

Dear WNJGA Members,

October 9, 2022

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Board members for their endless energy and dedication to the Women's New Jersey Golf Association. I thoroughly enjoyed collaborating with every member of the Board each of whom did an excellent job executing their respective responsibilities and who went beyond their job descriptions.

Due to their demanding work, we had a year to remember. Participation at Rumson County Club broke the record with 99 participants: which represents more than half (55 %) of our regular membership. Suzanne Dallas, our VP-Tournaments ran all eleven tournaments, one of which (Championship) was conducted at two venues. A new streamlined system for awards and prizes was created by Marie Waterhouse, our Awards and Trophies Chair. She also changed the new member gift from bag tags to ball markers, which was well received. Susan Kelly, our VP-Sites found us a new venue for Closing Day when our original venue could not accommodate us. Marie Slate and her Membership Committee welcomed twenty (20) new members this year. Christina Hall, our Website Chair completed the conversion from Word Press to Drupal and reorganized the WNJGA Website to make it more member friendly. Our treasurer (Gail Pollard) oversaw all regular accounting and the accounting for the Centennial activities. Judy Caruso our secretary prepared comprehensive minutes and Betsy Cowell our Printing Chair both helped to preserve our association's history for future years.

We have an anonymous member to thank for the purchase of WNJGA's trophy case housed in the New Jersey State Golf Association office.

I would like to thank you, our membership for participating in this year's tournaments and attending the Centennial Celebration Dinner, which had 109 attendees. A special thanks to the Centennial Committee, chaired by Kathy Cosgrove for their efforts in creating a festive year for our 100th year with gifts for participants in every tournament and a magnificent Centennial History Book.

Congratulations to our WNJGA team, captained by Donna McHugh for bringing home the Thomson Trophy again this year with a win against the Women's Westchester-Fairfield Golf Association team on October 6th.

As I leave my tenure as President, I would like to encourage you to take an active role in our association. It was a rewarding experience for me, and I think it would be rewarding for you too.

I look forward to seeing you at **Closing Day at Navesink Country Club on October 20th** at which time we will elect new officers during our Annual Meeting. **If golf is cancelled due to inclement weather, the Annual Meeting will still take place at 12 noon.** Our 2023 treasurer will be accepting payment for 2023 dues at Closing Day (make check payable to the WNJGA for \$125 or use the 2023 treasurer's Venmo account, which will be provided).

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me via email, text, or phone.

Warm regards,

Lois Farese, President

Note: the 2023 slate of officers was sent via email in September.