



Maryland State Golf Association Women's Division



20th Anniversary Celebration





March 1995

WDCGA President Carol Davis meets with fellow Marylanders Ann Bergquist, Pat Kaufman, and Rose Marie Vargo to discuss beginning the Women's Division of the MSGA.





April 1995

Jane Mason and Joan Winchester join the others to form the *Committee on Maryland Women's Golf (CMWG)*.



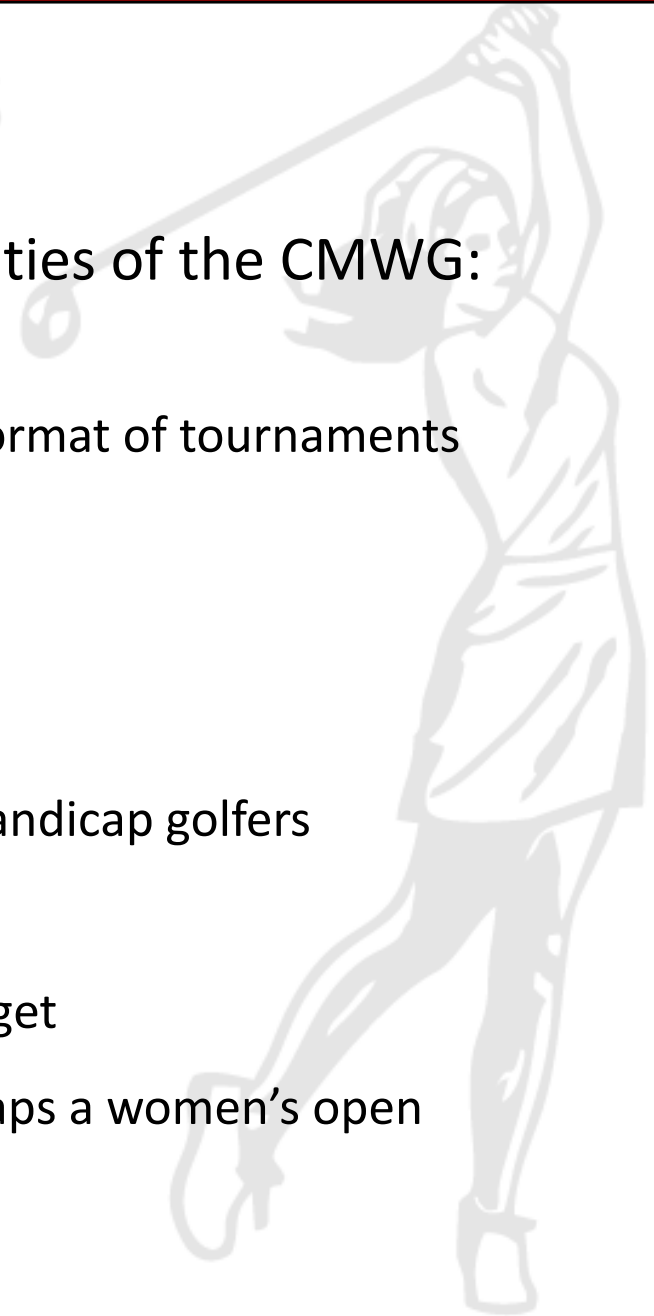
After overwhelming support of women golfers across the state, the six founding members are joined by Sharon Briggs, Sheila Dagucon, Marion Lewis, Rita Lipitz, Lenore Martinez, Jean Opeka, Kathy Franz, Andrea Kraus, and Glenna Wirtanen.



May 1995

The committee outlines responsibilities of the CMWG:

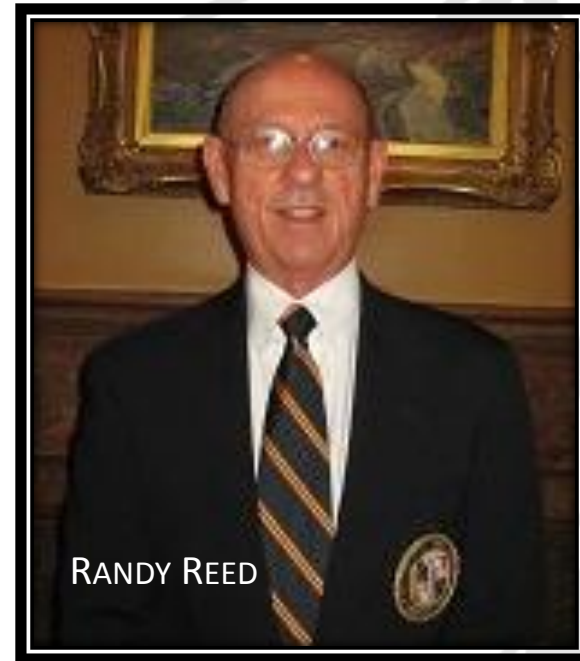
1. Have control of number, type, and format of tournaments
2. Obtain sites
3. Conduct course and slope ratings
4. Develop a junior girls program
5. Increase responsiveness to higher handicap golfers
6. Officiate at tournaments
7. Take full financial control of the budget
8. Develop future tournaments – perhaps a women's open





June-August 1995

Throughout June and July of 1995, the committee meets with and continues to correspond with then President Randy Reed of the MSGA to discuss the desire to form the Women's Division of the MSGA.



During a special meeting on August 1, 1995, the Executive Committee of the MSGA unanimously approved a motion endorsing the formation of the Women's Division.



November 1995

On November 13, 1995, the first annual meeting of the MSGA-WD was held at Rolling Road Golf Club, presided over by Ann Bergquist. By vote of the delegates, the first official officers and board members were elected – making them the first women to wear the emblem of the MSGA.





Inaugural MSGA-WD Board 1996



- First Row: Pat Kaufman (President), Jane Mason (Vice President)
2nd Row: Connie Pfifer, Rose Marie Vargo (Recording Secretary), Colleen Lapp, Jean Opeka, Joan Winchester (Treasurer)
Last Row: Joan McGinnis, Lenore Martinez, Peggy Miller, Andrea Kraus
Not Pictured: Carol Davis (Corresponding Secretary)



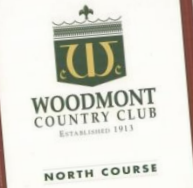
1996

Course and slope rating chair Jean Opeka increases the number of women rating teams from two to five statewide.



JEAN OPEKA

BLACK	1607	2005	54	31	1000	100	100	210	470	221
BLUE	2044	1465	100	211	4781	177	346	581	424	2345
GREEN	2065	146	487	3781	143	284	230	410	2871	
WHITE	2051	144	486	3781	143	284	230	410	2871	
WOMEN'S HDCP	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
WOMEN'S PAR	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	3



WOODMONT COUNTRY CLUB
ESTABLISHED 1913
NORTH COURSE

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HCP	NET	
BLACK	308	372	177	417	401	419	381	368	418	346	370	386	391	476	378	425	424	458	426	373				
BLUE	325	358	164	258	420	391	351	418	313	373	372	393	376	458	378	391	367	418	346	362				
GREEN	300	368	483	307	383	148	342	280	400	283														
WHITE	295	144	4	48	234	378	143	284	230	410	2871													

Mountain BRANCH

USGA RULES GOVERN ALL PLAY
Please repair all ball marks, replace or fill divots and take care of any other damage to the course.

RATINGS/SLOPE
Men: 74/112
Black: 75/113
White: 76/112
Blue: 46/121
Women:
White: 76/113
Blue: 76/114

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BACK	111	109	107	100	221	449	463	414	284	203
SCORE	311	309	279	318	251	417	449	328	360	290
NET	200	198	179	218	254	415	448	326	359	289
NETS PAR	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
NETS HANDICAP	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0

Men's: 70.3/128
Women's: 75.5/143
Middle: 69.2/125
Forward: 67.6/123
Back: 64.8/112

USGA RULES GOVERN ALL PLAY
PROPER GOLF ATTIRE REQUIRED
GOLF CARTS 30 FEET FROM GREENS
WHITE STAKES - OUT OF BOUNDS
YELLOW LINES - WATER HAZARD
RED LINES - LATERAL HAZARD

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Congressional Country Club
Bethesda, Maryland
Est. 1924



1996

The Women's Division begins administering the three women's state championships including the ***Women's Amateur, The Two-Woman,*** and the ***Women's Senior.***



1996 Two-Woman Champions
Beth Carpenter & Leland Beckel



1996 Senior Champ Ann Bailey with
Super Senior Winner & Pat Kaufman



1996

At the 2nd Annual Meeting, Carol Semple Thompson, member of the Executive Committee for the USGA, attends and presents the MSGA-WD with a check as part of a grant from the USGA.



Carol Semple Thompson & Rose Marie Vargo



Carol Semple Thompson

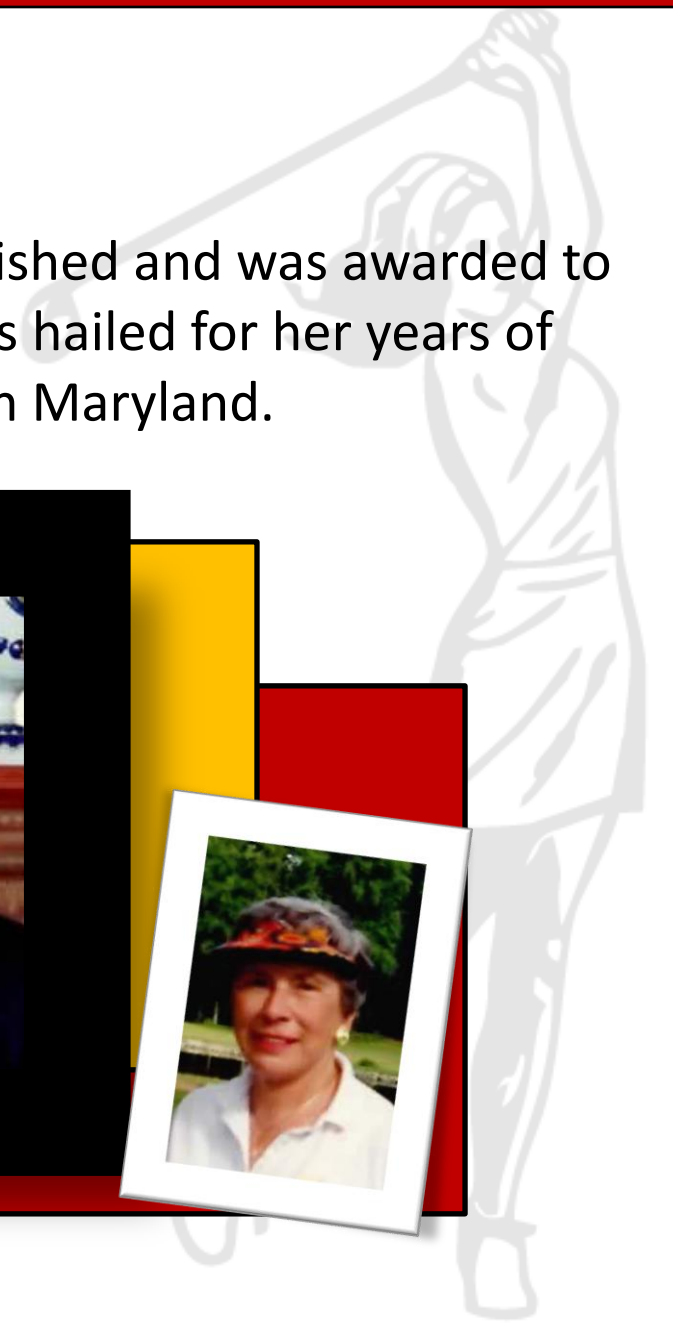


1996

The ***Distinguished Service Award*** is established and was awarded to first time recipient Ann Bergquist, who was hailed for her years of work on behalf of women's amateur golf in Maryland.



Ann Bergquist





Distinguished Service Awards Recipients



Mary Ann Downey Cooke
1997



John Stewart
1998



Jack Emich
2000



Pat Kaufman
2001



Randy Reed
2002



Bill Clarke
2004



Jean Opeka
2006



Jane Mason
2008



Marion Booth
2010



Joan McGinnis
2012

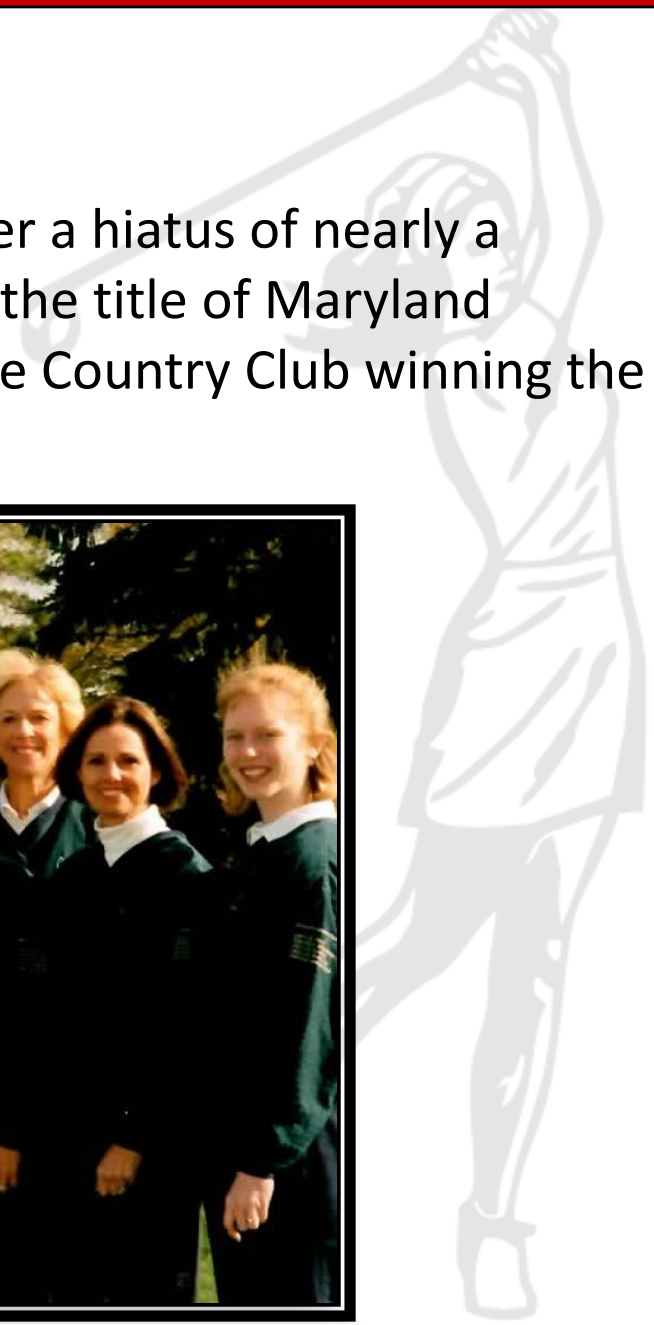


Paula Sovero
2014



1997

State Team Matches were reinstated after a hiatus of nearly a decade. Thirty-two teams competed for the title of Maryland Women's Team Champion, with Baltimore Country Club winning the honor that first year.





1997

MSGA-WD holds its first ***Comprehensive Rules Seminar***, featuring popular USGA rules instructor Clyde Luther.





1998

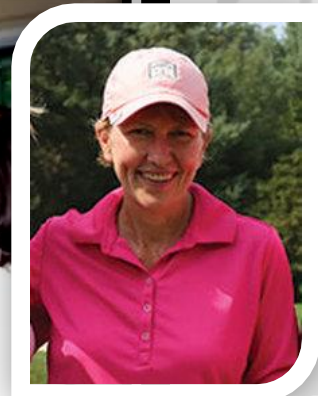
For the first time, the *Girl's Junior Championship* was conducted as a separate event from the boy's tournament.





1998

Clinics for the junior girls were held with golf professionals Troy Beck, Joy Bonhurst, Bob Dolan, and Holly Anderson.





1998

The first Maryland vs. Virginia Girl's Junior Team Matches, the '**Poindexter Cup**', was established with counterparts in the Virginia State Golf Association Women's Division.





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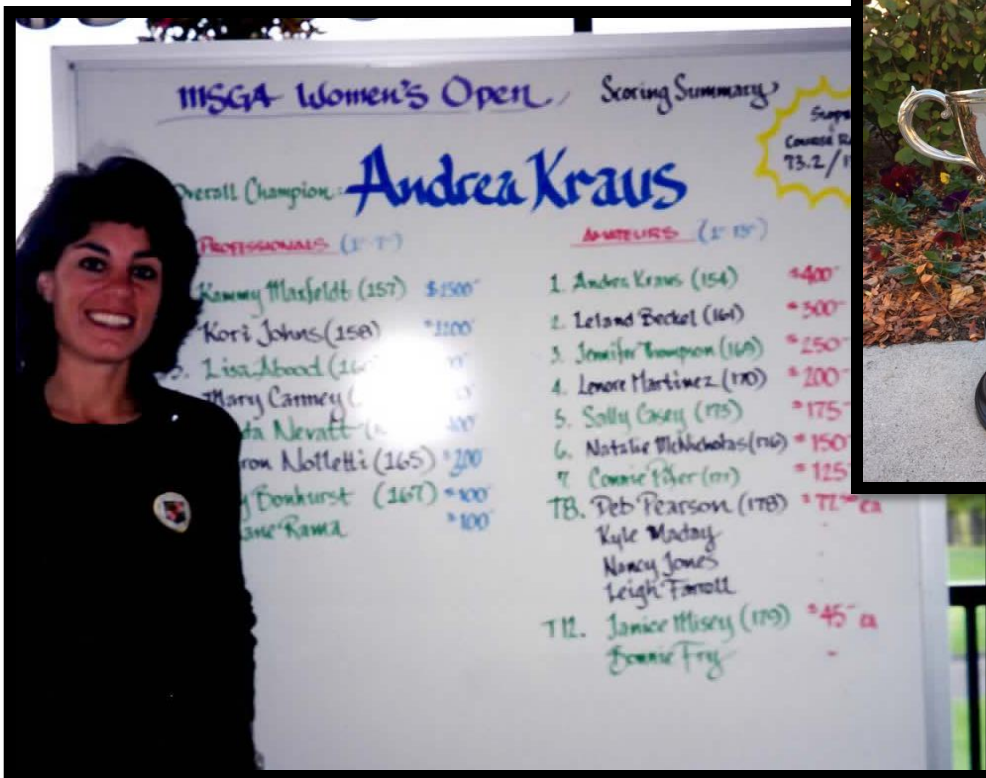
The Maryland & Virginia vs. North & South Carolina match, titled the '**Mid Atlantic Challenge**' was established. The inaugural event was held at VSGA's Independence Course near Richmond, VA.





1999

A long held dream of the Women's Division, the **Maryland State Women's Open** became a reality. Held at Bulle Rock GC and with a purse of \$5,000, it attracted the best Maryland women amateurs and PGA professionals.



Andrea Kraus becomes the first winner of the Women's Open, adding that title to the Women's Amateur title in 1999.



1999

Additional grant money from the USGA provides the Women's Division with a new laptop for on-site computerized scoring, as well as USGA computer training classes.





2002

Jane Mason, 2nd President of the Women's Division is inducted into the Middle Atlantic Golf Association Hall of Fame. She was honored for her playing ability and outstanding leadership and ability as an administrator and official.



Jane Mason with her son Chris and his wife Melanie and son Lee and his wife Katie.



2005

Junior girl's golf scholarships are established with the help of Paula Sovero. The MSGA-WD awards \$1,550 in scholarship money at the 2005 Junior Girls Championship including the Champion, Runner-Up, and Age Division winners.

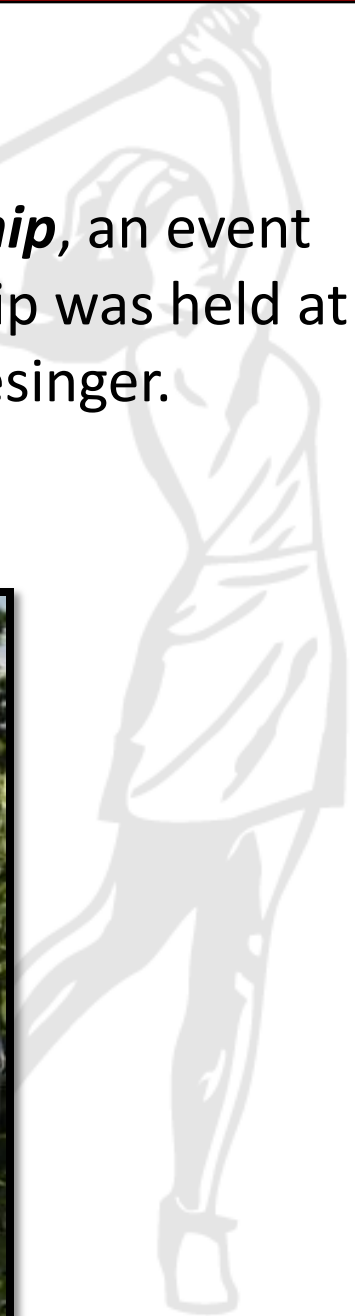


That same year, Paula creates the ***4-Lady Invitational***, a charity golf tournament that raises money to support the scholarship fund.



2008

Stasia Collins starts the ***Mid-Amateur Championship***, an event for women age 30 and over. The first championship was held at Lakewood Country Club and was won by Lisa Schlesinger.





2008

Although slated for 2007 and cancelled because of inclement weather, the first ***Two-Woman Mid-Handicap Championship*** was held at Holly Hills Country Club. Anne Dumont and Melly Tucker became the first champions.





2012

MSGGA-WD Creates First Official Logo



After years of using the original MSGGA logo, Marilyn Snight takes the initiative to work with National Graphics to design a new logo exclusively for the MSGGA-WD.

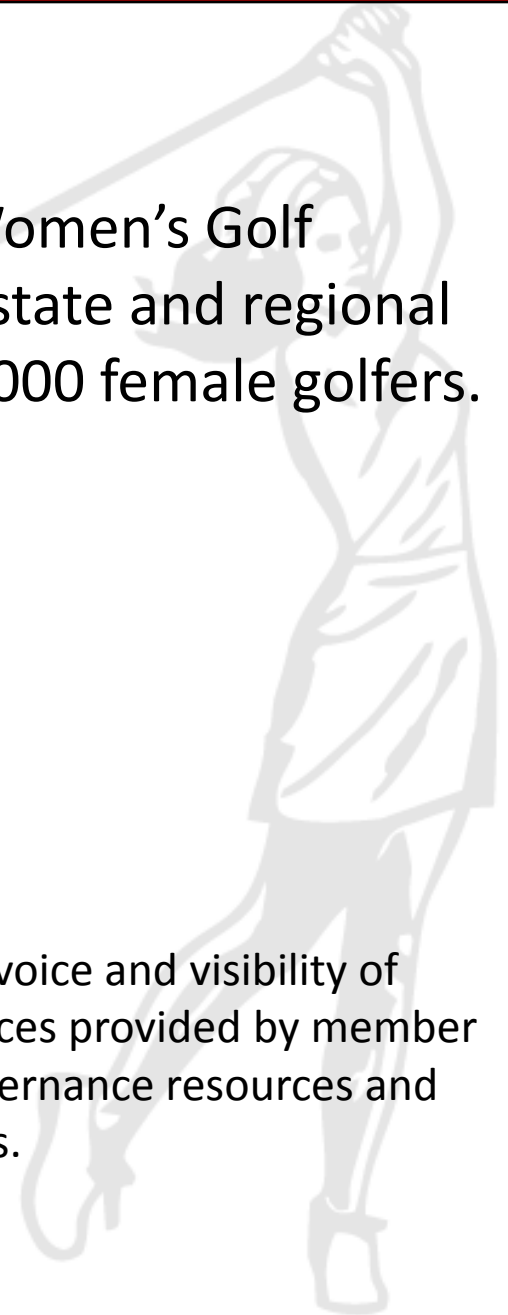


2013

The MSGA-WD becomes a member of the Women's Golf Alliance, an organization formed to support state and regional golf associations and representing over 120,000 female golfers.



Founded in 2009, The Alliance's purpose is to increase the voice and visibility of women golfers; to enhance the member benefits and services provided by member associations; and to offer marketing, management and governance resources and tools for member associations, staff and boards of directors.





2014

The ***Campbell Cup*** is introduced to be presented to the low amateur in the Women's Open. Established by Bob Morris, a past PGA professional and avid golfer, to honor his wife Candace Campbell, a cancer survivor.



Candace Campbell, Connie Isler (first time winner of the Campbell Cup), and officer Patsy DiMuzio at Congressional Country Club.





The USGA has recognized a record number of Maryland women with appointments to the USGA committees:

USGA Women's Committee

Tinker Sanger, Pat Kaufman, Jean Mulcahey, Stasia Collins (Chair)

USGA Executive Committee

Pat Kaufman

USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Committee

Jane Mason, Jean Mulcahey

USGA Women's Senior Championship Committee

Natalie McNicholas, Diane Herndon, Joan Heiss

USGA Girls' Junior Championship Committee

Mary Groff, Hae Han

USGA Regional Affairs Committee

Jean Opeka, Emily DiCicco, Joan Winchester

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Past and Present Presidents



Pat Kaufman
1995-1998



Jane Mason
1999-2001



Joan Winchester
2002-2003



Rose Marie Vargo
2004-2005



Stasia Collins
2006-2007



Emily DiCicco
2008-2009



Diane Herndon
2010-2011



Marilyn Snight
2012-2013



Melly Tucker
2014-2015