



# WMSGGA 2017

## President's Letter

This second year of my role as your president has taken so many turns that my head is a bit dizzy. First, I want to thank the Executive Board members who have become not only working partners, but friends. We are very lucky to have such helpful, involved, and caring individuals. Thank you to all the committee chairs who helped to make things run smoothly. There is a place on similar committees of MSGA for you all to continue to be involved. And I hope that you will. Thank you to the women of WMSGGA who made us feel so welcome when we played their courses, especially those who took active roles in organizing the major tournaments of the summer. Finally, thanks go to you all, the playing members, because without you coming each week supporting our Tuesday tournaments there wouldn't be any.

We left this meeting last year with a plan to work with SMWGA and MSGA on a transition agreement and associated details over the winter. It hasn't exactly worked that way. Although I will be signing the agreement shortly, my hope is that things really move after that. We are a 501C3 non-profit organization through a complicated connection with First Tee. The head of First Tee in Maine was no longer going to continue so we all were left with a dilemma about how to remain a non-profit organization. The upshot was lots of legalese and steps that took much longer than expected. Pair that with holidays, illnesses of key players, and winter difficulties of getting together, and you have lots of lost time. On June 1, MSGA finally became the holder of First Tee, and we could begin our process of becoming one organization. I'm not going to sugarcoat the frustration that all created, but I am here to say that your transition team has been working behind the scenes to make sure that we are key players in this change. We had some requests for changes to the original draft of the agreement; several were instituted and one was not, but we understand the reason. We still have some unanswered questions and some issues to address. We felt it was necessary to have a signed agreement in hand before certain things were tackled, but we will tackle them... and soon.

We have some talented champions from this year: Staci Creech, our Amateur Champion for the third year in a row; Kristin Kannegieser, our Senior Champion; and Bailey Plourde, our Amateur Runner Up, Amateur Junior Champion, Janet Drouin Memorial Champion, and Janel Drouin Memorial Junior Champion. Congratulations to them and to all the women who competed.

I have enjoyed being your president, and although these last two years have had their ups and downs, I would not pass up the opportunity to meet and get to know a group of the finest women in the state of Maine. I plan to continue involvement as we become one golf association whose purpose is to grow the game of golf. My focus will be on women and junior girls, but I will continue to support all efforts that bring this great game of ours to all who are interested. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted

*Vicki Lindquist*