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A note from headquarters

2008 has been another great year for LPGA-USGA Girls Golf!

Inbee Park, LPGA Tour player and 2008 U.S. Women's Open champion, has donated \$50,000 to The LPGA Foundation, in support of Girls Golf. This is the most generous contribution ever from an individual to Girls Golf and we are extremely honored and grateful.

Growth continues strong, with 29 new Girls Golf sites established thus far in 2008, offering more opportunities nationwide for girls to learn and to play the game.

LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Day 2008, a special event that sites utilize to showcase their program to parents, to members of the community, to the media and as a recruitment tool, is once again a tremendous success with more than 65 sites participating, reaching over 3,000 girls. This issue of LINKS highlights activities that took place around the country.

You are helping to ensure the future of Girls Golf by your commitment, support and dedication to the program, as well as empowering young women to reach their full potential through living and learning the values inherent in the game of golf. Our thanks are extended to all the site directors, the LPGA and PGA teaching professionals, assistants, golf associations, sponsors, volunteers, and moms and dads who give their time and expertise to make

Girls Golf the success it is.

To our new sites, welcome!

Peoria, Ariz.

Donna Bartos

Ione, Calif.

Sandra Ferrario

San Jose, Calif.

Molly Redfearn

Port Orange/ Daytona Beach, Fla.

Alexis Sieg

Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Holly Taylor

Royal Palms/ Riviera Beach, Fla.

Esmeralda Knowles

Sarasota/Manatee, Fla.

Kim-Michelle Weinberg

Peachtree City, Ga.

Maeve Cromwell

Riverwoods, Ill.

Trena McDaniel

Great Falls, Mont.

Connie Cramer-Caouette

Helena, Mont.

Scott Longenecker

Las Vegas, Nev.

Kristin Sunderhaft

Haworth, N.J.

Michele Trimarche-Smith

Kingston, N.Y.

Vincent Manginelli

Long Island, N.Y.

Chris Arceneaux

Cleveland, Ohio

Dr. Doris Evans

Harrisburg, Penn.

Zoe Loftus

Susquehanna Valley, Penn.

Dan Price

Wexford, Penn.

Patrick Monaghan

Greenville, S.C. at Furman University

Jennifer Shillington

Oconee County, S.C.

Linda Duryea

Sumter, S.C.

Jeff Ruth

Antioch, Tenn.

Robbie Ferreri

E. Tennessee at Gettysvue CC

Louise Ball

Dallas East, Texas

Mary Lou Crocker

Dallas Stars, Texas

Mary Lou Crocker

Edinburg, Texas

Dr. Susan Duve

Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas

Summer Hardin

Harrisonburg, Va. at James Madison University

Wendy Shifflett
& Dr. Judith Flohr

Texas adds four new sites

Texas continues to do its part to get more girls playing golf by adding four new Girls Golf sites. Mary Lou Crocker, site director for Girls Golf of Dallas, Texas established two additional sites: Dallas East and Dallas Stars.

Summer Hardin is the site director for the Fort Worth-Arlington site, and Dr. Susan Duve, is leading the Girls Golf program in Edinburg, Texas. All four sites are off to a great start, with programming in full swing.

Inbee Park makes \$50,000 donation to The LPGA Foundation

The LPGA Foundation and the USGA are thrilled that Inbee Park, LPGA Tour player and 2008 U.S. Women's Open champion, has donated \$50,000 to The LPGA Foundation to support the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf program.

As Girls Golf prepares to celebrate its 20th anniversary, Girls Golf sites around the country will participate in LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Day 2009 Presented by Inbee Park. Parents and members of the community are invited to visit their local Girls Golf site to learn more about the program. Participants are encouraged to bring a friend and activities are designed to provide a day of fun, education and camaraderie for all attendees.

"I'm very happy to donate money to help young girls playing golf," said Park. "I spend about half of my time in the U.S. and I thought I should do something similar to Korea where I have donated clubs and money to elementary school children."

"We are so proud that the LPGA membership continues to actively donate time and money to worthy causes," said LPGA Commissioner Carolyn F. Bivens. "Inbee's donation to The LPGA Foundation in support of LPGA-USGA Girls Golf will enable us to expand the program giving more girls the opportunity to learn and enjoy the game." Reflecting Park's wish to help girls with limited financial resources to participate in Girls Golf, a portion of her donation will help to provide golf clubs. The LPGA Foundation and LPGA-USGA Girls Golf will work with the site directors to maximize the club distribution on an as-needed basis.

"This very significant gift from Inbee comes at a perfect time to allow us to continue to expand and promote Girls Golf," said Pat Browning, executive director of The LPGA Foundation. "Inbee's generous gift demonstrates her passion for getting more girls into the game and her commitment to 'giving back' to the game she loves. As 2009 marks the 20th anniversary of Girls Golf, Inbee's involvement in LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Day 2009 Presented by Inbee Park, is very special and we are very grateful for her support."





6-hole players



3-hole players



9-hole players

Girls Golf of Loveland, Colo.

In 2005, Kim Stiner and Gale Stiner established LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of Loveland, Colo. During the first year, 74 participants enjoyed learning and playing the game of golf, and in 2007, Kim's site boasted nearly 100 girls. Girls Golf of Loveland meets twice a week, with one day devoted to instruction and the other day to playing three to nine holes. In the off season, they meet two Saturdays a month for practice and other activities. Getting the girls together during the off season not only keeps their skills current, but affords them the opportunity of spending time with golfing friends.

At the beginning of the 2008 season, Kim asked the girls to write down their hopes, dreams and what they want to achieve, not just in the summer, but in the future. Kim hopes to help the girls achieve those goals, whether they chose to play competitively or socially.

Great idea: Reach out to the women's golf team at your local college or university - invite them to visit your site!

'Big Sisters' and Girls Golf of Louisville, Ky.

"The University of Louisville's Women's Golf Team serves as mentors and 'big sisters' to participants (under the 9th grade) of Girls Golf of Louisville," writes Betty Baird-Kregor, site director. On the last day of the program, the girls had a competition and the U of L players caddied for the girls. As an added bonus, Betty

stated, "One day, we got to practice in the multi-million dollar indoor practice facility of the men's and women's golf teams at the U of L and the girls could not believe their eyes when they saw the indoor chipping, putting, and heated hitting stations, with state-of-the-art video. The chef at the Cardinal Club treated the girls to two free meals because they were so polite and represented their Girls Golf site so well."

ACTIVITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY

GREAT IDEAS AND BEST PRACTICES



East Canton, Ohio keeps girls involved all winter

Although Ohio isn't in the 'Sunshine Belt', that doesn't stop Girls Golf of East Canton from being engaged and involved with golf during the winter months.

From February until school lets out in June, they meet one Saturday each month. Renee Powell, site director, states: "We like to keep the girls interested in golf, but do not want to interfere with their school studies. Our programs this year included the following:

"At our education session in February, we met at the Canton District Library for a tour and to identify the area where the golf books were located. Each girl selected a book to read and afterwards we met to discuss the various jobs available in golf, other than playing the game as a career. The girls learned that other possible career choices include working in retail, in the food and beverage business, as a golf course architect or with various forms of media.

"March, our etiquette session, was a fun meeting for the girls as we met at a local hotel and were treated to lunch in a private room. The girls learned that there is a correlation between etiquette of life and etiquette on the golf course.

"April led us to our annual April 'rules' meeting. Our USGA representative, Betty Peppard, made a huge rug that has a golf hole on it, complete with water hazards and bunkers, teeing area and a green. She uses props that visually make the rules come to life for the girls. This program is just as exciting for the parents as it is for our youngest seven-year-old golfer. Mrs. Peppard has the distinction of having been one of the top female golfers in Ohio, so the girls feel very privileged to have her involved with our program."

During the spring, summer and fall, the girls enjoy playing and learning the game at Renee's course, Clearview Golf Course (www.clearview-gc.com), a historic golf course designed and built by her father, William Powell. The course has a rich history and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Renee Powell (far right) with girls, parents and volunteers



Lining up the shot



Putting the 'fun' in fundraising!

Girls Golf of Springfield, Mass. (Pioneer Valley) had a great idea: they decided to try something new and hold a car wash combined with a training session on a sunny day in June. The younger members had a two hour instructional session with site director Susan Teitel while the older girls were in charge of starting the car wash. They had a very successful event, raising a little over \$400.00. The driving range where all the training and par 3 events are held (Fenway Golf in East Longmeadow, Mass.) was kind enough to sponsor the water. The girls brought sponges and buckets and Susan and Lisa Kallaugher, parent advisor, provided the "suds" and other essentials.



Not wet yet!



They can wash my car any day!

Girls Golf of Boise, Idaho in the pink

The girls absolutely loved the pink golf balls donated to their Girls Golf site by the local Bridgestone/Precept Golf representative, who also sent along a few cardboard cutouts of LPGA Tour player, Paula Creamer. Laurie Draper, site coordinator, Girls Golf of Boise

Update from the Carolinas

Four new Girls Golf sites established in 2007 in North Carolina are providing quality programming to girls in the community. Chapel Hill, Dona Lerner site director; Durham, with Fran James serving as site director; and Pinehurst, Janie Farina, site director, are enjoying the program as much as the girls. Girls Golf of Brunswick County, also a 2007 site, is off to a solid start with Al Arrigoni and Kaitlyn Johnston serving as co-site directors.



Brunswick County participants



In the pink with Paula!



Janie and girls at The Pit Golf Course

Girls Golf of Chapel Hill, N.C., Dona Lerner, site director

"The program in Chapel Hill has fun as its first priority and fun learning as its second," states Dona Lerner, site director for Girls Golf of Chapel Hill. "We have created an environment for the girls in which they can be themselves and embrace the great game of golf. Each week we meet with the different skill levels and we spend a few minutes just chatting with one another about everything little girls like to chat about: school, parties, the pool, clothes, pets and each other. This usually helps to break the ice and gets us in the Girls Golf mood.

"Our goal is to spend 50% or more of our time on the golf course teaching golf to the girls and learning all kinds of things from them! Every four to five weeks we host a Girls Golf Tournament and they compete within their skill levels at appropriate yardages. We all gather after the event to announce winners and eat some tasty treats. These girls are just wonderful and at the end of a long day, they are absolutely inspiring and energizing. This season we have gone to a Durham Bulls baseball game and the team hit a home run just as they displayed our name on the Jumbo-tron, so everyone thought the crowd was cheering for Girls Golf of Chapel Hill. What a fun night!"



Friends and fun - a great combo!



Dona and girls getting in the Girls Golf mood!

Great idea:

Ask a community business to provide snacks for an event - recognize them and send thank-yous!

Girls Golf of Durham, N.C., Fran James, site director

Fran's site has 68 girls and she began her programming in July, holding two clinics on Monday, two clinics on Tuesday, and one clinic on Saturday mornings, within a 10 week program. Beginning in October, she offers programming for eight additional weeks (Saturdays), ending the second week in December.

Fran divides her girls by ages into groups named after LPGA Tour players: Team Annika consists of the youngest girls and very new at golf, six - eight years old; Team Morgan is 9-10 years old; Team Paula, 10-12 years old; Team Christina, 12-14 years old; and Team Natalie (advanced levels) are the oldest, 12-16 years.



Team Annika



In keeping up the Carolina momentum, Jennifer Shillington established a Girls Golf site at Furman University in Greenville; Lindy Duryea opened a site in Oconee County and Jeff Ruth is leading a new site in Sumter.

GROWTH OF THE GAME

Girls Golf of Charleston, S.C. continues growth spurt

Girls Golf of Charleston, S.C., based at The Golf Club at Wescott Plantation in North Charleston, is entering its second year. The site began in earnest in 2007 with 26 girls. In 2008 the program grew 50% to 39 girls and they expect to accommodate 60 girls in 2009. Perry Green, site director, credits his growth to a number of reasons: "To start with, our staff, management, area business owners and city leaders have all embraced the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf concept. The Golf Club has 27 holes and, during our program activity days, the superintendent and greens crew go to great lengths to make sure we have open holes if not an entire nine to ourselves. Also, one of my high school volunteers and I made over a dozen visits to local parks in coordination with the City of North Charleston Parks and Recreation Department to put on golf programs for inner city kids. And I have asked them to award six scholarships to deserving girls for next year's Girls Golf program. Finally, LPGA-USGA Girls Golf is so much fun that our girls have become our best recruiters."



Ready to hit the cart path!



Learning and fun go hand in hand

Great idea:

Introduce yourself and your program to the community - meet, greet and form alliances.

East Canton Girls Golf members visit St. Andrews

The St. Andrews-based charity, New Links, welcomed South African and American children to St. Andrews Golf Club, where they were joined by their Scottish counterparts to enjoy a program of golf, educational and cultural activities. Renee Powell took four girls from her LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of East Canton program and was thrilled with the visit. Renee stated, "It was a wonderful week for all of us. Golf has a unique power to bring people

of all races and nationalities together and to break down barriers: where better to experience this than St. Andrews?"

For Renee, it was a repeat visit to St. Andrews, where she received an honorary Doctor of Laws (LLD) degree by the University of St. Andrews this summer. It was the first such award for Renee, who is one of only three African American women to have played on the Ladies Professional Golf Association's (LPGA) Tour.



Arabella and Leonor - a beaming mom and daughter!

Arabella with US Women's Open Champion, Inbee Park



GIRLS IN THE NEWS

Mom and daughter attend U.S. Women's Open

Girls Golf of Houston member Arabella Cruz and her mother Leonor attended the U. S. Women's Open at Interlachen Country Club in Edina, Minn. They both volunteered in the USGA's Catch the Spirit tent where nearly 11,000 kids participated during the week. Arabella assisted with the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf booth, the hitting station and giving out caps and goody bags to children who visited the tent. Arabella is 13 and has been a member of the Houston site since she was seven. It was an incredible experience for both mother and daughter! Alli Jarrett and Diane Overstreet, co-site directors.

Congratulations, Natalie!

Natalie Clift, LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of Fairfield County, Conn., had her first hole-in-one while playing in the local junior league recently. She made her hole-in-one on hole #2 of the Tashua Glen course, and golf pro Bryan and friend Bonnie were lucky enough to be onlookers for this momentous occasion. Natalie is 14 years old and one of the charter members of Girls Golf of Fairfield County. Kim Kingston and Veronica Vawter, co-site directors.



Natalie (center) with Bonnie and golf pro, Bryan Woznikaitis

US Kids Junior Golf World Championship qualifiers

Cara Barker and Arianna Gastelum, members of Girls Golf of Coronado, qualified for the US Kids Junior World Golf Championship held at Pinehurst, N.C. in July. Carole Tessicini and Ron Yarbrough, co-site directors.

Girls attend U.S. Open Championship

Girls from LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of Coronado, Calif., were lucky enough to have the U.S. Open in their backyard, at Torrey Pines, in San Diego. Several girls attended and had a great time, as well as having their picture taken with Jill McGill, LPGA Tour player, and the U.S. Open trophy! Jill also serves as Tour Captain for Coronado.



Coronado girls with Jill and the US Open Trophy!

**Houston, Texas,
Alli Jarrett &
Dianne Overstreet,
co-site directors**

More than 70 girls enjoyed Girls Golf Day at the Houston site, participating in activities that were fun and instructional: tennis on the driving range; soccer on a golf course; softball; and relay putting. The girls rotated to the four different stations and the games were played as follows:

Tennis on the driving range – Each girl had two ‘serves’ to see if they could get their ball to hit a target of their choice.

Soccer on a golf course – The girls were split into teams to learn part of a golf course (water hazard, bunker, rough, immovable obstruction, etc.).

Softball –The pitcher tossed a ball underhand to the batter. The batter caught it, then dropped the ball properly (arm straight at shoulder height) and then chipped it to first base. This action was repeated two more times, and the catcher retrieved the balls.

Relay putting – Participants were split up into groups of four for a relay putting race.

In order to obtain their goody bags, the girls had to meet two new people and exchange contact information.

Softball for distance control



Long drive competition

Learn, play and have fun!

Girls Golf Day is an opportunity for sites to showcase their programs to the community, welcome new participants, and above all, have fun! More than 65 sites participated in Girls Golf Day by scheduling an event between May 1 – October 31. Events ranged from tennis on the driving range to a Hawaiian luau themed event, special guest speakers to friendly competitions and everything in-between!



Houston Girls Golf Day participants



**Peachtree City, Ga.,
Maeve Cromwell,
site director**

A new site in 2008, more than 70 girls enjoyed an afternoon of making new friends and learning the game of golf at Girls Golf of Peachtree City's Girls Golf Day. The event, held at Braelinn Golf Club, consisted of three clinics: long drive; chipping and putting; and a spirited and fun competition to practice their skills. The girls were divided into age groups: 7 - 10 and 11-17.

**GIRLS GOLF DAY
2008**



**Colorado Springs,
Kelly Darrow, site director**

Fifty participants had “a blast!” at Girls Golf Day held at Cherokee Ridge, according to Kelly. Three rotating clinics: Karen Stellick’s ‘Nine before Nine’, Betty Bullard’s ‘Bump and Run’ and Kelly Darrow’s ‘Woods’, pregame routine, contributed to the day’s success.



Colorado Springs girls pause for a picture



Exercising before play



Looks too good to eat!

**Chino Vally, Ariz., Kim Haddow
& Heather Risk, co-site directors**

One-hundred and eighty-five participants enjoyed a day full of fun rotating through six stations, with varied themes: sportsmanship/etiquette/rules; fitness; full swing; pitching/putting; nutrition; and Say “No” to drugs and alcohol.

The day began with a spirited cheer, compliments of the Prescott High School cheerleaders, followed by introductions. The girls were divided into groups of 30 and clubs were provided.

LPGA teaching professionals Kim and Heather provided top-notch instruction to the groups, and with assistance from 22 volunteers and speakers, beautiful weather and lunch provided by Subway, Girls Golf Day 2008 will be long remembered as a very special day.



Heather Risk and Kim Haddow



One group of 30



Hula hoop contest

Contest winners in their grass skirts!



Lehigh and Southern Lehigh Valley, Penn., Lynn Nonnemacher & Leslie Kingston, co-site directors

Girls Golf Day for Lehigh and Southern Lehigh Valley was 'Bring a Friend' day, with a Hawaiian luau theme. The girls arrived to the sound of Hawaiian music playing and each girl received a colorful lei. After dinner entertainment was provided by 24 girls taking part in a hula hoop contest, with the lucky winners receiving grass skirts. The girls were divided into groups and rotated from a driving range, short game and craft station. At the driving range, the girls used the techniques they had learned during the year to help the newcomers with their swings. At the short game station, the girls chipped balls and then putted to see who could get the lowest score. Making friendship bracelets with lots of beads and colored string was an activity all the girls enjoyed at the craft station.

New friendships are made!



EWGA volunteer Diane Austin, with Kelsey, winner of the putting contest



Miniature golf winners

E. Tennessee at Gettysvue C.C., Louise Ball, site director

Girls Golf Day was fun-filled and featured an obstacle course with chipping, teeing up balls, hitting balls and a word scramble. In between stations, the girls carried golf balls on spoons! There was also a 'putt-putt' tournament and of course, snacks and fabulous prizes. "Although the temperature was 98 degrees and 100% humidity," Louise shared, "the girls did great and had a ball!"



Balancing act!



Great sign, girls!

Franklin/Spring Hill, Tenn., Rita Reasons & Nancy Quarcelino, co-site directors

Upon arrival at the Nancy Quarcelino School of Golf at King's Creek Golf Club, the first order of business was to check out the equipment. The girls tried out new clubs and those without clubs were properly fitted. Warm-up exercises were followed by a demonstration of the correct way to perform introductions on the first tee. Pre-shot routines, setup, grip and swing were taught, after which the girls shared with their parents what they had learned.

Nancy and Rita's Girls Golf Day was held in conjunction with Take Your Daughter to the Course Week, an annual player development program that was begun nine years ago by the National Golf Course Owners Association and is now one of the outstanding events under Play Golf America, an golf-industry wide initiative, to grow the game of golf.



Fit is important...

and

Practicing is fun!



West Bountiful, Utah, Mike Bicker & Tracy Heun, co-site directors

Members of Girls Golf of West Bountiful each brought a friend to Girls Golf Day. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the game they love with their friends. The 50 participants enjoyed on-course play, in an alternate-shot, six-hole tournament.



Learning, playing and having fun with friends



New York-Big Apple, N.Y., Linda Dockeray & Laraine Mancuso, co-site directors

Following a welcome and introductions the girls signed up for the three competitions: putting, chipping and long drive contests. While the scores were being tabulated, Joan Cavanaugh spoke to the girls and their parents about the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf program and the Executive Women's Golf Association (EWGA). Joan emphasized the important role the parents play in the program.

After the awards were given out for the three contests, the parents and girls were invited to play a round of miniature golf with awards being given to one adult and one junior golfer. The event was held at Randall's Island Golf Center.



Big Apple girls pause for a photo

East Canton, Ohio, Renee Powell & Susan Reed, co-site directors

Renee began the day by conducting a golf clinic – explaining equipment and the golf course, demonstrating shots with various clubs and covering the fundamentals of the game. The girls then hit balls, Renee conducted a mini-clinic, and a few of the high school girls went out on the golf course. The last half-hour was dedicated to a Q&A session and goody bags were distributed to the participants.



Renee conducts a mini-clinic

LPGA Tour players to serve as Tour Captains

LPGA Tour players Chris Brady, Brandi Jackson and Reilley Rankin are the latest players to serve as Tour Captains to an LPGA-USGA Girls Golf site. Chris, Brandi and Reilley will be Tour Captains for Girls Golf of Nashville, Tenn; Girls Golf of Augusta, Ga.; and Girls Golf of Western Lehigh Valley, Penn., respectively.



Reilley Rankin with
Girls Golf members
Lizzie (L) and Emily (R)

GIRLS GIVING BACK

Golf Fore Africa

Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour and World Golf Halls of Fame member Betsy King is leading an LPGA member initiative, Golf Fore Africa, which recognizes a new community partnership with World Vision.

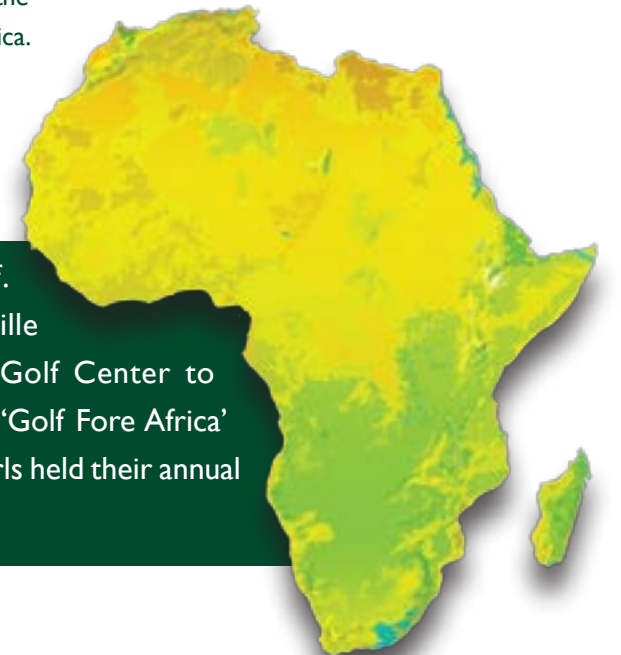
Golf Fore Africa will provide the people of Mudusomwa, Rwanda, with resources they need to plan, implement and develop sustainable solutions that address AIDS, impoverished children, education and work opportunities in their community. This is done through World Vision's Community Care Coalitions (CCCs) which develop child-focused, community-based activities to improve the lives of orphans and vulnerable children and community members living with AIDS.

Suzanne Strudwick, former LPGA Tour player and site director for the Knoxville site, organized the event which raised \$240 for Golf Fore Africa. Visit www.worldvision.org/golfforeafrika for more information



Hard at work!

Girls Golf of Knoxville, Tenn. and Coronado, Calif. both held fundraisers to support others. The Knoxville girls cleaned members' clubs at Fairways & Greens Golf Center to support the initiative by LPGA Tour player, Betsy King's 'Golf Fore Africa' (www.worldvision.org/golfforeafrika) and the Coronado girls held their annual Cleaning Clubs for Becky's House.



Becky's House

Becky's House is a 'safe house' located in San Diego and run by the YWCA for survivors of domestic violence and their children. Girls Golf members sign up for a minimum of one hour to clean clubs for donations for Becky's House. Golfers coming off the 18th green at the Coronado Golf Course donate various amounts to have their golf clubs 'professionally cleaned'. The girls also contracted with head golf professional Ron Yarbrough to clean all 60 rental club sets. The event will have netted over \$500 this year and LPGA Tour player Jill McGill matches whatever the girls raise – which should bring this year's donation to Becky's House to well over \$1,000. Carole Tessicini and Ron Yarbrough, co-site directors.



Girls pitch in to raise money for
Becky's House!



GOLF ASSOCIATIONS SUPPORT GIRLS GOLF

Women's Texas Golf Association

The Women's Texas Golf Association (WTGA) has launched a 'Winners' Program' in partnership with the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf sites in Texas.

Girls from ages 7-17 who are active in Girls Golf sites in Texas and maintain good grades are eligible and encouraged to join the program. Winners' Program rewards include an annual drawing for a laptop computer and an avenue to earn up to \$2,000 in scholarship funds while in high school.

A girl who participates in at least half of the Girls Golf activities for a year and has a 'B' or 3.0 average, with attendance and grade average requiring verification, is eligible for the statewide drawing for the laptop computer. Freshman through senior girls who participate in at least half the Girls Golf activities for the year and maintain a 3.0 or 'B' average may apply for the scholarship. One initial scholarship is awarded each year in the amount of \$500. The recipient may earn an additional \$500 each year of high school by meeting grade and attendance requirements.

Coronado Women's Golf Club (CWGC) and Women's Southern California Golf Association (WSCGA) Foundation

The CWGC originally founded Girls Golf of Coronado with seed money as well as elbow grease from lots of CWGC volunteers under the leadership of Carole Tessicini (site director) and Betty Fischer. The CWGC continues its sponsorship into the eighth season of Girls Golf of Coronado with an annual donation of \$1,000. Four years ago, the WSCGA came on board as a Girls Golf major sponsor with a substantial annual donation.

Carolinas Golf Association

The Carolinas Golf Association (CGA) is one of many state and regional golf associations that are working to promote the game and educate golfers in their state.

The CGA, located near Pinehurst, N.C., is the second largest golf association in the U.S. and was the first such association, in the 1960's, to offer computerized handicaps to golfers. In 1977 the CGA created the Carolinas Golf Foundation (CGF), with the focus on providing support to universities and technical schools involved with golf-oriented turf grass maintenance. Over the last decade, the CGF has expanded their focus to include important 'grow the game' initiatives, which includes girls' junior golf. Girls Golf programs in the Carolinas have been fortunate to receive financial support through a grant program, and in the words of Jack Nance, CGA Executive Director, "The LPGA-USGA Girls Golf program fits nicely into what the CGF wants to accomplish. The CGF wants to help grow the game in our own backyard and this program gets to the heart of our mission."

To aid the growth of Girls Golf in the Carolinas, the CGA has put informational fliers about the program into annual packets of information that go to member clubs in North and South Carolina. With more than 700 clubs in the Carolinas, many people have been reached this way. Additionally, the CGA has promoted Girls Golf through publishing articles in Carolinas Golf, the official magazine of the CGA.

Ladies Birmingham Golf Association

Partnering with various organizations has been a fantastic avenue to grow the game for girls. Several years ago, LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of Birmingham, Ala. partnered with the Ladies Birmingham Golf Association and they are in charge of the six Girls Golf Playday Tournaments and the Championship which is held each year. In addition to donating funds to Girls Golf of Birmingham, they also have a Scholarship Foundation. One Girls Golf participant was awarded a four year college scholarship this year.

Jean Miller, former USGA Women's Committee member and mentor/volunteer to Girls Golf of Birmingham stated, "Last year, several of our Girls Golf attendees that had no high school program got one of the dads who was a coach to start a team with three Girls Golf members as a base. The dad formed the team and has been instrumental in helping other high school coaches start new teams in Alabama and has written *Guidelines for Coaching High School Girls Golf*. The Ladies Birmingham Golf Association Scholarship Fund has assisted by providing some funding and has created applications to be mailed to all high schools that do not have a girls' golf team. A high school can apply for the funds as a start-up or assistance with an existing program."

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Wexford, Penn., Patrick Monaghan, site director

The Woodlands Foundation's 'No Handicap Golf Course' was the setting for a Girls Golf Day open house. The Woodlands Foundation is a non-profit foundation, established in 1998, though their history as a camping facility for disadvantaged youth and persons with disabilities dates back to the 1930's.

The Woodlands Foundation Girls Golf program is for girls with special needs (ages 7-12) to learn the game of golf. The mission of The Woodlands Foundation is "to enrich the lives of children and adults with disability and chronic illness". Year-round programming is offered for persons with disabilities. Adaptive golf is one program of the Foundation.

The No Handicap Golf Club and Par 3 Golf Course was constructed in June of 2003 with the help of the USGA, the Wadsworth Golf Charities and the Glasser Foundation. It is one of the very few courses in the county – if not the world – specifically designed for individuals with disabilities. The program has been managed by Patrick Monaghan, a certified recreational therapist, with support from LPGA and PGA teaching professionals. The program serves young and old who have been affected by spina bifida, cerebral palsy, visual impairment, muscular dystrophy, cancer and many other afflictions. Adaptive golf clubs are provided for persons playing in wheelchairs; braces and support straps to assist with club grip/control; as well as adaptive golf carts for easier mobility on the course and which also can be used on local public courses.

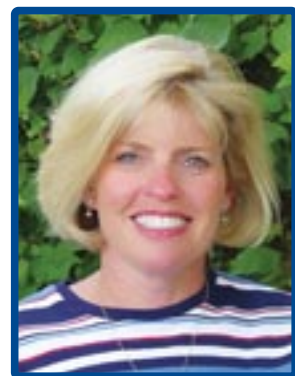


The Woodlands Foundation hosts open house

SITE DIRECTORS IN THE NEWS

Sandy LaBauve, LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Founder, named 2008 Rolex For the Love of the Game Award recipient

LPGA-USGA Girls Golf founder and Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) member, Sandy LaBauve, has been selected as the 2008 honoree of the Rolex For the Love of the Game Award. The award honors individuals who have made significant contributions and a commitment to promoting women's golf. Honorees are selected by a committee that includes representatives from Rolex, the LPGA and the Kraft Nabisco Championship. Sandy was honored at the Kraft Nabisco Championship Gala, where she received a Rolex timepiece to commemorate the occasion.



Sandy, a Class A member of the LPGA and the PGA of America, is synonymous with girls' golf. In 1989, she led the way to introducing the game to girls in a girls-only environment in Phoenix. Inspired by her mother, Sherry Lumpkin, a junior girls' golf program was formed specifically to create a network for girls to learn to play golf, build friendships and experience competition in a non-competitive environment. The program was, and is, structured in a way to support success and empower girls with the self confidence needed to meet today's challenges.

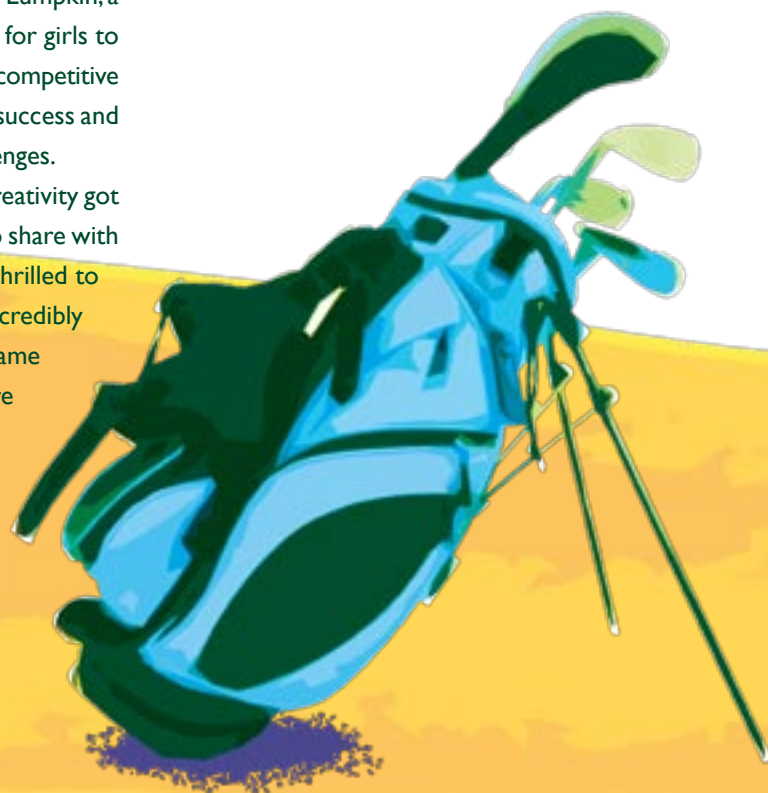
"My mother always had a positive approach to the game and her creativity got me hooked on golf," said Sandy. "It was this inspiration that I wanted to share with young girls with the hope that they, too, could enjoy the game. I am thrilled to see how the program has grown in the last two decades and I am incredibly honored to be recognized by Rolex with this award. I truly love this game and am thrilled to share my passion with golfers of all ages who are interested in taking up the game."

Congratulations and many thanks to all the LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals who serve as site directors or instructors in Girls Golf programs around the country

LPGA announces 50 Best Teachers for 2008-09

The LPGA announced its first-ever compilation of "The 50 Best Teachers." To identify and recognize the best instructors in each of the five LPGA T&CP sections, the LPGA T&CP membership were asked to rank peers by voting for the top teachers in their sections. The following Girls Golf site directors were selected by their fellow LPGA members:

- Sandy LaBauve, Girls Golf Founder
- Nancy Quarcelino, Franklin, Tenn.
- Donna White, West Palm Beach, Fla.
- Troy Beck, Baltimore, Md.
- Cindy Miller, Buffalo, N.Y.



USGA Fellows join the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf team

For the past several years, Girls Golf has enjoyed the assistance of two or three USGA Fellows working with the program in several areas, including but not limited to, the following: the matching grants program, growth planning, Web site maintenance and site visits. The Fellowship is a two-year program with an opportunity to create a third-year project and connects college graduates at the outset of their careers with resources that enable them to grow personally and professionally. The Fellows' home base is in Colorado Springs, Colo.



Rebecca Calderara, a native of North Carolina, graduated in 2008 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in Journalism and a minor in Art History. A golfer, Rebecca has a passion for girls' golf. Her love for the game was cultivated through rounds played with her father, her four-year stint as a member of Pinecrest High School's golf team, and two internships at Pinehurst Resort and Pine Needles Lodge and Country Club. Rebecca spent time studying art history and the Italian language while living in Florence, Italy, during a semester abroad. Rebecca's work during the Fellowship will be concentrated in the North Central region of the country.



Araceli Ortiz, from Chicago, Ill., is a 2008 graduate of Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., where she graduated with an MA in Latin American Studies and a BA in International Relations and minor in Portuguese. During her collegiate career, Araceli was a four year member of the Stanford University Women's Varsity Rowing team. Prior to her becoming a USGA Fellow, Araceli worked for the Chicago Sky, a WNBA team, during their inaugural season (2006). In the summer of 2007, she worked at a non-profit organization in Brazil, Boys Hope Girls

Hope/Vida Jovem, where she helped implement a sports program for children. She realized the importance of providing athletic opportunities for girls early on and she is particularly excited to work with Girls Golf to further spread sports opportunities to girls, because she knows firsthand the positive effects that they can have on a girl's life. Araceli's work in the Fellowship will be concentrated in the Western region of the country.

Eco Golf donates golf tees

Special thanks to Eco Golf (www.ecogolf.com) for donating over 11,000 packs of Eco Tees for inclusion in the 2008 Girls Golf participant kit and the Girls Golf Day 2008 gift bags. Additionally, Eco Tees were distributed to all Girls Golf sites. Eco Tees, made with biodegradable materials, "are good for golf and good for the environment."



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