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Triangle Women in Golf kicked-off their 19th season on Saturday, March 12, 2016. The day could not have been more perfect. Twenty-two TWIG members attended this 1st quarterly meeting of the year. They met with anticipation and excitement in the lovely Heritage Golf Clubhouse for a luncheon meeting.

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2016 President Tammy Scott gave a warm and heartfelt welcome; Cassandra Evans delivered a most inspiring invocation before a delicious lunch of sandwich wraps, soup, and salads were served. Introductions included new members who joined during the 4th quarter of 2015 (Angela Allen, Clarissa Henderson and Esther Morse) and invited guests India Dennis and Shameki Glover who became members, as well as TWIG alumni, Diana Phillips.

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Important information was shared during the business portion of the luncheon; the 2016 budget was approved, the program calendar and 2016 Spring Trip (Myrtle Beach) were discussed, plans for the Youth Committee and TWIG Invitational were mentioned. Everyone was dressed in TWIG attire, and some ladies had a chance to receive their new lightweight golf shirts. The latest version of USGA Rules of Golf booklets for 2016 were distributed to all in attendance. Customarily, we ended the meeting with a golf-trivia quiz for prizes.

The best part of the day was the 9-hole golf outing that followed with five foursomes teeing-off. This kick-off format was something new that worked out extremely well. The entire afternoon was filled with big smiles, hugs, and laughter during a game of golf that went by much too fast. After knocking off some rust on the back nine of beautiful Heritage, we all settled back at the club house for more kick-off celebration with drinks, announcements, photos and strawberry casada cake that was oh so divine ... we couldn't remember which foursome won the competition – we were all winners this day!





TWIG PROGRAMS INCLUDING SPRING & FALL TRIPS

By Peketa Long, Program Chairperson

19th Hole

Friday, April 1st was our first 19th hole get together at Bahama Breeze. It was a lot of fun to just have time to catch up and fellowship together.

Spring Trip to Myrtle Beach

On April 29th- May 1st, twelve ladies of TWIG ventured to Barefoot Landing Resort in beautiful Myrtle Beach, SC for a weekend of fellowship and golf. The weather was fantastic and the accommodations were splendid.

On Friday, we had a welcome event in our condo with a delicious catered dinner and cocktails.

On Saturday morning, we played at Arcadian Shores on a course that was under some renovations. Our ladies as always made the best of the conditions and played like champs. Dinner on Saturday was a highlight as we dined at The House of Blues, which was located very close to our condos. Dinner was followed by listening to music on the outside patio of the restaurant. A few of our ladies have some nice dance moves. The evening ended with conversation and beverages back at the condos.

Sunday morning golf was played at Barefoot Resort Fazio course. This was a challenging and beautiful course. After play we had lunch and awarded prizes. Then it was time to return home, one more day would have been amazing. Spring trip was a wonderful time for some of our newer members and more seasoned members to get to know each other and enjoy the sisterhood of TWIG.

Tuesday League Play

We started Tuesday league play on Tuesday April 5th at Wilmar, 5:15 pm first tee time. Seven ladies responded that they would be playing on the inaugural date.

Saturday League Play

Our first Saturday play was a rainy session but fun. Six ladies started and three ladies completed all 18 holes. RGA is now a favorite of mine. Confidence boosting course!

Chicks with Stixs

TWIG participated in the 5th Annual Chicks with Stixs event on May 28th, 2016. The event is open to female golfers from surrounding areas and is hosted on a rotating basis. Charlotte Ladies, Triangle Women in Golf and Triangle Putters are the three hosting leagues.

This year's event was hosted by the Triangle Putters from Durham at the Whispering Pines Golf Course in Pinehurst area. Approximately eight TWIG ladies were among the 20 participants. Format was 2-person captain's choice, with prizes also given for long drive and closest to the pin. The weather was great and the fellowship with like-minded women was fabulous. TWIG will have responsibility for hosting in 2018.

Fall Trip to Las Vegas

We all know what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas, but I will give you a glimpse of our trip!

On September 28th- October 2nd nine ladies of TWIG traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada for a golf adventure. The trip coincided with Cassandra Evan's birthday, so it was a party for five days! The accommodations were at the wonderful Aria hotel on the Vegas Strip. This hotel is splendidly decorated and features a pool area that one can spend hours at just relaxing.



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On Friday morning after a ride on our private shuttle, we arrived at the beautiful Alliante Golf Course. We were joined by Charlotte, a friend of Rose's and a resident of the area to make 10 players. The mountain views on the course were spectacular as we played individual format. We were all winners!

On Friday evening, several ladies attended the Boyz 2 Men concert at The Mirage. All that attended agreed that the show was fabulous. Seats very close to the stage made the entertainment very personal.

On Saturday morning, we played at Boulder Creek Golf Course. Play was captain's choice and very competitive. The course was also beautiful with the mountains in the background. I saw and touched my first tumbleweed. Ouch, I didn't know they had thorns. Also, some other little mouse like critters will steal chips off of your cart!

Saturday evening activities included a buffet dinner and some of the ladies took an item off their bucket lists by attending the Chippendales show at the Rio Hotel. We will just have to leave it at that! Hot! Hot! Hot!





TWIG KIDZ HIGHLIGHTS

By Valerie Willis, TWIG Kidz Chairperson

Triangle Women in Golf Kidz (TWIG Kidz), completed another year with a kick off "Meet and Greet" with their new 2016 team mates by reviewing their new golf training schedule, playing competitive golf with the TWIG ladies' league and closing out with their awards ceremony. The TWIG Kidz kicked off in March, 2016 with an active schedule with lots of planned golf drills, practice and competition events until September, 2016 via the Dona Lerner Golf Academy (DLGA) and the Raleigh First Tee.

All of these TWIG Kidz activities were funded by the proceeds raised at our 12th Annual TWIG Invitational Tournament hosted in September 2015. We were also able to purchase new TWIG Kidz golf shirts ordered in the color of raspberry pink and signed up 13 young ladies for 2016.

The 2016 TWIG Kidz committee set goals to grow the program via direct mentoring off the golf course and building a women's golf college directory. The vision for this year was "How to Prepare Our Graduating and Younger TWIG Kidz for College Golf Scholarships." The committee exceeded this goal by designing a women's college golf directory plus connected our eight-year participant, Nyilah Anderson, to the women's college golf coach at Hampton University, Dennis Nelson.

TWIG KIDZ HIGHLIGHTS

We are very proud of Nyilah who has been a TWIG Kid since 2009 when she was in fourth grade until this year as a graduating high school senior and member of her high school golf team at C. E. Jordan High School. She qualified to play in the 2016 NCHSAA Women's Golf Championship at Pinehurst #5 in October.



Another one of our TWIG KIDZ, Tyler Spriggs, won the Girls 10-11 division of the PGA Carolina Division Drive Chip & Putt Local Qualifier at Governors Club in Chapel Hill on Saturday, June 11th.



WELCOME TO THE
DRIVE CHIP & PUTT CHAMPIONSHIP

PGA Carolinas PGA DCP Leaderboard

June 11 Round
Sat, Jun 11 at Governors Club - Foothills/Mountain

Info Results Wait

Context: Girls 10-11

2016 TWIG Kidz

Qualifiers: 3

Pos	Player	Drive	Chip	Putt	Total
QUALIFIERS					
1	Tyler Spriggs	32	21	45	98
2	Grace Ridenaar	22	22	36	80
3	Page Wilkerson	17	13	35	65

TWIG KIDZ HIGHLIGHTS

Yet another one of our TWIG KIDZ, Genesis Lewis, earned an invitation to play in the inaugural U.S. Kids Golf Australian Open in Sydney, Australia! The tournament will take place January 19-20, 2017 at Moore Park Golf Course.



During our TWIG Kidz awards ceremony held on October 29, 2016, one of the founders of TWIG Kidz, Diana Phillips, current TWIG Kidz Chairperson, Valerie Willis, and Dr. Canta Starks (<https://vimeo.com/120801964>) spoke with the girls by sharing words of encouragement about golf and using the sport to become disciplined, focused and successful. Our other senior, Taylor Dunn, had the opportunity to meet Dr. Starks in person, compliments of our TWIG Kidz donation to First Tee's event that hosted a dinner with Dr. Starks in 2015.



As we close out our 2016 TWIG Kidz season, we have started planning our 2017 TWIG Kidz program for our novices to our Drive, Chip & Putt players like Tyler Spriggs and Genesis Lewis in returning to another exciting year of TWIG Kidz golf with more practice and play time after their golf lessons.

Next year's vision shall be the "3 P's: Practice, Practice, Practice" and by working with more LPGA and PGA coaches on various golf courses. Playing on various golf courses will allow the TWIG Kidz to excel in their confidence and comfort in the game of golf and team building.

By Erica Colleton, Immediate Past President

As your self-appointed training coordinator, I was very excited about our Spring Golf Clinic Series this year! We held the Series at **Briar Creek Country Club, hosted by the Dona Lerner Academy.**

This was a great opportunity to sharpen your skills or refresh after the Winter Break. I strongly encouraged new golfers as well as experienced golfers to take advantage of this opportunity. Briar Creek has a very nice practice facility and range balls were included in the fee. I have had the experience of having Dona Lerner as an instructor and our TWIG Kidz also trained at the Dona Lerner Academy. It was an opportunity to enjoy the experience of learning and fellowship with Fellow TWIG Ladies.

Overview of Skills Clinic

Lesson 1. Putting & Chipping

We will go over putting technique & set-up. Then we will teach how to calibrate at every golf course they play before they play to get an understanding of green speeds. We will do some direction and speed drills for putting. We will discuss and share some set up and swing techniques for chipping. We will focus on developing skills relative to creating landing areas and using numerous clubs to chip. Inviting creativity to participate in the shot. There will be drills for landing areas and each lady will be shown how to chart results.

Lesson 2. Pitching & Greenside Bunker Play

We will teach correct technique for these shots as well as when to choose a pitch shot and why. We will explain how the golf club and ground connection can change what the golf ball does when it hits the green. We will dispel many bunker myths and clear up much confusion relative to Greenside Bunkers. The goal is to establish a consistent set-up and pre-swing process and have very specific goals when in the bunker. We will establish goals for each shot and ways to attain those goals.

Lesson 3. Irons and Hybrids from the fairway & rough

This is a class that will focus on swing technique. We will, however, introduce all the factors to be considered before choosing a club. Distance, weather conditions, lie, energy level, confidence level etc. This class addresses course management as part of the overall execution success with irons and hybrids.

Lesson 4. Driver & FW Woods

In this class our focus will be successful execution. Making the right club selection, setting up correctly and swinging within yourself to create a shot that is playable a very high percentage of the time. We will discuss pre-shot routines in this class as well.



A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON TWIG KIDZ FROM AN EIGHT YEAR MEMBER

By Rhumel Anderson, Karen Robinson, Diana Phillips, Erica Colleton & Renee Allain-Stockton

According to her mom, Rhumel Anderson, Nyilah has shown a love for the game of golf since she was a toddler. When she was little, we bought her a little toy golf club set. She would run around the house hitting the plastic ball yelling “SHOOK!!!” When she was four, we moved to Durham and her love of golf was truly sparked. Within the year, she started taking group lessons. From that point on, her love of golf only grew.

Through the years, Nyilah has had many interests. She took gymnastics, soccer and tennis lessons. She also plays two instruments, trombone and baritone, and played in the marching band. But no matter what the activity, she always came back to her first love, golf.

Nyilah started working with TWIG Kidz in 2009. Since then, TWIG has been a big part of her golf career. TWIG provided many clinics, lessons and access to golf coaches to her. For the past three summers, TWIG has made it possible for Nyilah to attend the UNC golf camp. These camps gave her an intense infusion of golf lessons. These camps ultimately shaved more than TWENTY strokes from her overall golf score!



This year, Nyilah is a senior at C. E. Jordon High school. After three years of competing on the boy's golf team, Jordan started a girl's golf team. Nyilah was the team captain. She went on to compete in the conference finals, the regionals and ultimately compete at the state finals in Pinehurst, NC. The women of TWIG not only supported her through their well wishes, but two members came to Pinehurst to cheer her on.

"We are so thankful for the TWIG organization and women. They are passionate and kind and without them, Nyilah would not have had the tools she needed to accomplish her goals in golf. Currently, Nyilah is applying to colleges where she hopes to continue to play golf" says her mom, Rhumel.

Nyilah qualified to play in the 2016 NCHSAA Women's 4A State Golf Championship hosted at Pinehurst #5 on October 24-25, 2016. She played some really magnificent shots as witnessed on the back nine of day two by her mom, her high school golf coach and TWIG members, Loretta Hicks and Renee Allain-Stockton. On hole #16, a 350 yard, par 4, dog-leg right, Nyilah hit a beautiful drive approximately 190 yards down to the left center of the fairway. She then hit one of her fairway woods or perhaps a hybrid from approximately 160 yards up high in the air to an elevated green and landed on the green in regulation. She patiently waited beside the green while her two playing partners chipped up to the green for their third shots. Nyilah then confidently two putted from approximately 40 feet for her par.



A little more history about the TWIG Kidz program (formerly known as the Youth Program).

Karen Robinson chaired the TWIG Kidz program from 2012-2014. Her role superseded Diana Phillips who served in this role since the inception of the program. At the time Karen volunteered to chair the youth program, her golf playing experience was limited to playing one-time on a golf course for 9 holes. Hence, she was a bit apprehensive at the thought of working with a group of young ladies who had been swinging golf clubs much longer than herself. There were girls who had been in the program since 2004. The entire group of girls were skilled.

Each golf season began in April, with approximately twenty-five girls between the ages of 8-18. Certified golf instructors taught eight weekly group lessons at both golf ranges and courses. Some girls received individual lessons and attended golf camp. Each golf season ended in August with the TWIG Kidz Captains Choice Golf tournament where the girls were able to showcase their skills acquired through lessons as they played together in friendly competition. An Awards Ceremony followed with lunch, trophies, gifts, and fun.

The girls attended the 2014 U.S. Women's Open at the Pinehurst Resort Course No. 2 with TWIG members and parent volunteers in June. 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. Her high score qualified her to participate in the regional round. Advanced TWIG Kidz members, Nyilah Anderson and Jillian Overman played competitively with TWIG members and participated in both the TWIG Invitational and Member-Member Tournaments in the fall of 2014.

Karen Robinson commented that "the program was a collaborative effort of TWIG members, TWIG Kidz and their parents as volunteers."



Diana Philips chaired the TWIG Kidz program for nine years beginning in 2003 through 2011. She was also one of the speakers at the TWIG Kidz awards ceremony this year. Here are a few excerpts from an article she wrote about TWIG Kidz in our Spring 2011 newsletter.

TWIG Kidz are stepping into the 2011 golf season in full swing. This year, the full swing could potentially go to another level because for the first time, one of our TWIG Kidz is seeking a golf scholarship to pay for her college education. Mariah Hopkins, a senior at Leesville Road High School, is putting her golf skills to the test by pursuing a golf scholarship.

This is the ninth year of our Youth Program and the eighth year of TWIG Kidz. My, how time flies! TWIG Kidz pony tails and crop pants have matured into high fashion hairstyles, manicured nails and skinny jeans. Likewise, the golf swing has kept pace. It has matured from skulls, shanks and duffs to beautiful golf swings.

Diana closed her article with the following comments “Thanks to the members of TWIG for introducing golf to many young ladies. I’m sure TWIG will be remembered as one of the things that made a difference in their lives.”

One of our TWIG charter members, Erica Colleton, started the Youth Program in 2001, approximately four years after TWIG was founded on August 10, 1997 as Ladies in Golf. Our organization’s name was subsequently changed to Triangle Women in Golf in October 1997. In the Spring of 1998, we began our first golf clinics with sixty-six members participating at the River Ridge Golf Course.

Loretta Hicks, another charter member of TWIG, recalled that since the organization had a significant number of members in the early years, we had excess funds available which the members decided to earmark for introducing girls to the game of golf with the Youth Program. The Youth Program was subsequently renamed to TWIG Kidz with the mission of introducing girls (ages 8-18) to golf with the intention of inspiring them to continue playing the game.

Erica shared that the Youth Program started with young ladies at Garner Road YMCA. We originally targeted “at-risk” youth by providing golf lessons. We also took them to the 2001 US Women’s Open hosted at Pine Needles Golf Club in Southern Pines. We generated a lot of interest, but had a difficult time with parental support for the program. We subsequently opened the program up to a wider group of girls via word of mouth among our members.

Diana assumed responsibility for the Youth Program in 2003 and moved the program to the next level, renaming it TWIG Kidz and expanding the scope and funding strategy with the TWIG invitational Tournament. Nyilah joined TWIG Kidz under Diana’s leadership.

Erica provided these thoughts based on her observation of Nyilah’s golf skills over the years. “I have really enjoyed watching this young lady develop from a beginner to the excellent golfer she is today. I remember pairing her on my team during the Member-Member tournament about four years ago because there was concern from some members that if we allowed the TWIG Kidz to play in the tournament, it would slow the pace of play. I was convinced that she was one of the girls who had the skill level to keep up! Not only did she keep up, but she was driving the ball longer than everyone including me and she had tremendous feel around the green. I jokingly referred to her as the “quiet assassin” on the golf course. She really got my attention because at a young age, she had a keen sense for reading the greens. I knew she would excel in the game.”

Another impressive moment for both Erica and Renee was during our Tuesday league play at Wildwood Green golf course a couple of years ago. Nyilah nearly drove the green on hole #11, a 250 yard, par 4, with a narrow fairway and water running down the left side of the hole. She also performed well in many of the TWIG Kidz Tournaments as well as the TWIG Invitational. In our 2014 TWIG Invitational, Nyilah won the women’s longest drive contest out distancing all the other women playing in the tournament!

Erica also commented that she is excited about the possibilities for Nyilah’s golf future. At one point during a golf round, Nyilah shared with her that she was planning to major in engineering. “I am so impressed with this young lady. She is an academic athlete, with tremendous promise. Let’s keep her encouraged. She does have a passion for the game. It is important to recognize that a golf career can still feel somewhat isolating for African American females. Nyilah is very aware of these challenges, and she remains committed to her goals.”

How appropriate it is for us to close our 2016 golf season by recognizing and thanking all our TWIG members and alumni members who have been involved in introducing girls to the game of golf and helping them to take their games to the next level. Whether by volunteering your time and efforts with the TWIG Kidz program or the TWIG Invitational Tournament, you have helped to make Diana’s prediction come true. TWIG will be remembered as one of the things that made a difference in Nyilah’s life as her mom shared she would not have had the tools she needed to accomplish her goals in golf without our support.

13TH ANNUAL TWIG INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

By Renee Allain-Stockton, Handicap Chairperson

On Saturday, September 17th, 97 golfers arrived bright and early at The Crossings Golf Course in Durham to compete in the 13th Annual TWIG Invitational Tournament to benefit our TWIG Kidz program. The weather was comfortably overcast for the shot-gun start with moderate temperatures for at least the first nine holes before the sun broke through the clouds to warm up the rest of the afternoon.

We had 13 two-person women's teams and 35 two-person men's or mixed teams registered to play, including five father-daughter teams. Three of our very own TWIG Kidz, Nyialah Anderson, Tyler Spriggs and Ryanne Howard played in the tournament with their dads. We also had 15 TWIG members competing this year. By changing the format from individual stroke play to a two-person, scramble format a few years ago, we were able to increase the number of golfers from a full field of 72 players last year to close to our maximum of 100 players.

The golfers were greeted in the parking lot by several of our TWIG members and Boy Scouts from Troop 411 who volunteered to provide a "golf bag valet" service to transport golf bags to the players' assigned carts. The vast majority of golfers pre-registered for the tournament, so the registration process ran fairly smoothly, with most players purchasing the maximum of four mulligans to remain competitive with the field. Registration bags filled with healthy snacks were sponsored once again by G. Alan, Inc.



After completing the registration process, the golfers enjoyed croissant breakfast sandwiches, orange juice and coffee provided by three of our sponsors, William's Gourmet Kitchen (2114 Highway 54, Durham), Chick-fil-A (Kings Plaza Shopping Center, Durham) and Starbucks (Willowdale Shopping Center, Durham).

Golfers were set to head to their respective holes shortly after 8:45 am for a shot-gun start after hearing the Rules of Play for the tournament. All the TWIG Kidz playing in the tournament were introduced by our TWIG Kidz Chairperson, Valerie Willis. Players were greeted on both the white and red tee boxes by a record number of 27-hole sponsor signs!

13TH ANNUAL TWIG INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

We had four \$500 Eagle Level Sponsors, two \$300 Birdie Level Sponsors, four \$200 Par Level Sponsors and seventeen \$100 Hole Sponsors this year, including ten current or former TWIG members who generously contributed. Pepsi-Cola (Garner) donated Gatorade, soft drinks and water once again this year which was provided to golfers by our TWIG member volunteers who were driving beverage carts around during the tournament.

The pace of play was good for a tournament with the maximum number of players with everyone completing their round in less than five hours. All golfers and volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by Doug Boyd Foundation with barbeque pulled pork, barbeque and jerk chicken with banana pudding for dessert while the raffle prizes donated by our sponsors were presented.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each flight were presented with their crystal engraved trophies along with the male and female winners of the longest drive contest and the closest to the pin contest. The Crossings Golf Course also provided a free round of golf to all the 1st place winners in each flight.

Men's/Mixed 1st Flight Winners

1st – Brenda Waller Graham & David Graham
2nd – Tiff McCarter & Chris Phillips
3rd – Carl Davis & Cornelius Staton

Men's/Mixed 2nd Flight Winners

1st – Robert Reid & Gerald Price
2nd – Mike Floyd & Tony Hale
3rd – Harold Booker & James Howard

Men's Longest Drive

Brent Deems

Men's Closest to the Pin

Dexter Howard

Women's 1st Flight Winners

1st – Melinda Cayton & Tamara Hart
2nd – Judy Martino & Margaret Sutter
3rd – Rivia Brown & Carolyn Morgan

Women's 2nd Flight Winners

1st – Marlene Schneider & Kathy Murray
2nd – Ann Wilson & Beth Carlin
3rd – Garnett Campbell & Rose Foster

Women's Longest Drive

Margaret Sutter

Women's Closest to the Pin

Tamara Hart



T E E T I M E

MEMBER-MEMBER TOURNAMENT

We hosted our annual Member-Member Tournament on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Pine Hollow Golf Course in Clayton. Nine ladies, including eight TWIG members and one TWIG Kidz, Samantha Thompson, signed up for the tournament.

The agenda included breakfast at 8:30 am; putting contest at 9:30 am; free time for the driving range/putting green at 9:50 am with the first tee time at 10:26 am. The Captain's Choice format gave our members another opportunity for fellowship and to have fun!



LPGA HISTORY



On July 4th, Ginger Howard posted on her FB page “This is the first time that 4 African American women played in an LPGA event together. Proud to represent and make history alongside these incredible ladies in the [#CambiaPortlandClassic](#) this week. Beside me: Mariah Stackhouse, Sadena Parks, Robbi Howard (caddy) and Cheyenne Woods.”

Cheyenne Woods tied for 6th place at the Cambia Portland Classic, her first top ten finish for the year. Sadena Parks finished in 11th place at the inaugural LGPA Volvic Championship held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, her best tournament finish for the year. TWIG member, Renee Allain-Stockton and her daughter, Sydney, followed Sadena Parks on the back nine of the Volvic Championship on Saturday of the tournament.



By Loretta Hicks, Handicap Chairperson (2017)

Imagine playing a sport without all players knowing and following the accepted rules. If you have ever read the *Rules of Golf*, you know that sometimes it can be difficult to understand, remember, or determine how to apply a given rule. For example, most of us know that a player is not permitted to start a round with more than 14 clubs (Rule 4-4). What if you start with less than 14 clubs and later realize that you left your pitching wedge in your car. Can you use another player's club? Can you stop at the turn and get your pitching wedge from your car and finish the round with the additional club in your bag?

The *Rules of Golf* are important because they create order in the game, set expectations, and provide remedies for common and rare situations. The USGA publishes the *Rules of Golf* and provides some great videos that make it easier to learn how to apply the rules. During this winter season, let's take time to become more knowledgeable of the rules. You can find the videos at <http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub.html#rulesexplained>.

The videos cover topics related to specific rules. Before you watch the video, read the related rule. If you don't have a printed copy of the current edition, the USGA has an easy to navigate online copy at <http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-and-decisions.html>

After you watch the videos and read the rules, try the interactive rules quizzes: http://www.usga.org/RulesQuiz/rules_quizzes.html

You can choose how many questions you want to answer (10, 18, or 25) and the skill level of the questions (basic, advanced, or random-mix). After you answer the questions, click the Submit button. Then a page displays the scored quiz, including each question, your answer, an indication of the correct answer, and a link to more information about the correct answer (such as a link to a video on the related topic, a definition of a key term, or the applicable rule). You can take as many quizzes as you like.

Here are a couple examples of questions from instances of the online quizzes that I have taken:

- Stakes or lines defining the margins of water hazards are in the hazards. True or False
- When out of bounds is defined by a line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds. True or False

Both are True.

I will search for more online tools to help us advance our rules knowledge as we improve our playing skills.

TWIG MEMBERS COMPETE AT ECU BAC GOLF OUTING



By Angela Allen & Carmella Hart

East Carolina University's Black Alumni Chapter (BAC) Golf Outing is an annual event during homecoming to kick off the BAC reunion and raise money for the Laura Leary scholarship endowment. Laura Leary was the first African American student to attend ECU in 1961. She was a native of eastern NC who died in 2012. Since then BAC has been working to endow an Access scholarship in her name to help African American students who want to attend ECU.

The event has been run by the fraternities as a way to fellowship ahead of alumni activities each year. We had 37 golfers in 2016, including TWIG members, Angela Allen, Erica Colleton, Cindy Edwards, Carmella Hart, Barbara Webb and Dianna Phillips playing in the tournament held at Ironwood Country Club in Greenville, NC. Angela Allen, ECU alumni and BAC member, graciously extended an invitation to TWIG members to play in the outing.

Many thanks to TWIG members who attended. We had a great time! In 2017, the event will be sponsored by ECU as a tournament with up to 144 golfers and prizes to add dollars to the Laura Leary scholarship endowment.

CHRISTMAS PARTY



By Shirley Cook, Vice President

Our annual Christmas Party was a little different this year. It was held at the home of Peketa Long. The evening was “light” and delightful as it was enjoyed with our spouses and significant others this year. We listened to easy listening jazz, to the blues, then some “down home” liquor house sounds.

The food was great! It included Bang Bang shrimp; sautéed chicken wings; and salmon shooter over rice catered by Phatbellys catering service.

Tammy Scott, introduced our new TWIG President, Shirley Cook, and new Secretary, Deborah Sanders, who were at the party. Carmella Hart, gave out three birdie pins to members of the “Big Shot Club.”

Two former TWIG members joined us, Bonnita Hargis and Rosa Sherk. It was so great to see them. It is always a pleasure and a blessing that we, as a group, can come together and enjoy each other’s company, and this year was no exception.

My utmost thanks to Peketa Long for hosting us at her beautiful home!

2017 TWIG OFFICERS

By Perriane Davis, Nominating Chairperson

Please join me in congratulating our new TWIG Officers for 2017-2018!

President - Shirley Cook
 Vice President - Cassandra Evans
 Secretary - Deborah Sanders
 Treasurer - Janine Rouson
 Historian - Renee Allain-Stockton

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

By Renee Allain-Stockton, Historian (2017)

Many thanks to all the ladies who took the time to write articles for our TWIG Annual Newsletter during this busy holiday season. 🎄

As I was drafting this newsletter and trying to include all the different activities over the past year, I was so impressed and filled with pride at both the quantity and quality of the events that we organized!

Such a dynamic, well organized, fun loving group of ladies that I am proud to call my “sister golfers.”

I look forward to celebrating the 20th anniversary of our organization next year! I hope to document and communicate the golf success stories of our members and our TWIG Kidz to a wider audience this coming year through sources like our website, quarterly newsletters as well as social media.

As always, I appreciate your feedback and look forward to seeing you next year on the links! 🎵

