

## WMSGGA 2011 Tournament Report

In writing this report today, it amazes me to think that a year ago, I had absolutely no idea that I would be in this position today, along with all the responsibilities, trials and tribulations that go with it.

I, like many others, have played in WMSGGA tournaments for years, enjoying the weekly play and never stopped to think about the hard work and effort needed to pull the yearly schedule together. How all the best of ideas and intentions can come to a screeching halt with one conflict effecting many weeks of work. Flexibility and patience is a must. These attributes were not a part of my natural make up, but I continued. So, in compiling next years schedule I have a new found respect for all the tournament chairs that have preceded me along with understanding and compassion for those who will follow.

The 2012 tournament schedule is nearing completion. I've tried hard to create a schedule that will please as many of our members as possible, keeping as many of your favorite courses in the schedule. At the same time, we need to fit in some of the courses that do not make the schedule every year. I am aware that some of WMSGGA's members do not appreciate the nine-hole courses and do not attend many of those tournaments. I would like to take a moment to remind all of us that these courses support WMSGGA with yearly club dues as well as their women members who support WMSGGA with weekly play. We, as members of WMSGGA, need to return this support by playing in their tournaments. Most have different tees for the back nine and many of these courses showcase the unique landscape of 'Maine' Golf.

I apologize for Samoset not being on the schedule but I did try. I called in May and September to request a date to no avail. They could not even lock in May 2013. We will try again next year.

We have experienced a decrease in weekly participants especially during May and September tournaments. If these numbers continue we may need to reduce the tournaments offered to one per week before Memorial Day and after Labor Day. Next years schedule is unchanged but we will be reviewing this next season.

Many thanks to Nancy Pratt, Jean Young, Diane Herring, Helen Plourd and all of you who have answered my questions, supplied me with information and guided me through this year, initiating me to WMSGGA's inner workings.

Respectfully submitted,

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