# TEE TIME NEWSLETTER



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## President's Message

This year continues to be an unprecedented time due to changes in public health that affect our ability to gather as an organization. It has also been a year of uncertainty, excitement, and change for TWIG. Ladies, we have risen to the occasion.



As a new Executive and Foundation Board, we have completed our first year. I would like to thank you for your patience through our transition as we continue to lead for the future. I would like to thank the members of the Executive and Foundation Boards for their commitment to helping Triangle Women in Golf achieve our mission of introducing women and girls to the game of golf.

Kimberly Rehberg, our Membership Chair, has worked to keep TWIG connected with the wonderful birthday cards to all the members. Kim has also been the virtual face of TWIG in connecting with potential members, the new members that we welcomed this year, and responding to the many membership inquiries we have received. Also, thanks to Kim for managing our Big Shot accomplishments.

Loretta Hicks, our Handicap Chair, will be stepping down next year after five years of service. Thank you, Loretta, for establishing and managing TWIG as a club in the GHIN system. Thank you and your committee for the presentation by Golf Pro Jessica Davis. Jessica shared a presentation on golf rules and course management to help TWIG members understand the golf rule changes.

Valerie Willis, our TWIG Kidz Program Chair, delivered outstanding leadership with her committee and she has expanded the number of girls in the program this year. Valerie continued to coordinate with the Lonnie Pool golf course to add a summer session for lessons this year and celebrated the TWIG Kidz many individual successes. Thank you, Valerie, for your hard work and dedication for the last six years.

Renee Allain-Stockton, our Invitational Chair, with her committee has done an outstanding job with this year's Invitational. Once again, the tournament was completely "sold out". Thanks to our members for helping to provide slots for the wait-listed teams. The 2021 TWIG Invitational raised \$20,000 which is a new record high. Thank you to Renee and her team. I am sure next year will be even larger!!!

Kaja Heater-Lee led as Vice President and Program and Social Committee chair. She wore many hats in 2021. Many thanks to Kaja and her team for the wonderful fall trip in Wallace, league play, and the Christmas party. I am grateful that we had the opportunity to gather in person this year. Thank you for being creative and flexible during this pandemic.

Andrea Hardy, our Treasurer, thank you for all your support of setting up new software and tracking the different accounts from the Invitational registration, charity auction, and other donations. This has truly been a transitional year. Many thanks for your dedication and commitment.

I would like to thank all the other members of the Executive Board. Flora Brown for keeping us on the record with your detail minutes. Angela Allen, our Communication Chair, thank you for publishing the wonderful 2021 newsletter. Thanks to Perrianne Davis for bringing this year's team together as Nominations Chair. Thank you, all our TWIG Foundation Board at-large members (Renee Allian-Stockton, Joselyn Williams, Myra Smith, and Perdita Spriggs), for your continued dedication and commitment.

In 2022, I am hoping that each member of TWIG will experience the amazing sisterhood that happens when we engage, regardless of the media, around golf. For example, Linda Gorham cultivated and opportunity for our TWIG Kidz to apply for a SAS internship for next year and Renee was able to message our database of TWIG Kidz to apply. Great things happen when we engage together. Thank you TWIG for 2021. I look forward to seeing you on the links because it starts and ends with golf!!



## The TWIG Foundation

TWIG's golf invitational tournament is the cornerstone of fundraising to support the TWIG Kidz programs. Each year the event is held in September and features more than 100 golfers who "tee" it up for the kids. 2021 was no exception. Renee Allain-Stockton led the foundation's tournament to new heights. This year's tournament had 108 golfers, more than 70 sponsors, and made \$20,000 for the kids. This exceeded the 2021 fundraising goal.



#### A Second Grant Received from the Carolinas Golf Foundation

The Carolinas Golf Foundation (CGF) approved a \$7,200 grant to the Triangle Women in Golf Foundation, Inc to support our TWIG Kidz Program for the calendar year 2021. This is the second year in a row that we received a grant from CGF, approving our request for a larger amount to support more girls this year.

The Foundation has donated over \$250,000 to various junior golf programs including over nine Carolinas First-Tee programs, several city-wide developmental programs, the South Carolina Junior Golf Association, the Women's South Carolina Golf Association, and many other start-up initiatives.

The Carolinas Golf Foundation for years has been funded principally by the Carolinas Golf Association and by contributions from individual golfers. Donations are used to support and promote junior golf, women's golf, turfgrass research and management, disabled golfers, and many other worthwhile Carolinas projects. According to Internal Revenue Service regulations, the Foundation must generate at least 10 percent of its receipts from golfers who want to give back something to our game. **Give to CGF**.

## TWIG Invitational Tournament

This year's Invitational tournament featured a broad spectrum of golfers. The format was **two-person teams** with 28 women only, 36 men only, and 44 mixed-women/Kidz and men golfers. The TWIG Kidz were on the course, and they came to win. It was a beautiful fall day for golf. Keep reading for more inside the Tournament news.









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#### TWIG Invitational Tournament



We had an extraordinary 2021 planning team who thought "outside of the box" to drive another successful tournament on September 18, 2021.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, the tournament sold out six weeks in advance. We had engaged golfers, active sponsors, and a litany of energized volunteers who made this year special.

<u>Golfers:</u> There were two-person teams consisting of 28 women, 36 men, and 44 mixed women and men golfers. The field included 8 TWIG Kidz and alumni: Nyilah Anderson, Adrianna Beverly, Sophie Lauture, Gensis Lewis, Gabrielle Pace, Justine Pennycooke, Mya Smith, and Tyler Spriggs.

The TWIG Kidz were **sponsored by** Batten Lee PLLC, Keith Beverly, Pamela Bright, Flora Brown, Trinita Carlton, Linda Carnes, Malinda Cayton, Linda & John Gorham, Irie Jenkins, Joset Wright Lacy and the White Oak Foundation.

<u>Sponsors:</u> The golfer's registration bags were donated again this year by G. Alan, Inc. and they were filled with healthy snacks provided in memory of Fred Phinazee, by our snack sponsor. As the golfers headed out for their

1:00 PM shotgun start, they found their goody bags included golf towels donated by Dick's Sporting Goods on their assigned carts. Golfers practiced with balls provided by the Driving Range Sponsors including GolfTEC North Raleigh and Something to Smile About Dental.

The golfers were greeted on all the women and men's tee boxes by 58 hole-sponsor signs from the many generous sponsors. The hole-in-one contests on all Par 3s were sponsored by Hendrick Kia of Cary which gave golfers a chance to win a Kia Sorrento. There were several beverage cart sponsors including Leith Alfa Romeo Maserati, LPGA Amateurs, Pepsi Bottling Ventures, Span Builders, LLC, who kept golfers hydrated during the round.

After the golfers completed their rounds, they were greeted by a delicious take-home meal catered by Colonel's Cooking. Online auction prizes were donated and available for bidding on the CharityAuctionsToday platform before, during and after the tournament.

The winning golf teams were recognized by the next day on Golf Genius. The trophies were mailed to the winners by trophy sponsor, Richardson Private Wealth Advisors. Rounding out our sponsors for the tournament were cash prizes for the closest-to-the-pin and long-drive contests. The cash prize sponsors were Batten Lee PLLC, Keith Beverly, Retired Military Police of Fayetteville, and Dmitri Stockton and Renee Allain-Stockton.

The tournament was a resounding success. We thank our golfers, sponsors, and the many **TWIG Volunteers** who made this event great. The TWIG signature crew who made it happen includes Renee Allain-Stockton, Linda Carnes, Erica Colleton, Rose Foster, Linda Gorham, Janine Rouson, Joselyn Williams, and Valerie Willis.

Renee Allain - Stockton, TWIG Invitational Chairperson

"We created a new sponsorship category entitled TWIG Kidz Season Sponsor. The sponsor dollars are used to fund a TWIG Kid at the Lonnie Pool Little league for a season. **THANK YOU** to the 2021 sponsors, Henry J. Rehberg Foundation, Junica Properties, Dee Robinson, and Vallarta Joy Luxury Vacation Rentals."

Renee Allain-Stockton

## **Tournament Day Fun**



Our sponsors make it all possible.

# TWIG Foundation Invitational

Lochmere Golf Course was all a buzz for the TWIG Foundation Invitational Tournament. The day teed off with a shotgun "start" at 1:00 PM as 108 golfers descended on the course. The birdies and eagles were flying.



#### **Tournament Winners**

# Congratulations to the WINNERS of the

## **2021 TWIG Foundation Invitational Tournament!**

#### Women's Flight 1 Winners

Pat Brogden & Angela Stewart (Gross)

Judy Martino & Margaret Sutter (Net)

#### Men's Flight 1 Winners

Tilman Kelly & Rob Thomas (Gross)

Sylvester Fleming & Greg Wimberley (Net)

#### Mixed Flight 1 Winners

Sophie Lauture & Norman Pennycooke (Gross)

Gabrielle Pace & Nelton Pace (Net)

Closest to the Pin #3 - Randy Lee

Closest to the Pin #7 - Mya Smith

Closest to the Pin #11 - Angela Stewart

Closest to the Pin #17 - Margaret Sutter

#### Women's Flight 2 Winners

Brenda Harrington & Joselyn Williams (Gross)

Tia Shoemaker & Paula Trexler (Net)

#### Men's Flight 2 Winners

James Hall & Roger Warren (Gross)

Henry Hardy & Patrick Leary (Net)

## **Mixed Flight 2 Winners**

Cassandra Evans & TJ Johnson (Gross)

Linda Gorham & John Gorham (Net)

### Women's Longest Drive

Margaret Sutter

## Men's Longest Drive

Kenneth Hammond



TWIG Kidz and Valerie Willis, TWIG Member and Kidz Chairperson

## **TWIG Programs**



The TWIG membership program is led by Kaja Lee who serves double duty as TWIG Vice President. Kaja and the program committee members, Renee-Allain Stockton, Carolyn Daye, Carmella Hart, Loretta Hicks, and Peketa Long, planned an exceptional season of play and sisterhood fun.

The program year began with a virtual Kick-off meeting in March. The decision was made to have a full golf program amid the pandemic. With vaccines taken and safety precautions in place, the golf year was launched into full swing.

League play was *kicked off on April 6<sup>th</sup>* at Falls Village and continued the **first Tuesday** of each month through October 2021. The attendees of the first Tuesday play was Carmella, Brenda, Linda Taylor, Irie, Flora, Cheryl, and Linda Gorham, Tia, and Kim. It was a fabulous time for everyone, and the golf sisterhood was on full display. The first **second-Thursday** morning play was held on April 14, 2021. It was the first 18-hole play of the season.

The **first-Saturday league play** was held on April 22 at the Crossing Golf Course in April. It was an overcast day with rain,

so only 9 holes were played by the 18 players. The ladies still had a great time as they socialized on the covered porch at the clubhouse.

League play continued during the summer until the last league play date on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Lochmere Golf Club in preparation for the TWIG Foundation Invitational.

The 2021 TWIG Fall Retreat trip in October was a welcome gathering of the members for a weekend retreat of golf in Wallace, NC.

We wrapped up the TWIG golf year with Member-Member competition on October 23 at Umstead Pines Golf Club in Durham, NC.

The Member-Member golf competition was the final official program golf event for the 2021 season. The tournament was held on October 23 at the Umstead Pines Golf Club in Durham, NC. Sixteen TWIG members and three TWIG Kidz participated in this friendly game. Prizes were awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, closest-to-the-pin, and longest drive.

The final program of the year was a **Virtual Christmas** party on December 4, 2021. The 2021 TWIG programs were successful despite the pandemic. I thank the Program Committee for their hard work and dedication. We look forward to 2022.

Kaja Lee, TWIG VP and Program Leader



## 2021 Membership Programs

- First Tuesday After-Work
  - \*Golf Kickoff
- Second Thursday Morning
- Third Saturday League Play
- Tournament Plays During the Summer and Fall
- TWIG Invitational Tournament
- Fall Golf Retreat
- Member-Member Tournament

#### \*Golf Finale

Member's Christmas Party Dec. 4th

## TWIG Program Play



Program Pic 1: First Tuesday Season Kickoff, April 3rd at Falls Village



Program Pic 2: First Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Crossing Golf Course







**Member-Member Event** Umstead Pines October 23, 2021

## Winners of the Day

- 1st place Rose, Kaja, Arianna, Pam B.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jacklyn, Andrea H, Cheryl, Pam B.
- Longest drive Valerie Willis
- Closest to the pin Peketa Long

Program Pic 3: Member-Member Tournament at Umstead Pines

## TWIG Fall Retreat



#### 2021 TWIG Fall Golf Retreat

The 2021 TWIG Fall Trip was held the weekend of October 1 – 3 at the River Landing Golf Club in Wallace, NC. There were 23 members in attendance. The two beautiful courses of River Landing include the River course and the Landing course. Both courses were challenging and enjoyable for all. The practice round was held on Friday on the Landing course with the competition round on the River course. Friendship, fellowship, fun were the highlights of the trip. Great meals, mouth-slurping drinks, and lots of laughter.

Congratulations to the winners of 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place as well as the closest to the pin and longest drive.



### Member's Fall Retreat Trip River Landing, Wallace N.C. October 3-5, 2021

## Winners of the Day

- 1st place Linda G., Cheryl, Trinita, Maureen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Carolyn, Joselyn, Irie, Tia
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Valerie, Brenda, Andrea H.
- Closest-to-the-Pin Linda Gorham
- Longest drive Cheryl Rowe-Rendelman

## TWIG Kidz Season Closing

The TWIG Kidz had a long and successful season in 2021. The young ladies participated in golf events and tournaments throughout the Triangle. The golf lessons for the season were provided by Lonnie Pool golf professionals and they participated in the Lonnie Pool Little League. The season's closing event was held on November 21, 2021. See more information on the TWIG Kidz, https://trianglewomeningolf.com/twig-kidz in the TWIG Kidz Newsletter.



TWIG Kidz Closing Event

## TWIG Virtual Christmas Party

Our final Program event was the Virtual Christmas Party on December 4. The party was highly anticipated due to the one-hour cooking class led by a former TWIG member, Wanda Melita Moore of Melitaappeteat. Wanda guided the party members in cooking honey garlic chicken wings, stuffed mushrooms, as well as a Pina Colada cocktail.

The session was fun, informative, and the results were delicious. The cooking class was followed with the Big Shot recognitions from our membership chair, Kim Rehberg, and a scavenger hunt. The Christmas Scavenger Hunt was a friendly competition in which participants had to find ten Christmas items called out by the moderator, Peketa. The ladies scrambled to find their items and the results were close. Cheryl was the winner with seven out of ten items found. We ended the party with a moving and uplifting toast from Carolyn.



TWIG's Christmas Zoom Party

## TWIG New Members Report

Triangle Women in Golf welcomed 11 fabulous new members during the 2021 membership year. And they didn't just join, they dove right in, participated in League play, and attended the Fall trip to River Landing. The TWIG ladies warmly welcomed the new members into the golf sisterhood.



Sabrina Palmer (March)



Regina Stephens (March)



Deb Patillo (April)



Trinita Carlton (April)



Janet Chalmers (April)



Lee Whitener (April)



Kim Gooden (April)



Maureen Beavers (September)



Keisha King (November)

Not Pictured: Tanya Locklair (January) and Lesley Kornegay (November)

## TWIG Big Shot Achievements

**Kathryn McManus** ~ 4-19-21 - While playing with Garnett Campbell in an LPGA Amateurs group, Kathryn had the longest drive and made **Birdie** on Hole #1.

Flora Brown ~ 6-1-21 - While playing TWIG League Play at Brevofield Golf Club, Flora scored a Chip-In on Hole #17.

Brenda Harrington ~ 6-1-21 - While playing TWIG League Play at Brevofield Golf Club, Brenda scored a Chip-In Birdie.

Linda Taylor ~ 6-16-21 - While playing at Pine Hollow Golf Club in Clayton, Linda made a Sandy, a Birdie, and a 2-Club, all in a single round.

Irie Jenkins ~ 8-10-21 - While playing at Hillandale Golf Course with TWIG Member Garnett Campbell, Irie made a Birdie on Hole #7.

**Brenda Harrington** ~ 8-28-21 - While playing TWIG Saturday League Play at Eagle Ridge, Brenda scored a **Chip-In Birdie** on Hole #1, while playing with Carolyn Daye, Alice Huryk, and Andrea Eskin.

**Kaja Heater-Lee** ~ **8-28-21** - While playing TWIG Saturday League Play at Eagle Ridge, Kaja scored a **Chip-In Birdie** on Hole #1, while playing with Carolyn Daye, Alice Huryk, and Andrea Eskin.

**Brenda Harrington** ~ 9-7-21 - While playing TWIG Tuesday League Play at Wil-Mar, Brenda scored a **Chip-In Birdie** on Hole #7, while playing with Flora Brown

**Valerie Willis** ~ 9-17-21 - While playing a warm-up round for the TWIG Invitational at Lochmere Golf Club, Valerie Willis got hot quickly with a **Chip-In Birdie** and a **2-Club** on Hole #3.

2021 Big Shot Tally: Birdies: 8, Chip-Ins: 6, 2-Club: 2, 1 Sandy

#### Most Frequent Player' Recognitions

First Place (with 14 TWIG Events Played): Kaja Lee-Heater

Two-Way Tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (with 13 TWIG Events Played): Carmella Hart & Brenda Harrington

Fourth Place (with 12 TWIG Events Played): Alice Huryk



TWIG Members Playing During the Season

# TWIG Played in Tournaments

We're in the middle of a global pandemic, but golf is one of the sports that is safer, outdoors, and we can easily socially distance.

TWIG Members continued safe play in 2021 by participating in league play and tournaments throughout the Triangle. Below are a few tournaments where the ladies showed up and showed out their golf skills.

- TWIG Foundation Invitational
- TWIG's Fall Retreat at River's Landing in Wallace NC
- Nobel Aspiration: Omega Veteran's Day Tournament
- Hasentree Veterans Day Golf Classic
- Doug Boyd's Annual Golf Classic Tournament
- White Oak Church Tournament
- ECU BAC Tournament
- Jenni K Golf Tournament
- Proud Father's Golf Classic Tournament
- Front Back Nine Tournament
- TAIL and LPGA Amateur Events

## Editor's Note

Welcome to the new members. To the TWIG Kidz, it's all about you and golf. We are delighted you are associated with TWIG. To everyone, we are ready to take our skills to the next level.

I hope you enjoyed reminiscing over the 2021 TWIG golf year. As the events show, we are a dynamic group of women, golfers, and sisters who are a "force" to be recognized in the Triangle golf scene. I hope everyone is relaxing during the winter and getting ready for the upcoming golf season. Let's make it happen in 2022.

Thank you to the contributors who summarized the year's results for this edition of TEE TIME, our annual TWIG newsletter. Contributors include Rose Foster, Renee Allain-Stockton, Kaja Heater-Lee, Kimberly Rehberg, Valerie Wills (TWIG Kidz events), Angela Allen, and pictures from the members of TWIG during the year. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this letter. Remember to send newsworthy items during the year to communication@trianglewomeningolf.com.

## Angela A. Allen, TWIG Communication





TWIG Member, Garnett Campbell, helped organize a very successful Veteran's Day Golf Classic at the Hasentree Country Club.
The event raised money for the Fisher House at Fort Bragg. Fisher House provides temporary housing for injured veterans
seeking care at Womack Medical Center. The event raised more than \$50,000.









From the Jenni K Tournament held at Ironwood CC and sponsored by Dr. Angela Stewart, all the TWIG members came home winners. It was on the cold windy Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021. We had a great time. We're still waiting for Deb and Barb to share the wine they won.







This TWIG Kidz, Justine Pennycooke, won all the prizes in the women's flight at the Proud Father's tournament in June 2021. You go Justine!



It is all about the Kids. TWIG members support tournaments around the Triangle.

