

## President's Report to the Members

WMSGGA Annual Meeting

Augusta Country Club

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Hello fellow golfers and members of WMSGGA,

I am experiencing mixed feelings today. When Trudy Dorval first asked me to consider joining the Executive Board as President-Elect, my first thought was that I didn't have time to accept this responsibility on top of a job that often requires me to work 60 hours a week and travel to other countries on short notice. I always expected to volunteer once I retired, when I could give the organization the time it deserved and really focus on doing a good job. But the more I thought about it, the more it seemed the time was right to do my part and give back to WMSGGA. So today marks two years as President, and I am happy to be passing the gavel to Vicki, who is a very capable leader. But I can't help feeling that I have unfinished business. Many of you have heard me talk about my belief that our state is too small to sustain two women's golf associations. I thought that this position would provide the opportunity to build support for a merger of the WMSGGA and SMWGA into one statewide organization. I didn't make a whole lot of progress, but I did learn that many of you agree with the concept. I promise you that I haven't given up, and I intend to keep working on it over the winter, through next season, and as long as it takes to get us to one strong and healthy Maine women's golf association.

On to recognizing some of the people who have contributed to our success this year:

- Our Club Reps: you are the liaisons between WMSGGA and your home clubs, the first line for assistance with tournament organization and execution. It seems to me that our events run the most smoothly when we are fortunate to have an active rep to guide the host club.
- Administrative Assistant Sherrie Thomas: you have come a long way up the learning curve as our Admin, additionally taking on website content management partway through the season while you recuperated from your torn Achilles. I think your first year on the job has been pretty successful – you're definitely a keeper!
- Our Committee Chairs: would you all please stand up? You ladies lead the efforts that keep WMSGGA working smoothly; your contributions are crucial to our stability, success, and future as an organization. Many of you have held these positions for multiple years – thank you for your volunteerism and dedication.
- Our major Tournament Chairs: Helen Plourd, Gail Gleason, Barb Rondeau, and Denise Hennessey; thanks to your leadership and organization, Tri-State, NEWGA, the Senior Championship, and the Janet Drouin Memorial Open Championship were very successful events and excellent competitions.
- The Executive Board: you ladies have provided guidance, encouragement, leadership, and decisive action. Most of you have held multiple positions over many years of volunteering, and I know it's because you love the game and the association. You have been a wonderful group of mentors and colleagues, and I look forward to continuing to work with you next year.
- Our President-Elect Vicki Lindquist, who courageously accepted my invitation to join this board and become our President today. Vicki worked on the MWA committee, traveling to Scarborough or Saco for every monthly meeting and helping to complete the tasks and preparations that are crucial to the success of the event. Vicki also picked up tournament scheduling and is doing a fine job of lining up venues for next season.
- Helen Plourd: I suspect Helen is the one who originally proposed my name to the Board three years ago, so I have her to thank for roping me into this position. I wish she were here for me to give her my very special and heartfelt thanks for her constant encouragement, feedback, and support. Helen is a fount of knowledge and history, and is always willing to share her experience and insight.
- Last and most important, our Members: without you, we have no WMSGGA; the organization depends upon your participation and support. Thank you for coming out to play each week and for providing

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feedback on the things that concern you.

I'd like to finish with a plea to those of you who haven't been involved to consider how you can help your state golf association. Some of our members have given extraordinarily of themselves for many years to maintain WMSGGA as a viable entity, a living organism dedicated to our enjoyment of the game of golf. We have several positions open, including President-Elect, and I hope you will find within yourselves the capacity to give back to the organization. Please reach out to any member of this Board if you are willing to step up and help.

Thank you all for a great experience.

Sincerely,  
Micki Meggison