2009 Four State Team Brought the Trophy Back to Nebraska

Pictured (left to right): Nicole Moolberry of Norfolk, McKenzie O’Connell of Sidney, McKayla Anderson of Fremont, Stephanie Rodgers of Unadilla, and Danielle Lemek of Doniphan.

Congratulations, girls!
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On the Cover:

2009 Four State Team finishes first!

The 2009 Junior Four State Team made Nebraskans proud when they finished first at the Four State Junior Girls’ Competition at Mission Hills Country Club in Kansas City, Missouri. This is the first time since 2003 Nebraska has been able to bring the celebration back to the good life. Members of the Nebraska team were chosen using the junior ranking system. This year’s team members are: Danielle Lemek of Doniphan, McKayla Anderson of Fremont, Nicole Mooberry of Norfolk, Stephanie Rodgers of Unadilla, and captain’s choice McKenzie O’Connell of Sidney.

On Thursday, June 25, the team was tied for first with Missouri. Nebraska had a team total of 335, Iowa 344, Kansas 342, and Missouri 335. The second day of competition Danielle Lemek came back and shot seven strokes better than the first day of competition. Lemek ended up beating Missouri golfer Kate Gallagher in a one-hole playoff. Lemek was crowned medalist on the second day total of 654 (335-319). Missouri followed with a two-day total of 658 (335-323). Third place was Kansas shooting a 676 (342-334) two-day total and finishing fourth was Iowa. Iowa shot a two-day total of 688 (344-354).

Congratulations, girls, we are all so proud of you!

NWAGA 2009 Play Day Winners

9-HOLES 18-HOLES
Ashland Country Club ............................................ Debbie Sandstedt
Benson Ladies League ............................................ Yo Tierney
Eldorado Hills Golf Club ....................................... Charlene Anderson
Fairplay Golf Course ............................................ Jackie McCoy
Field Club of Omaha ............................................ Dede Johnson
Firethorn Golf Club ............................................ Darlene Lipert
Four Winds Ladies Golf Assn.................................. Donna Loyd
Fremont Golf Club ............................................. Carol Schmidt
Happy Hollow Club ............................................ Mary Gay Gordon
Hidden Valley Golf Course ..................................... Helen Burks
Holdrege Country Club ......................................... Dana Kness
Johnny Goodman Golf Course .................................. Nancy Iversen
Kearney Country Club .......................................... Deb Jensen
Lochland Country Club ......................................... Margie Landon
Meadowlark Hills .................................................. Judy Farber
Northridge Country Club ....................................... Marlene Keding
The Pines Country Club ......................................... Linda Lopeman
Riverside Golf Club ............................................. Bonnie Afpel
Rolling Golf Course ............................................. Ellen Ramig
Scotts Bluff Country Club ....................................... Marsha Neifert
Syracuse Country Club .......................................... Diana Carlson
Valley View Golf Club .......................................... Sarah King

Tee Off Time

From the President...

by Pam Gallagher, President

The 2009 NWAGA tournament season has come to a close, and while disagreeable weather shortened some events, it was another successful, competitive season with thanks owed to many people who made it possible.

Thank you to all of the tournament chairs of this year’s events. They not only made the events successful but also helped raise significant money to assist NWAGA’s efforts to promote junior girls’ and collegiate women’s golf in Nebraska.

Thank you to Sarah Hannon, this year’s PJ. Boatwright intern. Sarah was an active, efficient, and pleasant presence at all of our events this summer; we wish her luck in her future endeavors and hope that she continues to have an active involvement with NWAGA whether as a player or a volunteer.

There are not adequate words to properly thank the outgoing Executive Board members, Bobbie Hopp, Kay Brown, Kay Bowman, Teresa Yung, Jean Gamerl, and Lisa Poorman and Tournament Chairpersons, Laura Saf and Yvonne Davenport. They are all to be commended for the jobs they have done for NWAGA and for the tremendous amount of time and wisdom they have given to the organization. It is difficult to imagine NWAGA as successful as it is without the gifts each of them brought to the organization.

Thank you also to our Executive Director, Johnna Rathje, for working so hard to see that our events run smoothly, for keeping our web site up-to-date and informative, for assisting with the junior girls’ program, and for efficiently managing the NWAGA office.

The 2010 tournament season for NWAGA is set, and while dates for some events may vary from recent years, there will be no substantive changes in tournament formats. Our tournament sites include courses that have frequently partnered with NWAGA as well as courses hosting their first NWAGA events.

What will be new for 2010 is much of the make-up of the NWAGA Executive Board. Speaking for myself and new Board members, I would like to say that we are excited, if not a touch nervous, to be taking on these new roles. Speaking for all of the Board, I want to let the membership know that we intend to be responsive to our membership and are anxious to do all that we can “to promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf for all women in the state of Nebraska.”

Meet 2009 P.J. Boatwright Intern, Sarah Hannon

Sarah Hannon of York was the 2009 P.J. Boatwright intern for NWAGA. She graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University where she competed on the women’s golf team for four years. Sarah has played golf competitively since high school and is excited to compete in tournaments again after her internship with NWAGA.

“This internship has taught me a lot, and I am thankful for the opportunity to work with such a great organization.”

Post-internship plans are to pursue a career with her degree in sports management.

“I would like to thank the USGA, Bobbie, Johnna, and the Board for everything they have done for me this summer. It was a pleasure working with all of you this summer, and I can’t wait to see you on the course next summer.”
The 2009 NWAGA season started off cool and wet at Indian Trails Country Club in Beemer; however, the players remained hot. Susan Marchese of Omaha took home the trophy this year, while carding a two-day total of 151 (75, 76). Marchese won the tournament by three strokes over J.C. Stevenson from Grand Island who finished with a two-day total 154 (76, 78). Third place went to Kylie Smith from Omaha who carded a 155 two-day total (80, 75), just a stroke behind Stevenson. Medalist Katie Keiser of Columbus tied for fourth finishing with a total of 156 tying with Betsy Conry of Omaha and Kayla Knopik of Papillion.

T4. Betsy Conry Katie Keiser Kayla Knopik


The full field of 144 NWAGA members from across the state traveled to Platteview Country Club in Bellevue to finish the 2009 season in the Four-Woman Scramble. The Dr. Seuss-themed tournament was a success in many ways. Perfect temperatures, great food, and, of course, good golf set the stage for a great tournament. After the first day of competition, the leaders Deb Denbeck, Linda Willis, Marsha Itkin, and Felicia Hutnick of Omaha finished eight strokes under par with a 64, but the second-place team was only two strokes behind the leaders. Denbeck, Willis, Itkin, and Hutnick were able to hang on and win the 2009 Scramble shooting a two-day total of 132 (64-68), 12 strokes under par. Finishing in a tie for second place were the teams of Tracy Whitley of Bellevue, Suzie Dinkelman, Jana Tanner, and Sherry Zehr of Lincoln and Sherri Rounsborg, Jane Thomson, Shelly Bauer, and Rita Lammle, all of Lincoln. Both teams finished with a two-day total of 135, nine strokes under par.

Championship Flight:
First Flight:

Second Flight:

Third Flight:

Fourth Flight:

Fifth Flight:

Sixth Flight:

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Championship Flight Winners

First Flight Winners

Second Flight Winners

Third Flight Winners

Fourth Flight Winners

Top row from left: 1st Flight winner Rebecca Pollock; 2nd Flight winner Julie Hall; 3rd Flight winner Jeanine Foster; 4th Flight winner Bev McKillip. Bottom row from left: 5th Flight winner Joyce Braun; 6th Flight winner Maralyn Reznicek; thank you to the kids who helped spot golf balls!
High temperatures and low scores was the forecast at the State Stroke Play Championship at The Country Club of Lincoln. The 2009 Championship was a two-day event this year due to a weather cancellation on Monday, June 22. The weather didn't stop players; they battled through the heat which led to a fun Championship. J.C. Stevenson of Grand Island was crowned champion after finishing with a two-day total of 155 (79, 76). Medalist Danielle Lemek of Doniphan (77, 79) and Abby Bartlett of Grand Island (79, 77) battled it out with Stevenson in the final group on Wednesday, but fell just one stroke behind Stevenson both carding a two-day total 156. Kylie Smith of Omaha finished fourth, two shots behind Stevenson with a two-day total 157 (80, 77).

Championship Flight:
1. J.C. Stevenson
2. Danielle Lemek
3. Abby Bartlett
4. Kylie Smith

Second Flight:
1. Linda Wolfe
2. Debbie Sandstedt
3. Kathy Teshack
4. Denise Rogondino
5. Diana Carlson

Third Flight:
1. Judy Duffy
2. Courtney Smith
3. Sandy Dose
4. Teri O’Grady

Fourth Flight:
1. Kelly Nelson
2. Ann Weidner
3. Jean Armstrong

From left: 1st Flight winner Julie Olson; 2nd Flight winner Linda Wolfe; 3rd Flight winner Judy Duffy; not pictured, 4th Flight winner Kelly Nelson.

J.C. Stevenson, Amateur of the Year

J.C. Stevenson, a University of Nebraska golfer from Grand Island was named the NWAGA 2009 Amateur of the Year. Stevenson accumulated 2,095 points throughout the summer to help her capture the award.

In 2009 summer season Stevenson won the Stroke Play Championship at The Country Club of Lincoln and the Western Stroke Play Tournament at Cross Creek Links in Cambridge. At the Match Play Championship in Kearney, she was runner-up to Kayla Knopik of Papillion. Stevenson’s great play throughout the summer led her to becoming Amateur of the Year.

Congratulations J.C.!

Others in the running for the award were Susan Marchese of Omaha 1,345 pts; Katie Keiser of Gothenburg, 1,157 pts; Abby Bartlett of Grand Island 1,150 pts; and Kayla Knopik 1,132 pts.

The 2009 USGA Women’s State Team Championship was held September 1-3 at Sycamore Hills Golf Club in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Each state, as well as the District of Columbia, sends a team of three women. The event consists of three rounds of stroke play competition. Nebraska determines its team based on the NWAGA point system. Representing Nebraska were Susan Marchese, Omaha; Jane Pohlm an, Omaha; and Anne Robertson, Columbus. The team finished 11 places better than two year ago. Nebraska placed 36th out of 49 teams in the field.
The 2009 Senior Stroke Play Championship/Partner Eclectic Event was full of fun, laughter, and good golf at Cross Creek Golf Links in Cambridge. State Stroke Play Champion J.C. Stevenson of Grand Island was also victorious in Cambridge. Stevenson won the tournament by four strokes over Susan Marchese of Omaha. Stevenson carded a two-day total 141 (70, 71) and also took medalist honors after round one of competition. Marchese came in second with a two-day total of 145 (76, 69). Armana Christianson of Omaha took third place carding a 77 first round and 69 second round to finish with a two-day total of 146.

Championship Flight:
1. J.C. Stevenson
2. Susan Marchese
3. Armana Christianson

First Flight:
1. Theresa Coyle
2. Chris Seberger
3. Pat Synder

Second Flight:
1. Teri Schafer
2. Kressy Ristine
3. Doris Eisenhart
4. Jackie Anderson
5. Sandy Parker

Third Flight:
1. Geri Warford
2. Elda Rodgers
3. Jane Gerhard
4. Michelle Gill

Fourth Flight:
1. Janelle Dart
2. Linda Bieck
3. Peggy Lindquist
4. Cathy Day

Seventh Flight:
1. Judi Loed
2. Joyce Braun
3. Arline Wilhelm
4. Deb Denbeck

Fifth Flight:
1. Nita Totten
2. Jean Armstrong
3. Teri O’Grady

Sixth Flight:
1. Ethel Watson
2. Polly Huebert
3. Pat Ourla
4. Sharon Hoffman

T1. Yo Tierney
T1. Judy Duffy
T4. Terri O’Grady
T1. Sherry Monson

Championship Flight:
1. Jane Pohlman
2. Peggy Williams
3. Armana Christianson

First Flight:
1. Sally Bryson
2. Belinda Rude
3. Jeannine Foster

T4. Dana Kness
T4. Kay Bowman

Second Flight:
1. Judy Doe
2. Polly Huebert
3. Pat Ourla
4. Sharon Hoffman

T4. Betty Butts
T4. Sherry Monson

Third Flight:
1. Nita Totten
2. Jean Armstrong
3. Teri O’Grady

T1. Hap Loomis
T1. Sylvia Debus
T1. Susan Alberry

T5. Ethel Watson
T5. Polly Huebert
T5. Pat Ourla
T5. Sharon Hoffman

T2. Belinda Rude
T2. Jeannine Foster
T2. Kay Bowman
T2. Dana Kness

T4. Judy Doe
T4. Polly Huebert
T4. Pat Ourla
T4. Sharon Hoffman

T5. Betty Butts
T5. Sherry Monson
T5. Nita Totten
T5. Pat Ourla

T7. Judy Doe
T7. Polly Huebert
T7. Pat Ourla
T7. Sharon Hoffman

T5. Betty Butts
T5. Sherry Monson
T5. Nita Totten
T5. Pat Ourla

T7. Judy Doe
T7. Polly Huebert
T7. Pat Ourla
T7. Sharon Hoffman

T10. Judy Doe
T10. Polly Huebert
T10. Pat Ourla
T10. Sharon Hoffman

T5. Betty Butts
T5. Sherry Monson
T5. Nita Totten
T5. Pat Ourla

T7. Judy Doe
T7. Polly Huebert
T7. Pat Ourla
T7. Sharon Hoffman

2009 Holes in One!

Jan Barrett, #15, Happy Hollow Club, Omaha
Bev Ward, #3, deAnza Country Club, California
Jean Gamerl, #7, Hammerhead, Tiburon Golf Club
Pat Connolly, #10, Kearney Country Club
Carol Codella, #10, Oakland Golf Club
Karen Thompson, #7, Reynolds Landing, Georgia
Kathy Hickey, #3, Shadow Ridge Golf Club
Karen Stuart, #6, Hidden Valley Golf Course
Mary Morrissey, #12, Oak Hills Country Club
Polly Huebert, #9, Oak Hills Country Club
Teresa Snoozy, #15, Oak Hills Country Club
Barb Muldoon, #2, Oak Hills Country Club

Look for 2010’s Tournament Schedule online: nwaga.org/tournaments.html
**2009 MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP AND “THE NWAGA CHALLENGE”**

**FOUR-BALL MATCH PLAY PARTNER TOURNAMENT**

**KEARNEY COUNTRY CLUB • KEARNEY, NE**

**JULY 6-8**

The toughest golfers from all over the state were ready for the “Challenge” to compete head to head in “Matches” at Kearney Country Club for the 2009 NWAGA Match Play Championship and “The NWAGA Challenge.” Eighteen teams competed in the Challenge Tournament, and fifteen Match Play competitors competed for the Championship. Susan Marchese of Omaha received medalist honors after she carded a 73 in the stroke play qualifying round. Number-one seed Marchese reached the semifinal match before she was eliminated by number-four seed Kayla Knopik of Papillion 2 and 1. Number-two seed J.C. Stevenson of Grand Island defeated eleventh seed Anne Robertson of Columbus also in the semifinals 6 and 5. In the final match between Knopik and Stevenson, Knopik defeated Stevenson 1 up on the 18th green. The final match between these two Husker golfers was exciting all 18 holes.

The 2nd NWAGA Challenge consisted of five 9-hole rounds in a four-ball match play tournament. In the Babe Didrickson Zaharias Flight, Debbie Sandstedt and Judy Duffy took first place with 26 points. Theresa Coyle and Sally Bryson finished second in that flight with 23 points. Pat Connolly and Jo Baldwin took first place with 28.5 points and Kay Bowman and Elda Rodgers finished second with 25.5 points in the Kathy Whitworth Flight. The Mickey Wright Flight was won by Carolyn Peterson and Judy Farber with 27 points. In second place, Merilyn Anderson and Sandy Janssen finished with 26.5 points.

**Match Play Championship:**

- Kayla Knopik
- J.C. Stevenson

**Semifinalists:**

- Susan Marchese
- Anne Robertson

**Challenge Tournament:**

- Babe Didrickson Zaharias:
  1. Debbie Sandstedt / Judy Duffy
  2. Theresa Coyle / Sally Bryson

- Kathy Whitworth:
  1. Pat Connolly / Jo Baldwin
  2. Kay Bowman / Elda Rodgers

- Mickey Wright:
  1. Carolyn Peterson / Judy Farber
  2. Merilyn Anderson / Sandy Janssen

**Challenge results from left:**

- Babe Didrickson Zaharias flight winners Judy Duffy and Debbie Sandstedt; Kathy Whitworth Flight winners Pat Connolly and Jo Baldwin; Mickey Wright Flight winners Carolyn Peterson and Judy Farber.

Everyone stayed “cool” in Grand Island at the Four-Ball Tournament with the “Chilly Pad” towels that were given to each golfer as a gift. Although the towels were given for competitors to stay cool, they used them to dry off after a downpour on Tuesday which led to cancellation of round two. Due to the rainout the Four-Ball Tournament was a two-day event this year.

Linda Hodges of Pawnee City and Marjorie Lyons of Dawson “stormed” through the field of 48 teams and shot their way to the top. Together Hodges and Lyons shot a net 59, 66 for a two-day total of 125.

**Net Results:**

1. L. Hodges / M. Lyons
2. S. Bill / M. J. Logsdon
3. B. Crox / J. Conry
4. S. Bauer / R. Lammle
5. C. Seberger / J. C. Stevenson
6. L. Mehl / S. Kraus
7. C. Seberger / J. C. Stevenson
8. A. Yang / T. Yang
9. D. Bis / J. C. Stevenson
10. T. Yung / T. Yung

**Low Gross winners:**

- Chris Seberger / J.C. Stevenson

For a complete list of finishers, please see the attached sheet.

**2009 NWAGA 2010 Spring Meeting**

**April 18-19, 2010 • Holdrege Country Club, Holdrege**

**Entry Fee—$60**

8:30 a.m. Rolls/Coffee 9:30 a.m. Meeting 11:30 a.m. Box Lunch/Shootgun Start

We encourage all Club Representatives to attend the Meetings. We depend on the opinions and vote of each Representative in determining the best way to serve our members. If you are unable to attend, please send your alternate.