pro can also present some challenges.

Spina's been teaching me for a number of years. He knows my swing and my game. He asked me to play in this Pro-Lady because he thinks I'd make a good partner. He expects us to win. This is what I find problematic. What if we don't win? Couldn't be his fault, he's the pro. What if this student can't live up to her teacher's expectations? What if she completely crumbles right in front of his very eyes? I'm also worried he's going to be looking at my swing the whole time-- the one *he* taught me. The one I haven't quite mastered. The one that is still too long and crosses the line on the backswing, no matter how many times I've seen it on video. I know my left arm is not straight enough for him, my swing not wide enough and my club face not square enough. Is he going to be staring in disbelief at these flaws after all the hours we've worked on them?

My stomach is in knots. Maybe I'll trip and sprain my ankle walking to the first tee and I won't have to play. He won't find out that all those great shots I hit in our lessons don't always make it to the course. He won't find out I'm not as mentally tough as he's tried to teach me to be. He won't find out that I've forgotten everything he's ever taught me. He won't have to go home a loser.

Whoa. . . I need to get a grip.

Spina and I arrive at Whitford at exactly the same time, driving the exact same car (a black Toyota Highlander). I take that as a good sign. He's barely out of the car before he's throwing money at the bag boy, calling the women at the front desk beautiful, and chatting, winking, joking with everyone in sight. People light up when they see him. He walks in with a fearless swagger, exuding an infectious and genuine exuberance for life that you can't help but get swept up in. His magic starts to work on me too, the knots start to loosen. I figure even if I'm a big disappointment, he seems like he's having a good time. I think it would take more than a few lousy shots from his partner to bring this guy down.



The format is Chapman. We manage to par the first two holes with not much help from me or from the very bumpy, very sandy, very unpredictable newly aerated greens, of which, by the way, he makes no mention, not one word. On the first hole I leave my putt five feet short and on the second hole I blow it by five feet. Spina easily sinks both those putts but I know what he's thinking, unless she starts putting better this could be a very long day. Luckily it was not a long day. With two bogies and two birdies we end up even par. We are done. I've made it. Besides only a handful of swings that I've already forgotten about, I'm happy with how I played. I was a good partner. I made my teacher proud.

There was not much chatter during the round so now that it was over we could debrief. I was very curious to ask Spina two things: One, why he did not mention, not one single whine, complaint, word, about the severely bumpy greens? And two, was he critically looking at my swing the whole time?

"Negative energy creates more negative energy," was his response to the greens.

"The greens are what the greens are, everyone's got to play them. Why be negative about them?" Being negative is a waste of his energy.

"You have to make adjustments according to the conditions," he explained, "and you can't let the conditions dominate you. When the conditions are tough, patience comes into play." He continued, "A lot of people try to force things and that's a huge mistake."

As far as watching my swing, he said yes he was observing my swing, but not for mechanics. He was not watching *how* I swung the club, but rather *how* I played the course. He says as far as scoring, that's more important. "During a lesson on the range

you're hitting it into an ocean, on the course you have to hit it into a fishbowl." He was more concerned with my course management and strategy than my swing plane or club face.

Sadly, we did not win the tournament. The home team favorite, Laura and Mike Ladden, won it with a round of 4 under. Hearing the results, I wanted to whine a little about their home advantage and how since Laura is practically a pro that would make their team a Pro-Pro one. But I know Spina would not hear a word of it.

I did ask him if he thought we could beat them on our home turf, and of course he shot back, "Oh yeah, we'd smash em. They wouldn't know what hit em." He also added, "We could beat em at Whitford too. . . just not today."

With that he was off, and to my relief, no worse for the wear; winking, high fiving and tipping his way home, hopefully scribbling down a few things we might work on in our next lesson.

WILLIAMSBURG **Golf** VACATIONS.com
(877)-806-8163

Local source for one stop planning
15 Championship Courses
Condo and Villa style Accommodations
Online quotes

Golden Horseshoe Gold Course



2010 Women's Mid-Amateur Shifts to Wichita Country Club

Philadelphia Cricket Club has given up its role as host of the 2010 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur. The championship will instead be played at Wichita Country Club in Kansas Sept. 25-30.

The tournament had been scheduled for Philadelphia Cricket's Wissahickon Course. But club officials decided to focus their efforts on a renovation effort instead and asked to be relieved of the responsibility of hosting next year's Mid-Amateur.

The club plans to extend an invitation to the USGA to bring another event to Philadelphia Cricket in the near future.

LPGA Leaving Kingsmill

Anheuser-Busch announced it is ending its sponsorship of the Tour stop at Kingsmill in Williamsburg, Va. The brewery had sponsored the Michelob Ultra Open since 2003.

Prior to that, Kingsmill hosted a PGA Tour stop for 22 years and the resort also staged the recent PGA Teaching and Club Professional National Championship. Anheuser-Busch has pledged to remain involved in women's golf by supporting other events, but the announcement leaves a big hole in the LPGA Tour schedule for 2010. With a \$2.2 million purse, the Michelob Ultra Open was one of the most lucrative stops on the tour and regularly attracted one of the year's strongest fields. Many players and other observers considered the tournament the LPGA's fifth major championship.



Book Review: The Golf Book
A Celebration of the Ancient Game
By The Editors of Sports Illustrated
Published by Sports Illustrated Books/Time Life
196 pages



Depending on your age, and the depth of your passion for golf The Golf Book, Sports Illustrated Books' latest endeavor, is an overview of the history of the game, an educational tool, or perhaps a mechanism for stirring precious memories. The book spans the history of the game, dating back to the 15th century, but concentrates on the era from 1955 (Sports Illustrated was first published in August, 1954) to the present day.

The best players of the last half century are selected by era, beginning with the period from 1955-69, not coincidentally the era of Arnold Palmer, and continuing from there, with pages devoted to 1970-82, when Jack Nicklaus had his greatest success, then moving on to the period from 1983-95 and from 1996 to the present day.

In addition to the top players, the most memorable milestones of each period are listed, whether they occurred on or off the golf course. The roll call for the period from 1970-82 for instance, includes the birth of Tiger Woods on Dec. 30, 1975, along with the first playing of the Legends of Golf three years later, which late to the formation of what is now the Champions Tour.

The text is comprised primarily of excerpts from SI articles, authored by writers like Rick Reilly, Frank Deford, and Michael Bamberger, as well as the likes of Bobby Jones and Bernard Darwin.

Reading these accounts of championships past takes the reader back in time, and allows them to get a sense of the likes of Sam Snead, Byron Nelson, Arnold Palmer, Mickey Wright and even Jack Nicklaus and Nancy Lopez as the all-time greats they were instead of "merely" historic or ceremonial personages.

The heart of this volume however, consists of more than 300 photographs, taken by some of the finest photographers in the world.

These photos, some of which date back to the early 20th century, combine to weave a historical tapestry of their own. Some are arranged to provide a historical contrast as well as context.

In one instance, full-page photos of a female member at Shinnecock Hills, circa 1900, and Paula Creamer doing a handstand at St. Andrews in 2007 are laid out on facing pages, one in black and white, the other in full color.

Readers also get a glimpse of 20-year old Francis Ouimet, moments after his win at the 1913 U.S. Open, a handshake between Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus at the peak of their rivalry, and a U.S. Army captain hitting balls off the desert sands in Iraq, just to name a few.

If you're a golf enthusiast The Golf Book will be a welcome addition to your library. And it's ideal for the golfer on your holiday gift list, particularly if they have an interest in the history of the game.

This book will be a lasting treasure.

Fischer Looks to Grow The Game

By Rick Woelfel

The question of how best to grow the game of golf is one Jamie Fischer deals with virtually every day of her professional life.

Fischer took a brief respite from her teaching schedule at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Ill, near Chicago, to compete in the LPGA T&CP National Championship. Aside from having a successful week on the course, where she shot 219 to tie for eighth place in the Championship Division, Fischer enjoyed reconnecting with her fellow club professionals, including some of her former University of Texas teammates.

"It is nice for us to be able to see each other at an event like this and catch up," she says. "For some of us, it might be the one time a year we see each, but golf is such a lifelong sport that these people will be friends, or at least acquaintances certainly all our lives."

A native of Dayton, Ohio, Fischer lettered in five sports in high school before deciding to focus on golf. She turned professional after college, but her playing career was short circuited by a shoulder injury.

As a teacher professional in a time of economic uncertainty, Fischer must deal with the issue of how to bring new golfers into the game, while at the same time encouraging existing ones, regardless of their age or skill level.

"That's the 64,000 question for most golf professionals everywhere," she says. "If I had quick, easy answers, I would certainly be employing them. I think it sort of behooves all of us to help the people who do play to play better and to have more fun.

"I have noticed one thing, people still like to enjoy their recreational activities. So if we can help the people who are already in the game play more and have more fun, I think they'll stay in the game."

When it comes to bringing new players into the game, Fischer believes it's important the game not be priced out of the reach of those who may be struggling financially. "Certainly the game has to be affordable," she says, "and people have to feel like they can, if not master it, at least play it at a level that makes their recreation time fun and enjoyable. So I think things that are in that vein are where we need to be attentive."



Jamie Fischer

Golf Added to the 2016 Olympic

By Rick Woelfel

Golf is returning to the Olympic movement for the first time in over a century.

The International Olympic Committee voted to add golf to the program for the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro as well as the Games in 2020.

It will mark the first time golf has been part of the Olympic program since the sport was contested at the 1900 Games in Paris 1904 Games in St. Louis.

Women's golf has been contested just once, in Paris. The 2016 golf competition is expected to be a 72-hole stroke-play event, with the number of players representing each nation still to be determined.

LPGA Hall of Famer Karrie Webb is enthusiastic about golf returning to the Olympic movement. The seven-time major champion had the chance to carry the Olympic torch prior to the Games in Sydney in 2000.

"The prospect of golf being an Olympic sport is very exciting," she said via email. "Australia is extremely passionate about Olympic sports and the games are held in the highest regard. It would be an honor to play for my country. For Australia and even other countries that are emerging in golf, the distinction as an Olympic sport will provide greater opportunity for government and even

corporate funding. I think the distinction will represent long term growth and opportunity for golf worldwide." The LPGA made a stop in Rio de Janeiro this past January when it staged the HSBC Brazil Cup, an unofficial event, at Itanhangá Golf Club.

Catriona Matthew prevailed in the 36-hole event, which featured 14 professionals, including Angela Park and Candy Hannemann from the host nation, along with Brazilian amateur Patricia Carvalho.

Webb says that the opportunity to compete on the Olympic stage will expose the LPGA's players to new audiences. "I think most people will be impressed by the depth of international talent that is represented on our tour," she said. We are an international tour and (the Olympic competition) will only continue to showcase all that we have to offer at the highest level in sport." Women's golf made its only Olympic appearance in Paris in 1900, where the Games were in effect just one more attraction at the World's Fair, which was going on simultaneously. The gold medal was won by 22-year old Margaret Abbott of the United States, who was studying in Paris at the time. She shot 47 for nine holes. The silver and bronze medalists, Polly Whittier and Dana Pratt, were also Americans.

Rolling Green Looking to Return to National Stage

By Rick Woelfel

Since it opened for play more than eight decades ago, Rolling Green Golf Club has been considered one of the top golf facilities in the region.

Apart from hosting the 1976 U.S. Women's Open however, the club hasn't really received (nor has it sought) recognition or platitudes at the national level.

That mindset may be changing.

The club recently completed a renovation effort that restored elements of William Flynn's original design. The \$1 million-project was a sign the club is looking to increase its visibility.

"We have a layout here with a character golf course that is phenomenal," says club president Peter Voudouris.

"We're ranked in the Top 100 Classic Courses by *Golfweek*. "We wanted to move up in those rankings, be successful and get noticed."

Forse Design was brought in to handle the effort, which was headed up by lead architect Jim Nagle, who worked on similar projects at LuLu and Tavistock.

Armed with circa-1920s photographs and old hole diagrams, Nagle and his team went to work at the tail end of the 2008 season. Nagle noted it was important that the integrity of Flynn and Howard Toomey's original work be retained.

"Tom Doak had a great line," he says. "He said 'With restoration work, you have to leave your ego at the door, because you can't allow your own influences to come in and dictate what's being done on the golf course.'"

"That's very true. Because when you leave, you're leaving something that looks like someone else's work, not your own."

Under Nagle, Rolling Green's teeing areas were expanded, the putting greens restored to their original size, the bunkers rebuilt and some fairways repositioned. The work was completed prior to the start of the 2009 season.

With the addition of new back tees, Rolling Green plays to 6,921 from the deepest of five sets of markers. Golfers may also choose to play from 6,602, 6,330, 5,783 or 5,524 yards.

For most players, the layout plays to a par of 71, although par from the tips is 70 (the 18th plays as a long par four from there instead of as a par five).

Course ratings for men range from 68.4 to 73.5, with slopes between 125 and 136. From the forward tees the layout is rated at 73.0 for women with a slope of 131.

"It's a great golf course for all the different aspects," Nagel says. "Difficulty, challenge, strategy, putting, driving approach shots to the green. It encompasses the whole game. That's the great thing about Rolling Green and many of William Flynn's creations."

The most significant event in the club's distinguished history was the 1976 U.S. Women's Open, which came to the Philadelphia area as part of the nation's Bicentennial celebration. The course played to just over 6,000 yards, the shortest since the USGA took over the Women's Open in 1953.

But the layout more than held its own during the championship.

Connie Chellimi, who was just 18 years old at the time, took the lead with an opening 69 but soon disappeared from view.

Sandra Palmer held a two-shot lead at the start of the final round, but bogeyed four of the last five holes to wind up in a tie with Joanne Carner at 8-over par 292. Carner won an 18-hole playoff the next day with a 76 to Palmer's 78. Low amateur honors went to Betsy King, who finished at 303 for 72 holes.

That Women's Open marks the only time Rolling Green has hosted a USGA championship, but the club has frequently been the setting for local and regional women's events.

Rolling Green has hosted the Philadelphia Women's Amateur seven times, most recently in 2008 and hosted the Griscom Cup matches in 2004.

Now, with the restoration project complete, the club is looking to return to the national stage, perhaps within the next five years.

"The USGA has come out to visit us," Voudouris says.

"Something like the Walker Cup, the Curtis Cup or a junior championship in 2013 or 2014. And we're looking at the possibility of bringing the U.S. Women's Open back here in 2019 or 2020. All preliminary at this point."

Garden State Closes Season

The team of Leann Leanard (Basking Ridge), Joan Appleby (Deal), Gloria Shea (Deal) and Carolyn Marchuuk combined for a 7-under par 66 at the Garden State Women's Golf Association's season-closing Texas Scramble at Basking Ridge Country Club in Basking Ridge, N.J. The winning team prevailed in a match of cards over the team of Mary Eichhorn (Spring Lake), Joe Friebly (Bamm Hollow), Stephanie Moray (Shackamaxon) and Sue Blasi (Pine Barrens).

Gacos, Oberg Prevail in GSWGGA Match Play

The team of Fran Gacos (Copper Hill) and Deb Oberg (White Beeches) took 23 holes to defeat Peggy Ferrence and Sue Sardi (both from Cherry Valley) to win the Garden State Women's Golf Association's Better Ball Match Play Championship at Alpine Country Club in Alpine.

Gacos and Oberg were the best of a 48-team field.

Liz Hickey (Spring Lake) and Terri Kirk (Alpine) won the First Flight, defeating Renate Green (Alpine) and Sue Blasi (Pine Barrens) 4 and 3 in the finals.

Sue DeKalb (Bamm Hollow) and Ann Probert (Somerset Hills) won medalist honors with a 2-under par 72.

Young, Byer Win GSWGGA Better Ball

The team of Donna Young and Tim Beyer shot a 68 to win the Garden State Women's Golf Association's Better Ball of Partners event at Crestmont Country Club in West Orange, N.J. Mary Eichhorn and Dennis Slezak finished one shot back with a 69. Karen Marzulli and Tim Dulan placed third with a 70.

DeMelis Finding Golf Again

By Rick Woelfel

Loriann DeMelis's stay at the LPGA T&CP National Championship was a relatively brief one. She missed the 36-hole cut in the Championship Division after rounds of 100-85, but merely being in the field at Kingsmill was a triumph in itself.

The Middletown, Conn. native didn't start playing golf until she was in her mid-30s and didn't turn professional until 2001 at age 38, at the urging of LPGA T&CP professional Leslie Guttenberg who helped introduce her to the sport.

Prior to becoming a golf professional, she worked as a carpenter.

Most of all, however, DeMelis has been a soldier. She first joined the Army in 1984 at age 20 and did three years of active duty before joining the National Guard where she spent nearly eight years and served in Operation Desert Storm.

She returned to active duty in 2006 and did a second tour in Iraq in 2007. She spent more than eight months there as a military policeman, working to help train Iraqi police officers. "We would leave our base and go to Iraqi police stations," she says. "We would do classrooms with them, we would go on patrols with them. We would just teach them what we know here. Basically how to do patrols, how to keep yourself safe. We'd have interpreters. We would do classroom stuff and every time I'd say something an interpreter would interpret it. There were a few of them that actually spoke broken English."

"We'd go on the firing range with them and show them how to shoot pistols, show them how to tear them down, put them back together and clean them."

DeMelis didn't completely give up her connection to golf. During her stay in Iraq, she helped build a driving range. But most of the time her mission was grueling and dangerous. Just one week into her tour her squad leader was killed when the vehicle he was traveling in struck an IED.

"(The enemy) like to blow things up," DeMelis says, "and we did all we could not to get blown up. That's what their forte was, making homemade bombs and blowing things up."

At times, some of the Iraqis DeMelis worked with resented a woman being in a position of authority. "We would try not to

put females in that position," she said, "because of their culture and because of how they look at women... There were a few that just didn't care for us, but they didn't make a big stink about it."

There were times, however, when the presence of DeMelis and other female MPS was vital, specifically when American forces would encounter Iraqi civilians.

"We worked with infantry," DeMelis says. "We would go into homes and we would be present to watch the women and children. For our males to watch their women was a no-no, was unheard of, so we would be there for that. To watch the women search the women."

DeMelis is still in the National Guard. She taught for a time in the Washington, D.C. area where her unit is based but now works out of Crane Lakes Country Club in Port Orange, Fla. She says golf has helped her with her ongoing transition to civilian life.

"(Her experiences in Iraq) changed me," DeMelis says. "I'm still dealing with the transition. I'm still dealing with it every day. We had many injured and we lost one soldier."

"When you've experienced losing a life and seeing people injured, it's just very difficult. These people are like family. They are your family and they always will be."



Loriann DeMelis

Rollins Wins Princeton Invitational Title

Rollins College put two players in the top four to score a five-shot victory in the Princeton Invitational at Springdale Golf Club on the Princeton Campus. Rollins finished with a two-day total of 602 under the standard collegiate format; the low four scores of five were counted in each round.

Harvard placed second at 607 followed by Princeton at 612 and Pennsylvania at 617.

Mays Landing, N.J. native Joanna Coe, a junior, won the individual title with rounds of 55-71—146 over a course that measured 6,131 yards with a par of 72. Coe won the NCAA Division II national individual championship in 2008 and was a semifinalist at the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links this year.

Her teammate Brianna Soo placed fourth with rounds of 73-76—149 to help Rollins to the team title.

Christine Cho of Harvard and Anna Jang from Princeton shared second place at 148. Jang was playing as an individual and was not part of Princeton's five-player lineup.

Team Results

Rollins	305-297—602
Harvard	301-306—607
Princeton	318-294—612
Pennsylvania	305-312—617
Bucknell	313-307—620
Richmond	316-319—635
Georgetown	328-313—641
Lehigh	325-319—644
St. John's	328-316—644
FDU	335-323—658
Walsh	344-354—698
Monmouth	384-356—740

Individual Results


Joanna Coe (Rollins)	75-71—146
Christine Cho (Harvard)	73-75—148
Anna Jang (Princeton)	72-76—148
Brianna Seo (Rollins)	76-73—149
Meredith Kotowski (Penn)	75-75—150
Minjoo Lee (Bucknell)	78-73—151
Michele Holzwarth (FDU)	78-73—151
Daniella Vargas (Harvard)	75-76—151
Mia Kabasakalis (Harvard)	76-75—151
Olivia Garard (Princeton)	78-74—152

We hope you enjoyed this edition of Women's Golf Report. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to get in touch with us at rwoelfel@bellatlantic.net or alisonshoe1@yahoo.com.

Next month we will conclude the 2009 season with a special issue that will include some of our favorite stories from the past year. If you have a favorite you'd like to see included, please contact us.

Thank you all for your support.

Rick Woelfel
Editor in Chief
Publisher




Kingsmill

DETAIL #35:

The courses are challenging; the prices aren't.

Now at Kingsmill, two can play golf on the same courses as tour professionals – for the price of one. Choose from our championship River Course, home to the LPGA's Michelob ULTRA Open, our parkland-style Woods Course, and our Plantation Course, designed by Arnold Palmer. *All just waiting for you and a friend to play, affordably.*

2-FOR-1 GOLF SPECIAL
starting from \$42.50* per golfer



KINGSMILL
Resort & Spa
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA
kingsmill.com

For more information & to reserve tee times, call 757.253.3906

*Offer is valid 6/1/09 – 9/7/09. Price includes green fees and golf cart. 2-for-1 tee times begin after 2 p.m. and may be booked five days in advance, based on availability. Regular rates apply. Price shown is per person, based on a two-person group. Additional charge will apply for each additional person. Some restrictions may apply. Tax not included. ©2009 Busch Entertainment Corporation. All rights reserved.