

## **New England Women's Golf Association Championships**

The 2012 NEWGA Championships took place on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at the Natanis Tomahawk Course in Vassalboro, Maine. 76 entrants from 6 states competed. Maine had the largest number of participants at 25 as you might expect but the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest group was from the state furthest away, Connecticut, with 18 players.

We had 4 juniors participate, one from Connecticut, Nicci Liucci and 3 from Maine, Ashley Chubbuck, from Natanis, Sara Hansen from Val Halla and our 2012 Junior Champion, Alice Hwang, from Penobscot Valley.

The tournament was blessed with absolutely perfect Maine weather for 4 days in a row and the course at Natanis was truly immaculate and beautiful with the flowers all in full bloom. The Browne Family went all out to help us and make the players feel welcome and helped those of us running the tournament in every possible way. We owe them and their staff many thanks for supporting Women's Golf in Maine.

The Ladies of Natanis were phenomenal in their efforts to make this a memorable tournament for the players and they definitely succeeded. Many WMSGGA members traveled to Natanis to assist us also and were indispensable to the success of the tournament. Meriby Sweet did the publicity for us and we had lots of press coverage..except for Bangor, where the Junior Champion went unnoticed until I called gave them a polite earful.

I would like to thank two people for all the hard work, assistance and guidance they afforded me and the tournament effort. First, I don't think most of the members of WMSGGA have any idea how hard Jean Young works to make our seasons successful year after year. Her patience with at this tournament and with all the NEWGA reps was incredible. She had to make so many changes to list of players, cards and so many other things that she must have been pulling her hair out by the time everything was finalized. Jean, Trudy and I can't possibly thank you enough, as we all should throughout the year for your efforts.

The other person I want to give heartfelt thanks to is our President, Trudy Dorval. She put so many hours in on this tournament in so many ways it would take all morning to describe them. She had her husband working too, doing his magic on the computer for us and then providing set up and take down assistance at the site. I think we made a great team and I truly enjoyed working with her, thank you so much Trudy, for all your help.

I received many e-mails from players after the tournament telling me how great the volunteers at the tournament were and how friendly they found we Maine people and what a wonderful time they had. To all the people involved, you should be proud of your efforts, I am certainly proud of you.

We had a great "Maine " Theme, where the tee gifts were from Il Bean, we had an "Aroostook County" baked potato bar at our barbeque, Wicked Good Whoopie Pies for dessert and as a snack while waiting for scores the last day, baked potato skins from another Maine company. We didn't see many people refusing the food!

The tournament Champion was:

**Kristen McDonald, Tomson CC, Massachusetts with a 3 day total of 222**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Gross: Samantha Morrell, Laurel Lane CC, Rhode Island, 3 day total of 223**

**Senior Champion and 3<sup>rd</sup> Gross: Pam Kwong, Charles River CC, Massachusetts, 3 day total of  
231**

**Legend Champion, Nicole Thombs, Eastman Golf Links, New Hampshire, 3 day total of 248**

**Junior Champion: Alice Hwang of Penobscot Valley CC, Maine, 3 day total of 250**