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Message from the President

How do I say *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year* all in one article? I **begin** with a reflection on all of the gifts this organization has presented to us over the past 12 months. We have had an outstanding and busy golf season! Our membership has grown to an impressive 39 golfers. This is a sign that Triangle Women in Golf is thriving and making a difference. Spring Trip was well attended and created some awesome memories. The Chix with Sticks Event was also a success at Grandover in May. In September we held a 1st Class TWIG Invitational Tournament at Reedy Creed Golf Course. The Committee led by Karen Robinson and Renee Allain-Stockton did an exceptional job during both the planning and the execution phases! In an economy which continues to struggle to compete for precious resources, we were able to have a profitable fund raiser, which will help to fund our Youth Program activities in 2014. TWIG, we are making a difference! The TWIG Kidz Program has been very successful this year, as well. This was evident during our Member-Member Tournament where 2 of the young ladies participated. It was very impressive to witness their powerful, beautiful swings & how well they are playing the game. There were also TWIG members who enjoyed the camaraderie for a total of 14 golfers competing for the championship title.

Fall Trip 2013--- a historical event! This trip was destined to be our best TWIG Trip ever from its inception. Rosa Sherk did an exceptional job with the planning, negotiating, anticipation, and implementation of a very thorough plan. Innisbrook in Tampa, Florida, received 16 wonderful Divas with very welcome arms. We had a blast! We bonded & celebrated not only golf, but also our sisterhood. We have pictures to show and stories to tell! This trip exceeded our expectations. We will finalize the season with a Festive Christmas Party in Downtown Raleigh on Fayetteville Street. I am looking forward to kicking off my Holiday Season with such a wonderful group of women.

I **end** with great anticipation for the possibilities of what's to come over the next 12 months of 2014. I am excited about the possibilities of improving my golf game. I am equally excited about the possibilities for TWIG! We have a strong Executive Board, which continues to demonstrate outstanding leadership! We have a strong League that continues to grow & develop in golf skills and knowledge of the game. With 16 years of history, since August 12, 1997, TWIG is making a difference in the lives of a group of African American Women connected in our pursuit of G. O. L. F.....Greatness, Outstanding Performance, Love, & Fellowship.

Keep It in the Middle of the Fairway,
Erica Hill Colleton,



2013 TWIG INVITATIONAL

Another successful TWIG Invitational is on the record books! The sound of rain at 4:30 a.m. probably made some participants wonder whether we would have to postpone the tournament. But, as in years past, we were blessed to start on time and finish without inclement weather.

This year's tournament was held on September 21 at Reedy Creek Golf Course in Four Oaks, NC, which was also the site of the 2011 tournament. The field included men competing in three flights and women competing in two flights. Many of our supporters over the years were back again this year and we had some first-time participants. The TWIG tournament committee, TWIG Kidz and parents did an excellent job in getting everyone registered and started on time. They also served the delicious lunch and helped with the raffle and the awards ceremony following the competition.

By the time of the shotgun start at 9:00, the temperature was comfortable and most of the players had on their game faces. Reedy Creek is 6426 yards from the blue tees and 4632 from the red tees. There's a little of everything in the mix: water, sand, elevated tee boxes, and trees guarding the fairway. From the ladies' perspective on the front 9, two par 3s that play over water from an elevated tee box to a sloping green make you wonder how much more challenging the back 9 will be. Then you get to the back 9 and find there are more challenging holes. If you like a course without houses along the fairways and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature, Reedy Creek offers a pleasant round regardless of how well you are playing.

As always, the proceeds of the tournament go entirely to the TWIG Kidz program. Get ready for an even stronger 2014 TWIG Kidz program, thanks to the generosity of the participants, sponsors, and those who made donations. For all of their hard work throughout the year, a big thanks goes to the TWIG Kidz committee, led by Karen Robinson.

Men's A Flight

- 1st - David Graham - 70
- 2nd - Eddie Chambers - 79
- 3rd - Rob Thomas - 79

Men's B Flight

- 1st - Stewart Brown - 81
- 2nd - Harold Booker - 85
- 3rd - Sylvester Flemming - 87

Men's C Flight

- 1st - ED Lewis - 91
- 2nd - Walter Taylor - 100
- 3rd - Horace Smith - 102

Ladies A Flight

- 1st - Brenda Graham - 84
- 2nd - Carolyn Daye - 92
- 3rd - Erica Colleton - 93

Ladies B Flight

- 1st - Diana Phillips - 94
- 2nd - Lorretta Hicks - 97
- 3rd - Joselyn Williams - 101





WINNERS AND SPONSERS

The winners and scores for each flight were:

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DEAR TWIG LADIES

I SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR THE BIRTHDAY CAKE THAT SURPRISED ME AT OUR INVITATIONAL. I AM SO BLESSED AND HAPPY THAT YOU LADIES WANTED TO SURPRISE ME, BUT I WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT I WAS NOT THERE. THE REMAINDER OF THE CAKE WAS BROUGHT TO ME, THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW ME WELL, YOU KNOW, I AM SWEET-AHOLIC. I ATE EVERY SINGLE CRUMB OF THE REMAINING CAKE AFTER FREEZING SOME, IT IS ALL GONE NOW. THE BASKET I RECEIVED AT THE TWIG MEETING WAS ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL. IT HAS BEEN SITTING ON MY DINING ROOM TABLE AND I FINALLY BROKE IT DOWN IN NOVEMBER, EVERY SINGLE ITEM IN THAT BASKET I LIKED, USED AND NEEDED. LADIES I THANK YOU ALL FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. I AM SO EXTREMELY PROUD OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENT TWIG HAS MADE AND IS STILL MAKING.



Is that a piece of my birthday you are eating?
Yum yum soooooo good

PRESTON PARS MEMBER GUEST TOURNAMENT



TWIG Foursome Places Second at Preston Pars Member Guest Tournament by Renee Allain-Stockton

A TWIG foursome comprised of Renee Allain-Stockton, Erica Colleton, Loretta Hicks and former TWIG member, Jeanne Holmes, placed second in their flight at the 2013 Preston Pars Member Guest Tournament at Prestonwood Country Club on June 4th, 2013. They enjoyed a wonderful buffet luncheon after the tournament and each received a \$60 gift certificate to spend in the Pro Shop.

The skilled foursome shot a combined score of 30 under par based on a scoring format of 15, 24, 33. Under this format, you use the “one” best net score (after handicap strokes) on the par fives, the “two” best net scores on the par fours and the “three” best net scores on the par threes. Thus, it is easy to remember the name of the scoring format as 15, 24, 33.

All the members of the foursome contributed to the 30 under par score! Renee and Jeanne are members at Prestonwood and Erica and Loretta were their guests at the tournament. Renee will always remember the par 5, 17th hole on the Meadows course since she managed to get on the green in two and was putting for eagle from the front edge of the green. Although she missed the eagle putt, she managed a birdie and with an allocation of two handicap strokes on the hole, the team recorded a net score of two for an “albatross.”

INVITATIONAL

ARE THEY SERIOUS?



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*This Hole Sponsored by
Sierra Raechelle Holmes
TWIG KIDZ Member*



Refreshments anyone?

JACKIE, RENEE ON THE LINKS

Did that guy hit a bad shot?

INNISBROOK

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FALL TRIP 2013-INNISBROOKGOLF AND SPA RESORT, TAMPA, FLORIDA

By Rosa Sherk

This year's fall trip proved to be a hole-in-one. The entire event was fantastic! Sixteen members of TWIG started their adventure with a Bon Voyage Party sponsored by Program Chair-Rosa Sherk and hosted by Vice-President, Tammy Scott. It was an evening filled with laughter, excitement and anticipations as the ladies got to know each other better and discussed details of the upcoming trip.

Finally, the long awaited day to depart for our fall trip (October 10-13) arrived, and like bright-eyed children on their way to Disney World, we excitedly greeted each other at the airport before boarding the plane to fly the friendly skies to Tampa, Florida-destination Innisbrook!

Innisbrook Golf and Spa Resort, home of the famed Copperhead Golf Course, which plays host to the Valspar Championship and the Tampa Bay Championship, is just one of the Salamander luxury resorts own by former co-owner of BET, Mrs. Sheila Johnson-Lee. Now, this world-renowned site was about to host Triangle Women in Golf, and what a gracious host Innisbrook proved to be. The grounds welcomed us with the resort name carved into beautifully sculptured hedges, and every employed dazzled us with smiling faces while making us feel like their whole purpose in life was to take care of our every need with the highest of level of service.

A few of the ladies arrived early and decided to take in a round of golf. Some couldn't wait to get to the Indaba Spa, and others simple explored the beautiful grounds and soaked up the warm sunny day which was especially refreshing after leaving behind several days of cold and rainy weather in Raleigh.

On Thursday night, everyone gathered in the hospitality suite for the welcome reception. We had lots of fun, good conversations and delicious food thanks to Tammy Scott who arrived in Tampa a day early to shop for us. We especially enjoyed welcoming several new members and learning more about them. Keeping with tradition, we closed the reception with music and dance, but the evening did not end there. Everyone rushed back to their rooms, put on their pajamas and rushed back for Rosa's Scandal pajama party. What an experience that was, watching Scandal with 15 other women-indescribably awesome! It was a perfect ending to a wonderful night of bonding.



When it came to golf, we played three courses with each one being more challenging than the previous. After an unbelievable free breakfast at the lovely Salamander Grille each morning, we looked for the golf cart bearing our name and golf clubs. The golf staff made everything so easy for us. Each day they loaded our clubs on our carts, cleaned and stored them at the end of our round and had them loaded onto our carts and waiting for us when we arrived the next day.

Early Friday morning we played the 6,620 yards, Par 71 South Course. The format for the day was 15, 24, 33 Net Best Ball. Erica did an excellent job of doing the team pairs, and made sure that teams were balanced with new and seasoned golfers. Our format on Saturday for the 6325, Par 70 North Course was Captain's Choice. Both courses offered us wonderful challenges with strategically placed bunkers and lateral water hazards – some with jumping fish, large cranes and inconspicuous alligators. Carolyn Daye, Renee Stockton, Loretta Hicks and Beverly Carter were our Friday Team Winners and Tammy Scott, Renee Stockton, Loretta Hicks and Irie Jenkins were our Saturday Team Winners.

After golf on Friday, we pulled up a chair at the Loch Ness Monster Pool Complex for lunch and a little sun and relaxation. Tammy Scott, Peketa Long and Tiffany Scotton still found energy to out last several young people in a dance contest around the pool. They made us proud.

Then there was the world famous Copperhead Course where just weeks earlier Tiger Woods, Adam Scott, Luke Donald and other PGA tour players had teed off. This was the most challenging course of all, but even after playing two or even three rounds of golf, Copperhead was a must play for some. Lying in wait like its name sake, the Copperhead Snake, this 7,340 yards, Par 71 course was ready to consume us. The course did not disappoint. Its reputation was only matched by its beauty. We met the challenge and completed our rounds as victors. Everyone who played Copperhead was a winner.

Renee Stockton came all the way from Stanford for her first TWIG trip. The weekend proved to be a milestone for her. She earned 3 Big Shot Pins all in one weekend. Renee broke 100, had a chipped in, and had a birdie. Way to go Renee!

On Saturday night we dressed and boarded the shuttle for our Awards Dinner at Packard's Steakhouse for fine dining. In their elegant attire, the ladies turned heads and drew attention as they dined and each person passionately told how special the trip had been and how they wished that all of our TWIG sister could be there to share it, in the sweet spirit of sisterhood that had permeated our entire trip.

Finally Sunday morning came and we had to leave Innisbrook behind, but the experiences that we shared on Fall Trip 2013 will long remain with us and go down in TWIG history.



ROSA

THIS LADY WAS IN CHARGE

Guess Who's Shoes?





TWIG FALL
2013







Dianna Phillips won the Club Championship and the Longest Drive Trophies, posting a net score of 72! Loretta Hicks won the trophy for closest to the pin.



By Garnett Campbell

MEMBER MEMBER OCTOBER 26 2013

CONGRATULATION

PLAYER OF THE YEAR



TWIG's 2013 Member-Member Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, October 26 at Pine Hollow Golf Course. The course was in great shape; the weather cool and sunny. Definitely accolades go out to the Pine Hollow staff as they were most attentive, allowing us to focus on playing our best game!

DIANNA

Twelve TWIG ladies and two TWIG Kids participated. The players included Carolyn Daye, Loretta Hicks, Sondra Fountain, Erica Colleton, Bonita Hargis, Nyilah Anderson (TWIG Kid), Garnett Campbell, Shirley Cooke, Carolyn Stroud, Jillian Overman (TWIG Kid) Diana Phillips, Rosa Sherk, Cassandra Evans and Peketa Long. The format for the tournament was a Net Best Ball Team Competition.

TWIG President Erica Colleton was instrumental in getting this event scheduled, lunches ordered and delivered on time, but most of all, got a later tee time rescheduled from 8AM to 12 Noon due to an unusual cold front that came through. With our best game plan in our heads and boxed lunches in tow, we were off for a wonderful afternoon.

Team and individual competition prevailed throughout, with that one thought in mind, "all that matters in golf is the next shot". While everyone played their best game, at the end of the day it was time for the winners to be determined. Congratulations and lots of cheering went out from the crowd with the announcement of the winning team----- *Diana Phillips, Rosa Sherk, Cassandra Evans, and Peketa Long, with a net team score of 57..Whoa!!*





We have **39 financial members!** (29 returning members and 10 new members) Congratulations to the following TWIG members who correctly answered these golf questions during our quarterly TWIG Business meeting. They each received a prize!

1. **Sondra Fountain**-What do you call it when a player places her feet in position and prepares to make a stroke? **Stance (page 33)**
2. **Myra Smith** -True or False? Penalty strokes do not affect the order of play (page31) **True**
3. **Jocelyn Williams** -Prior to lifting a ball that has to be replaced (for example you lift the ball on the putting green to clean it) what must you do? **The position of the ball must be marked. (page 13-rule 20)**

Wanda M. Moore, TWIG Membership
"Stand for something or you'll fall for anything."

39 members for 2013; 10 new to TWIG

Name	New or Returning
Carter, Beverly	N
Cheltenham, Laetitia	N
Divins, Edwina	N
English, Laura	N
Hargis, Bonnita L.	N
Harris, Claudine	N
Jenkins, Irie	N
McAlpine, Jean	N
Ross, Sandra	N
Simms, Brenda Bush	N

"Stand for something or you'll fall for anything."

Birthday

Carter, Beverly
4-Dec



TWIG KIDZ

Another successful year



By Karen V Robinson

TWIG KIDZ

The TWIG KIDZ program completed another successful year!

There were twenty-three girls in the program of which six were new to the game of golf and very eager to learn. Lessons were very well attended this year and the girls completed a total of eight lessons. One girl attended the NC State Golf Camp this summer.

The TWIG KIDZ had a *swinging* good time at their very own Captains Choice tournament on June 29th at the Meadowbrook Golf Course in Garner. The girls were able to showcase the skills they acquired from the group lessons as they played together in friendly competition for trophies. Following the tournament, we drove a short distance to a nearby Golden Corral for an Awards ceremony and Season Finale celebration in restaurant's function room. Trophies were awarded to winning teams and individuals, prizes were given away during the Golf Trivia game, and all girls received a very nice gift bag. The event was wonderful and everyone had a good time.

The Annual Invitational 'fund-raising' tournament that was held in September was a huge success. The funds that were raised will ensure that the program is operational for the 2014 season!

Two of the youth, Nyilah Anderson and Jillian Overman, participated in the TWIG Annual Member-Member tournament and played very competitively. TWIG Ladies, you are great role models for the girls!

This summer, our very own Nyilah Anderson participated in the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship qualifying round in Richmond, VA and won first place in the 14-15 year old group! The top two scores were taken so she was able to participate in the regional round in August. Although she did not win in the regional, it was quite an accomplishment that she qualified and, there is always next year!

The program continues to be a success through the collaboration of the members of the TWIG Kidz Youth Committee and others who have volunteered their time.

I would like to extend a special Thanks to the following TWIG members who contributed so much time and effort in making the Captain's Choice and Invitational tournaments, and Season Finale the success that they were.

Garnett Campbell
Erica Colleton
Sondra Fountain
Claudine Harris
Loretta Hicks
Irie Jenkins
Wanda Moore
Diana Phillips
Tammy Scott
Rosa Sherk
Carolyn Stroud
Joselyn Williams
Renee Allain-Stockton





Karen Robinson & TWIG KIDz Youth Committee,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the outstanding job you have done with the TWIG Kidz this year! I was extremely proud of the Golf Tournament and the Dinner you hosted on yesterday for our youth. The event was well organized and the young ladies really enjoyed themselves. I think we had just as much fun as they did cheering them on as they played their round, using the skills they've learn while competing for the trophy! In the words of Rosa Sherk "*Service is the rent we pay for our time here on this wonderful Earth*". You ladies provide first class service with great enthusiam. TWIG KIDz is a great way to give back to this wonderful game!

Again, I say thank you to all of the ladies who worked very hard to make this a successful event including, Karen Robinson, Diana Phillips, Claudine Harris, Joselyn Williams, Rosa Sherk, Lorretta Hicks, Carolyn Stroud, and others!

Regards,
Erica Hill Colleton,
TWIG President 2013

My apologies, I also wanted to add Garnett Campbell to my shout out! Thank you!



**TWIG 4Q2013 BUSINESS MEETING
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
12/7/2013
LAVOLTA RESTUARANT, RALEIGH, NC
AGENDA**

Welcome – Rosa Sherk

Invocation & Blessing – Cynthia Ivey

Minutes – Sondra Fountain

Treasurer's Report – Renee Allain-Stockton

Membership Recognitions – Wanda Moore & Erica Colleton

Meal

Fall Trip Report – Rosa Sherk

Historian – Evelyn Holton

TWIG Kidz – Karen Robinson

The TWIG Christmas Luncheon was as usual the end of year highlight. Erica challenged our group to use their imagination and take a trip to Lavolta Links which was a beautiful Golf Resort located on Fayetteville Street in downtown, Raleigh, NC We were invited to play a round of golf on the 27 hole golf Utopia. Manicured fairways, pristine greens, no sand traps, no water hazards and no rough. We were gauranteed not to have putts longer than to feet on this course. Santa was on the round and he sponsored 6 of the holes. If you were lucky and you started on a hole which santa sponsored, you were given a special gift. We sat back relaxed and enjoyed the round of fellowship.

Tammy was Santas helper she directed us in playing the White Elephant Game where we chose our gifts by numbers, and we could lose or chose another gift through various things like hair color, shoe color, words, special numbers, etc. It was so exciting and we had lots of fun.

Rosa chose the Lavolta Links, elegant atmosphere and great food. This was a perfect venue for such a classy group of Ladies. Rosa also presented each member a gift, manicure set and gift card inside a beautiful miniature purse, which match the beauty of each lady.

Erica welcomed visitors, new members, past and present. On to picture taking!





KC Photography



KC Photography

Are you here? Who do you recognize?



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INFORMATION

REMINDER: PLEASE TAKE THE TWIG MEMBER SURVEY SENT OUT VIA SURVEY IN DECEMBER.

The executive Board will be using this feed back for the next year's calendar of events.

The 2014 KICK-OFF Meeting is being planned for 2/23/2014 at Tribeca Tavern. Please look for evite in the near future with current details for this event.