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Dear GWGA Members:

Tournaments for 2018 were very successful as well as challenging. We honored Bailey Tardy as the 2018 Georgia Women's Amateur Champion at Cartersville Country Club. Bailey also captured the Billie Wickliffe Trophy and the Ceil Maclaurin Trophy. The Four Ball at Jekyll challenged us for the first time since 1979 with the cancellation of Four Ball's first day of play. As a result, we had Co-net winners from each course: Indian Mounds - Jane Appling & Barbara Edstrom, Pine Lakes - Joye Marshall & Patricia Smith. Based on player feedback, the Board will review and update all aspects of their action plan for unforeseen weather.

GWGA Board of Directors is asking our membership to help grow our numbers by encouraging women golfers to join GWGA and celebrate our 90th Anniversary with us. Go to our website at www.gwga.org and click on Membership to begin the Membership Application process. We accept applications at any time during the year. A player must join GWGA by tournament close of entry date in order to participate. Our 2019 Tournament dates are:

**Four Ball – Jekyll Island Golf Club, Jekyll Island, GA – April 29 – 30.
Georgia Women's Amateur Championship conducted by GWGA and GSGA
Atlanta Athletic Club, Johns Creek – June 26, 27, 28.**

GWGA's Board is pleased to announce that GWGA has formed a collaborative partnership with GSGA to conduct the Georgia Women's Amateur Championship. The intent of this collaboration is to create and promote the most important women's amateur golf championship in Georgia and to identify the best female golfer in the state. The new designate for the Georgia Women's State Amateur Champion is **Georgia Women's Amateur Championship conducted by the GWGA and GSGA.**

A priority for the 2019 Board is to increase the funding of our Grant Program. For 2018, we will be delivering/ mailing fifteen \$500 checks to high schools all across Georgia for a total of \$7,500. These grants are not possible without the support and donation of our membership. Our goal for 2019 is \$9,000 in honor of our 90th Anniversary. The Grant program financially supports and promotes golf/golfing programs for young female golfers throughout Georgia. These programs qualify as tax-deductible donations 501(c)(3). Thank you for your contributions to these young female golfers.

I would like to thank our retired Board Directors Lynn Mitchell, Renee Garcia, and Becky Yeager for their years of valuable service. Your contributions to GWGA are significant. I would also like to welcome Sissi Gann from Houston Lake CC and Mary Woodfin from Mirror Lake Golf Club as our newest additions to the Board. We look forward to working with you.

I consider it an honor to be a member of GWGA, to have served on the Board as a Director and it is now my pleasure to serve as your President in 2019. The GWGA Board is comprised of volunteers from across the state with the same common goals: to provide quality tournaments to our membership and to conduct the affairs of the GWGA to the best of our abilities. GWGA's history enriched with heritage and tradition goes unbroken as we begin celebrating GWGA's 90th Anniversary. We will continue to make plans to celebrate our 90th and hope to see everyone at our 2019 tournaments sharing the moment.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Setliffe

President