



# Links Letter – August 2021

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## A Message from CWGA President Lynn Lefler



It's hard to believe that my first year as President of this wonderful organization is almost over. It's been a great year in so many ways and it's not over yet. Membership and participation are up over the past few years (even over 2020 when playing spiked since it could be done safely outdoors). Of our approximately 400 members, almost 300 have participated in at least one event. We hosted numerous tournaments that were fully subscribed (and waitlisted) and have a few more yet to come. The Past President's Cup Matches are well underway and mainly on schedule despite the recent rains we've had from the likes of hurricanes Henri and Ida.

I'm always so amazed and proud of the hard work which goes on behind the scenes by our volunteer Board and Club reps to make our organization so successful. If you are interested in getting involved in any capacity, please let me or your Club rep know because we can always use more help and more ideas to make things even better in the future, and see us through the next 100 years.

Our Closing Day tournament and Annual Meeting are scheduled for October 12 at Wampanoag Country Club in West Hartford. Please try to attend if you can, even if you can only attend the meeting. We will be voting on the revised bylaws which were recently sent out and need adequate representation from both clubs and members to ensure a quorum. We are starting to actively plan for 2022 and have several great courses already lined up. As we enter into this lovely time of year, with cooler weather and spectacular foliage, enjoy every day and remember to be thankful for the privileges we enjoy through the wonderful game of golf.

## Bruised and Battered and Scarred

Oh, what a season! If it wasn't 300 degrees, it was pouring. Sometimes it was 300 degrees, pouring *and* windy. The courses that bring us so much joy and have proved worthy refuges during the pandemic, have been slapped around this summer. Hartford GC's sprinkler system was hit by

lightning. My home course is *still* soaked. I misstepped and wrecked my new shoes. No matter how much I shout, the sludge will not come out. It's clear no one would argue if they changed our name to Swampanoag CC.



It feels like the first event of the year was just last week, but we're entering the home stretch of the CWGA season. It's hard to believe. Let's face it, heat, rain and mosquitoes, the dastardly reinstating of COVID-19 mask rules has put everyone just a touch on edge. Word is out that we might need to take a moment before we speak or act at our final tournaments.



Please remember we're out here for fun. Please remember that integrity, sportsmanship and kindness are expected at all times. We don't think twice about yelling "Fore" for an errant ball flying out of control. Let's try to have the same kind of vigilance with our words and actions. They can be just as painful and bruising as a Pro V-1.



## Really Wonderful News

Before heading back to her classroom and sometime between the assorted named wet weather events, educator extraordinaire and Wampanoag member **Cindy Ahern** closed out her summer with her very first



hole-in-one. By chance husband Dave and her second son and youngest child Danny (in photo) happened to be near the 9<sup>th</sup> hole when her ball dropped in.

Cindy is a member of the PME/Creed Scholarship committee. When she's not playing in an event, you might see her helping out with scoring or

helping out and cheering on the junior players. Fellow Wamp/CWGA members Ann Newman and Erin Schmucker, on either side of Cindy in the photo, witnessed the hole out from the tee box and partook of the celebratory libations at round's end.



Yes, he did it. He really did it! And his luggage was just a touch heavier on the trip back from July's Covid-19-delayed 2020 Tokyo Olympics. **Kieran Smith**, son of CWGA treasurer Sandra Smith, won the bronze medal in the 400m freestyle.



Back home in the US, Kieran's celebratory tour included a meet and greet at home club Ridgefield CC a few weeks ago. In the photo below he is flanked by his prouder than proud mother and father Pat.



Here's to a fantastic senior year. We hope to see you in Paris 2024, sans masque.

## Results

July 12: [2-Person Scramble](#) at Great River GC

Flight	Gross	Net
1	Janet Karabin & Jayne Hynes	1 <sup>st</sup> Jean Sennett, Mim Schreck 2 <sup>nd</sup> Patti Cheyne, Sara Papa
2	Toby Schuman & Soamy Rosenbluth	1 <sup>st</sup> Simone Reynolds, Phyllis Kindelan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Michelle Murphy, Debra Palmer
3	Marjorie Funk & Mary Zwecker	1 <sup>st</sup> Barbara Karsky, Dori Schulze 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sharon Nightingale, Sandra Lugar
4	Nancy DeLuca & Adele Koehm	1 <sup>st</sup> Cheryl Dziubina, Martha Alward 2 <sup>nd</sup> Janet Spingler, Kristen Vietze





Funk & Zaecker



Papa & Cheyne



L-R: Michelle Murphy, Kathy Baker, Debra Palmer & Moira Snower



L-R: Adele Koehm, Nancy DeLuca, Kristen Vietze, Janet Spingler, Cheryl Dziubina & Martha Alward

July 19: CWGA vs. SNEWGA at The Farms CC  
¡Whoohoo! We won! We won! We won! By two. With a score of 91-89. Despite the rain, Team CWGA was able to get a nice firm grip on the trophy. Did we win last year? Yes, I think so, by one. So, this win was twice as sweet. Once the scores were tallied and the outcome announced, the skies parted. Hence, the sunny smiles. No matter what, it's always about getting together and having fun.



Standing left to right: Mercedese Large, Liz Distefano, Janis Lafrance, Marge Funk, Toby Schuman, Ann Malone, Karen Kiely, Janet Karabin, Linda Groher, Robin Bickerstaff, Sara Papa, Patti Cheyne, Jean Sennett, and Suzanne Harris. Sitting left to right: Nancy DeLuca, Diane Busse, and Lynn Scully. Missing from photo are players Julie Wheatley, Debra Palmer, Lisa Leblanc, and Captains Joyce Curran and Donna Harris.



Jen Holland and Jean Sennett



Karen Kiely, Cheryl Abraham, Linda Groher, Mary Ellen Nichols



Suzanne Harris, Ann Malone, Janis Lafrance, Toby Schuman



Jenny Burrill and Diane Busse

## July 20-21: [CT Women's Amateur](#) at Racebrook CC

1	Cox, Kyra EClub of Connecticut	T13	<b>Elliott, Nicole</b> Pequabuck Golf Club	T26	Bardsley, Sydney Quinnatisset Country Club	T38	Csejka, Tess Orange Hills Country Club
2	Lee, Kaitlyn EClub of Connecticut	T13	<b>Large, Mercedes</b> Wampanoag Country Club	T26	<b>Macmillan, Myra</b> Great River Golf Club	T38	<b>Hynes, Jayne</b> Patterson Club
3	Lee, Tracy EClub of Connecticut	15	Mitchell, Molly Oronoque Country Club	T28	<b>Cahill, Jackie</b> Pine Orchard Country Club	40	<b>Walker, Nancy</b> Wethersfield Country Club
4	Grzywinski, Mia CC of Farmington	T16	Holbrook, Mia Silver Spring Country Club	T28	Dunn, Samantha EClub of Connecticut	41	Zuba, Lisa EClub of Connecticut
T5	Garfield, Liz Tashua Knolls Golf Club	T16	Cohen, Emily Country Club of Darien	30	Izzo, Giada Lyman Orchards Golf Club	42	Chagaris, Jeanette Stamford Women's Golf Assn
T5	Wagner, Charlotte Country Club of Fairfield	18	Petchark, Caroline Great Neck Country Club	T31	<b>Fern-Boros, Lisa</b> Highland Golf Club	43	Brown, Alexa Tashua Knolls Golf Club
7	Sarrazin, Sophia Patterson Club	19	<b>Li, Leslie</b> Tumble Brook Country Club	T31	Healey, Molly Redding Country Club	44	<b>Casey, Susan</b> Oronoque Country Club
T8	Holland, Jen Lyman Orchards Golf Club	T20	Nicholas, Jensie Tashua Knolls Golf Club	T31	Bazata, Julia EClub of Connecticut	45	Smith, Julia EClub of Connecticut
T8	Hong, Kate Greenwich Country Club	T20	<b>Rasmussen, Jo</b> Great River Golf Club	T34	Andrade, Jamie Race Brook Country Club	46	<b>Vanderlick, Kyle</b> Country Club of Waterbury
T8	Petrovic, Catarina EClub of Connecticut	T22	<b>Tranquilli, Darlene</b> Great River Golf Club	T34	<b>Gross, Ava</b> New Haven Country Club	47	Oldham, Kelly Candlewood Valley Country Club
T11	Nethercott, Sydney EClub of Connecticut	T22	<b>Johnson, Debbie</b> Oronoque Country Club	T36	Vejar, Michel EClub of Connecticut	T48	Boggan, Kathy Richter Park Golf Club
T11	Hong, Madeleine EClub of Connecticut	24	<b>Watkins, Gia</b> Brooklawn Country Club	T36	Yu, Claire Burning Tree Country Club	T48	Olson, Selam Lyman Orchards Golf Club

What's a major tournament without a rain delay? Well, that didn't stop Kyra Cox from taking a second victory or our very own CWGA member Jo Rasmussen from joining the ranks of decorated state players as this year's Connecticut Legends champion.



Rasmussen with CSGA tournament coordinator Marcia Rupp



Have some fries with that rain delay.



Standing, L-R: Mercedes Large, Myra MacMillan, Lisa Fern-Boros, Debbie Johnson, Nicole Elliot. Sitting, L-R: Nancy Walker, Jo Rasmussen, Gia Watkins, Darlene Tranquilli.

Earlier this year Jean Sennett won the state's most beautiful trophy at the CWGA championship. While listing a veritable who's who of Connecticut women's golf, JoJo-a-Go-Go, on the other hand, has the privilege of holding our state's most uninspired perpetual trophy (think middle school woodshop). Nevertheless, a win is definitely a win. Her name will be etched on it forever. (Or they might create a new perpetual trophy as the current one is full!) Fortunately, the one she'll keep for a lifetime is far more tasteful. A few weeks later, Jo followed up by placing first in the women's senior division of the Connecticut PGA Open at Gillette Ridge.

## July 28-29: [Junior and Senior Championships](#) at Ellington Ridge CC

### July 29: [Legends Championship](#) at Ellington Ridge CC

The skills and tenacity of CWGA's past, present and future were on display at every level for the perennial meeting of generations back in July. Yes, there was rain, but ERCC was quite tolerant and the course played well. CC Kaplan posted her first win. Mighty Myra MacMillan also celebrated her first victory. Hers came on the (w)heels of a 10-hour drive from another tournament in Virginia. Beware of the sleepy golfer.

While the Juniors and Seniors were content to play in regulation, the Legends with great strength and tenacity, went to extra holes to decide a winner. Donna Harris prevailed over Margie Funk for her first Legends trophy.



Zorah Williams, Libby Dunn, Selam Olsen, Cindy Ahern, Samantha Dunn, Laniah Moffett, Violet Robbins, Meredith Norton, CC Kaplan. Missing: Morgan Peterson, Kenna Roman, Alexandra Fox, Ava Goss, Lauren Ogrodowicz, Julia Smith and Lydia Welborn.

The Juniors	
1	CC Kaplan Burning Tree CC
2	Morgan Peterson Glastonbury Hills Country Club
3	Kenna Roman Shuttle Meadow Country Club
4	Alexandra Fox CT PGA Junior Golf Association
5	Ava Goss New Haven Country Club
6	Violet Robbins Oronoque Country Club
7	Lydia Welborn EClub of Connecticut
8	Laniah Moffett EClub of Connecticut
9	Meredith Norton Misquamicut Club
10	Zorah Williams Stonington Country Club
11	Elizabeth Dunn CSGA Club for Schools
12	Lauren Ogrodowicz YOC Connecticut
13	Samantha Dunn EClub of Connecticut
14	Julia Smith EClub of Connecticut
15	Selam Olson Lyman Orchards Golf Club

The Seniors	
1	Myra Macmillan Great River Golf Club
2	Mercedes Large Wampanoag Country Club
3	Jo Rasmussen Great River Golf Club
4	Darlene Tranquilli Great River Golf Club
5	Julie Paolino Ellington Ridge Country Club
6	Jackie Cahill Pine Orchard Country Club
7	Nancy Walker Wethersfield Country Club
8	Lisa Fern-Boros Highland Golf Club
9	Jill Tryon Hartford Golf Club
10	Liz Distefano Ellington Ridge Country Club
11	Cheryl Ziebka CC of Farmington
12	Ann Newman Wampanoag Country Club
13	Janet Karabin Silvermine Golf Club
14	Martha Alward Brownson Country Club
15	Lynn Lefler Shuttle Meadow Country Club



Standing, L-R: Darlene Tranquilli, Ann Newman, Lisa Fern-Boros, Martha Alward, Myra Macmillan, Nancy Walker, Jackie Cahill, Liz Distefano. Sitting L-R: Jo Rasmussen, Ellie Large, Julie Paolino, Jill Tryon. Missing Janet Karabin, Lynn Lefler and Cheryl Ziebka.



Standing, L-R: Ann Malone, Margie Funk, Donna Harris, Mim Schreck, Priscilla Wargo, Joyce Curran. Sitting, L-R: Sue Lundgrun, Marion Hyde, Sally Brady.

The Legends	
	Donna Harris
T1	Farmington Woods Golf Club
	Marjorie Funk
T1	The Course at Yale
	Priscilla Wargo
3	Silo Point Country Club
	Joyce Curran
4	Silo Point Country Club
	Mim Schreck
T5	Oronoque Country Club
	Ann Malone
T5	Hartford Golf Club
	Marion Hyde
7	CC of Farmington
	Sue Lundgren
8	Fox Hopyard Golf Club

## Upcoming Events

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

Date	Event	Location	Status
9/1 (raindate)	CSGA Mixed Championship	Mill River CC	<a href="#">Results</a>
9/22	Medallion	Hartford GC	<a href="#">Results</a>
9/30	Presidents' Cup	Tumble Brook CC	<a href="#">Results</a>
10/5-10/7	Endicott Cup/Tri-State Matches	Wyantenuck CC (MA)	<a href="#">Closed</a>
10/12	Annual Meeting/Closing Mixer	Wampanoag CC	<a href="#">Open</a>

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- Summer Special at Patterson Club
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- Champions, Champions and More Champions

**Always replace and/or fill your divots. The golf gods are watching.**



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