

Dear Members of SMWGA and WMSGGA,

I can't believe that another Maine Women's Amateur is over, that means summer is on the wane.

Congratulations to Staci Creech and Bailey Plourde our 2017 Champions.

My dad told me once, that it never rains on a golf course – he fibbed, we had some liquid sunshine on Monday and a little on Tuesday morning then the weather cooperated.

This year we used Golf Genius App and Portal to communicate to our players. We sent out the tournament information as well as tee times for each round. Players were also able to check their scores as well as those of other competitors throughout the event. ***Mucho thanks to Barb Freeman for managing the portal and all of our communications and scoring through Golf Genius.***

It was brought to my attention that after some players and caddies completed their rounds went back out on the course and caddied for other players. There were questions about whether this might be a rules infraction. I contacted Randy Hodsdon, at MSGA for his thoughts.

**Decision 6-4/8 and 6-4/9 informs us that individuals in the same competition may caddie for players.**

**6-4/8**

**Player in Competition Caddies for Another Player in Same Event**

**Q.** Two players playing in the same competition at different times on the same day caddie for each other. Is this permissible?

**A.** Yes.

**6-4/9**

**Competitor Withdraws During Round and Carries Fellow-Competitor's Clubs for Remainder of Round**

**Q.** In stroke play, A, B's fellow-competitor and marker, withdrew during a round and ceased to play. He continued to mark B's card, and also carried B's clubs for the rest of the round. Is this permissible?

**A.** Yes. A became B's caddie as well as his marker when he started carrying B's clubs.

**It is permissible for a committee to restrict who may caddie for a player in the conditions of competition.**

It truly takes a village to put on an event like this. We had a great group of sponsors, some who have been sponsoring this event for several years, which is very much appreciated. Volunteers who brought us great breakfast treats, spotters on the course, Nick Glicos and his staff at Martindale, the Abby Spector Award Committee and the MWA committee members. This event is a joint effort of the SMWGA and WMSGGA and gives us an opportunity to work together to showcase women's golf in Maine for all who love the game.

Many thanks to all of our competitors, 9 of who were juniors, the most we have ever had. I look forward to seeing the number of juniors participating grow each year. Thank you Vicki Lindquist, chair of WMSGGA for your help in making the 2017 MWA successful.

2018 Maine Women's Amateur will be held at Rockland Golf Club.