



Georgia Women's Golf Association, Inc.

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Dear GWGA Members,

It is with honor that I assume the role of the 91st GWGA President for 2020. I am honored because of the strong tradition and leadership this organization has had the last 90 years. I have been a member since 1973, probably longer than the majority of you have been alive. I have had the pleasure of knowing every president beginning with Billie Wickliffe in 1971. It is an outstanding group of women.

I can say with certainty that this organization has come a long way. When I joined, you had to be sponsored by two GWGA members and voted in by majority. No one under 18 was allowed to play. Thankfully, that has changed. In fact 50% of our field in the last State Amateur were teens with the youngest being 13.

This past year, we celebrated our 90th anniversary and we did it in style, beginning with the 4-ball championship in Jekyll and ending in June by crowning the 90th State Amateur Champion at Atlanta Athletic Club. Both were great celebrations.

Our winners at the 4-ball were "newbies" with Peggy Gardner and Karyl Wackerlin from Sun City Peachtree Club posting a score of 119. Mary Helen McElreath and Sandra Moody, who have won more times than anyone else, were the winners in the gross division.

In June, the 90th State Amateur Champion was played with the STRONGEST field in my lifetime. It was a challenging course to say the least but Rinko Mitsunaga from the University of Georgia prevailed with a 3-day total of 220.

Thanks to you, our generous members, we were able to raise over \$6000 for our grant program and we awarded 10 schools \$600 each for their girls golf program. This grant program is so worthwhile and necessary to grow the game of golf. I hope you keep that in mind when you send in your membership for 2020.

Last but not least, I would like to thank our retired Board members, Terri Breyman, Phyllis Cox and Janet Norris, for their hard work and dedication, and welcome new Board members, Lisa Murdock, Jackie Elliott, Patti Martin, Karen Sellick and Karen Sagon. I would also like to thank our outgoing president, JoAnn Setliffe for the tireless efforts she has given this organization. She has been an inspiration.

I hope you will plan to join us on April 27 & 28th for our 48th Annual 4-Ball at Jekyll and then on July 19th – 21st for our 91st State Amateur Championship at The Landings in Savannah.

Sincerely,

Sissi Gann, President