



The Nancy Lehr Cup is a perpetual trophy at OLCC for an annual event raising money for the Connecticut Women's Golf Association fund for Junior Girls Golf.

Being a new golfer, I had never won a golf tournament before. Being a new golfer, I wasn't sure what possessed me to enter a golf tournament. There is something really special about the OLCC WGA, in that someone like me would feel comfortable joining the ranks of golf carts that morning in June. My cart partner, Ellen Wells, was everything I wanted to be...consistent, straight hitting and calm. Paula Bingham, referred to as a "mountain goat" because of her tireless energy was walking happily with her clubs, hitting long and sure shots (and an easy smile to go with it). Her partner, Jodie Godbout, also walking, was consistently hitting those straight shots down the fairway. I tend to tack to the green, knowing full well about shortest distances and straight lines, etc. In keeping with the "keep the game moving" I readily picked up my ball on at least 2 holes. I think we were the last to finish that day. Later on when the scores were tallied we were all "over the moon". We had won the "Nancy Lehr Cup" and the tournament collected a whopping \$800+ for Junior Girls Golf.

I began to wonder who was this Nancy Lehr? We had won her cup. Why was it special to the OLCC WGA? I am sure that many club members knew but I didn't. So, I went on a bit of a seek and search mission.

Nancy Lehr, a resident of Old Lyme, passed away on July 30, 2009 at the age of 79. Her husband of 58 years, John Lehr, preceded her in death by only 3 months. Nancy was a long time board member of the Connecticut Women's Golf Association and served as President from 1981-1982. She was on the Board of the OLCC WGA for 36 years having served as Chairman and Co-Chairman. The rules of golf were of particular interest to her. It is rumored that she was a stickler for the rules because she was an original member of the US Golf Association Handicap and Procedure Committee. This was a very prestigious post. Nancy was always a big sponsor of Junior Girl's Golf and it was decided to honor her memory by raising money for the Priscilla Endicott/ CWGA Scholarship Fund for Junior Girls.

The Nancy Lehr Cup is in the trophy cabinet near the entrance of the OLCC.