



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It's been another successful year for Triangle Women in Golf filled with lots of competition, fellowship, fun and laughter!

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We kicked off our season with a "New Members Meet and Greet" to recruit new members ahead of our Kick-Off meeting. Many thanks to Angela Allen, our Membership Chair and her committee, for hosting the event at Wakefield for prospective members. Our Kick-Off meeting was hosted at Heritage Golf Club to introduce members to our plans for the season with 9 holes of golf afterwards.

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Golf season started in April with league play dates on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month with lots of enthusiastic participation! Many thanks to Barb Webb, our Program chair and her committee who coordinated our Tuesday and Saturday play dates; Chicks with Stix which we hosted this year at the Meadowlands in Winston Salem, NC; and our well-attended Fall Trip to Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Virginia with 28 participants. A record number of attendees!

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Loretta Hicks, our Handicap chair, helped to coordinate our Thursday league play dates and served as our GHIN administrator. Many thanks to her and her committee members for hosting an informative seminar on the 2019 Rules of Golf for our members, TWIG Kidz and their parents in May led by Maggie Watts, the Director of Women's Golf from the Carolinas Golf Association (CGA).

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Our membership has continued to grow through our website which appears at the top of any search for African-American female golfers in the Raleigh area. Several prospective members reached out through the contact form on our website, then Angela Allen personally followed up with each of them and the results speak for themselves. Our membership has grown steadily over the last few years with 38 members at the end of 2017; 49 members at the end of 2018; and 56 members at the end of this calendar year!

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Erica Colleton coordinated multiple series of TWIG Spring Golf Clinics at Wildwood Green with her golf instructor, Jimmy Hamilton. Many thanks to Erica from the 24 participants and multiple substitutes who were able to take advantage of the lesson series. The Membership Committee developed and successfully implemented a "New Golfers" program to match experienced golfers with those who self-identified as beginners. League play dates on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month were added in July for mentors and their mentees to play nine holes together.

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Our TWIG Kidz Program continued soaring to new heights under the leadership of Valerie Willis, our TWIG Kidz and TWIG Invitational Chair. Many thanks to Valerie and her TWIG Kidz committee members for their dedication and commitment by researching and relocating the program to the Wolfpack Junior Golf Program at Lonnie Poole Golf Course on the NC State campus which provided the girls with playing lessons, access to practice facilities and bi-weekly matches. Our "Sold Out" TWIG Invitational successfully raised over \$12,000 for our TWIG Kidz Program next year.

As you know, we established the TWIG Foundation Scholarship in 2018 in honor of Shirley Cook. The scholarship is funded through contributions and a portion of the proceeds from our TWIG Invitational. Our 2nd annual scholarship recipient was Rynne Howard, one of our former TWIG Kidz, who is a freshman at Hampton University. Many thanks to the members of the Scholarship Committee chaired by Rose Foster, our Vice President and her committee members for reviewing the multiple applications received.

We closed our 2019 golf season with our Member-Member Tournament at Wil-Mar including several of our TWIG Kidz as participants. Needless to say, the TWIG Kidz walked away with most of the prizes!

Our CGA membership grants us access to GolfGenius online software, so we utilized it to keep track of our "Most Frequent Player" statistics. Our "Most Frequent Player" was none other than our Program Chair, Barb Webb who received her 1<sup>st</sup> place prize at our annual TWIG Christmas Luncheon at Seasons 52. Many thanks to Rose Foster, our Vice President for organizing a fabulous Christmas Luncheon! By utilizing GolfGenius to keep track of our play dates, we noted that we hosted 28 golf outings this year starting with our Kick-Off Meeting and ending with our Member-Member Tournament. Bravo ladies!

I would also like to thank the other members of our TWIG Executive Board (Janine Rouson, Carmella Hart, Esther Morse, Perrienne Davis) and TWIG Foundation Board (Irie Jenkins, Rosa Sherk, Perdita Spriggs, Joselyn Williams) for their creative ideas, hard work and support this year.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the president of this sisterhood of dynamic, fun loving, female golfers! It has filled me with immense pride and joy to reflect on our accomplishments over the past year. I look forward to spending time with each of you on the links in the New Year!

*Renee Allain-Stockton, President*



*Angela Allen, Membership Chair*

### New Member's Meet & Greet

On March 09, 2019, the TWIG Membership team hosted a New Member's Meet and Greet session. The meeting was held at the Wakefield Plantation Country Club. There were twenty-four participants who joined the session with veteran TWIG members (7), new members (5), and ladies who are interested in TWIG (12).

We had great food and a wonderful orientation sharing session. We dined on a brunch of chicken and waffles, shrimp, desserts, and mimosas. During this session, we introduced the audience to a quick overview of the TWIG Golf Organization and League. We shared the TWIG basics, membership dues, programs, executive leadership structure, the concepts of handicaps and the GHIN system, TWIG history, the TWIG Kidz program, and fielded many questions that were on the minds of new and prospective members.

Veteran TWIG members shared how they got into the game of golf and many antidotes about their journey and the love of the game. During the session, some members asked about enablement for new members and beginner golfers. Although, we did not have a program to address "new golfers" at the time, the TWIG executive team approved a new program in June 2019. This session set the stage for active participation of new members and overall growth for the league. The Orientation session was a wonderful fellowship which resulted in several participants joining TWIG that day.

### Membership Growth

TWIG had a fantastic growth year in terms of membership! We gained 19 new members for the 2019 golf season.

The new (and returning alumni members) who joined in 2019 included [Avis Bostic](#), [Flora Brown](#), [Tia Bullock](#), [Linda Carnes](#), [Andrea Hardy](#), [Kermitt Howard](#), [Alice Huryk](#), [Kim King-Barden](#), [Latricia Knight](#), [Shawna McKinnon](#), [Kathryn McManus](#), [Crystal Odum](#), [Shannon Parker](#), [Michele Roach](#), [Kim Roller](#), [Ogo Udemadu](#), [Alisa Washington](#), [Lisa Yancey](#) and [Marva York](#).

Looking forward to 2020, we expect another unprecedented year of reaching new golf achievements!



*Angela Allen, Membership Chair and Barb Webb*



*League play including Peketa Long, Angela Allen, Flora Brown (new member) and Irie Jenkins*



## TEE TIME

### TWIG KICK-OFF MEETING

*Carmella Hart, Secretary*

TWIG kicked off its 22<sup>nd</sup> season on March 16, 2019, on a beautiful Saturday morning at Heritage Golf Club. There was good representation with a majority of returning members and lots of new faces. The meeting room was filled with hugs, smiles, and laughter, as members floated from table to table greeting each other, something we always look forward to.

After a tasty lunch, colorful introductions and without missing a beat, our Kick-Off meeting was under way with ongoing committee reports, the newly established Triangle Women in Golf Foundation report, and other forward-looking season agenda topics, such as the Invitational which supports our TWIG Kidz Program.

What makes the kick-off an exciting time to get together is -- after a short break in league and tournament play -- we get to start the year all over again, doing what we love! When the business meeting was over, and the season officially declared started, those who planned to golf as part of the kick-off, cheerfully grouped into 4 teams to tee-off for the first (9-hole) rounds of the 2019 TWIG season, then stayed to enjoy 10<sup>th</sup> hole fellowship as usual, in the Heritage pub.



*Connie Scott, Marva York & Jackie McClamb*



*Loretta Hicks, Kim King-Barden & Edwins Divins*



*Valerie Willis, Renee Allain-Stockton, Carmella Hart & Leslie Taylor-Moore*



*Enjoying drinks, fun and fellowship at the 10<sup>th</sup> hole*

## TEE TIME

### 2019 SPRING GOLF CLINICS AT WILDWOOD GREEN

*Erica Colleton, Ad Hoc Training Coordinator*

During the month of April 2019, TWIG women attended golf lessons at Wildwood Green hosted by my golf instructor, Jimmy Hamilton. There were 24 ladies who signed up for the 5-part lesson series held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday at various times to accommodate both day time and evening schedules. The instructions were adapted to meet the skill level of the students.

The Golf Instructors were very professional and covered the following topics: Class #1 – Short game chipping, pitching shot selection options & club options, Class #2 – Putting & green reading, becoming efficient with short putts, and finishing more lag putts close to the hole; Class #3 – Full swing; Scoring Irons & Hybrids; Class #4 – Driver Club, Fairway woods; Class #5 - Bunker Shots & Review. Many of the ladies who were able to attend all of the sessions expressed that they have improved their golf game and committed to practicing the skills developed during the clinics.

We are in the process of coordinating the 2020 TWIG Spring Lesson Series. I hope to be working again with Jimmy Hamilton, the golf pro at Wildwood Green. Please make sure that you respond promptly to the email when the communication comes out regarding the series. It is extremely important to commit to some level of professional training periodically in order to make significant improvements in your golf game. The professionals take lessons on a continuous basis. Golf is a sport which cannot be mastered, so there is ALWAYS room for improvement.

If you do not prefer the TWIG group lessons, I recommend that you arrange for private lessons which accommodate your personal schedule. As your ad hoc Training Coordinator, I am always happy to make recommendations for professionals in the area whom I have enjoyed working with in the past and have seen significant results on the golf course!

#KeepItInTheFairWay #ParGolf #MentalGame #Live2Golf



*Erica Colleton announcing winners at 2019 Invitational at Hillandale*



## TEE TIME

### LEAGUE PLAY, SPRING & FALL TRIPS

*Barbara Webb, Program Chairperson*

#### **TWIG 2019 League Play**

The league started the 2019 golf season with a kickoff meeting March 16<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Golf Club. Our 2019 play dates remained unchanged from the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.

Our first league play date for the 2019 golf season was Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Brevofield with 10 members participating. Throughout the 2019 golf season, we played various courses in Wake and Durham counties including Falls Village, River Ridge, Wildwood Green, Zebulon, Brevofield, Hillandale, Wendell, Wil-Mar, Olde Liberty, ending the season Saturday September 21st with a round of golf at Hedingham.

During the season, we also enjoyed a special invitation from Kathryn McManus on May 7<sup>th</sup> for a golfing opportunity prior to the Memorial Day where 8 members participated. The strongest show of participation for the season was on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at Wildwood Green with 14 members participating. Although the regular season ended in September, we were able to enjoy an after-season meetup on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at Falls Village where 12 members competed. All things considered, the 2019 golf season presented many opportunities for members to enjoy a leisurely round of golf, work on their short game and even venture into friendly competition.



*Thursday league play at Wil-Mar on May 16th*



*Strongest participation for the season at Wildwood Green on June 4th*



*Lunch after Thursday league play at Hedingham on June 14th*



*Saturday league play at Zebulon Country Club on June 23rd*

## TWIG 2019 Spring Trip

In lieu of the TWIG Spring Trip, we hosted the Chicks with Sticks Tournament on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Meadowlands Golf Course in Winston Salem NC where 32 players from Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro and Charlotte participated. Some TWIG members managed to get in an early round of golf at Tanglewood in Clemmons on Friday afternoon prior to the tournament in some pretty crazy weather.

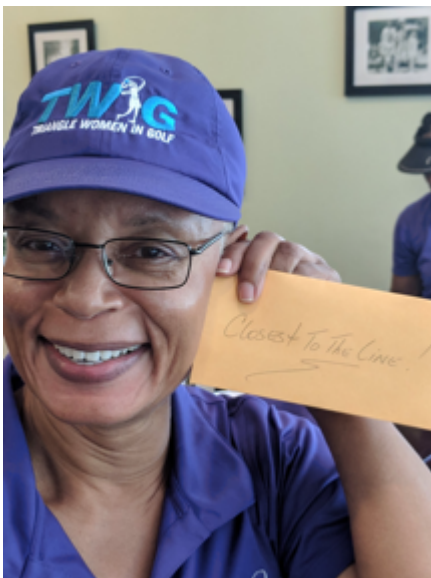
Winners of the tournament included Chevella Thomas from Durham who won the Closest to the Pin contest. The Best Team Score of 67 was shot by Pat Douglas, Jackie McClamb and Jane Brunson from Charlotte. The Longest Drive contest winner was Kathy Dixon from Charlotte and the Closest to the Line contest was won by Barb Webb. Loads of fun was had by everyone!



*TWIG members well represented in purple in group photo*



*Pat Douglas, Jackie McClamb & Jane Brunson*



*Barb Webb, Closest to the Line winner*



*Selfie of foursome with guest, Suni Winslett, Cassandra Evans & Valerie Willis*



## TWIG 2019 Fall Trip @ Kingsmill Golf Resort

The 2019 fall trip was held at the Kingsmill Golf Resort in Williamsburg VA from October 3-6<sup>th</sup>. Our package included two rounds of golf on Kingsmill's Plantation Course, breakfast and lunch. We checked into our accommodations on Thursday afternoon October 3<sup>rd</sup> and dined off site Thursday evening at the Sportsman's Grille near the resort. We enjoyed a practice round on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> on the Plantation Course and the evening culminated with another off-site dinner at Doral's Italian Restaurant.

Saturday morning October 5<sup>th</sup>, we gathered after breakfast for a group photo with our record breaking 28 participants before we teed off for the tournament. The winning team from the Best Ball tournament included Erica Colleton, Kaja Lee, Linda Carnes and Stellyne Curtis. The Longest Drive contest was won by Joselyn Williams; Longest Putt contest was won by Edwina Divins; and Angela Allen won Closest to the Pin. Our final night at Kingsmill was spent enjoying dinner, table games, card games and playing pool in the Kingsmill Moody's Room. Carolyn Daye was the biggest winner of the evening taking home the entire pot for the Left Right Center game. Here's to another successful and fun fall trip!



*Smiling faces at well attended Fall Trip at Kingsmill Resort*



*Group selfie with Renee, Barb, Jackie, Angela, Carmella, Irie, Acie & Carolyn*



*Saturday evening with Erica, Joselyn, Michele, Peketa, Lavetta, Loretta & Marva*



*Winning team with Stellyne, Linda, Kaja & Erica*



## TEE TIME

### TWIG NEW GOLFER'S PROGRAM

*Angela Allen, Membership Chair*

In July 2019, TWIG launched a program to foster the growth and play of TWIG members who are new to the game of golf. Members of TWIG self-identified to participate in the program for one year. Practice-play sessions were scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of each month from July until the end of TWIG's golf season. The sessions were scheduled at Knights Play 3-Par Golf Course. Experienced members teamed up with new members to play, practice, and facilitate on-the-course learning.

Nine TWIG members opted into the new golfer's program for 2019. Fourteen experienced members volunteered to pair up with the participants. The program is designed to take time and a slower pace to allow members to practice and learn golf etiquette. This golf time is expected to facilitate better and faster play during regular league plays and competition.

Mentors of the group shared tips and gave insights during practice-play sessions. Outside of the play, the mentors identified helpful tips and education. For example, Jacklyn McClamb, shared this link that all of us can find insights to improve our game.

<https://lpgawomensnetwork.com/we-asked-27-lpga-players-and-teachers-for-their-very-best-advice-for-golf-newbies/>.

The Knights Play golf course allowed time to practice in pairs in ways that is not possible on regular golf courses. Many participants expressed value from the program and saw playing confidence and skills improve. Upcoming in the first and second quarter of 2020 will be educational sessions designed with the "new golfer" in mind and more practice sessions. A goal with the Program is to elevate our collective TWIG golf skills and see handicaps "take a dive." We will review feedback and make needed adjustments before next July 2020. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and participated. Here are a few select photos of members at our second quarter meeting at Nantucket Tavern who actively participated in the new golfer's program this year.



*Linda Gorham & Linda Carnes (mentee)*



*Kathryn McManus (mentee)*



*Avis Bostic (mentee) & Linda Yancey*

*Valerie Willis, TWIG Kidz Chairperson*

### **TWIG KIDZ Kick-Off Ceremony @ Lonnie Poole Golf Course**

Our Triangle Women in Golf (TWIG) Kidz had a full 2019 calendar schedule this year with a total count of 17 young ladies registered at our TWIG Kidz Kick off ceremony on Sunday, March 10, 2019 on the campus of North Carolina State University. Valerie Willis, TWIG Kidz chairperson, shared an overview of the 2019 social/mentoring event calendar while Coach Scott Clagg, PGA/Lonnie Poole's golf instructor, shared an overview of season #1 and season #2 golf lessons and match schedules.



### **Season One & Two Golf Lessons & Matches**

TWIG Kidz started their first day on the golf course, hitting from the tee box and playing all the way to the hole. They learned golf with other youth players that were enrolled in Coach Scott's Wolfpack youth golf league. The TWIG Kidz split their time in learning drive shots, putting, chipping, gripping, short games, course strategy on the weekday and executing their golf lessons in bi-weekly Sunday golf team matches. The girls were excited to play with each other plus other young boys and girls under Coach Scott and the TWIG Kidz committee members: Linda Carnes, Lavetta McClorin, Kimberly Rehberg, Jacklyn McClamb and Valerie Willis.





## Jr. Assistant Golf Coach, Tyler Spriggs

This year was very special, because we had a veteran TWIG Kid give back her time by working with Coach Scott via learning the coaching side of golf. On this June 12<sup>th</sup> rainy day, all the TWIG Kidz attended their 5:30 pm Wednesday golf lesson. TWIG Kid Tyler Spriggs, focused on golf swing, grip, stance and answering questions from the younger TWIG Kidz.



## Honorary TWIG Kid Rachel

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, we recognized Isabel's little sister Rachel as an honorary TWIG Kid member by presenting a TWIG Kidz golf shirt. Rachel is only five years old, but she has been present and active with her sister's golf lessons since age four.

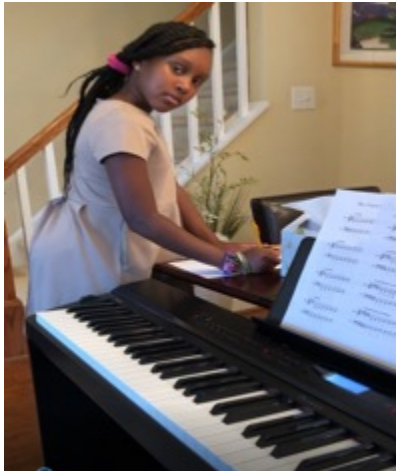
## Other Highlights

The advanced TWIG Kidz were invited to play with TWIG members at Prestonwood Country Club and Hasentree over the summer. TWIG Kidz (Tyler, Tyla, Gabrielle, Mya & Justine) met up with TWIG members and their husbands for a round of golf on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at Prestonwood which included socializing at lunch afterwards. TWIG Kidz (Sophie, Christine, Tyla, Genesis, Gabrielle, and Tyler) met up with the TWIG ladies for another round of golf at Hassentree on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards, the TWIG Kidz and TWIG ladies met at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole for lunch and smiles. TWIG Kidz and their parents attended the SAS Championship golf tournament on Oct 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> at Prestonwood Country Club with complimentary tickets from TWIG members.



## TWIG KIDZ HIGHLIGHTS

Outside of golf, a few TWIG Kidz received piano lessons from professional Vocalist/Musician and TWIG member Gwen Conley. Piano lessons, golf lessons and team building social events are examples of how the TWIG Foundation contributes to these young lady's future careers in science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM).



Planning ahead to our 2020 golf season, TWIG members Jacklyn McClamb and professional journalist/book author, Dr. Linda Carnes, teamed up and wrote a playbook for the TWIG Kidz to review during their golf break. The playbook will be referenced and utilized in 2020 to help the TWIG Kidz continue developing sportsmanship, building character and achieving life successes.

### TWIG KIDZ Awards & Closing Ceremony

Closing out the golf season, the TWIG Kidz had one last opportunity to play together at the new Drive Shaft indoor golf simulation arena with TWIG members Lavetta McClorin (photographer), Rose Foster (TWIG Vice President), Garnett Campbell (Décor), Coach Scott and Valerie Willis (Coordinator). Each TWIG Kid shared their 2019 golf experiences and each parent shared their personal thoughts and appreciation for their girls growing and maturing via the game of golf!





## TEE TIME

### TEEING OFF FOR THE FUTURE

*Perdita Spriggs, TWIG Kidz Parent*

Junior golf is not a sport for the faint-hearted. The practices are demanding, the preparation is tedious and the all-weather competitions can be physically and emotionally draining....and that's just for the caddy! When Tyler started playing golf at age 6, I'm not sure her father Richard or I knew where this exciting adventure would take us.

"I really just wanted a playing partner," remembers Richard, an avid golfer who started out as Tyler's "daddy caddy" and now manages her practice and competition schedule. "We'd just moved from Asheville to Cary, North Carolina, and I knew this was the perfect time to introduce her to the game." In the back of his mind, he also knew the game's potential to elevate Tyler's long-term educational and professional opportunities.

Tyler swung her first golf club at Knights Play Golf Center in Apex, North Carolina wearing a red and white Hello Kitty shirt, jeans and her favorite blue and white tennis shoes. We were amazed that, at less than 4-feet tall, she carried her kid-size starter clubs and beginner bag with beyond-her-years pride and determination. We knew she loved the game and held great expectations for herself.



*Tyler developed a love for golf at age 6 with her "daddy caddy" Richard who guides her junior golf development*

Richard recognized Tyler's maturity and potential and enrolled her in the First Tee of the Triangle where she practiced her drive, chip and putt skills every Monday evening for two hours. As her skills advanced, Tyler also worked extensively with Coach Kathy Bounds of the Dona Lerner Golf Academy in Raleigh, North Carolina. When the time was right, Richard entered Tyler into U.S. Kids Golf Tournaments in Raleigh and neighboring cities. She was a natural off the tee and on the fairway, struggling at times with her short game, but high-fiving her daddy caddy every time the ball dropped for par.

As Tyler's golf game progressed, we began strategically thinking about her golf experiences. Family friends Horace and Myra Smith of Raleigh mentioned that Tyler might enjoy joining the Triangle Women in Golf (TWIG) KIDZ Program, focused on introducing and supporting African-American girls, ages eight to 18, interested in learning and enjoying golf. Myra, a long-time TWIG member, connected us with TWIG KIDZ Chairperson Valerie Willis who welcomed Tyler into the 50+ member TWIG community.

"Tyler just fit right in," says Valerie Willis, who coordinates TWIG KIDZ partnership opportunities, golf clinics and mentorship and social activities. "Now that she's older, we can always count on her to help mentor the younger girls as well as show them what you can accomplish with hard work, determination and a positive attitude."

TWIG has offered Tyler many unique opportunities in golf leadership and team building during the last four years. For example, through the organization's partnership with North Carolina State University's (NC SU) Lonnie Poole Golf youth program, Valerie "recognized Tyler was ready to learn another aspect of golf" and approached NC SU PGA and TWIG KIDZ youth golf coach Scott Clagg and asked if Tyler could help train the younger TWIG girls during their golf lessons. He agreed, and learning how to coach golf is offering Tyler a new perspective and adding value to her golf portfolio.

Tyler and other TWIG KIDZ girls also play with TWIG members on their home golf courses, including Prestonwood, Hasentree and North Ridge Country Clubs, and during the annual Doug Boyd Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament in Raleigh. She's honing her skills on competitively designed golf courses that help prepare her for tournament play throughout the southeast.

"I really enjoy participating in TWIG KIDZ," says Tyler, an A-B honor roll ninth grader at Green Hope High School in Cary, North Carolina whose lean, 5'8" frame regularly drives 200 yards off the tee box. "I've made some really good friends through the program, and the TWIG ladies are extremely nice, supportive and truly interested in my academic and golf achievements." She particularly enjoys playing in the annual Raleigh-based TWIG Invitational Golf Tournament that supports the TWIG KIDZ Program, where she anchors a foursome with her dad, Horace and their friend Manny Marbet.



*Tyler enjoys mentoring TWIG KIDZ participants*



*Tyler playing in TWIG Invitational with playing partner Horace Smith*

Tyler was also a freshman standout on the Green Hope Lady Falcons golf team, posting 18-hole scores in the high 70s to help her team win the NCHSAA Triangle-8 Conference (Pinehurst #5) and runner-up in the NCHSAA 4A Women's Golf Regional Championship (Pinehurst #3). She was selected 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference and individually tied for second during the regional championship. TWIG President Renee Allain-Stockton, Treasurer Janine Rouson and TWIG KIDZ Chair Valerie Willis surprised Tyler during the regional competition, traveling to Pinehurst to cheer her on and spread a little TWIG enthusiasm with the parents and coaches.

"I'm just amazed and so proud when I watch her play," says her dad, who has caddied by her side or low-key cheered from the cart path and dedicated countless hours to practice and tournaments. "Tyler is more than my playing partner. She's developing into a remarkable, all-around junior golfer and young woman. I know that golf will be a part of her life forever."

The TWIG ladies go above and beyond to support Tyler and all of the TWIG KIDZ participants. They inspire the girls both on and off the course with active professional and community endeavors underscoring that dreams are possible, especially when you incorporate the First Tee Nine Core Values – integrity, honesty, responsibility, confidence, respect, sportsmanship, perseverance, courtesy and judgment – into your daily life and believe in yourself.



## TEE TIME

### 2019 TWIG INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

*Renee Allain-Stockton, TWIG Invitational, Marketing Subcommittee Chair*

We sold out two weeks in advance of our tournament again this year! Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers plus 104 golfers who arrived bright and early at Hillandale Golf Course in Durham on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> to compete in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual TWIG Invitational Tournament hosted by the TWIG Foundation, Incorporated to benefit our TWIG Kidz program.

Golfers were greeted in the parking lot by Boy Scouts from Troop 411 who volunteered to provide a “golf bag valet” service to transport golf bags to the players’ assigned carts. All golfers were pre-registered for the tournament, so the registration process ran smoothly, with most players purchasing the maximum of two mulligans to remain competitive with the field. Lots of raffle tickets were sold in anticipation of having a chance to win one of multiple raffle prizes that were donated by various sponsors.

Registration bags were donated again this year by **G. Alan, Inc** and filled with healthy snacks. After completing the registration process, the golfers enjoyed croissant breakfast sandwiches and coffee purchased from William’s Gourmet Kitchen and Starbucks by our Breakfast Sponsor, **Davis Psychological Services, Inc.** After breakfast, golfers had the option of practicing via our Driving Range Sponsor, **Charles Cook, MD.**

Last year, we added a new mixed flight to accommodate male and female teammates who have historically competed in the men’s flights. This year there were 23 two-person women’s teams, 15 two-person men’s teams and 14 two-person mixed teams, resulting in our first tournament with MORE female than male competitors! The field included eight of our TWIG Kidz (and alumni): Nyilah Anderson, Sophie Lauture, Genesis Lewis, Tyla McAffity, Gabrielle Pace, Justine Pennycooke, Mya Smith and Tyler Spriggs. We added a new option last year to sponsor a TWIG KID and a received donation from **Tom Bradshaw, Jr.**

Golfers were set to head off to their respective holes shortly after 9:00 am after hearing introductions of our TWIG Kidz by TWIG Kidz Chairperson, Valerie Willis and the Rules of Play from TWIG Invitational, Operations Subcommittee Chair, Erica Colleton. Players were greeted this year on both the women’s and men’s tee boxes by a record number of 42 hole sponsor signs!

Contests with cash prizes were donated thanks to the generous support of our sponsors including the Closest to the Pin contest sponsored by **Remedy Clinic**; Longest Drive contest sponsored by **Richardson Private Wealth Advisors**; and Longest Putt contest sponsored by **VallartaJoy Golf & Spa Vacation Rentals.**

Our Hole in One contests on all four Par 3 holes were sponsored by **University Kia Durham** which provided opportunities for our golfers to win fabulous prizes including a 2019 Kia Soul. Although no one made a hole-in-one, six players split the cash pots from the other three contests, receiving \$140 each for their \$10 contest entry fee!

Temperatures were comfortable and **Pepsi-Cola (Garner)** donated Gatorade, soft drinks and water to keep our golfers hydrated. The pace of play was good for a tournament with a full field with everyone completing their round in approximately five hours.

All golfers and volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by the **Doug Boyd Foundation**, our Awards Luncheon Sponsor including fried fish, barbeque and grilled chicken with delicious banana pudding for dessert. Golfers who complete our Survey Monkey after the Invitational always compliment us on the delicious food cooked on site by **Doug Boyd** and crew!

## 2019 TWIG INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Silent auction prizes were generously donated by the following sponsors (**Auto Wash Express Six Forks, Brier Creek Golf Club, Grandover Resort, Hasentree Golf Club, International World Tour Golf Links, Prestonwood Country Club and TPC Wakefield Plantation Country Club**).

We recognized both the 1<sup>st</sup> place gross and 1<sup>st</sup> place net winning teams in each of the six flights (Women's flights A & B; Men's flights A & B; and Mixed flights A & B). Each of the 24 winning team members were presented with an engraved recyclable water bottle sponsored by our Trophies sponsor, **Dmitri Stockton and 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 dedicated chairperson, **Valerie Willis**, and crew including Erica Colleton (operations chair), Rose Foster (registration chair), Janine Rouson (finance chair), Renee Allain-Stockton (marketing chair) Garnett Campbell, Linda Carnes, Perianne Davis, Linda Gorham, Loretta Hicks, Esther Morse, Deb Sanders, Leslie Taylor-Moore, and Joselyn Williams!

Congratulations to all the winners at our **2019 TWIG Invitational Tournament!**

### **Women's Flight A Winners**

Malinda Cayton & Tamara Hart (Gross)  
Julie Shore & Stephanie Cuomo (Net)

### **Men's Flight A Winners**

Herbert Higgs & Nelton Pace (Gross)  
Ken Edwards & Ralph Thomas (Net)

### **Mixed Flight A Winners**

Brenda Graham & David Graham (Gross)  
Scott Clagg & Savannah Doliboa (Net)

### **Women's Closest to the Pin**

Sophie Lauture

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

Rivia Brown

### **Women's Longest Putt**

Carolyn Daye

### **Women's Flight B Winners**

Denise Atkins & Carla Sadtler (Gross)  
Holly Hilbrands & Marlene Schneider (Net)

### **Men's Flight B Winners**

Mike Floyd & Tony Hale (Gross)  
Manny Marbet & Horace Smith (Net)

### **Mixed Flight B Winners**

Carolyn Daye & Robert Reid (Gross)  
Gabrielle Pace & Elton Pace (Net)

### **Men's Closest to the Pin**

Jeff Robinson

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

Cecil Lockley

### **Men's Longest Putt**

Chris Phillips



## TEE TIME

### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TWIG FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

*Rose Foster, Vice President*



It was our pleasure to award the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Triangle Women in Golf Foundation Shirley A. Cook Scholarship to Ryanne Howard, a TWIG Kidz alumni.

Ryanne is a freshman attending Hampton University majoring in Strategic Communications. She was awarded a scholarship in the amount \$1,500.

The competition was intense, all of the candidates should be commended for their outstanding academic achievements, extra-curricular activities and determination.

In 2019, the number of scholarship applicants tripled, so the TWIG Foundation Scholarship Committee is looking forward to 2020 possibilities and expanding our outreach for the application.

We wish Ryanne and all the candidates much success.

## TEE TIME

### MEMBER-MEMBER TOURNAMENT

*Renee Allain-Stockton, President*

On Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, almost 20 TWIG members, TWIG Kidz and two prospective members gathered to compete in our season ending Member-Member Tournament at Wil-Mar Golf Course. One of the prospective members, Alice Huryk, recently joined as a new member. The tournament was Captain's Choice, best ball format with balanced teams based on handicap indexes. Needless to say, the TWIG Kidz walked away with most of the prizes! The 1<sup>st</sup> place winning team included TWIG Kid, Tyler Spriggs, Kaja Lee, Acie Ward and new member, Kathryn McManus as a blind draw. TWIG Kid, Mya Smith won both the Longest Drive and the Closest to the Pin contests.



*Janine Rouson, Treasurer*

On Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, several TWIG members drove to Pinehurst to cheer on two TWIG Kidz as they competed in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Golf Championships. Tyla McAffity and Tyler Spriggs competed for their respective high schools, Athens Drive High School and Green Hope High School. Renee Allain-Stockton, Valerie Willis and Janine Rouson made the drive from Raleigh to Pinehurst to support and cheer Tyla and Tyler. Parents of both girls were in attendance and appreciated that we were there to encourage them as well.

It was exciting to walk the course as part of the gallery for Tyla and Tyler. Both played very well. We took turns, following Tyler for some holes and clapping as she finished a hole strong, and then checking the sheet to determine which hole Tyla might be on and catching up to where she was, again cheering her on as she made a par or birdie. The excitement built throughout their rounds.

We were wearing our TWIG shirts so we actually looked like we were coaches, or someone official for the young ladies. At one point, we were actually stopped by a media representative from Triangle Golf Today because he saw our TWIG shirts and had noticed us following Tyla and Tyler. We told him about our TWIG organization and the TWIG Foundation. It turned out to be a great opportunity to make the publication aware of who we are and what we do in introducing golf to girls and teaching them life lessons about honesty, integrity and perseverance. Just a walk through the woods, supporting the TWIG Kidz also turned into a chance to promote TWIG.

Tyla and Tyler both scored 79 on their first day of the tournament. We are very proud of these young ladies and thrilled that our TWIG Kidz program has enhanced their golf skills and encouraged them to continue in the sport. Having made their high school teams, competing in state competitions will set them up for potential consideration for college golf scholarships. TWIG is making a difference.



*TWIG members with Tyla McAffity*



*TWIG members with Tyler Spriggs*

## TEE TIME

### 2020 WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

*Loretta Hicks, Handicap Chairperson*

The new World Handicap System represents an eight-year effort by the United States Golf Association (USGA) and The R&A to develop a single method of calculating golf handicaps and a single worldwide database for those calculations. This effort has resulted in a replacement for GHIN and new handicap rules that will make it possible to use your golf handicap when playing outside of the US. Moreover, most of the changes have benefits when playing here in the US, such as automatic calculation of your handicap daily instead of twice a month and fewer scores required to obtain your first handicap.

In early December, Suni and I attended a seminar on the World Handicap System. The TWIG Handicap Committee will continue our education on the new system and will provide information and assistance to TWIG membership so that you can have a smoother start with the new system.

In the meantime:

- The old GHIN system will be unavailable from January 1 to January 6, 2020. Hold any score cards that you want to enter until after January 6. When you view your handicap on the new system, it might be slightly different from the handicap that was calculated for you on December 15. That will happen because the handicap formula has changed.
- For highlights and a FAQs sheet on the new system, go to [USGA Handicapping web page](#).
- The new GHIN system be accessible from a mobile phone app, a web page, and club kiosks. The instructions for using those interfaces will be available after January 6 on the USGA web site at <https://www.ghin.com>.
- The new *Rules of Handicapping* (not to be confused with the *Rules of Golf*) is available in [PDF format](#) or as a [web-based copy](#). (Printed copies will be available for order later at [USGAPublications.com](http://USGAPublications.com).) For now, Sections I and II, which cover Rules 1-4, will be most helpful if you already have a handicap.
- Please contact me if you have questions.

## TEE TIME

### 2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY

*Rose Foster, Vice President*

TWIG members gathered on December 7<sup>th</sup> to celebrate as our golf season ended. Thirty festively attired members arrived at Season 52 at Crabtree Valley Mall for a fabulous luncheon and fellowship. We had a lovely room in the restaurant which could accommodate our growing membership. Loretta Hicks led us in prayer, giving thanks for a very successful 2019. We ordered from a special four course menu created just for us and the food was excellent.

Rose Foster shared a presentation of the year in review covering the many firsts and accomplishments of an outstanding year including increased membership, amazing Spring and Fall trips, New Golfer's program, sold out TWIG Invitational, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TWIG Foundation Shirley Ann Cook Scholarship to name a few. Thanks and accolades were offered to the membership for great participation and superb leadership. Members enjoyed seeing themselves in photo collages from the year as they enjoyed lunch.

Congratulations to the ladies who were recognized as the "Most Frequent Players" this golf season. First place was awarded to our Program Chair, Barb Webb who played in 20 out of the 28 outings we hosted! Carolyn Daye placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with 19; Acie Ward placed 3<sup>rd</sup> with 17; Kaja Lee placed 4<sup>th</sup> with 16; and Renee Allain-Stockton placed 5<sup>th</sup> with 15.



## 2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY



*Most frequent players, Kaja, Carolyn & Barb*



*Let the gift exchange begin! Michelle Roach*



*Perrienne Davis with her gift from Holiday Feud*

Linda Gorham scripted a fun game of Holiday Feud “TWIG Style” for our gift exchange. Our enthusiastic game hostess was Pat Douglas and it was a blast. The contestants with the highest scores were first to choose a gift from the table. Continuing our tradition, we took a group photo of all our smiling faces to close out the year. See you all next year!



### Notes from the Editor

Many thanks to all the ladies who took the time to write articles for our TWIG Annual Newsletter during the holiday season. As I was drafting this newsletter, I was filled with pride and joy at both the quantity and quality of the events that we organized and executed.

I'm pleased to announce that Linda Carnes has agreed to serve as our Communication Chair in 2020. I look forward to her new approach for our TWIG annual newsletter. As always, we appreciate your feedback and look forward to seeing you next year on the links! 🏌️

*Renee Allain-Stockton, Editor*

### TWIG Bridge Ladies' 2nd Annual Kentucky Derby Fete

TWIG Ladies who play bridge will again celebrate Churchill Downes' 'Run of the Roses' at the home of Linda Carnes on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

We go full bloom in our hat and dress attire to compete Derby Glam for 3 best-in-class categories: Simply The Best; Perfectly Pretty; Funky Fun. Details to come closer to Derby Saturday.

*Linda Carnes, Communications Chair 2020*



*Linda Gorham, Leslie Taylor-Moore, Linda Carnes, Pat Douglas, Pam Schooler, Edwina Divins, Valerie Willis (back row)  
Suni Winslett, Acie Ward (seated)*