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2015 WSGA Amateur Championship and (new) Mid Amateur Championship

June 1-5 , 2015

Sara Bay Country Club, Sarasota, FL



Sara Bay

Sara Bay Country Club in Sarasota, Florida and its 1925 Donald Ross design course will be the backdrop for the 100th playing of the WSGA Amateur. This traditional historic club will host the 1st playing of the WSGA Mid Amateur Championship. For more information on this addition to the WSGA check the News Flash following. Also, check the link to the Sara Bay C.C.'s website for more information on our prestigious site. [Sara Bay Country Club](#)



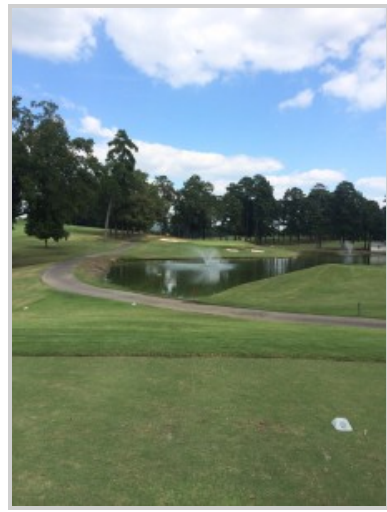
Announcing the WSGA 2015 Senior Championship

Hot Springs Country Club: Arlington Course

Hots Springs, Arkansas

October 20-22, 2015

practice round October 19th.



Hot Springs Country Club established in 1898 will host the 2015 WSGA Senior Championship on its famed Arlington Course. [The Arlington Course](#) noted for steep narrow fairways and undulating greens has challenged players since 1927. The course designed by William Diddle and renovated in 1994 by Ben Crenshaw has been a ranked golf destination among the Ouachita foothills for generations.

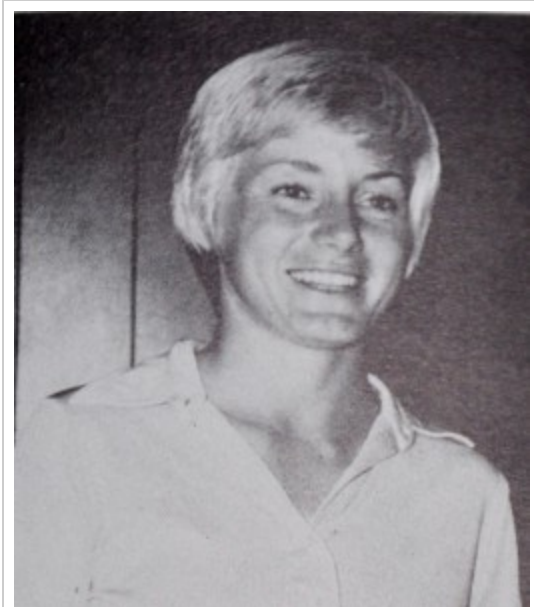
WSGA Ladies make the news:

News Flash from The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews Captures the Attention of the Women's Southern Golf Association.

Publicity Release WSGA Feb. 14, 2015



LOUISE SUGGS 1941 AND



Martha Jones (Lang) 1974 and

TWO PAST WSGA CHAMPIONS MAKE HISTORY IN ST. ANDREWS, SCOTLAND

The very name Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews is tied to the birth of the game of golf, the rules of golf, and the historic area of Fife, Scotland. The organization was formed in 1754 as the "Society of St. Andrews Golfers." The name Royal was added when King William the IV became a patron. Now, some 260 years later the organization is still ruling global golf except in the USA and Mexico, which are governed by the United States Golf Association. Together the Royal and Ancient Golf Club and the USGA have been issuing the "Rules of Golf" jointly since 1952 meeting every four years to revised rules. In 2004 the Club turned over the rules to a separate group simply called the R & A.

News from R & A Golf Club that ties to the WSGA springs from a vote of members on Sept. 18, 2014. The historically male club with over 2,400 members worldwide voted to allow females to be regular members. The vote was to take immediate effect. The General Committee of the Club was assigned a three-year task with the authority to identify and invite a total of 15 women to join the Club as Ordinary Members (dues paying members with voting rights) of the R & A Golf Club

On February 10th, the name Martha Lang was found among the seven women to be invited to join as ordinary members in the first wave of women additions. Lang has been tied with the WSGA since her teen years when she was a talented golfer out of Decatur, Alabama named Martha Jones. She later received the first full scholarship awarded by the WSGA and became a star on the 1st Women's Golf Team of the University of Alabama. Jones was the WSGA Amateur Runner Up in 1973 and won the WSGA Championship Title in 1974 and 1980. Later as Martha Jones Lang she captured the Senior Championship Title in 2005 becoming one of only two players to every capture both titles. Lang has been a WSGA Director on the governing board of the WSGA for many years. She still is an active guiding member of the organization despite her duties on the USGA Women's Committee for a

number of years (including Chairman). Presently, Lang is the Executive Committee of the USGA, which is the Committee that governs the USGA.

The six other women being invited to join the famous club of St. Andrews Scotland, in this first installation of women, include: fellow American, Carol Semple Thompson, Canada's Diane Dunolp-Hebert, The United Kingdom's Angela Bonallack and Claire Dowling, Germany's Marion Thannhauser and New Zealand's Patsy Hankins. Research on any of these names will produce a woman who has made considerable contributions to the game of golf as a player, as an administrator or as both. They will join the large worldwide membership of the R & A Golf Club as the initial wave of women members.

This "News Story" does not end here as the Club chose to honor other women who have distinguished themselves in women's golf with an honorary membership. The honorary members announced on February 10, 2015 included, another two-time

Amateur Champion of the WSGA, Louise Suggs. WSGA Amateur Champion in 1941 and 1947, Suggs went on to become one of the Co-founders of the LPGA. Suggs joins some talented names from women's golf with the honorary membership announcement continuing with Laura Davies, Renee Powell, Belle Robertson, Lally Segard, Annika Sorenstam. Princess Anne also received an honorary membership for her work with the Olympic movement, which is at last reinstating golf to the Olympics.

The WSGA is happy to share this "News from Across the Pond" and praise our Champions Martha Jones Lang and Louis Suggs whose fame and contributions to golf have been recognized by the very Club that brought the world the GAME OF GOLF.



USGA News find two WSGA Directors in the headlines for 2015.



WSGA Director, Martha Lang of Birmingham, AL (left) has been elected to the 2015 Executive Committee of the USGA.

WSGA Director, Ginny Zanca of Memphis, TN (right) has been appointed to the USGA Women's Committee.

Zanca joins fellow board member, WSGA Honorary Director, Pat McKamey as she begins her 3rd year of service on the Women's Committee.

The United States Golf Association formed in 1894 is guided by 30 committees of 1,400 volunteers under the direction of a 15 member Executive Committee.

The WSGA is proud to share our talented Directors and Honorary Director with the USA.



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Taffy Brower of Boynton, FL, the Women's Southern Golf Association's Florida State Representative, was Inducted into the Florida State Golf Association's Hall of Fame on November 21, 2014. For the details on the impressive honor for our Florida Representative and Past Champion of both our Amateur and Senior, the WSGA would like to refer you to the following link to

the Hall of Fame section of the FSGA website.
Taffy is the second WSGA board member to be inducted into the
FSGA Hall of Fame.



SPECIAL NEWS FLASH

MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP ADDED TO THE AMATEUR

The Women's Southern Golf Association, organized in 1911, will celebrate the playing of its 100th Amateur Championship in June, 2015. To celebrate this 100th Amateur, the WSGA is excited to announce the addition of a Mid-Amateur Championship to its Amateur Championship. This Mid-Amateur Tournament will be a true "Championship" played concurrently with the Amateur Championship.

WSGA President Linda Carter felt the 100th playing of the Southern Amateur in 2015 was the perfect time to unveil this new Championship. WSGA history has many Mid-Amateurs who have won the Southern title. This addition will not prohibit the players age 25 and over from entering the Amateur Tournament; they will have a choice of which championship to enter. However, all players under the age of 25 must compete in the Amateur Tournament. Yardages for the Mid-Amateur are proposed to be set between 5,600 – 5,800 yards while the Amateur yardages will be comparable to collegiate yardages. The combined fields will be set at 96 players with 48 in each championship. Both championships play a qualifying round to determine flights and then players compete in a match play format within their flights.

The founders of the Women's Southern Golf Association in 1911 wanted to give women of the South a place to showcase their competitive golf skills, so the Amateur Championship was organized. In 1986 the WSGA added a Senior Championship for ladies age 50 and over. This Mid Amateur addition continues that tradition as the WSGA designs a new "Mid-Amateur Trophy" to showcase women who prefer a shorter course but still want elite competition.

Sara Bay Country Club in Sarasota, Florida will be the site for the 2015 Championships and the dates are June 1st – June 5th. The WSGA has secured this historic and prestigious Donald Ross design course to host the 100th playing of the Amateur Championship and the inaugural playing of the WSGA Mid-Amateur Championship. Mid-Amateur players from the South need to mark the date,, plot a path to the gulf coast of Florida and be a part of a new history of the WSGA.

The Senior Championship will be celebrating their 30th year at Hot Springs Country Club, Hot Springs, AR in 2015. The date for the Senior is Oct. 20-22 with registration and practice round on Oct. 19th.

The WSGA is also now allowing USGA approved distance measuring devices in all competitions including the new Mid Amateur. Go to the WSGA website at www.womens-southerngolfassociation.org for more information about the WSGA championships, past champions and the scholarship program for graduating high school seniors. If you live in one of the southern states or play for a college located in one of the southern states, you need to sign up to play in one of these Championships. Contact information is available on the website if you have additional questions.

2014 Amateur Champion Mika Liu



WSGA 2014 Champion
Mika Liu of the Bradenton, Florida accepts the WSGA perpetual trophy from
President Linda Carter

2014 Senior Championship Winner Kelley Nittoli



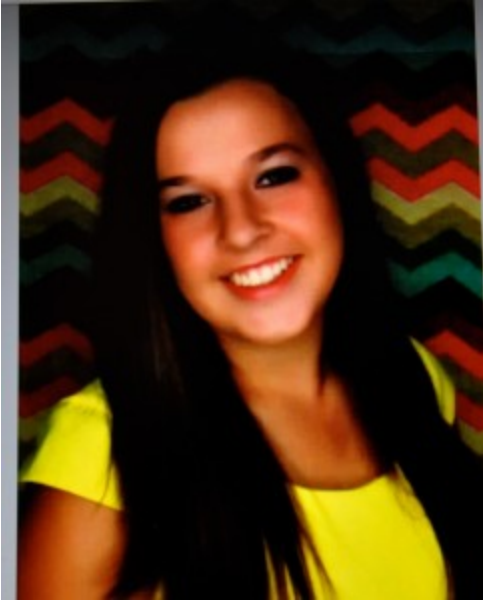
[Click to see the results of the 2014 Senior Championship](#)

2014 Super Senior Champion – Harriet Cauthen



[Click to see full results of the 2014 Senior Championship](#)

2014 Scholarship winner, Anna Pope of Hixon, TN She plans to attend Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, TN



[Click the picture to see all of our Scholarship winners](#)

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