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Enriching Girls' Lives Through Golf in the Greater Philadelphia Area

## Women Golfers Give Back (WGGB) Invites You to Share Your Passion for Golf!

WGGB gives back by promoting the game of golf for girls who would not otherwise have a chance to play.

### Our Mission

To support golf programs for girls in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware that encourage personal development through unique opportunities for skill building, playing and competing.

### Our Founding Belief

Exposure to golf and the character-building aspects of the game will help girls develop leadership and communication skills and lead to greater educational and career opportunities—all while exercising and having fun!

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## Women Golfers Give Back, The Jumpstart for a Fullfilling Career

*From Joanna Coe, WGGB Alumna, September 2019*



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I am eternally grateful that my family encouraged me to pick up a golf club and begin this amazing journey through the golf world. As a young girl growing up in South Jersey, I never predicted that golf would provide me with life-changing opportunities to travel the world and to meet the most incredible people.

My journey started at Blue Heron Pines, a local public golf course in South Jersey. This club is where I met my lifelong coach, Bruce Chelucci. Blue Heron Pines provided a comforting place for a young girl to play and practice. It was like being part of a family because I was always welcomed and encouraged to utilize all the facilities.

I was surrounded by older, adult men who treated me like a daughter, with love and respect. My time at Blue Heron Pines set the stage for my entire life. I fell in love with the game, learned about the golf swing and understood the importance of growing the game.

The next stop on my journey took me to Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, where I played collegiate golf. It was the combination of gaining tournament experience and learning important life lessons from my coach Julie Garner that solidified my decision that golf would be a part of my life beyond school.

After four years of professional golf, I made the tough, yet crucial decision to move from full-time tour professional to a teaching professional. I joined the staff at Baltimore Country Club and became a PGA Class A Professional by June of 2017. From the start, the staff at the club and the membership could not have been more supportive of my desire to continue playing in professional events. In my current role as Assistant Director of Instruction and Junior Golf Coordinator, I am responsible for giving private lessons and organizing golf schools. Also, I oversee the junior program, play with members and represent the club in PGA and LPGA tournaments. The stability and happiness I have experienced in this new role have turned out to be the perfect formula to playing elite-level golf. I qualified for the 2018 and 2019 KPMG Women's PGA Championship, the 2019 PGA Professional Championship and several other national PGA and LPGA tournaments. I also captured the 2019 PGA Women's-Stroke Play Championship in dramatic fashion at PGA Club after shooting a tournament-record 64 in the second round.

I am thrilled to share my love for the game of golf with the membership at Baltimore and other people. Thanks to programs like **Women Golfers Give Back**, I received the jump-start I needed for a fulfilling career in the golf industry.

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## 2019—WGGB's Best Year Yet

*Letter from WGGB President, A.K. Frazier*



Dear Friends of WGGB,

Things just keep getting better at WGGB and 2019 was our best year yet. We are delighted to announce six new board members: Liz Greco-Rocks, Mary Lisa O'Neill, Leila Mackey, Bryn Palena, Becky Sanderson and Kristy DelMuto. Each of these women brings expertise and talent to our organization and I am grateful to the search committee for identifying and cultivating them. With our new members in place we are poised to grow and do even more for our community.

Our 2019 charity golf tournament hosted a record number of players and sponsors and raised over \$117,000. Many thanks to Wendy Kennedy and Barbara Story for co-chairing the tournament. Wendy, Barbara and their committee worked tirelessly to make the event a success. After six years at Sunnybrook Golf Club, we have decided to change our venue in 2020 to nearby Whitmarsh Valley Country Club in Lafayette Hill, PA. We believe you will enjoy the challenge of the championship golf course and its beautiful setting. **Save the date for June 22, 2020, 1:00 pm shotgun.**

Our grantmaking totaled \$100,000 in 2019. We funded six basic Clinic Programs and seven Players' Programs for more advanced players, plus a High School Girls' golf tournament and a regional Girls' Golf Tour. You will learn more about the programs and read highlights of some of our players in the coming pages. We are proud to be the driving force behind girls' golf in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. When we began there was one program specifically for girls- look at us now. A special commendation to Judy Owens who heads our Grant Committee and helped develop these programs.

I must also thank the board of directors of WGGB for their hard work throughout the year. Additionally, a special thanks to Debby Light and Meg Packer, who retired from the Board in 2019. Both wore many hats and were incredibly productive in their years at WGGB as well as being a joy to work with.

Since this is our one appeal of the year, we hope you will consider supporting WGGB with a donation. Your gift will help support the programs to teach our girls not only golf, but all the life-lessons that inherently go along with it.

Sincerely yours,

A.K. Frazier, President & Founder,  
Women Golfers Give Back



WGGB 2019 Annual Charity Golf Tournament—girls participated in a mini tournament and golf clinics

## WGGB Awards \$100,000 in Grants to 14 Grantees in 2019

*Across the Greater Philadelphia Region*

### \$50,000 to Clinic Programs and \$50,000 to Players' Programs

#### Clinic Program Grantees

LPGA-USGA Girls' Golf of Valley Forge	\$9,000
Makefield Highlands	\$1,000
Spring-Ford High School Golf Tournament	\$4,000
The First Tee of Delaware	\$9,000
The First Tee of Greater Philadelphia	\$12,000
The First Tee of Greater Trenton	\$7,000
YWCA of Bethlehem	\$8,000

#### Players' Program Grantees

Girls' Golf of the Mainline	\$2,500
Girls' Golf Players' Program of Honeybrook	\$8,000
Girls' Golf Revolution	\$7,800
Linfield National Players' Program	\$11,200
LPGA-USGA Girls' Golf of West Chester	\$5,000
Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Golf Tour	\$3,000
The First Tee of Delaware	\$9,000
YWCA of Bethlehem	\$3,500

#### Golf Course

Linfield National Golf Club, Linfield, PA
Spring Ford Country Club, Royersford, PA
Waltz's Golf Farm, Limerick, PA
Worcester Golf Club, Collegeville, PA
Makefield Highlands Golf Club, Yardley, PA
Linfield National Golf Club, Linfield, PA
<i>Annual tournament for high school girls</i>
Porky Oliver Golf Course, Wilmington, DE
FDR Golf Club, Philadelphia, PA
Walnut Lane Golf Club, Philadelphia, PA
Cranberry Golf Club, West Windsor, NJ
Mountain View Golf Club, Ewing Township, NJ
Southmore Golf Club, Bath, PA
Bethlehem Golf Club, Bethlehem, PA
Sunnybrook Golf Club, Plymouth Meeting, PA
Valley View Golf Club, Newtown Square
Honeybrook Golf Club, Honeybrook, PA
Applecross Country Club, Downingtown, PA
Linfield National Golf Club, Linfield, PA
Honeybrook Golf Club, Honeybrook, PA,
Broad Run Golfer's Club, West Chester, PA
Ingleside Golf Club, Thorndale, PA
Manor Golf Club, Sinking Springs, PA
Green Pond Country Club, Bethlehem, PA
Morgan Hill Golf Course, Easton, PA
Raven's Claw Golf Club, Pottstown, PA
Porky Oliver Golf Course, Wilmington, DE
Southmore Golf Club, Bath, PA

**\$100,000**



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## Inspired By WGGB to Enter Into the Business of Golf

*Paloma Santiago, WGGB Alumna*

### Call to Action!

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- Volunteer—share your time and talent
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Paloma Santiago is a PGA professional who grew up in Mercer County, New Jersey. She is a PGA Certified professional in General Management and a graduate of Methodist University. Paloma started her golf career at the age of nine in an inner-city golf program called Greater Trenton Junior Golf. Paloma is now President of Live Golf, a non-profit, where she is accomplishing her career goals of exposing and introducing the game of golf and its various benefits to people from all walks of life and ages. As a youth, Paloma participated in clinics given by Women Golfers Give Back. It was through these clinics that Paloma was introduced to women who were heavily involved in the golf industry. This experience was one of the many influences that led her into the business of golf. She believes that experience and the education from Women Golfers Give Back are some of the reasons she decided to pursue the business side of golf. As she continues in the work world, she plans to pay it forward as her non-profit grows.

## WGGB Sponsors 7th Annual Spring-Ford Girls' Golf Classic

*September 15, 2019 • Linfield National Golf Club*

The 8th Annual High School Girls Golf Classic 18-hole event held at Linfield National was another success. The skies were gray which helped the temperatures stay pleasant and the rain held off, making for a delightful day. Seventy girls and ten teams representing 18 different high schools participated to play competitive golf - several girls played as individuals if their school did not have at least 4 girls to form a team. Tee gift bags were also a hit as they included tee shirt, golf balls, a poker chip and some snacks if needed during the round. Dinner after the round was delicious but quick since darkness was arriving and many had long drives home.

The individual medalist honors went to Sarah Scarpill from Central Bucks East shooting an even-par 71. Second place individual honors (decided in a matching of cards) went to Ava O'Sullivan from Downingtown East with a one-over-par 72. Third place individual honors (also with 72) went to Claire Gimpel from Mount St. Joe's.

The top finishing team with a 332 total went to Mount St. Joe's. The second place team award went to Central Dauphin with a 351 total. The third place team award went to Downingtown East with a 353 total.

Prizes were awarded for Closest to the Pin on all five Par 3s, and each one by a girl from 5 different schools. Prizes for the Medalist by Grade also represented 4 different schools. Girls from 10 different schools received awards.



8th Annual Spring-Ford Girls' Golf Classic Tournament participants

## Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Golf Tour Expands to the Delaware Valley

*Providing exclusive opportunities for WGGB players program girls to compete in all-girls' tournaments*



Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Golf Tour: Riley Quartermain of Bryn Mawr, PA, Delaware Valley Prep Order of Merit finisher, earned a spot in the 2019 PKBGT Prep Invitational

The PKBGGT, short for The Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Golf Tour, was founded in 2007 by the Triad Youth Golf Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization, as a local girls' golf tour in the Triad region of North Carolina. The tour began as a simple concept: create more effective competitive playing opportunities for girls. By utilizing innovative yardage-based divisions instead of the traditional age-based format, the tour focused on developing tournament experience at the player's pace. The PKBGT is the largest girls-only tour in the country.

This past May, in partnership with Women Golfers Give Back, the Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Golf Tour introduced a brand new, girls-only tournament series for players in the Delaware Valley. The series, designed to provide a welcoming, non-intimidating

tournament experience for girls ages 9-18, featured five one-day events with a series finale at Raven's Claw Golf Club, the host of the LPGA Symetra Tour's Valley Forge Invitational.

"Our expansion into the Delaware Valley would not have been possible without the generosity of our series partner, Women Golfers Give Back," says Emily Brooks, PKBGGT Associate Director of Development. The PKBGGT regional series is designed exclusively for players from surrounding WGGB sponsored programs. The aspiring junior golfers who competed in all the regional series gained invaluable tournament experience. WGGB is also very instrumental in helping the girls take the next step towards their dream of playing at the collegiate level.





### Mark Your Calendar!

Plan to sponsor, play,  
and/or volunteer in the

### WGGB Annual Charity Golf Tournament

**Monday, June 22, 2020**

Whitemarsh Valley Country Club

### Congratulations to 2019 WGGB Charity Golf Tournament Winners

#### 1st Low Net

David Rosen, Becky Sanderson  
Dale Snyder, Jon Wildman

#### 2nd Low Net

Gary Brown, Dave Walbrandt,  
Megan McLaughlin, Lisa Perry

#### 1st Low Gross

Robert Kleckner, Tom Holden  
Steve Thorne, Matt Lewis

#### 2nd Low Gross

Ginny Palmer, Jeff Palmer,  
Mike Smith, Amy Smith-Moniz

#### Closest to pin - Women

Cathy Dolan

#### Closest to pin - Men

Dale Snyder

#### Longest Drive - Women

Dusty Salvaggio

#### Longest Drive - Men

Mike Smith

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## 2019 WGGB Annual Charity Golf Tournament Raises Over \$117,000

*June 24, 2019 • Sunnybrook Golf Club*

**T**he 2019 charity golf tournament was a remarkable success. We were fortunate to have Wendy Kennedy and Barbara Story co-chair the event again this year. Our hats go off to them for raising \$117,000. Bryn Mawr Trust Company was the Lead Sponsor and The Zisman Family Foundation served as the Scoreboard Sponsor.

Earlier that morning, sixty girls from our programs gathered for clinics and a team competition. The girls enjoyed the clinics and meeting former top LPGA Tour Professional Val Skinner. Val graced us with her beautiful swing on the tricky fifth hole, the par-3 over a pond.

After the girls departed, the supporters of WGGB and the sponsors took to the links for a fun one-better-ball tournament. The winners are listed on the left. Following the tournament, participants enjoyed tasty food, drink and lively camaraderie. Congratulations to raffle winners Julie Schuck, a golf getaway for four to Pebble Beach; Michael Zisman, \$750; and Mary Shields, \$250.

Please mark your calendar now and join us next June 22 at Whitemarsh Valley Country Club.



WGGB 2019 Annual Charity Golf Tournament Top of page: Winners of WGGB Mini Tournament, First Tee of Delaware team, from left to right: Daia Dawkins, Joya Li, Annie McTaggart, Emily Mayo; Bottom of page: girls participating in golf clinics.

## Golf Motivated Olivia Through the Hardest Moments of Her Life

*Olivia Steinbach, LPGA-USGA Girls' Golf of West Chester*



Olivia Steinbach started her golf career at age seven with Coach Cathy Reynolds. She enjoyed the positive atmosphere of the game, and the energy from her coaches. At the same age, she tried soccer, softball, and a few other activities, but she always came back to golf. Winter, spring, summer and fall, Olivia consistently signed up for as many sessions as her calendar would allow.

Around the same time she began to play golf, she was diagnosed with Juvenile Scoliosis. She had to wear a Wilmington brace for 20 hours a day. While she enjoyed her four hours of freedom each day, the curve in her spine made golf a smidge more difficult for her than others.

In the spring of 2018, it was determined that Olivia's curve had progressed much further and would need to be corrected by a spinal fusion. Understandably, she was scared to have the surgery, however she was most upset and disappointed to miss her favorite outing at French Creek.

On July 18, 2019 Olivia underwent a spinal fusion. This corrected her 72-degree curve of her spine to practically zero degrees. On September 24, she was back at work with coach Cathy at Ingleside. Olivia had to find her new swing. She worked tirelessly through the winter season with Coach Cathy. Coach commented that after the surgery Olivia found it easier to execute the golf swing.

Girls' Golf motivated Olivia through the hardest moments of her life. Returning to the course was a goal she set, and she more than successfully attained it. Only one year after her surgery, Olivia is a proud member of the Downingtown East High School golf team.

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## Highlights from WGGB Grantees

### Revolution Girls' Golf



Ava O'Sullivan

Ava O'Sullivan participated in the Hurricane Junior Golf Tour, the largest junior golf tour in the United States hosting more 2-day nationally ranked events than any other tour.

Ava took first place in the Raleigh Junior Open, Girls 14-18 Division, held on April 20 at The Neuse Golf Club in Clayton, NC. The fifteen year old also placed first in the Mohegan Sun Junior Open, held on July 13, in Baltic, CT.



Jillian Burks

Congratulations to Jillian Burks for qualifying for the 2020 Drive, Chip, & Putt national finals on April 5 at Augusta National Golf Club, prior to the start of the The Masters.

Burks ran away with first place at the Regional Qualifier at Oakmont Country Club, winning by 32 points. Best of luck to Jillian at Augusta next Spring!

### Linfield National Players' Program



Linfield National Players' Program had a great season. Four individual girls make it through the PAC championships to go on to districts. Ninth grader Morgan Kunza, on left, was one of the four.

Morgan Kunza

### LPGA-USGA Girls' Golf of Valley Forge

Girls' Golf of Valley Forge (GGVF) and Worcester Golf Club worked together this summer to establish a Girls Mini-Golf Tournament. We plan to have our End of Year Tournament this fall at Spring-Ford Country Club. These tournaments have been held for the last few years, and they have been a great way for the girls to participate in friendly competition. Lunch and prizes are always awarded afterwards.

Our clinics have proven to be a stepping-stone for the girls to continue building their skills by participating on their high school and college teams. Nicole Yun is a Spring-Ford HS freshman who won the PAC girls individual championship with a score of 82 at Gilbertsville Golf Club on September 24. Nicole has been a GGVF member since 2015.

### The First Tee of Greater Trenton



Jasmine Trenfield and Serena Chen

At our annual golf outing on April 22, we proudly awarded the First Tee of Greater Trenton 2019 college scholarships to Jasmine Trenfield and Serena Chen. Jasmine and Serena each received a one-year scholarship because they attained the following: reached the Birdie or Eagle level, earned a 3.25 or better GPA, demonstrated leadership in TFTGT and being involved in scholastic activities among others.

The scholarship serves as both an incentive and a reward to the students we serve. In addition to learning the fundamentals of the golf swing and the learning about the game itself, our character education and life skills programs help young people to prepare for success in high school, college and life.

### Makefield Highlands



Makefield Highlands team

Makefield Highlands' Girls Golf Program continues to grow since its inception in the fall of 2017. The program began as a result of a parent expressing that there was a growing number of younger females interested in becoming golfers in and around the Yardley area. The program has grown in quantity and quality with the help of Women Golfers Give Back, along with the onboarding of the Operation 36 program platform. In the past two years, the number of female golfers across all programs offered at Makefield Highlands has grown from 15% to 26%. This year, in our fall program, females made up 33% of all participants. The girls' obvious desire to improve is unparalleled. Because our girls are consuming golf and yearning for more, we are currently considering offering a junior membership, indoor lessons throughout the winter, and weekly family play days. All of these would be new offerings at Makefield. We are thrilled to see more girl golfers on our course, and I believe this trend isn't going away soon. From all of us at Makefield Highlands, thank you, Women Golfers Give Back, for your continued support.



LPGA-USGA Girls' Golf of Valley Forge year-end tournament held October 6, 2019

### The First Tee of Delaware



Christina Carroll and Haley Quickle

The First Tee of Delaware started their season in March by offering weekly spring clinics for local high school girls. The attendance was consistent, as eight to twelve girls attended each week throughout the spring. The summer session was popular, too. Some of the same girls took part in both programs. The summer program topped out with 18 girls.

Christina Carroll and Haley Quickle spent the summer sharpening their competitive skills by playing in highly competitive events. Haley won in her division in the Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Golf Tour with a final round of 68.