



Links Letter – July 2021

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Get Out of the House and Play

I remember grandparents saying that to my cousins and me when the noise level rose above a peep. We'd grudgingly get up from the cartoons and do as instructed. We found games to play and by the time we returned to our respective homes, our parents would wonder aloud how dirt could find its way to the inside of our socks, and other places. These days I am screaming to myself, "Get out of the house, go play." Well, thanks to Elsa, it hasn't worked out. The rain has been biblical and Mrs. Procrastination has used this precious time to binge watch Nordic Noir series, find sleeveless white golf shirts on line, and read stuff about CWGA from back in the good old deodorant-free days.

Gladys Ravenscroft, then 26-years-old, was characterized in *The Hartford Courant* as "the English girl who won the last American championship." Back in 1914 when this article appeared, Ravenscroft declared that she "deplores the fact that there are no young girls taking up the game" in the US. She also did not like the greens at Merion.

So, Gladys's lamentation brought to mind our own beloved organization. The 1978 CWGA newsletter talked about a special committee formed to study "the membership question." We were 586 strong. One of the recommendations was capping total membership at 650. Today we have 400ish folks listed on our website. We all know at least one person at our club who SHOULD join CWGA. Or maybe we know someone who has joined but is uncertain about going alone to an event. Please, help a friend sign up. Drive your CWGA rookie to the course. Convince her that the score doesn't matter. People are friendly. The lunch is delicious. Do whatever it takes. Just get out of the house and play!



Delicious Food!



Friendly People!

Pure Jean-ius! At 1-Up, Sennett Takes Home the Cup



Fireworks @ Wamp

The whoops have been wild at Wampanoag. Jean "The Machine" Sennett came out on top at this year's CWGA Championship! Just hours after her victory, notice was sent to the entire Wampanoag membership informing them that their 20-time club champion was now the state's newest champion. Having missed the 2019 tournament season to a broken wrist, Jean's game was as solid and strong as her surgically repaired joint. As the #2 seed, she moved through the brackets with decisive victories.

Her final match against last year's champion #5 Leslie Li was a laser-focused competition and a skills clinic. Leslie took the initial lead with a conceded birdie on the fourth hole after Jean's approach found the water. Two holes later, they were back to even with Jean's birdie two. Leslie took the lead again on a concession on the uphill par five. Jean won the eighth and ninth to make the turn one up. She held the lead



Jean Sennett with most beautiful trophy in Connecticut

until the 15th, an ultra-vexing, extra-long par three. The match stayed even until the second shots on the 18th, a long par five with a giant bunker in the middle of the fairway and a giant three-tiered green. Unfortunately, Leslie was not able to capitalize on her drive as her ball found the left rough under a line of trees. She reached the top of the middle tier of the green on her fourth shot while Jean landed her third shot on the middle tier, about three feet left of the flag. Leslie's putting was solid all day but a miracle was not to be on the final hole. The ball slid by for a six. Jean's birdie putt was no stress. And the match was over. The applause at the end was a much for Leslie as it was for Jean.

Leslie, who just graduated from Miss Porter's School, will attend the University of Hartford in the fall and join the golf team.



Leslie Li, youngest competitor in the field

At the post-match reception, the assembled group watched as the skies opened up. After days of 90+ degree temperatures, nary a moan was heard save by those who were forced to give up their rounds of golf when the siren sounded. Last year's Covid-compressed tournament was held in the pouring rain.



Pam Burt & Cheri Ziebka

The Founders' Cup will remain at The Country Club in Farmington as last year's winner Pam Burt assumed the runner-up position and handed the trophy over to fellow member Cheri Ziebka. In an interesting aside, all four finalists take lessons from local "Golf Whisperer" Dave Pianki.

And lastly, a big hip, hip hooray for medalist Mim Schreck who aced the 13th hole during the stroke play qualifier. See all the tournament results [here](#).



Mim's prescient cocktail skirt

Shuttle Meadow did a bang-up job hosting the tournament. It was a fun place to play after the year of madness. Head professional Tim Gavronski and his wife Susan, the rest of the pro shop team and the team indoors are always welcoming and professional. Tim and Susan are retiring this year. We wish them well as they begin their next adventure.

This was ninth time Shuttle Meadow has hosted The Championship. This article is about their first go-round, the second Championship. The world then was also emerging from a pandemic. The entry fee was a dollar (nearly \$14 today). The current website and on-line registration are only a few years old. In 1920 an ounce of gold was worth \$325 in 2021 dollars. Today it's nearly \$1900/ounce. Best part of the article is something long past: someone collected players from the train station. Did defending champion Mrs. Burnside Winslow hop the train at Union Station with her clubs and a go bag filled with golf shoes and socks, rain gear, a hairbrush and energy bars? Who else was on the train? Exactly who picked them up at the station? Was there one vehicle for passengers and another for the gear? Winslow did not win the tournament. The fact that she rode the train home would have made it easier (and safer for those on the road) for her to drown her sorrows in the club car and plot her second victory when the tournament returned to New Haven three years later.

Hartford Courant: May Annual Title Tourney.

The annual title tournament of the Connecticut Women's Golf Association will be held at the Shuttle Meadow Club, New Britain, Thursday, June 3. The program for the day consists of a medal play handicap tourney which will start at 9:30 o'clock in the morning and driving, approaching and putting contests which are booked to begin at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

A gold medal has been presented by the Connecticut Golf Association for the best gross score and prizes will also be given for the other events. The entrance fee is \$1 and entries should be mailed to Mrs. C. H. Porter, secretary, No. 625 Orange street, New Haven.

Players wishing to be met at the train should communicate with the Shuttle Meadow committee, comprised of Mrs. C. H. Parsons, Hart street, New Britain and Mrs. H. H. Pease and Mrs. P. B. Stanley.

Mrs. Burnside Winslow of the New Haven Country Club is the present state champion and she will defend her title this year.

Lifting and Returning the Ball to Play

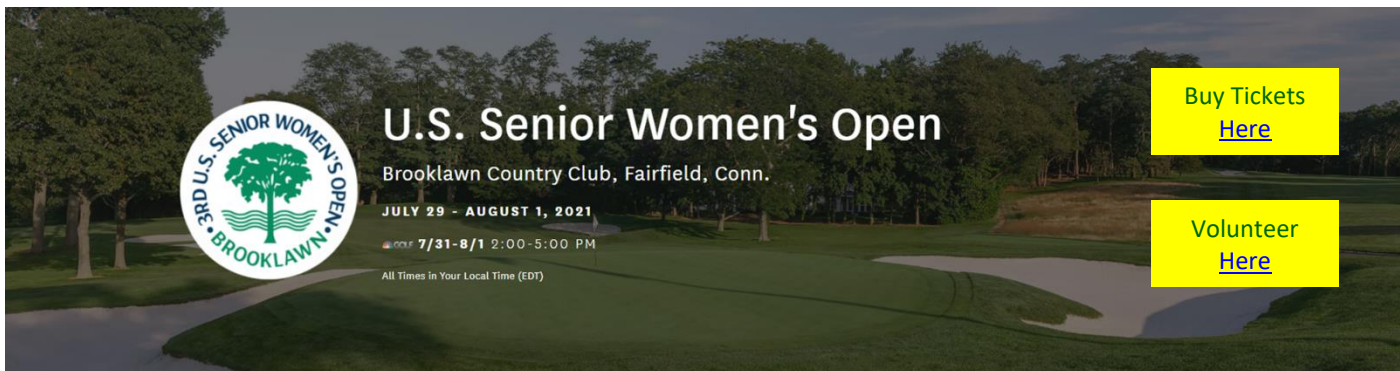
We are fortunate to have at least one rules official at every CWGA event, and several at the major tournaments. Rules officials are super heroes. Steve Basson and Eric Besman were at the helm at Shuttle Meadow.


After placing (or replacing) a ball, what do you do if the ball will not stay (e.g., taking a drop on a shaved or sloped surface, or replacing a ball that was up against a rake in the bunker)? Perhaps you've dropped it twice and each time it rolled out of the relief area. You place it where it hit the second time, and the ball will not remain on that spot. If the ball will not stay where you place it, you will need to find the nearest spot in the same area of the course where it will stay that is no closer to the hole. This spot might be several feet away from the original spot and nowhere near the relief area. If there is no spot in the same area of the course (e.g., in the bunker) that is no closer to the hole, your only option is to take penalty relief. 14.2d

Another situation where you will place the ball is if your original lie is altered: For example, your ball is next to another ball, and you need to mark your ball so the other player can hit. In the process of the other player hitting, your lie gets destroyed. Or perhaps during a search for your ball, someone ran over it with a golf cart. How should you proceed? In a bunker, you would simply move the sand around to re-create your lie, and place the ball on its original spot. In the general area, you would find the nearest spot with the most similar lie that is within 1 club length of your original spot. You may not have the exact same lie as you had originally due to the 1 club length limitation. 14.2e

Consider the distinction between these two situations: In the first circumstance there is NO LIMIT on how far away you could place the ball. In the second situation you are limited to 1 club length, and hopefully you will find something much closer than that.

Professional Women's Golf in Connecticut



 **U.S. Senior Women's Open**
Brooklawn Country Club, Fairfield, Conn.
JULY 29 - AUGUST 1, 2021
7/31-8/1 2:00-5:00 PM
All Times in Your Local Time (EDT)

[Buy Tickets Here](#)

[Volunteer Here](#)

A veritable who's who of women's golf will be in Connecticut later this month. Annika Sorenstam will make her debut headlining a field that will include 10 other U.S. Open champions: Hollis Stacy (1977, 1978 and 1984), Amy Alcott (1980), Jerilyn Britz (1979), JoAnne Gunderson Carner (1971, 1976), 2018 U.S. Senior Women's Open champion Laura Davies (1987), Jane Geddes (1986), Juli Inkster (1999, 2002), Liselotte Neumann (1988), Alison Nicholas (1997) and Jan Stephenson (1983). CWGA and Brooklawn member Gia Watkins is on the club's committee that's shepherding what promises the golf highlight of 2021.

Really Wonderful News



Happy 90th birthday to long-time Farmington legend **Marion "The Terminator" Hyde**. A CWGA member since the 1950's, she is the oldest active player on the CWGA

tournament AND Berkshire invitational circuit. She was the first woman on Farmington's golf committee. The Bristol native is a 7-time club champion at both Farmington and Chippanée. Several of those Chippanée matches pitted her against a teenaged Margie Funk. One of her most remarkable credits is that she has competed in at least one of the Farmington-Wethersfield-Tumble Brook Tri-Club matches every year since their inception in 1960. Anyone who has ever played a match against her knows why she's The Terminator – she never backs down, she plays hard, she doesn't stop.

I will also tell you that she's as light as a feather (fortunately). When she scored her first of her two holes-in-one, on the 12th hole at Farmington in 2008, she took a GIANT leap into my arms. Your multitude of fans on The Circuit look forward to feting you with John Denver's *Take Me Home, Country Roads* whenever you ask. All the very best.

Congratulations to TPC's **Debbie May** who carded her very first hole-in-one in a tri-club match at her home course. A few weeks later, before The Travelers Championship, she impressed PGA Tour player Harold Varner, III with her mad skills at his putting clinic just days before the tournament. BTW,



the hole-in-one is the very first in the extensive golf-playing May family.

Best of luck at the Olympics to rising college senior Kieran Smith, son of CWGA treasurer and Ridgewood member **Sandra Smith**. The three-time, All-



American Florida Gator won the 400m and 200m freestyle trials to make his first Olympic team. He will also swim the freestyle 4x200m. Covid-19 restrictions will prevent his family from travelling to Japan, but all of his fans in the States wish him the very best. Watch his amazing 400m freestyle qualify race [here](#).



Results

June 3: [CT/RI Matches](#) at Alpine CC (RI)

Congratulations to Rhode Island on their 226-206 home-turf win at this year's matches. Connecticut captain Joyce Curran graciously passed the trophy to her Ocean State counterpart Kibbe Riley with the understanding that it would remain with her team for one year only. Rhode Island kicked off the matches with a teen duo that completely disrespected their elders. Subsequent CT pairs valiantly tried but could not surmount the deficit. Next year....



Front, left to right: Debbie Johnson, Jenny Mortell, Lynda Foster.
Second: Diann Wienke, Joyce Curran, Mim Schreck, Janet Karabin, Jeanne Tingo, Ellie Large.
Rear: Becky Stewart, Liz DiStefano, Lisa Fern-Boros, Margie Funk, Priscilla Wargo, Michelle Murphy, Jean Sennett, Myra MacMillan, Ann Newman.

June 7-8: 22nd Connecticut Women's Open at Black Hall Club









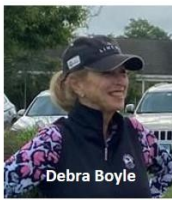



Golf professional Melissa Siviter of the Golf Club of Georgia took home the top honors at this year's Open. Here are the results of players, professionals and amateurs, with Connecticut connections.

T2 Caron, Liz Mill River Club	T29 Garfield, Liz (a) EClub of Connecticut	T47 Johnson, Debbie (a) Oronoque Country Club
T2 Sarrazin, Sophia (a) Patterson Club	31 Allo, Marie Gillette Ridge Golf Club	T54 Martinez, Sadie (a) Keney Park Golf Course
T5 Cox, Kyra (a) Centennial Golf Club	T32 Hong, Kate (a) Greenwich Country Club	T54 Maxfeldt, Kammy Birchwood Country Club
T8 Lintz, Jordan Oronoque Country Club	39 Mitchell, Meghan (a) Oronoque Country Club	T57 Curran, Joyce Silo Point Country Club
T12 Dai, Annie (a) CT PGA Junior Golf Association	T40 Scarpati, Mia (a) Ridgewood Country Club	T57 Chagaris, Jeanette (a) Stamford Women's Golf Assn
T18 Grzywinski, Mia (a) CC of Farmington	T40 Maertz, Noelle (a) The Ridgewood Country Club	59 Scully, Lynn (a) Lone Palm Golf Club
T22 Holland, Jen (a) Lyman Orchards Golf Club	T40 Corr, Katelyn (a) EClub of Connecticut	60 Pirruccello, Laura (a) Black Hall Club
T25 Frappier, Andra Lyman Orchards Golf Club	T40 Nolan, NoraNoël (a) Ocean Edge Resort & Golf Club	61 Fritts, Jennifer (a) Ellington Ridge Country Club
T25 Valentine, Lynn Broken Sound-Old Course	46 Rasmussen, Jo (a) Great River Golf Club	62 Dai, Connie (a) CT PGA Junior Golf Association
28 McCloskey, Emma (a) CT PGA Junior Golf Association	T47 Wagner, Charlotte (a) Country Club of Fairfield	64 Jones, Leah (a) EClub of Connecticut
T29 Vik, Camilla (a) The Stanwich Club	T47 Large, Mercedes (a) Wampanoag Country Club	

June 15: Stableford at Pine Orchard CC

This club pretty much has everything one could want in the summer – golf and water. The clubhouse has great views of Long Island Sound. And great food! (See page 1.)



	First	Second	Third	Fourth
First Flight	 Jackie Cahill	 Margie Funk	 Pat Giuliano	 Nancy Fuller
Second Flight	 Karen Herbert	 Sharon Nightingale	 Denise Palmieri	 Barbara Karsky
Third Flight	 Debra Boyle	 Robin Redden	 Jill Rendeiro	 Sue Lundgren

June 21: [Solheim Cup](#) at Highfield Club

Initially the home of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. Chamberlain, the main buildings at Highfield were designed by Lusitania survivor Theodate Pope Riddle, the first woman to become a licensed architect in both Connecticut and New York. This nine-hole course has hosted this incredibly fun and convivial, multi-format team competition for the past few years. Highfield member Mel Larkin personally takes the helm to ensure everything is perfect for us for the day. Mel is truly an artist and gardener extraordinaire. The table designs are hers alone. And each year she outdoes herself. Then she grabs her clubs and plays in the event!

The big questions each year are “Which team am I on?” and “What will I wear?” The teams are assigned by the tournament committee to create balance. As you can see, this year everyone (finally!) read their color assignments which encouraged them to go along the wheel to select their most becoming shade. Oh yes, and then there was golf to be played – 27 holes: Better-ball, scramble and, finally, alternate shot. After all of that – the outfits, the beautiful luncheon, and the matches – the RED TEAM won by a mere one point. The final score was 122-121.

If this event is on the calendar next year, sign up.

The Blue Team

Martha Alward
Robin Bickerstaff
Patti Cheyne
Pat Giuliano
Linda Groher
Karen Herbert
Adele Koehm
Mel Larkin
Ann Malone
Dee McDonald
Amie Mitchell
Michelle Murphy
Sharon Nightingale
Mim Schreck
Moirra Snover
Linda Stevens
Diann Wienke
Ming Yong



The Red Team

Debra Boyle
Jennifer Briggs
Pam Burt
Jackie Cahill
Joyce Curran
Nancy DeLuca
Lisa Frisbie
Marjorie Funk
Josie Hamer
Suzanne Harris
Barbara Karsky
Lynn Lefler
Sara Papa
Jean Sennett
Siobhan Stephen
Patti Tarnowicz
Darlene Tranquilli
Priscilla Wargo

Mel Larkin's Magical Table Designs



Upcoming Events

Click on the "Status" line to sign up or learn more about a specific event.

Date	Event	Location	Status
7/12	2-Person Scramble	Great River GC	Results
7/19	CWGA vs. SNEWGA	The Farms CC	Results
7/20-7/21	CT Women's Amateur	Racebrook CC	CSGA-sponsored
7/28-7/29	Junior Championship	Ellington Ridge CC	Open
7/28-7/29	Senior Championship	Ellington Ridge CC	Open
7/29	Legends Championship	Ellington Ridge CC	Open
8/9	2 Best Balls of 4	Wethersfield CC	Open
8/23	CSGA Mixed Championship	Mill River CC	CSGA-sponsored
8/26	Summer Special	Patterson Club	Open
9/22	Medallion	Waterbury	Open
9/30	Presidents' Cup	Tumble Brook CC	Open
10/5-10/7	Endicott Cup/Tri-State Matches	Wyantenuck CC (MA)	Info
10/12	Annual Meeting/Closing Mixer	Wampanoag CC	Open

If you don't see photos of yourself or stories about you or your friends, send them our way along with any questions and comments to info@cwga.org. See more photos at <https://cwga.org/2021-Photos/>.

CWGA Membership: Any woman who is an active golf member of a CWGA member club who is eligible to participate in golfing activities at her club without payment of additional greens fees and has a USGA index of 25.0 or lower may apply for membership in CWGA up to October 1. Those who join after July 1 will miss the deadline for participation in the Past Presidents' Cup matches, but may participate in any other CWGA events. Complete the [on-line form](#); it will be electronically sent to your pro for approval and then forwarded to CWGA Membership. Please encourage your club members who meet the requirements to join.