

## 2016 WMSGGA Administrative Assistant's Report

What a great summer for golf in Maine... and it's not over yet. Once again, I have to tell you that this job is a joy and that's because I get to work with this amazing group of women. Every day you offer me connection to a very special world, you challenge me, and you make me laugh. Thank you.

Thank you also to the couriers who brought home scorecards, to the volunteers who helped to score tournaments, to the girls willing to sell raffle tickets, to the many who answered my requests, to the entertainers who sent emails that made me laugh aloud, to everyone who offered a kind word.

Our membership stands at 250, which includes nine juniors and one honorary member. That's down about ten from last year. On the other hand, about 60 clubs have joined our organization, which is up about ten from last year.

Without a single rainout, we ran 35 tournaments and supported NEWGA. At TriState, held this year at the Samoset Resort, we said goodbye to Helen Plourd, who has captained our team for many years. And at the Maine Women's Amateur at Penobscot Valley Country Club, we enjoyed a top-notch event thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the MWA tournament committee. When the regular season came to a close, the WMSGGA printed 390 vouchers, totaling more than \$11,200. The regular season point value was \$7.46. Seventy-one players earned a WMSGGA pin by taking first gross in at least one event over the course of the season. And roughly 88% of all players shared in the winnings with a point, a skin, a pin, or a 50.50 share. Congratulations to all our participants and a reminder to redeem your vouchers. The points and skins vouchers may be redeemed at any WMSGGA member club. This year's senior vouchers, however, must be used only at Augusta Country Club.

The new online sign-up portal has worked very well despite a few hiccups. We are committed to improving your online experiences with improvements to the system and the launching of a new website next season. We welcome your suggestions.

My memories of the season include...

- A handful of players shot noteworthy rounds in tournament play: Staci Creech, Bailey Plourde, and Stephanie Rodrigue all shot rounds under par, four of those in the state amateur. Kristin Kannegieser tied the course record at Sugarloaf during the Metropolitan.
- One member recorded an ace at the Janet Drouin Memorial: Neila Nelke. And that inspires, perhaps, my favorite story of the season. As luck would have it, you shoot a 1 on a hole, but you're not in pins. The pin winner on that hole was Marlene Viger, who, without a second thought, turned her voucher over to Neila.
- The most popular venues this year were Augusta 103, Waterville 99, Portland 84. A small downside is that because so many chose Waterville, we were forced to cancel the tournament at Val Halla, the alternate site.
- Tons of fun at team events, which continue to be well attended.

I hope you too take away some special memories of the 2015 season, perhaps from the events yet to come. They don't have to be momentous either. Sometimes the victory I cherish is finishing my round with that same Titleist I hit off the first tee.