From the President…
Looking Forward to NWAGA’s Bright Future

by Michele Gill, President

To begin, I am very honored to have the privilege of serving as the incoming president of such a strong group of wonderful women and great lady golfers who represent NWAGA.

There are too many past greats to name them all that have set strong courses for women’s golf in the state of Nebraska, from current legends to future phenoms. Let us not also forget to remember those that have passed on and now score perfect rounds making hole-in-ones on a regular basis. We miss their friendship and camaraderie, but we also honor them by strengthening our organization each and every time we meet, host an event, and sponsor tournaments for the cherished good outings of golf and laughter.

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led our game of golf to, and what we will become as we move forward. Our future is bright, and I am thrilled to be a part of such an organization. I look forward to seeing each of you at our tournaments and events during the coming year, and I challenge each of you to bring one new golfer to our events and to encourage one new golfer to join NWAGA in 2012-13.

To Pam Gallagher, our outgoing president, we can only simply say “Thank you for a wonderful job well done; you have helped us grow, and we will continue the good work you have outlined for us.” To the outgoing board members, it has been a pleasure to serve with you as well, and we look forward to seeing you continue to be the strong support for women’s golf that you are.

I am proud to be your new president and with our new officer team we look forward to the coming new year, our new tournaments, and new women’s golf opportunities. Let’s grow to 2013 in 2013!
Sixty-three women traveled to Oakland Country Club to participate in the 2012 State Stroke Play Tournament. Kayla Knopik of Papillion was named the 2012 Champion. Knopik finished her first day with an impressive course record 68. She finished the competition with a two-day total of 146. Finishing in a tie for second was Jane Pohlman of Omaha and Morgan Smejkal of Columbus. They finished six strokes back from Knopik with a two-day total of 152. Rounding out the top four was Calie Trusler of Omaha with a 155.

Championship Flight
1 Kayla Knopik
T2 Morgan Smejkal
T2 Jane Pohlman
4 Calie Trusler

First Flight
1 Jordan Rearick
2 Stephanie Rodgers
3 Maggie Peters
4 Jean Gamerl

Second Flight
1 Dorthy Towle
2 Kristin Jones
3 Shirley Regan
4 Kathy Teshack

Third Flight
1 Kellie Draper
2 Darcy Scharf
T3 Susan Kindscher
T3 Debby Sorenson

Fourth Flight
1 Kay Bowman
2 Bettie Butts
3 Kerri Harris
4 Diane Oppliger

Fifth Flight
T1 Susan Feely
T1 Janell Dart
3 Carol Gangwish
4 Carol Rath

Pictured at left (top row): Jordan Rearick, 1st Flight winner; Dorthy Towle, 2nd Flight winner; Kellie Draper, 3rd Flight winner

Pictured second row: Kay Bowman, 4th Flight winner; Susan Feeley and Janell Dart, 5th Flight winners.
Battling the western winds at Kearney Country Club, 36 women participated in the 2012 State Amateur. McKayla Anderson of Fremont defeated the high gusts with an impressive week firing off rounds of 76-74-73 for a three-day total of 223. This was Anderson’s first NWAGA win. Defending champion, Kayla Knopik of Papillion finished second with a three-day total of 229. Stephanie Kolbas of Lincoln finished in third place with a three-day total of 240. Finishing in fourth place with a total of 243 was Sophie Peters of Fremont.

**Championship Flight**
1. McKayla Anderson
2. Kayla Knopik
3. Stephanie Kolbas
4. Sophie Peters

**First Flight**
1. Kay Bowman
2. Lisa Mayer
3. Pam Gallagher
4. Kathy Hickey

**Second Flight**
1. Bev Guzinski
2. Sandy Dose
3. Marilyn Heckman
4. Colleen White

Holes-In-One Congratulations!

Sue Wilwerding at Johnny Goodman
Nancy Underwood at Jackrabbit Run
Elizabeth Lydiatt at Awarii Dunes
Judy Hansen at Riverside
Donna Utecht at Fairplay GC
Debbie Sandstedt at Ashland GC
Kathy Teshack at The Pines Country Club

Kelly Stephens at Stone Creek
Margret Brown at Kearney CC
Pat Connolly at Kearney CC
Deb Dobesh at Kearney
Jill Cochran in Hawaii
Michaela Ancona at Happy Hollow
Seventeen competitors took to a new NWAGA course—Awarri Dunes for the 2012 Match Play Championship. Wednesday morning Elizabeth Lydiatt and McKayla Anderson faced off for the final round. The match was dormie after 14, but Anderson refused to give in winning 15 with par and 16 and 17 with a birdies. On 18, Lydiatt was on in 3 with Anderson just short of the green. Both made par with Lydiatt winning 1 up. This is Elizabeth (Bahensky) Lydiatt’s fourth Match Play title, the first since 2000.

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Elizabeth Lydiatt & McKayla Anderson

Sally Bryson & Theresa Coyle

Shelly Bauer & Rita Lammle

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A total of 43 teams traveled to Beemer for the 2012 Four-Ball Stroke Play Tournament. Kathy Garrelts and Sally Bryson of Kearney took home Champion honors. The duo shot a two-day total of 127 (net) at a tough Indian Trails Country Club. Winning the gross division were Abbie Hunke and Lisa Mayer along with Kayla Knopik and Kylie Smith.

**FALL MEETING**
**INDIAN TRAILS COUNTRY CLUB – BEEMER, NE**
**JULY 23-24, 2012**

**Net**
1 Kathy Garrelts/Sally Bryson  
T2 Michelle Gill/Judy Spomer  
T2 Donna Utecht/Sue Denton  
4 Lisa Mayer/Abbie Hunke

**Gross**
T1 Lisa Mayer/Abbie Hunke  
T1 Kayla Knopik/Kylie Smith

NWAGA held its annual Fall Meeting October 1, 2012. We were fortunate to have a few founders, Dorothy Schwartzkopf, Christie Schwartzkopf-Schroff, and Jean Hyland present.

A gracious NWAGA thank you goes out to these ladies and what they began 40 years ago!

*Pictured at left: Dorothy Schwartzkopf and Christie Schwartzkopf-Schroff*
The hospitable North Bend Golf Course was host to 103 Seniors for the 2012 Senior Stroke Play and 49er’s Eclectic Event. Susan Marchese of Omaha took home the 2012 Senior Stroke Play Championship after shooting a 222 (73-73-76). This was Marchese’s third straight Senior title, winning all years she has been eligible for the event. Trailing Marchese by only three strokes was Pat Linson of Papillion with a three-day total of 225 (76-74-75). Rounding out the top three was four-time champion Jane Pohlman of Omaha carding a 227 (78-75-74).

Two teams tied for first place honors in the Eclectic Event. Tracey Whitley and Pat Linson along with Ruth Zbylut and Karen See each had a 59 net score.

Championship Flight
1. Susan Marchese
2. Pat Linson
3. Jane Pohlman
4. Cathy Nelson

First Flight
1. Jean Gamerl
2. Debbie Bills
3. Sally Bryson
4. Dorthy Towle

Second Flight
T1. Susan Kindscher
T1. Teressa Yung
3. Shirley Regan
4. Ethel Watson
T4. Nita Totten

Third Flight
1. Stephanie Krijan
2. Pat Ourada
3. Debbie Sandstedt
4. Merilyn Anderson

Fourth Flight
1. Katie Crump
2. Peggy Lindquist
3. Joleyn Stacy
4. Judi Lood

Fifth Flight
1. Ruth Svoboda
2. Cathy Day
3. Jan Merrill
T4. Phyllis Hall
T4. Sandy Parker

Sixth Flight
1. Eunice Palu
2. Kathy Wood
3. Kay Haman
4. Jo Baldwin

Seventh Flight
1. Teri O’Grady
2. Maralyn Reznicek
T3. Dee Bang
T3. Jean Armstrong

Eighth Flight
1. Lisa Poorman
2. Carol Sorsen
3. Linda Cogley
4. Bettelee Lewis

Pictured at right: Jean Gamerl, 1st Flight winner; Teressa Yung and Susan Kindscher, 2nd Flight winners
NWAGA 2012 Play Day Winners

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Pictured in order from upper left: Stephanie Krijan, 3rd Flight winner; Katie Crump, 4th Flight winner; Ruth Svoboda, 5th Flight winner; Eunice Palu, 6th Flight winner; Teri O’Grady, 7th Flight winner; Lisa Poorman, 8th Flight winner.
“WE CARE” TWO-PERSON SCRAMBLE
ELDORADO HILLS – NORFOLK, NE
AUGUST 26, 2012

Thank you to all the participants of the 2012 NWAGA “We-Care” Two-Person Scramble. We helped raise over $4,000 for the Carson Cancer Center in Norfolk, NE.
A full field of 144 women traveled to Nebraska City and enjoyed The Golf Club at Table Creek for the 2012 NWAGA Four-Woman Scramble. The two-day tournament was handicapped this year. Winning the net part of the competition was the team of Linda Willis, Felicia Hutnick, Sarah Nordlund, and Nancy Murphy with a net 119.40. Taking home the pewter cups as gross champions was the team of Heidi Stark, Michelle Kluver, Kim Oerter, and Pam Patterson with a 126. They also finished second in the net with a 119.78.

**Championship Flight**
1. L. Willis, F. Hutnick, S. Nordlund, N. Murphy
2. H. Stark, M. Kluver, K. Oerter, P. Patterson
3. J. Jeffries, B. Parks, L. Johnson, L. Lottman

**First Flight**
1. J. Semin, R. Sunday, A. Seiler, C. Wiebusch
2. J. Thomson, S. Rounsborg, S. Bauer, R. Lammle

**Second Flight**
3. E. Rodgers, C. Petersen, J. Farber, K. Garrelts

**Third Flight**
1. S. Milner, J. Hansen, K. Terjak, B. Meyer
2. L. Kraus, J. Shaffer, K. Dubas, N. Underwood

*Pictured at right: B. Meyer, K. Terjak, S. Milner, J. Hansen*
NWAGA Player of the Year—2012

With the 2012 season under wraps, NWAGA would like to announce Kayla Knopik as the player of the year. Knopik was this year’s Stroke Play Tournament Champion, State Amateur Runner-Up, and Match Play medalist. Knopik accumulated 775 points throughout the summer to help her capture the award for the second time in a row. Knopik is a 2012 University of Nebraska at Lincoln graduate and competed on the golf team for four years. Congratulations to Kayla as NWAGA’s Player of the Year!

Four-State Team

The 2012 Four-State Team Championship was held at Sedalia Country Club in Sedalia, Missouri. Leading the team this year was Haley Thiele of Wahoo who fired a two-day total of 142 (68-74), only two over par. Danielle Lemek of Doniphan, last year’s individual champion, shot a 146 (73-73). Sarah Pravecek of Omaha finished with a 158 (79-79). Annie Pearson of Omaha also carded a 158 (80-78). Abbie Hunke of Snyder rounded out the team with a 159 (80-79). The team finished in second place behind Iowa with a 604. Thank you ladies for playing so well!
Johnna’s Hours

I will be working from home during the off-season and can be reached by my cell or email. Tuesday and Thursday from 2-4 pm I will be in the office responding to mail and taking care of the office.

–Johnna Rathje, Executive Director
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