

Tournament Committee Report 2015

We have had a total of more than 1400 players at tournaments so far this year. Although at times it seemed as though Mother Nature was stuck on Tuesdays, the 2015 tournaments were enjoyed by all, albeit sometimes played in the rain by good hardy Maine women golfers. We had two rain outs; one at Sanford and the second day of the Metropolitan. We are grateful to Spring Meadows for offering another date to make up for the missed Metro day. We almost had 100% participation on the rain date. This year we added a new course, Diadema. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive for the course itself, and they will be better prepared in the kitchen for our influx of hungry golfers the next time around.

The alternative course offering opposite Senior Championship continues to be an issue. We had just 17 players at Rocky Knoll that day. The question was whether or not that was due to the course selection or would any offering have low numbers. As this has been an ongoing issue we will look at having just the one venue for next year. Another option may be to have that tournament be tee times so that courses don't have to close for just 17 players.

The Maine Women's Amateur was well attended by WMSGGA players, and our organization was well represented in the awards categories. Next year's MWA will be a WMSGGA headed event and will be at Penobscot Valley CC. Sue Coffin will be chairing that committee and I'm sure she will be happy for any and all help.

Of the 36 courses on our schedule 12 were tee times and 24 were shotgun starts. If you take out the Metropolitan, the Amateur, and the Janet Drouin, which by virtue of their formats must be tee times, we are doing pretty well in terms of having as many shotguns as possible. Micki and I have been working on the 2016 tournament schedule and are doing our best to encourage the courses to let us have shotgun starts. Because our numbers are low as some venues, shotguns are a disadvantage to those courses since they must close the course from the beginning of the day until we are done. Our organization is getting smaller and older. One possibility to look at is fitting in a Saturday tournament now and then to hopefully encourage some younger working gals to join us. The Executive Board will discuss this at their meeting.

As for next year's schedule, it is a work in progress. Micki and I are benefitting from Charlotte's meticulous organization of forms and prior records and her 3 year plans for rotation of courses. Some confirmed highlights include: Sugarloaf has indicated their willingness to have the Metropolitan next year, the Janet Drouin will be on Tomahawk at Natanis in keeping with an every other year rotation between it and Arrowhead, Poland Spring is back on our schedule by popular demand, Samoset, as well as being the Tri State location, will again welcome us for the first tournament of the season Ryder Cup, the 2016 Annual Meeting will be at Rockland, Belgrade again hosts our year end best ball event, and we have several other favorites in the works. The final schedule will be posted on the website in the spring for all to see.

All in all, the season has been a tremendous success, and who could complain about this fall's golfing weather?!

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Lindquist, Tournament Chair