

## President's Report

My final year as the President of WMSGGA has been eventful.

Over the winter, we asked Charlotte Cole if she would take on the job of being webmaster. She has developed a great website for us to use. It has been very useful and we have learned that if we go to the home page we will find lots of information!! We can find applications, results, questions and answers, outside tournaments and lots of pictures of our events!! Charlotte has done a great job and she should be commended. If I know Charlotte, the best is yet to come.

A couple of things needed to be accomplished from the 2011 Spring Meeting. One was to obtain a credit card in favor of WMSGGA. Maddie Kilmister applied for and has received a WMSGGA credit card. What prompted the request was that there have been occasions at the team tournaments (Tri-States or NEGWA) where things needed to be pre-paid before any money had been collected by the competitors. To avoid any one player from having to pay those fees themselves, the WMSGGA credit card can be used. The current policy for use of the credit card will be asking any current President for permission to use the card for a certain purpose. Upon approval and after authorization from the President, the treasurer will provide the credit card information to the vender. The President will decide if approval by the entire board is necessary for each request.

Another issue discussed at the Spring Meeting was pre-paid accounts. A trial pre-paid account system was set up last year for use just by the Board of Directors so that Jean and Maddie could have a trial run with it. Because of its success, we authorized use by all of our members of the pre-paid account system this year. We now have 65 members using it, as well as applying for tournaments on-line. It was fairly unrealistic to think we would have not any issues with use of the system in this first year. Maddie and Jean will give a report as to what things haven't worked well and what changes may help the process be more successful this next season. I appreciate your cooperation with Maddie and Jean with whatever changes they recommend.

Another topic at the Spring Meeting was the "Bring-A-Junior" tournament. Jean and I hashed out some Junior Guidelines for use this year. Those Guidelines are now in place and can be modified if the format or some other component of the tournament gets changed. Having Guidelines to go by, and after a couple of unexpected date and site changes, we did host a junior event. In conjunction with the regular Tuesday tournament held at Val Halla on July 19th, nine members brought a junior with them to the tournament. The Manager, Brian Bickford, spoke briefly before the event, we took a group picture of the juniors, and gave a WMSGGA hat clip/ball marker to them before we all went out to play the tournament. The top 5 juniors' gross scores were all within 6 strokes of each other! WMSGGA donated prize vouchers in the amounts of \$25, \$15 and \$10 for the top 3 gross scores. The Association will continue to donate the money for those prize vouchers for a yearly, junior tournament in the future. It was a fun day and I hope it will remind the juniors what WMSGGA has to offer to them when they return to Maine or settle in Maine.

A request for use of the Janet Drouin Funds was received again this season. The Board of Directors approved use of the funds, but also decided it was time to form a committee to develop policies and procedures as to the use of the Janet Drouin money and the method to apply for it. Birdie Pearse will chair the committee and Helen Plourd, Nancy Pratt and Sharon Nelson will serve on the committee.

The 2012 Championship committee recently had a meeting with SMWGA to work out the finer details of the single 2012 Championship. The 2012 Women's Maine Amateur is scheduled to be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 23, 24 & 25, 2012 at Augusta Country Club. The only difference for the WMSGGA members is that the banquet/barbeque/lunch will be held on Wednesday instead of Monday. On Wednesday, while we are waiting for the final scores to be entered, the winners to be determined, and the vouchers and results to be prepared for presentation, we will be served our banquet/barbeque/lunch and, for those willing, be present for the awards ceremony.

Finally, I want to leave my term with the message that everything I have done for the last 2 years has been my best effort to benefit the members of WMSGGA. I have fielded calls, emails and concerns of all types and I hope the results have helped or benefitted those who have asked.

Thank you for your support. With that said, I welcome Trudy Dorval as the incoming President of WMSGGA.