

# Triangle Women in Golf



## President's Message

Greetings TWIG Members,

2022 was an exciting year. We came together for the first in-person events since the pandemic. Our year was highlighted by great golf outings, another fantastic TWIG Foundation Invitational, a trip to Florida for our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Member-member competition and a wrap-up-the-year Christmas luncheon.

We have grown to more than 71 TWIG members. I am excited about this. As you read the newsletter, you will hear about new members and experience the active participation of continuing members during this year.

We ended the year by electing a new slate of officers and committee members. I am thrilled to serve a 3<sup>rd</sup> year as TWIG president. Thank you to the members who are joining me on the leadership team for 2023. I know this will be another extraordinary year of golf and sister fellowship.

Continue reading to reflect on the activities of 2022. Share your ideas for 2023 and let's make it the best year ever.

President, *Rose Foster*

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## TWIG Invitational

For the fourth year in a row, we sold out weeks in advance of our tournament. Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers and 112 golfers who arrived at Lochmere Golf Club on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> to compete in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual TWIG Invitational Tournament to benefit our TWIG Kidz program.

For the first time in a few years, we happily gathered for a group photo

with TWIG members and TWIG Kidz before tournament announcements. Registration bags were generously donated again this year by **G. Alan, Inc** and golfers found goody bags on their assigned carts prior to the shotgun start sponsored by **BrightView Landscape Services** and **Something to Smile About Dental**.

Golfers practiced with balls provided by our Driving Range Sponsors **Carmella Hart** and **ezTagile**.

*“For the fourth consecutive year, we sold out the Invitational golf slots weeks in advance of the tournament.” Renee Allain-Stockton*

### The TWIG Foundation surpassed \$100,000 in funds raised in 5 years.

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, sponsors, the diligent work of the TWIG members, the extraordinary leadership of the TWIG Foundation, and the annual Invitational golf tournament, TWIG has surpassed \$100,000 in funds raised.

*2022 was another banner year with nearly \$30,000 raised to support the TWIG Kidz programs.*

*The TWIG Invitational Tournament is the signature fundraising event each year. This has been led by Renee Allain-Stockton with a host of many other TWIG members hitting the streets for donors and sponsors.*

Carolinas Golf Associated awarded TWIG a grant for the third year in a row. The 2022 award was \$6,750.

*The TWIG Foundation has supported more than 130 young ladies through the TWIG Kidz program.*

## Invitational Highlights

There were 23 two-person women’s teams, 13 two-person men’s teams and 20 two-person mixed teams competing. The field included seven of our TWIG Kidz (and alumni): Nyilah Anderson, Arianna Beverly, Olivia Heggie, Genesis Lewis, Gabrielle Pace, Justine Pennycooke, and Tyler Spriggs. The TWIG Kidz was sponsored to play in the tournament by **Betty Powell, Carolyn Daye, Darrell Johnson, Flora Brown & Kenneth Edwards, Garnett Campbell, Irie Jenkins, Julia Ray, Loretta Hicks, Pamela Frederick, Patti Cease, Regenia Sanders, Rosemary Pinder, Tamara Hart, and Thalia Ray**.

We created a new sponsor category a couple of years ago, the TWIG Kidz Season Sponsor to fund a TWIG Kid for an entire season at Lonnie Poole Little League during the spring, summer, or fall. Our sponsors this year included **Angela Stewart, Batten Lee, PLLC, Dee Robinson, Minnie Walker** and **Rose Foster**.

Players were greeted on all the women’s and men’s tee boxes by 64-hole sponsor signs from our generous sponsors. Hole in One contests on all four Par 3s were sponsored by **Hendrick Kia of Cary** which gave our golfers opportunities to win fabulous prizes including a 2022 Kia Sportage X-Pro Prestige. Our Beverage Cart Sponsors, **Ingrid Wicker McCree, LPGA Amateurs Golf Association, Pepsi Bottling Ventures, Richardson Private Wealth Advisors** and **Sondra McKenzie Ray** kept our golfers hydrated during their round.

Most golfers completed their round in five hours and enjoyed a delicious dinner catered and sponsored by **Colonel’s Cooking**, including barbeque chicken, pulled pork, and shrimp & corn boil. The other Awards Dinner Sponsors included the **Allain-Stockton Family Giving Fund** and **Henry J. Rehberg Family Foundation**. Online auction prizes donated by our many generous sponsors were available for bidding on the CharityAuctionsToday platform until midnight the day of the tournament.

## Invitational continued .....

We recognized the winning teams with engraved trophies after dinner and online the next day via our Golf Genius platform. The Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive contest winners received cash prizes sponsored by **AT&T North Carolina, Batten Lee, PLLC, GolfTec North Raleigh, and Harbor Services Incorporated.**

Congratulations to all the winners at our **2022 TWIG Invitational Tournament!**

### **Women's Flight 1 Winners**

Pat Brogden & Angela Stewart (Gross)  
Liz Chiles & Judy Peel (Net)

### **Women's Flight 2 Winners**

Diana Phillips & Joselyn Williams (Gross)  
Renee Allain-Stockton & Kaja Lee (Net)

### **Men's Flight 1 Winners**

Butch James & Cecil Lockley (Gross)  
Maurice Haywood & Chris Phillips (Net)

### **Men's Flight 2 Winners**

Henry Hardy & Patrick Leary (Gross)  
Randy Lee & Miley Peppers (Net)

### **Mixed Flight 1 Winners**

Arianna Beverly & Madison Corley (Gross)  
Patte Lee & Skip Lutz (Net)

### **Mixed Flight 2 Winners**

Andrea Hardy & Gregory Hardy (Gross)  
Jimmie Anderson & Nyliah Anderson (Net)

**Closest to the Pin #3** – Chris Phillips

**Closest to the Pin #7** – Bobby Jett

**Closest to the Pin #11** – Cecil Lockley

**Closest to the Pin #17** – Jeff Robinson

### **Women's Longest Drive**

Justine Pennycooke

### **Men's Longest Drive**

Jeff Robinson



*TWIG Invitational*

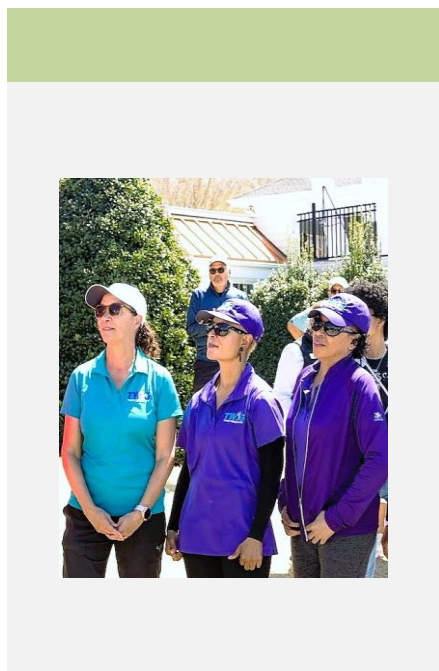
*TWIG Invitational Chairperson, **Renee Allain-Stockton***

*We could not have done such an amazing job without the dedication of the TWIG Invitational planning committee. Many thanks to our crew including Angela Allen, Linda Carnes, Erica Colleton, Rose Foster, Linda Gorham, Carmella Hart, Janine Rouson, Joselyn Williams, Valerie Willis, and Renee Allain-Stockton.*





*Doug Boyd's Golf Tournament at River Ridge*



## TWIG PROGRAMS

The 2022 program year was an exciting and busy year for the Triangle Women in Golf as we celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Program Committee organized 21 events throughout the year with 53 members attending at least one event. Program Committee members included Kaja Heater Lee, Carolyn Daye, Peketa Long, Renee Allain-Stockton, Carmella Hart, Loretta Hicks, Sabrina Palmer as well as TWIG President Rose Foster.

The program year began with the season kick-off at the Lochmere Golf Club on March 26. A delicious lunch of Zimbabwean sandwiches was provided by Zweli's Café. Thirty golfers then proceeded to their carts for a fun afternoon on the links of Lochmere Golf Club.

The first monthly league play date was the Tuesday evening 9-hole event held on April 5 at River Ridge Golf Club. Nine players participated in the event and a fun time was had by all.

Three monthly golf outings were held from the month of April until mid-September at nine golf clubs; Eagle Ridge, Hedingham, Umstead Pines, Heritage, The Neuse, Brevofield, Falls Village, Lochmere and The Crossings.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Twig Foundation Invitational Golf Tournament was held on September 17 at the Lochmere Golf Club.

Our annual Member-Member Tournament was held on October 29 at the Hillandale Golf Club in Durham, NC. Nineteen players participated in this event. First place was awarded to Erica Colleton, Carolyn Stroud, Flora Brown, and Andrea Eskin. Second place winners were Andrea Hardy, Cheryl Rowe-Rendleman and Darlene Brooks. Andrea Hardy was a triple winner on that day, winning the Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive awards as well.

Triangle Women in Golf celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022. We decided to make the Fall trip a celebration of our 25 years by hosting the annual event at Innisbrook Resort in Palm Harbor, Florida on October 13-16. There were 36 ladies in attendance for this exciting excursion to play at the famed golf course of Copperhead. The first day of play was on the Innisbrook Island Course.

### TWIG Members Play

**Kaja Lee, Barb Webb, and Debra Sanders** hit the season with early wins at the Doug Boyd annual golf tournament at River's Ridge Golf Course in **April** 2022.

In **May**, TWIG members played in the Kappa's Tournament at Lochmere. At the tournament, Cassandra Evans and Erica Colleton won the women's first place in their flight.

**Also in May**, TWIG Members, Renee Alain Stockton, Kaja Heater Lee, Linda Taylor, and Carolyn Daye played in a member-guest tournament at Prestonwood.

In **June**, TWIG members, Jackie McClamb Angela Allen, and Deb Sanders ventured into Virginia to play at a Delta Sorority tournament. The ladies held first place of the women golf teams. Angela won longest drive and closest to the pin. honors.

## Programs continued....

Narrow Fairways and plenty of water make for a fun and challenging day on the course. Our second day of play was on the famous Copperhead course, home of the annual PGA Valspar Tournament. This beautiful course had fairways that were more forgiving however the layout held many challenging twists for the group. The golfers enjoyed lunch poolside after each round and then spent the remainder of each day relaxing and socializing with friends. We finished our weekend with an evening awards ceremony and dinner at the Salamander Grille. First and Second place prizes were awarded to the foursomes with the lowest scores of the competitive rounds on the Island and Copperhead courses. Prizes for the golfers who achieved the Longest Drive and closest to the pin on each course were also awarded.

**Island Course - First place:** Linda Gorham, Kathy Lindsey, Maureen Beavers, Lesley Kornegay

**Second Place:** Linda Taylor, Cheryl Rowe-Rendleman, Carolyn Stroud, Tia Bullock

**Longest Drive:** Sabrina Palmer

**Closest to the Pin:** Linda Gorham

**Copperhead Course - First place:** Deb Sanders, Cheryl Rowe-Rendleman, Maureen Beavers, Tia Bullock

**Second Place:** Linda Gorham, Kaja Heater Lee, Vanessa Walker, Pam Bright

**Longest Drive:** Valerie Willis

**Closest to the Pin:** Linda Gorham

We finished our Program year with our Christmas party held at Zweli's Café in Durham, NC. There were 34 ladies in attendance for the fun and festive event. We enjoyed a delicious buffet, a competitive game of golf knowledge, and a gift exchange. Maureen Beavers of the Membership announced Big Shot accomplishments. Special note was made of the hole-in-one achieved by Linda Gorham at Prestonwood Golf and Country Club.

Members also participated in events outside of the TWIG Program including the Doug Boyd Golf Tournament, the Triangle Alphas Golf Tournament, the Kappa Golf Tournament, the Witch Way Day Charity Golf Tournament, the Noble Aspiration Golf Tournament, the White Oak Foundation Golf Tournament as well as several other local tournaments.

Thanks to all who contributed to our Program activities in 2022. We look forward to a great TWIG Program year in 2023.

Vice President and Program Chair, *Kaja Heater Lee*

## TWIG Members Play

In **July**, TWIG members took a heat break from tournament play, but came back strong in the following months

In **August**, TWIG members played in the Alpha's tournament at River's Ridge. Linda Taylor, Angela Allen, Kaja Heater Lee, and Peketa Long won the women's flight first-place prize.

Leslye Kornegay and Sabrina Palmer, two of our **new** members were out and about in several tournaments. They played the Kappa (May), Duke Employees (June) and Alphas (August) tournaments.

In **September**, Linda Gorham hit a hole-in-one on a Par 3 at a Prestonwood golf tournament.

In **October** TWIG Members, Valerie Willis, Pamela Bright, Trina Edwards, and Pamela Schooler played in the Witch-Way tournament.

Also in **October**, TWIG played the Member-Member wrap-up golf event at Hillandale Golf Course in Durham, NC. Erica Colleton led her team to take the first-place season-ending win. The members of Erica's team were Carolyn Stroud, Flora Brown, and Andrea Eskins.



## Quarterly Meeting

TWIG President, **Rose Foster**, held a member's meeting at the Lochmere Golf Course on June 25, 2022. This was the first in-person meeting in two years. There were 30 members in attendance. At the quarterly meeting, the plans for the rest of the golf season were shared. After the meeting and food, the ladies hit the Lochmere course for Saturday league golf.

## Fall Trip Retreat



*Lady's Night Out at Innisbrook Spa and Golf Resort*





*Golf Days on the Island and Copperhead Courses at Innisbrook*





TWIG Members in Play



Doug Boyd Tournament at River Ridge



Eagle Ridge



Prestonwood Country Club Tournament



Eagle Ridge League Play 19th Hole



White Oak Tournament at MacGregor Downs Country Club



Witch Way Golf Tournament



# TWIG's 25th Anniversary



The vision for Triangle Women in Golf (TWIG) starts and ends with the organization's presidents. There were six TWIG presidents who attended the recent 25<sup>th</sup>-anniversary celebration. These ladies and several other Presidents over the 25 years have been the brains of the TWIG organization.



*25th Anniversary*

TWIG celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October 2022. The year was highlighted by a retreat weekend to Innisbrook Resort. The founders of TWIG are true visionary leaders who knew golf would become important for women of color. Since 1997, TWIG has hosted hundreds of members and alumni. TWIG standing strong after 25 years is evidence of strong leadership and a no-nonsense passion for the game of golf.

Each year the TWIG member's organization and the Foundation have reached new heights. TWIG's legacy as a well-respected golf league in the Triangle has grown each year. The organization is poised for more greatness in the coming years. TWIG finished 2022 with 71 members strong. The set of programs continue to attract and grow the membership during the nation's pandemic. TWIG operated safely and met aggressive fund-raising goals for the last five years. The monthly league plays, golfing in tournaments around the Triangle, and the enviable golf retreats keep the league strong.

A new slate of officers was named for the 2023 year. These golf-strong ladies are ready to take on another 25 years of introducing African American ladies and girls to the game of golf. The TWIG Kidz program sponsored by the 501(c)(3) TWIG Foundation, Inc builds on this legacy by fostering interest and growth of golf by young ladies from ages six to eighteen.



## TWIG Kidz Programs



We had an average of 17 TWIG Kidz this year participating in our annual youth golf clinic, TWIG mentoring and big sister & little sister program. We started with a meet and greet with everyone at Raleigh's Drive Shack with a few golf matches, ending with an overview ceremony presented by Coach Will Bennett of Lonnie Poole youth golf clinic and the TWIG Kidz committee members. In the above photo (left to right); Karina and Sabrina who are our few of our youngest players playing at age 8. Next to them is Allie at age 11 and their TWIG Kidz mentor, Mrs. Pamela Bright.



The TWIG Kidz had a variety of summer golf events from meeting their favorite LPGA player at the Women's US Open (photo; *Olivia Heggie & LPGA Nelly Korda*), participating in Drive Chip & Putt (photo; *sisters Madison and Morghan Knight*), receiving SAS Championship golf tickets from the TWIG ladies to watch the first year ever the HBCU golf players. The TWIG Kidz had the opportunity to participate in mentor building by sharing WHAT they wanted to be and explaining WHY they were driven towards their WHAT. A few TWIG ladies, my mother Dr. Janice Hoffman-Willis, and a few black women at Dell Technologies met with the TWIG Kidz virtually to share HOW they can achieve their WHATs successfully.





TWIG , Tyler Spriggs and Justine Pennycooke have been golf cronies since age six (*photo; Tyler in orange and Justine in green shirt*). Tyler joined TWIG Kidz in 2016 and Justine joined 2018 and have been inseparable on and off the golf course as friends and big sisters to the little sister TWIG Kidz. Read more about these two young ladies in the [TWIG Kidz 2022 Newsletter](#) and how they have placed among the top 10 girl golfers during regional and state championships and earned First-Team All-Conference nods all four years!



TWIG Kidz closing out their youth golf season photo with smiles, accolades, a taco party celebration along with a summary of 2022 and the 2023 overview provided by Coach Tyler Nelson from Lonnie Poole Youth Golf program. The TWIG Kidz were awarded and recognized with accomplishment trophies by our TWIG President, Rose Foster and the TWIG Kidz committee members, Shawna McKinnon, Acie Ward, Linda Carnes, Valerie Willis and Pamela Bright

Please see more about the TWIG Kidz in the [2022 TWIG Kidz Newsletter](#)  
TWIG Kidz Program Chairperson, *Valerie Willis*



## TWIG Kidz "Around Town"



*"TWIG Kidz, a program of the Triangle Women in Golf Foundation, Inc., introduces young women (ages 6-18) with the intention of inspiring them to continue playing the game."*



## Tournament Gallery

The TWIG Kidz played in various tournaments. Several as pictured, Justine, Tyler, Olivia, Nyliah, and Genesis won local, school, and/or national competitions in 2022. Olivia and Genesis played in a state-wide women's tournament with NCWGA. Olivia also won the six-week Under Armour Junior tournament.

- Doug Boyd Tournament (April)
- North Carolina Women's GA State Tournament (June)
- Top 10 Regional High School Qualifiers (Oct)
- NC High School State Assoc 4A Champions Women's (Oct)
- Under Armour Champion (Nov)



INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS			
Alexis	46	47	93
AQUIN	44	50	94
Justine	37	58	95
ENNICOOKE	40	79	119
Ella	41	45	86
EED	41	45	86
Ella	41	45	86
ONNER	41	45	86
Terra	36	75	111
EMMITT	40	48	88
ONG	38	78	116

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS			
Brielle	42	46	88
REINSON	48	42	90
Trinity	52	48	100
LAWN	50	102	152
Tiger	34	39	73
RIGGS	40	79	119
Madelyn	36	74	110
NGN	38	38	76
Madi	39	42	81
ALLACE	42	81	123
Paige	49	47	96
REINSON	44	73	117

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS			
Caitlyn	43	52	95
ENFORD	38	38	76
Helela	48	89	137
ENTERBERG	47	47	94
Morgan	47	47	94
JOD	49	49	98
Jasmine	40	40	80
BLNG	41	41	82



Green Hope Medals	
Maddy	36
Luana	39
An	37
Elton	44
Gregan	44
Hana	45
Nik	45
Halle	45
Bella	45
Erin	52
Jagelyn	60
Leah	
Renee	





## Summary – 2022 Wrap Up

### TWIG Leaders for 2023

#### Executive Leaders

President, Rose Foster  
Vice President, Sabrina Palmer

Membership, Kimberly Rehberg  
Sargent-at-Arms, Stephanie Pace  
Secretary, Vanessa Walker  
Treasurer, Pamela Schooler

#### Committee Chairpersons

Communications, Leslye Kornegay  
Handicap, Erica Colleton  
Invitational, Renee Allain-Stockton  
Programs, Cheryl Rowe-Rendleman  
TWIG Kidz, Valerie Willis

### An incredible 25<sup>th</sup> year for TWIG has ended.

2022 was kicked off in April with the plan to be open and active for the year. The pandemic still presented some challenges, but “outdoors and ready for golf” helped kick the year off right.

We had 10 new members join TWIG in 2022. Many of the new members jumped in to help with committees, play in tournaments, and filled valuable needs in the TWIG Foundation. We say, **WELCOME** to all new members of 2022 and “thank you” for joining TWIG.

### The program team launched monthly play.

The programs were set for each week with a play date for every level of golfer. This was designed to get new and seasoned golfers out on the course. As you reviewed the newsletter, you saw a variety of activities during each month that could pique the interest of any golfer. This was a year of many golf tournaments around the Triangle. TWIG members showed up and showed out with several first place, longest drives and closest to the pin awards. The reputation of TWIG is excellent as evidenced by the sought-after requests for tournament plays.

### TWIG is poised for ‘sustainable excellence’ in the future.

TWIG operated and ended 2022 with spectacular success. We had great golf, many programs, increased fundraising, and membership growth. The TWIG Christmas party was our finale event. It was attended by more than 34 TWIG members with great food, games, and fellowship.

As we launch into the next 25 years, TWIG is poised for greatness in the lady’s golf category. Rose Foster will continue to lead TWIG in 2023 with the suite of leaders listed above supporting the TWIG Membership league and the Foundation. She will bring continuity and endurance to the league as we embark on the next 25 years.

Thank you to all who worked so diligently to make the Triangle Women in Golf league an excellent golf organization. TWIG shall endure to 1) introduce African American women and girls to the game of golf, 2) establish a strong sisterhood network, 3) learn, thrive, and grow as a golf enabling group and 4) compete with excellence in all golf endeavors.

2022 is gone and 2023 is here. Let’s play more golf.

Communication Chairperson, *Angela A. Allen*

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