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Message From The President



"I Love Golf"

The Golf Season got off to a great start. The weather finally improved enough for consistent play, during the month of April. At the Tee Off, Rosa Sherk challenged us to increase participation on league days. I am very excited that the number of people participating in league play activities is a major improvement over last season. It is a wonderful time to fellowship with members, as well as a great learning opportunity for our new golfers. Our membership continues to grow. We currently have 41 financial members in 2014, of which 6 members are new to our organization. It is important that we embrace our new members so that they can feel connected to the organization and become dedicated to working with us to continue to make this an outstanding League.

Some of the key highlights for 2014, which will be covered in this edition include: 1) Spring Trip which was an excellent experience! The World Tour Resort, in Myrtle Beach, SC, was a very nice venue. Rosa Sherk did an outstanding job planning and executing this event. 16 TWIG Ladies experienced golf at it's finest, food at its peak, and fellowship beyond measure. 2) Chixs with Stixs event held at Grandover Golf Resort in Greensboro, NC, in May was also fun and very well attended. Ten of the forty beautiful women who participated in this event were TWIG members, who played with the Durham Putters and the Charlotte League 3) TWIG Kidz also had great experience in Pinehurst at the 2014 US Women's Open, on 6/18/2014. It was an opportunity to take our TWIG KIDZ, to Pinehurst to meet some exceptional women who make a living playing golf! A huge Thank You is extended to Karen Robinson for her commitment and dedication to the Youth Program. 5) The TWIG Invitational Tournament was a HUGE success, registering 78 golfer! The committee did an exceptional job under the leadership of Renee Stockton, Karen Robinson, Garnette Campbell and Valerie Willis. 6) The Fall Trip to Wild Dunes in South Carolina was also a festive experience on October 12, 2014. Eight of our ladies attended the event and had exciting stories to share regarding the challenging Golf Courses and the elegant Dinner Boat Cruise in Charleston. Finally, we will be wrapping up this wonderful season with our Annual Christmas Party on December 6, 2014, at MidTown Grille in Raleigh. I am hopeful that everyone can attend, as it will be a very nice way to kick-off your holiday season.

Ladies, I would like to take this final opportunity to say **Thank You** for your dedication to the TWIG Organization. I am especially grateful to my hard working Executive Board Members. You have continued to go above and beyond the call of duty. "In golf as in life, it's the follow through that makes the difference." You have made my job as TWIG President for 2013 – 2014 an unforgettable experience! We are very busy doing fun things, and creating lifetime memories.

Keep It In The Fairway,

Erica Hill Colleton, President

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Soror Maya Angelou

KICK OFF LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 2014

TWIG kicked off the New Year with a great start. Our kickoff luncheon was at Tribeca Tavern. After enjoying our delicious meal it was down to business. Between Erica giving us a plan for the year, we were given reports from all committees. Renee Allain-Stockton reviewed the TWIG and TWIGKIDZ budget proposals for 2014, which was approved by the majority vote. Rosa Sherk reviewed the Program Calendar for the golf season. She challenged us to increase our participation on league days. We had raffle drawings for some very nice door prizes. Wanda Moore ask golf questions, giving the first person to provide the correct answer a prize. That was a lot of fun.

TWIG had 31 in attendance, included guest. All committee chair persons presented there proposed goals for the year. Karen Robinson had the most challenging goal which is working with our TWIGKIDZ program. Karen asked for volunteers. She was accommodated by TWIG members who signed up for the Youth Committee.

By Evelyn Holton Stephenson



KICK OFF AT PINEHOLLOW

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GOLFING IN MYRTLE BEACH



Spring Trip 2014 was great fun! World Tour and Arrow Head were wonderful courses to play. There were 16 ladies in attendance. Everyone would definitely like to play those courses again.



Spring Trip 2014 – Around the World in a Weekend

By Erica Colleton

May 2014

TWIG experienced a unique opportunity on May 16, 2014, when 16 brave women ventured off to World Tour Golf Links off of River Oaks Drive in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. It proved to be a sunny weekend with beautiful weather for Golf. The excitement began in the Hospitality Suite with a warm reception hosted by Rosa Sherk. A local Italian Chef delivered a very tasty meal of Seafood Pasta, Greens, Roasted Herb Chicken, Italian Bread and other delicious items. TWIG's finest talent was on display at the reception as Rosa Sherk gave an outstanding performance reciting, "Life for Me Ain't Been No Crystal Stair". Erica also captivated our audience as she shared her poetic skills delivering her personal poem "Apples in The Summer, Peaches in The Fall". Then Cassandra Evans took us through a mysterious venture with her story telling talent as she shared a story about her encounter with a Clairvoyant in the Mall. It was entertaining, belly-aching funny, and highly believable until the PUNCH LINE was delivered. We finished that first night enjoying fine wine, fellowship, and line dancing. In her energetic and fun loving style, Tammy Scott kept her tradition of teaching us the latest steps in line dancing. It was a blast!

Saturday's competition began bright and early at 8:24 AM, at Arrow Head Country Club a few miles away from World Tour. We had a Net Best Ball Competition with 4 people per Team. The Team lead by Tammy Scott including Carolyn Daye, Evelyn Holton and Valerie Willis won the 1st place for this event. After golf, some enjoyed cocktails on the Boardwalk at Landshark Bar and Grill followed by dinner at Sea Captain's Restaurant. The food was delicious and the service was outstanding. Our young waiter had turned completely red by the time the ladies finished with the flirting and the stories as he served us. He seemed to enjoy every minute of all the female attention he received, as he aimed to please.

Sunday was a day to be remembered. The day started out a little hectic with some nervous energy when Rosa accidentally tripped and fell. She convinced us that she was going to be fine and went on to play an entire round of golf that day. The course was a beautiful replica of 18 of the world's most legendary golf holes including, Augusta's Nationals Amen Corner, the 18th Hole at Saint Andrews, Inverness #18, etc... Teeing off at 7:30 AM, we played a Captain's Choice Format expecting that this would be our most challenging round of golf ever played. It did not disappoint. The team lead by Carolyn Daye including Evelyn Holton, Jackie Benbow, and Dianna Phillips won first place. They had an outstanding team performance on this extremely challenging venue. Other accolades for the weekend included the putting contest won by Sondra Fountain and Myra Smith as they had the lowest number of putts on Saturday. Linda Graham-Jones also had the lowest gross score on Saturday with an impressive 88! Rosa reminded us to bring some extra balls on this trip... unless we were packing our A GAME! I guess we can say that Linda packed her A-Game. Overall the Spring Trip 2014 was a very enjoyable experience! The following ladies were on board to create everlasting memories: Erica Colleton, Shirley Cooke, Rosa Sherk, Jackie Benbow, Linda Graham-Jones, Lori Snider, Lovina Vance, Sondra Fountain, Tammy Scott, Carolyn Daye, Evelyn Holton, Valerie Willis, Diana Phillips, Myra Smith, Sherrica Morris, Cassandra Evan.



CONGRATULATIONS TO Linda Graham Jones A SCORE OF 88 AT ARROWHEAD, MYRTLE BEACH, S C

May 2014

Guess who's been working on short game.....Linda Jones shot an 88 at Arrowhead, Myrtle Beach, SC



**FRIDAY NIGHT PARTY- - FUN- -FOOD- -DANCING
AND LORIP'S JOKES**





DINNING



RELAXING



LESSONS AND TESTIMONIALS



Picture of Carolyn Daye and Erica Colleton preparing to Tee off at Heddingham Golf Course in a TWIG Competition of "Give Me My Dime".

As told by Erica Colleton....." I experienced a great round of golf at Heddingham that day. As in recent weeks, my game had been firing on all cylinders. On the 18th hole, I needed to make a 4-foot putt in order to break 80 for the round! While I didn't make the putt, it was still a very impressive round. I attribute the most recent improvements in my golf game to the skills and swing changes received from Jeff Robinson at Capital Golf Center during the TWIG Spring Lesson Series. Jeff made some slight changes in my wedges and my chipping techniques which made a huge difference. He also convinced me to replace my ladies 3-Wood graphite shaft with a Male 5-Wood, graphite shaft. This made a huge difference because my swing speed has increased tremendously due to some moderate weigh training at the gym. The final change he made during this lesson series was discovering that I was using the wrong style putter for my golf swing. I use a straight-back-and-through putting stroke. You should use a face-balanced putter vs. a toe-balanced putter for this putting

style. While it was hard for me to give up my expensive Scotty Cameron Putter, I did. I have replaced it with the Odyssey 2-ball face balanced putter. Since then, I have significantly reduced the number of holes with 3 putts. With these minor changes, I am scoring consistently in the 80's and sometimes, although only occasionally, finishing a round in the 70's. It's a good feeling! I would be remiss if I didn't give credit to Rob Thomas for building my golf swing over the years, and to Howard Stevens for recently helping me to increase my club head speed and mental game. The real message I want to leave with my fellow golfers is that Lessons can make a huge difference in your game. Find the instructor who resonates with you and start you journey to BETTER Golf Rounds." I recommend a refresher at the beginning or end of every golf season!

GOLF LESSONS ARE SO IMPORTANT IN GETTING STARTED AND IMPROVING YOUR GOLF GAME

I am so glad I took the lessons TWIG offered with Jeff Robinson in July. Now I feel better about golf, and will enjoy the game more. He taught us a lot, from top to bottom, like how to hold the club, the correct back-swing, how to move your body, and how to hold your stance. Also, he gave us time to really work at getting the ball off the ground with different irons and woods. Jeff made sure we knew the mechanics of pitching, chipping and putting, too. I personally thought he instructed us well over the four sessions at only \$100, and he didn't hesitate to let us know what we were doing wrong. Even tough those were some of the hottest days of the year, the three of us who participated, Claudine, Erica, and I, still managed to have fun. I hope the lessons are offered again next year. Now, if we can just remember everything we learned!

Carmella





Kappa Foundation of Cary, Scholarship Golf Tournament was held in September 2014. Erica Colleton & Cassandra Evans won the 1st place trophy for the Women's Flight, defending their Championship title 2 years in a Row. Congratulations ladies!!!



“Erica Colleton shot 76 at Eagle Ridge”

August 2014



Linda (Closest to pin)

**GRANDOVER
GOLF RESORT
GREENSBORO N C**



Tammy won 50/50

Chix With Stix

Forty women met at Grandover Golf Resort in Greensboro for a game of friendly golf on May 24. These women represented three North Carolina cities.... Queen City Golfers from Charlotte, Triangle Putters from Durham and TWIG from Raleigh/Durham. Ten TWIG members attended, outfitted in purple TWIG golf shirts and black shorts/skorts.

This year's event was hosted by Queen City Golfers of Charlotte, who greeted everyone at 8:00 AM to get ready for a 9:00 AM tee time. The golf format for the day was 4-man Captain's Choice. Teams played for fun and competed for Longest Drive and Closest to Pin. Linda Graham Jones won Closest to Pin.

Many raffle prizes were given during lunch but everyone waited patiently for the 50/50 raffle. When the winner was announced, there was a big roar from TWIG members when Tammy Scott's number was announced. Congratulations to Linda and Tammy for being winners at Chix With Stix 2014.

This year marked the third year of Chix With Stix. The first year was hosted by TWIG, the second year by Triangle Putters of Durham, and this year by Queen City Golfers of Charlotte. Next year the hosting rotation comes back to TWIG. We look forward to hosting Chix with Stix next year and to team competition.

Diana

11th ANNUAL TWIG INVITATIONAL Golf Tournament

Eagle Ridge Golf Club, Raleigh,

Saturday, September



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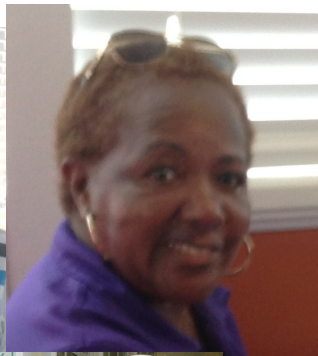
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**Food
FUN
FELLOWSHIP**

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PRIZES

11th ANNUAL "TWIG" INVITATIONAL

2014 TWIG Invitational Tournament

by Renee Allain-Stockton, Garnett Campbell & Valerie Willis

On a beautiful Saturday morning in early September, 78 golfers arrived bright and early at Eagle Ridge Golf Course to compete in the 11th Annual TWIG Invitational Tournament to benefit our TWIG Kidz program. Despite the weather forecast calling for temperatures in the mid 90's, everyone was calm, cool and collected about playing in our new two-person, scramble format.



We had 14 two-person women's teams and 25 two-person men's or mixed teams registered to play, including a two-person team with our very own TWIG Kidz, Nyalah Anderson and Jillian Overman! We also had 15 TWIG members competing in the tournament this year. By changing the format from individual stroke play to a two-person, scramble format, we were able to increase the number of golfers from 54 last year to over a full field of players this year.

The golfers were greeted in the parking lot by several of our TWIG members, TWIG Kidz parents and TWIG Kidz who volunteered to provide a "golf bag valet" service to transport golf bags to the players' assigned carts. The vast majority of golfers had pre-registered for the tournament, so the registration process ran fairly smoothly, with most players taking advantage of purchasing the maximum of four mulligans to remain competitive with the field.

After completing the registration process, the golfers were able to enjoy a light breakfast provided by two of our sponsors, Chick-fil-A (Town Ridge Square) and Starbucks (Pleasant Valley Promenade). Most golfers took advantage of hitting a few balls at the practice range provided by Eagle Ridge as part of our tournament arrangements. Eagle Ridge also provided a free round of golf to all the first place winners in each flight for a total of eight complimentary rounds.

Golfers were set to head to their respective holes shortly after 9 am for a shot-gun start after hearing the Rules of Play for the tournament. They were greeted by sponsor signs on all 18 holes this year, a first for the TWIG Invitational! We had three \$500 Eagle Level Sponsors, three \$300 Birdie Level Sponsors and twelve \$100 Hole Sponsors this year, including nine TWIG members who generously contributed as sponsors. Pepsi-Cola (Garner) generously donated Gatorade, soft drinks and water once again this year which was provided to golfers by our TWIG and TWIG Kidz volunteers driving beverage carts around during the tournament.



Events2America offered a \$5,000 Hole in One Challenge on one of the Par 3 holes which would have provided \$2,500 to the TWIG Kidz program and \$2,500 to the player who made the first hole in one. One of our former TWIG Presidents, Linda Taylor, was playing in the last foursome to play the Hole in One Challenge and her ball curved down the slope from the right side of the green to within 6 inches of the hole! The observer from Events2America told us that she had the closest shot to the pin for the day.

The pace of play was good for a tournament with a full field of players with everyone completing their round in approximately five hours. All the golfers and volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by Jim Rice LLC with barbeque pulled pork, fried chicken and pasta while the raffle prizes donated by our sponsors were presented.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each flight were presented with their glass engraved trophies along with the male and female winners of the longest drive contest and the closest to the pin contest. **One of our very own TWIG Kidz, Nyalah Anderson won the women's longest drive contest!**

Congratulations to all the following winners at our 2014 TWIG Invitational Tournament! Please patronize all our generous sponsors and donors as listed below for supporting our TWIG Kidz Program.

2014 TWIG INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Men's/Mixed 1st Flight Winners

1st – Chris Phillips & Tiff McCarter
 2nd – Arthur Davis & Steffon Sharpless
 3rd – Claude Demby & Greg Williams

Women's 1st Flight Winners

1st – Melinda Cayton & Tamara Hart
 2nd – Judy Martino & Margaret Sutter
 3rd – Renee Allain-Stockton & Linda Taylor

Men's/Mixed 2nd Flight Winners

1st – Ralph Thomas & Ken Edwards
 2nd – Dan Jones & Kelvin Robinson
 3rd – Jackie Sheppard & Thurmond Yelverton

Women's 2nd Flight Winners

1st – Elaine Simon & Martha Butler
 2nd – Carolyn Daye & Wanda Jeffress
 3rd – Peketa Long & Carolyn Stroud

Men's Longest Drive

Dave Boyd
 Tim Cook
 DW Jonas

Women's Longest Drive

Joselyn Williams
 Margaret Sutter
 Nyialah Anderson





INTERACTIVE TOURNAMENT

SOUTH BOSTON, VA



We were well represented at the Interactive Tournament in South Boston on Saturday. Valerie Willis, Myra Smith, Carmella Hart, and Shirley Cook won the 2nd Place Trophy in their Flight. Congratulations Ladies!!!!

YOU look like sisters
YOU act like sisters
YOU are sisters in golf
“THANKS” Ladies for representing
“TWIG”

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FALL TRIP

OCTOBER
2014



WILD DUNES RESORT

Wild Dunes Resort was an awesome location for our rescheduled 2014 TWIG Fall Trip. Eight of our ladies traveled to beautiful Charleston, SC for two days of golf and fellowship. Our accommodations were splendid and the resort staff welcomed us and made our stay very comfortable.

Even with some traffic woes, we were all able to make it for our Friday evening dinner cruise. We enjoyed wonderful water views and a calming breeze on deck. The food was just “filling” but the entertainment was delightful. Our group insisted that the guitarist give us music to do the Electric Slide. Our dancing delighted the other passengers and proved that none of us are quite ready for Dancing With the Stars. After the cruise, Rosa organized a short meeting in our villa to prepare for our golf and the remainder of our weekend.



Saturday morning golf proved to be quite challenging. The competition was friendly, although one group supposedly “lost” their score card before miraculously finding it. Saturday evening’s dinner at The Boathouse was a highlight of the

trip. The food was delectable. Hands down the best lobster tail that I have ever tasted. I would highly recommend for anyone traveling in the area. After much discussion (should we? or shouldn’t we?) we would venture into downtown Charleston for dessert. After parking downtown, we walked upon a new establishment named “Carmella’s”. We had ice cream and coffee and our very own Carmella owners. We ended our evening with wine and conversation at our villas.



Sunday morning golf was maybe a bit less challenging than Saturday. We all reminded ourselves that it is a game and it is fun. Thank you to Rosa for outstanding planning, Diana for organizing our format/tee times and to all the wonderful ladies on the trip.

Where shall we go this Spring? I would love to have some ideas from you. Peketa



What TWIG Means To Me

by Evelyn Holton

I am so proud to be a part of an exceptional group of Ladies that have helped to enhance my knowledge and exposure to the world of golf. All of you ladies have a special place in my heart. Loretta Hicks was very encouraging. She had the patience and spent time helping the new members on the course before they were given lessons. Thanks Loretta, you taught me patience. I am especially proud of Erica Colleton. Among Erica's many talents her golf game is awesome. Erica took that stick and ball and lowered her score to the high 70's. She always says I encouraged her. Erica makes me feel proud.

I started with TWIG in 1997, 17 years ago at 54 years old. Our group was beginning to organize. I think Loretta Hicks and Delores Tally were the only members at that time, who had experience in playing golf.

I did not know how to hold a golf club yet. I thought that by looking at Tiger and the other pro players this had to be easy. Well, what an embarrassing lesson I learned. The first time I was at the driving range, I made about 60 swings and touched the ball maybe 3 times. Since I love pristine lawns, I could not understand taking a divot out of the ground. I did not want to ruin nature's landscape. I did not know it was normal to take a slight divot. When I did hit the ground, large holes were made.

Now there came; keep your head down, keep your eyes on the ball, keep your lower body still, keep your back angle straight, don't move your arms move only your shoulders, don't raise your left foot, and don't raise your elbow. Ladies from all the do's and don'ts I did not think that I would ever catch on. It took several clinics, driving ranges, lots of practice and many holes in my yard to finally understand the concept of this stick and ball call game, call Golf.

When we started TWIG it was a blessing. We had clinics on a regular basis, I think we hit every driving range in Wake County and maybe some other surrounding areas. As my game improved I was on a roll. I wanted to play anytime, anywhere, anyplace, and (anyhow). Playing golf fine tuned my knowledge of golf and golf etiquette.

What I liked the most about TWIG are the trip. If possible, I would never miss any of them. I hope I will be going on TWIG trips when I am on a walker. (Smile) The trips are the great!

Being a part of TWIG has helped me in so many ways, such as meeting people from so many different places, patience, and understanding. TWIG has helped me to challenge myself through discipline, and to identify my strengths and weaknesses. Love You TWIG!



NEED TO KNOW INFORMATION CONCERNING HANDICAP

Hello everyone,

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>If you went on the Spring Trip, please remember that your gross score at Arrowhead (course we played Saturday) should be posted in the handicap system. Scores from World Tour (course we played Sunday) and from Grandover do not qualify because we were playing Captain's Choice.

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>Please post your qualifying scores when you play golf so we can get accurate handicaps when balancing teams. We will be using handicaps for competitive play.

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>As a reminder, scores made under the following conditions are not acceptable for handicap purposes and must not be entered in the player's scoring record:

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>(i) When fewer than seven holes are played.... If at least 13 holes are played, you must post an 18-hole score, otherwise, post a 9-hole score if the course has a 9-hole course rating and slope. Scores for unplayed holes must be recorded as par plus any handicap strokes that you are entitled to receive on the unplayed holes.

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>Example: A player with a Course Handicap of 30 stops playing after 16 holes because of darkness. Hole 17 is a par 3 and is the number 18 handicap-stroke hole. The player will record 3 (par) plus 1 handicap stroke for an X-4 on hole 17. Hole 18 is a par 4 and is the number 12 handicap-stroke hole. The player will record 4 (par) plus 2 handicap strokes for an X-6 on hole 18.

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>(ii) When made on a golf course in an area in which an inactive season established by the authorized golf association is in effect; Courses in this area are active all year;

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>(iii) When the length of the course is less than 3,000 yards for 18 holes (or less than 1,500 yards for 9 holes);

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>(iv) When, as a condition of the competition, the maximum number of clubs allowed is less than 14, or types of clubs are limited as, for example, in a competition that allows only iron clubs;

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>(v) When scores are made on a course with no USGA Course Rating or Slope Rating;

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>(vi) When a player uses non-conforming clubs, non-conforming balls, or tees;

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>(vii) With respect to Rule 14-3 (Rules of Golf), when an artificial device or piece of unusual equipment is used during the execution of a stroke or when equipment is used in an unusual manner during the execution of a stroke. (See Decision 5-1e/3.)

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>If you have a problem determining your score for unplayed holes when you do not complete a round, I can help you determine your score for those holes.

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>Hope this helps.

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>Diana