



# Links Letter – June 2021

## Masks Off!

Welcome back to a tiny semblance of normality. Though there is still a fine bit of madness and uncertainty, golf as we knew and loved it feels joyfully within reach. Most courses in Connecticut look as they did before the pandemic (albeit, many with fewer trees). Ball washers, water coolers and rakes are back in place on most courses. (Although how to properly use a rake, if at all, seems optional and/or confounding to some.) No one seems to miss the shower curtains in the golf carts. Handshakes and hugs are possible, with permission. It is great to see, really see, friends again. Even amongst the dearest, it could be a challenge recognizing a masked friend in the grocery store. Fortunately, with sunglasses and a mask, most folks couldn't see my blank stare and gaping mouth as I struggled to conjure up the muffled voice coming from the covered face across the grapes. Others I cannot seem to recognize because of some kind of change – hair style or color, sartorial revamping, or the reboot my memory bank at the beginning of every golf season. Finally, for those who decided to keep your Covid-19 facial hair, please don't. It NEVER looks as cool as you think. Here's to good golf in 2021.



## Meet Priscilla Maxwell Endicott



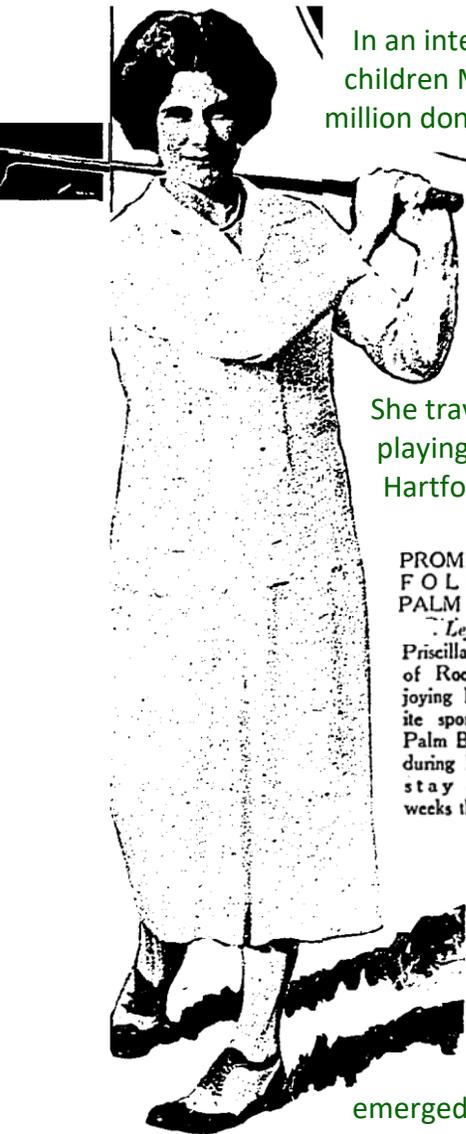
Sometime later this month the PME scholarship committee will announce this year's recipients. The season is bracketed at the other end with The Endicott Cup & Tri-State Matches which bring together players from CWGA, Massachusetts and Rhode Island with GHIN not exceeding 17.0. (Sign up, it's a blast.) With all of this Endicott, Endicott, Endicott, it's a good idea to pause and ask, "Who the heck was Priscilla Maxwell Endicott, and what was her story?"

In 1899, just four years after the first Women's Amateur was held, Priscilla Maxwell was born the second of three daughters to Francis Taylor and Florence Parsons Maxwell in Rockville, Connecticut. Her family was well-established in the area, with descendants having fought in the Revolution including Ensign Gideon Roberts who was born and died in Bristol. Lt. Col Hugh Maxwell, fought with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Massachusetts regiment and years later died at sea. Her father headed the Hockanum Mills, a major textile mill in the area. The family home, the architecturally significant Maxwell Court, is now home to the Rockville Elks Lodge #1359.

A graduate of Dana Hall in Wellesley, MA, PME's 1925 marriage to Henry Wendell Endicott was breathlessly described in *The Hartford Courant* as "one of the most brilliant weddings of the season." She was 26; he was 44. A direct descendent of Massachusetts' first governor, HW was described as a "businessman and sportsman of Boston" and the scion of the Endicott Johnson Company, a shoe manufacturing concern in New York. He was a member of 15 sporting and social clubs, as well as a host of corporate boards. After giving birth to two children, Bradford and Priscilla, PME divorced HW in 1940 in Reno citing cruelty. Upon his death in 1954, HW willed the family home in Dedham Massachusetts to MIT. Having remarried 1950, PME settled in Greenwich but divorced a few years later. She died at her home in Essex in 1985 at the age of 86.



A few days after her death, the article "Priscilla Endicott; Boosted Essex Fire, Police Teams" appeared in *The Hartford Courant*. As a major contributor to Essex's volunteer fire company, she had been named an honorary chief. She also created a scholarship at the Cornell vet school to assist students from Connecticut. Her son died in 2019 at his home in Vero Beach. Her 92-year-old daughter lives in Acton, MA.



PROMINENT FOLK AT PALM BEACH  
 Left— Miss Priscilla Maxwell of Rockville enjoying her favorite sport on the Palm Beach links during her recent stay of several weeks there.

In an interesting aside, her older sister Helen Maxwell Belding died at 32 with two young children Maxwell (8) and Virginia (6). In 1999 Maxwell and his wife Ruth would make a \$4 million donation to The Bushnell, the largest gift in the theater's history. The Belding Theater is named in their honor.

But a really important aspect of PME is that before she became the Cup and a Scholarships, she was a highly competitive golfer. At the time of her marriage, she belonged to Hartford, Manchester, Longmeadow and Agawam Hunt (RI). She most likely joined her husbands' clubs as well during her two marriages.

She travelled extensively, first by ship and later by plane. She spent her winters in Florida playing the circuit. Back home in Connecticut, she was a fixture on the CWGA and Hartford Golf Club leaderboards. She headlined a 1924 NY Times article for breaking the course record at HGC during her second-round victory in the CWGA Championship. Nationally, though, she was often thwarted by future Hall of Fame champion and RI teammate Glenna Collett-Vare. PME's *Hartford Courant* obituary article said she was the second-ranked golfer in 1924. No doubt this second-place rank(ing) was to Collett-Vare. (And all of this dressed in long sleeves, long skirts and big hats! I'm sweating just thinking about it. The first modern commercial deodorant was developed and patented in 1888. But one does wonder where the term "stinking up the golf course" comes from....)

She played team matches for her birth state as well as Massachusetts and Rhode Island. A 1925 *NY Times* article recounts PME's victorious match for the Boston team against Philadelphia in the Griscom Cup. Higher ranked players, including both US Amateur winning Curtis sisters, emerged as losers. As the 15<sup>th</sup> ranked player, PME won her match to give her team an 8-7 victory to take the tournament lead.

In 1926, the first Endicott Cup tournament was held at Hartford Golf Club as a 36-hole stroke play competition between members of the Connecticut and Massachusetts Women's Golf Associations. The Endicott Cup was presented by Priscilla Maxwell Endicott for the winner of the competition. The plan was that the first person to win the trophy three times would retire the cup. Edith Baker won the Cup in 1926 and 1928 and requested that the trophy be perpetual, with the winner keeping it in her possession for the year. Our state's biggest winners are Lida Tingley (5) and Patricia O'Sullivan (4). Joanne Godwin of Massachusetts holds the record with six wins.

CHAMPIONSHIP PROVIDENCE GOLF TEAM 1923



Miss Priscilla Maxwell of Rockville, member of the Hartford Golf Club, now playing with Agawam, aided in the 11th winning match played by the Providence team.  
 The players in the picture are, back row, left to right, Mrs. Isabel Harris, Mrs. Henry Fisher, Mrs. E. T. Gross, Miss Elizabeth Jordan.  
 Front row, Miss Margaret Jordan, Miss Priscilla Maxwell, Captain Miss J. H. Arthur, Miss Glenna Collett and Miss Elizabeth Jordan.  
 The Misses Jordan and Miss Collett have been picked to play on the team that will represent the Boston district in the Griscom Cup intercity matches at Philadelphia next week.

On the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine website, following alphabetically right after the Poultry Scholarship Fund (given to those who demonstrate need with priority given to those with an interest in poultry medicine) is the Priscilla Maxwell Endicott Scholarship. PME established that scholarship in 1977 in honor of her vet – “...this scholarship provides support for students from Connecticut with creditable academic performance, personal attributes, and financial need.” (Her scholarship did not specify animal interest priorities.)

In the same year as the creation of the veterinary fund, PME was solicited by CWGA President Jane Juel Swan to establish the endowment for what is now known as the Priscilla Maxwell Endicott/CWGA Scholarship Fund. The first awards were given in 1978 to Canton High School golf team member Heather Lowell and Carol Ann Taylor of Old Lyme and a Black Hall junior champion. The 2021 winners will be announced later this month.



## When Your Ball or Ball-Marker Moves on Putting Green

When I was learning to play golf, my biggest worry was understanding the rules. I tried to convince my fiancé, who'd just graduated from law school, that he should become my caddie. In my mind The Rules of Golf didn't seem that much different than prepping for the bar exam. Franky, I was more concerned about the rules than I was about my swing. The syntax seemed stilted and, as a new golfer, I had no reference to the language. My first real tournament was the state amateur. It was there I first encountered the cape-wearing rules official who helped me count out one of my many 10's that day – “Okay, the first ball went in, then I dropped one, then the next one went in, and then and then....” I ended up finishing dead last.

*There is no penalty if you, your opponent or another player in stroke play accidentally move your ball or ball-marker on the putting green. You must replace your ball on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated) or place a ball-marker to mark that original spot. Exception – Your Ball Must Be Played as It Lies When It Begins to Move During Your Backswing or Stroke and the Stroke Is Made. If natural forces cause your ball on the putting green to move, where you must play from next depends on whether your ball had already been lifted and replaced on its original spot:*

- *Ball already lifted and replaced – Your ball must be replaced on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated).*
- *Ball not already lifted and replaced – The ball must be played from its new spot.*

Click [here](#) for the Rule 13.1d video.

## Results

May 5: Rep's Meeting at Old Lyme CC– CANCELLED

May 11: [Opening Mixer](#) at GC of Avon Malone, Ann + Gallagher, Mary + Smith, Sandra + Ajello, Barbara

1. Macmillan, Myra + Valenti, Joan + Vescovi, Gayle + Rendeiro, Jill
2. Schreck, Mim + Patrick, Lisa + Nightingale, Sharon + Yenker, Tina
3. Harris, Donna + Zanetto, Pam + Swanson, Patty + Reilly, Anne
4. Curran, Joyce + Papa, Sara + Duffy, Karen + Hannon-Gross, Denise



A sunny day with chilly gale-force winds couldn't tamp down the excitement of being together once again. It was so thrilling to see every one and so cold that no one remembered to take pictures of the winners.

May 21 or 22: [Virtual PME Fundraiser](#) at the course of your choice



1. Lynn Labbadia & Nancy Brennan
2. Dolly Patterson & Sharon Bodner
3. Gay Tomasevich & Melissa Lipkvich
4. Carol Galbraith & Kris Keegan
5. Jill Bach & Michelle Murphy

The first virtual tournament was initiated last year by Jean Sennett when the status of the CWGA golf season was still uncertain. Since it was such a rousing success, a second tournament was quickly scheduled with the entry fees going to the PME Scholarship Fund. No prizes, just the winners' names noted on the website – merely fashioning a way for friends to play and compete was more than sufficient. This year, the virtual tournament was back on the calendar, a fun way to warm up and connect. Sennett raised the ante at Wampanoag by challenging her fellow CWGA members with a matching gift. It worked! The gang from Wamp raised \$990 – more funds for scholarships and more fun for the players. Thank you to everyone at every club who supported this worthy cause.

May 25: [Best Ball of 2](#) at New Haven CC

**GROSS**

**First:** Jennifer Ferrang & Kris Keegan



**First Flight**

**Second:** Myra Macmillan & Mim Schreck



**NET**

**First:** Joyce Curran & Lynda Foster



**First Flight**

**Second:** Denise Palmeri & Ellie Large



**Second Flight**

**First:** Liz DiStefano & Rebecca Stewart



**Second:** Hollis Barry & Susan Wiedmann



**Second Flight**

**First:** Deb Palmer & Sara Papa



**Second:** Dee McDonald & Linda Stevens



**Third Flight**

**First:** Janis Lafrance & Lauren Rosenfeld



**Second:** Barbara Fries & Gail D'Addio



**Third Flight**

**First:** Mary Gallagher & Sandra Smith



**Second:** Jill Rendeiro & Linda McGeary



## Upcoming Events

Listen, if it says “waitlist,” do not panic. Sign up anyway – schedules change, people drop out, more slots become available – you never know, you might get called up. If you have new CWGA members at your club, invite them to join you. Send out email blasts to your cohorts, carpool, make a fun day of it. If you don’t have a partner, let us know. Someone else is probably looking too. And you might make a new friend....

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

Date	Event	Location	Status
6/15	Stableford	Pine Orchard CC	<a href="#">Waitlist</a>
6/21	Solheim Cup	Highfield Club	<a href="#">Waitlist</a>
6/28-6/30	NE Women’s Amateur	Agawam Hunt Club (RI)	<a href="#">NEWGA-sponsored</a>
6/29-7/2	CWGA Championship	Shuttle Meadow CC	<a href="#">Open</a>
7/12	2-Person Scramble	Great River GC	<a href="#">Open</a>
7/19	CWGA vs. SNEWGA	The Farms CC	<a href="#">Info</a>
7/20-7/21	CT Women’s Amateur	Racebrook CC	<a href="#">CSGA-sponsored</a>
7/28-7/29	Junior Championship	Ellington Ridge CC	<a href="#">Open</a>
7/28-7/29	Senior Championship	Ellington Ridge CC	<a href="#">Open</a>
7/29	Legends Championship	Ellington Ridge CC	<a href="#">Open</a>
8/9	2 Best Balls of 4	Wethersfield CC	<a href="#">Open</a>
8/23	CSGA Mixed Championship	Mill River CC	<a href="#">CSGA-sponsored</a>
8/26	Summer Special	Patterson Club	<a href="#">Open</a>
9/22	Medallion	Waterbury	<a href="#">Open</a>
9/30	Presidents’ Cup	Tumble Brook CC	<a href="#">Open</a>
10/5-10/7	Endicott Cup/Tri-State Matches	Wyantenuck CC (MA)	<a href="#">Info</a>
10/12	Annual Meeting/Closing Mixer	Wampanoag CC	<a href="#">Open</a>

*When you’re at our host clubs, please don’t forget to tip the bag/cart crew.*



Please send your photos, questions, comments to [info@cwga.org](mailto:info@cwga.org)

See more photos at <https://cwga.org/2021-Photos/>

## More from New Haven CC



Dressed for comfort: Mim Schreck & Diane Rothwell



Pam Zanetto, Margie Funk & Marion Hyde



Wondrous Women of Wampanoag: Jean Sennett, Ann Newman, Jill Rendeiro, Barbara Karsky, Ellie Large, Lauren Rosenfeld, Linda McGeary,



FABULOUS Friends Barbara Karsky and Karen Hebert

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.