



# NEWSLETTER

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Any proposals for the **Sept. 22nd** annual meeting need to be sent to Pam Johnson either by email or letter no later than

**August 22nd.**

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## Upcoming Tournaments

- Aug. 18 Janet Drouin Memorial @ Natanis
- Aug. 25 Piscataquis or Val Halla
- Sept. 1 Sugarloaf or Sable Oaks
- Sept 1,2,3 USGA State Team @ FT. Wayne IN
- Sept 8 Penobscot Valley or Bridgton Highlands
- Sept 15 Jato Highlands
- Sept 22 Waterville - Annual Meeting
- Sept 29 Point Sebago - Fall Best Ball of 2

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## From the editor:

It has been a busy month and a half therefore this issue was delayed. I have decided this will be the July and August Issue and the next one will be at the end of September.

Please email me anything you would like included in the next newsletter.

Enjoy,

Liz Coffin

**WMSGA  
ROCKS!**



Left: Pam, Charleen and 2009 Champion Alexa Rancourt

Right: Junior Champion Alexa and Marilyn Rice .



2009 Senior Champion  
Debby Gardner



Low Net 1st Day  
Kristin Kannegeiser



This Newsletter is dedicated to Janet. to keep the tradition alive.

Let's remember how fortunate we are to have the opportunity to play some of the finest courses in Maine.

Share your photos!

Take pictures during WMSGA events.



# NEWGA

**MADE MAINE  
PROUD!**

## Maine Finishes Second at NEWGA Championship

Massachusetts, with a team index of 3.1, captured the NEWGA Championship in Providence, Rhode Island in July. Maine battled to take second.

Fifteen WMSGGA golfers qualified to compete in the event at Matacomet Country Club from July 7-9. Five players made the cut to play on the final day: Alexa Rancourt, Sable Oaks; Julie Aurie, Country View; Kate Merrill, Toddy Brook; Susan Gilpatric-Smart, Webhannet; and Stephanie Babin, Biddeford-Saco.



Alexa Rancourt finished fifth overall and second in the junior division. Other awards went to Ruth Colucci, who carded low net on day one, and Susan Gilpatric-Smart, who posted the low net score on day three and finished tied at 43 overall. Julie Aurie, playing in her first NEWGA tournament, also finished tied at 43. Kate Merrill finished tied at 55, Stephanie Babin tied at 60, and Whitney Hand tied at 72.



**We're on the web  
[www.wmsga.org](http://www.wmsga.org)**



## 79th WMSGA Championship—July 27, 28 & 29



Champion Alexa Rancourt.

Alexa Rancourt recaptures the junior champion title.

Debby Gardner takes the senior champion title.

Kristin Kannegeiser low net prize on day one with a 67.

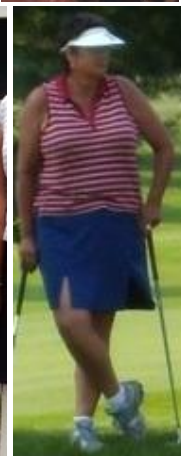


### Gross Winners

- 1 Alexa Rancourt 215 \$150
- 2 Debby Gardner 238 \$100
- 3 Ann Probert 241 \$60
- 4 Kristin Kannegeiser 242 \$55
- 5 Kate Merrill 249 \$50
- 6 Whitney Hand 250 \$40
- 6 Dale Hannon 250 \$40
- 6 Jennifer Weiland 250 \$40
- 9 Micki Meggison 251 \$30
- 10 Mary Brandes 253 \$25

### Net Winners

- 1 Heidi Haylock 211 \$60
- 2 Michele Davis 215 \$55
- 3 Leslie Guenther 216 \$50
- 4 Kathi O'Grady 217 \$42.50
- 4 Donni Witham 217 \$42.50
- 6 Linda Cameron 218 \$30
- 6 Diane Herring 218 \$30
- 6 Viola Kemp 218 \$30
- 9 Marlene Viger 220 \$20
- 10 Norma Michaud 221 \$15





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### Photos





## Following Alexa at the USGA Amateur

## August 2...

Well, Maine, we made it in one piece. We left Portland at 7 pm on Thursday and drove straight through to St. Louis with only a 40-minute sleep stop in upstate New York and a lunch stop somewhere in Ohio. Needless to say, we were pretty exhausted when we reached St. Louis on Friday evening.

After checking in at the hotel (twice, since the first room we were given had no AC and was blowing heat instead) we raced to the Old Warson CC to at least get a glimpse of the venue before the day was done. The place is awesome and that first practice round couldn't come soon enough! Sleep came quickly for both of us even though Dad had to sleep on a pullout sofa because the hotel was out of double rooms. I got the king sized bed...poor old Daddy-O.

Luckily our friend David, who works at the Broadmoor Resort in Colorado (home of the 2011 US Women's Open) found host housing for us and we are now comfortably settled in with our host family, the Careys. Thank you Dave and thank you Linda and Peter.

My two practice rounds went well and I got to play both days with two of my future Furman teammates, Stephanie Kenoyer and Julia Thead. We all had a good time playing together even though it poured cats & dogs on Saturday.

Tomorrow is the first round of stroke play, and I have to get some sleep since I have an early tee time. We will update you after the day is done. Thanks so much for all the support and positive vibes coming from the great state of Maine.

Fairways and greens,  
Alexa

## August 3...

It was an incredibly fun day today! I didn't play great, but it was really only my short game that caused me problems. I didn't make any putts today AT ALL, so that didn't help. But I hit the ball pretty solidly. If I can just put it in the fairway tomorrow and make a few more putts I should be pretty good. I'm only about 4 shots off where the cut should be; so if I can post a good round tomorrow, I will definitely have a chance.

The experience so far has been amazing! We ate well once again today; the food that they provide here is awesome. And having my dad on the bag today was pretty fun. It's great to be able to share this experience with him. No matter what happens tomorrow, I plan on going out and giving it my all and playing my heart out. I have nothing to lose and everything to gain!

Fairways and greens,  
Alexa



## August 4

So, I didn't make the cut BUT this was one of the best experiences I have ever had, both in golf and just in life. From the minute my dad and I arrived at the tournament we were treated like royalty. As a player, I got some really cool gifts at check-in, including a silver necklace designed by a woman specifically for the tournament. I also got my own locker in the "Players Locker Room" (there was security there to make sure nobody but players went in!). They also gave us breakfast and lunch everyday, and it was some of the most delicious food I have ever eaten! It truly was spectacular.

I may not have played as well as I would have liked but under the circumstances I couldn't be more proud of myself. It was my first USGA tournament ever and to only miss the cut by a few strokes AND feel like I played badly is a pretty big accomplishment for me. The course was immaculate and was set up to Tour standards so it was a great experience to play on it and see what a course would be like on the LPGA. Everyone with the USGA and Old Warson CC were all incredibly welcoming and friendly, especially the members, who made us feel right at home. It definitely was an experience that I will never forget and one that I hope to go through many more times in the future!

I wanted to thank everyone in Maine who has supported me and helped me, not only to get to St. Louis (which so many of you did and I couldn't have done it without you!) but also just in my journey so far as a golfer. Living in Florida and in Maine for the past few years, I have struggled sometimes as to which is my home. But when I have tournament experiences like the recent Maine Women's Championship and feel the support and community that I felt there, it is easy for me to see that Maine is undoubtedly where my roots are and it is a place I want to come back to and call home for a lifetime.

Fairways and greens,  
Alexa



## Qualifying for the three person USGA

States Team:

Sept. 1,2,3 Fort Wayne Indiana

Leslie Guenther - SMWGA Champ (5th place WMSGA)

Barb Rondeau - SMWGA 3rd place (17th place WMSGA)

Whitney Hand - WMSGA 8th place

Alternates

Bernice Vadnais - SMWGA 13th place

Debby Gardner - WMSGA runner up and Senior Champ (late entry)



I wish to thank the women of WMSGA for all the kind and loving support I have received in these last couple of years and most recently with the loss of my husband Goodwin. Your cards, warm hugs, acknowledgement and support have made a very difficult time easier to bear. I am so proud to be a part of this outstanding organization and a group of women who care about one another. Again, my sincere gratitude to all.

## Messages from President Charleen

It has come to my attention that there is some discussion going on in regards to proper dress code for our players. While it would be great if we were all the same in size, age and means, this is not the case with WMSGA players. One will see a variety of attire on a variety of women who play depending on the above, therefore you will see women dressed differently. As long as they're dressed to suit the golf course we're playing on that day, they are not in violation. WMSGA went through this issue many years ago which caused many a hurt feeling unnecessarily. WMSGA Board decided at that time to do away with the dress code and do as the LPGA does. Nothing, let the courses decide.





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Great snap shot! Karen helped with the yardage marker so Denise could hit the next shot.



## Looking to get on a team

Belgrade 2BB of 4. I would like to be a fourth, if needed, at Belgrade. I have a high handicap, which could be a plus - if I play well!! Anyone interested can contact me at [donfife@gwi.net](mailto:donfife@gwi.net)

Thank you,  
Shirley Fifield

For comments, suggestions or news items you would like to see in a newsletter.

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**Attention Club Reps! Please print and post the newsletter at your club.**



## 79th WMSGA Championship at Augusta CC (2)

### Gross Scores

1	Alexa Rancourt	71-72-72-215	T43	Bern Michaud	92-102-99-293
2	Debby Gardner	80-78-80-238		Deborah Wiley	96-98-99-293
3	Ann Probert	79-80-82-241	46	Jane Diplock	98-98-98-294
4	Kristin Kannegieser	73-83-86-242	T47	Brenda Berry	93-99-105-297
5	Leslie Guenther	83-79-81-243		Ilse Pfander	101-98-98-297
6	Kathi O'Grady	79-84-81-244		Charleen Wiseman	100-101-96-297
7	Kate Merrill	85-82-82-249	50	Bobbie Andrus	104-95-101-300
T8	Whitney Hand	84-88-78-250	T51	Annette Charest	105-97-100-302
	Dale Hannon	81-83-86-250		Meriby Sweet	100-110-92-302
	Jennifer Weiland	83-80-87-250	T53	Marcia Blake	100-102-101-303
11	Micki Meggison	85-82-84-251		Wendy Bean	99-100-104-303
12	Mary Brandes	83-87-83-253	55	Melanie Chasse	103-107-94-304
T13	Juliana Aurie	86-83-85-254	T56	Vicki Lindquist	102-98-105-305
	Liz Coffin	87-84-83-254		Marilyn Rice	100-104-101-305
15	Liz Wiltshire	83-86-86-255		Jean Young	101-102-102-305
16	Stephanie Babin	92-88-79-259	59	Lee Barth	97-105-104-306
T17	Linda Cameron	89-82-89-260	T60	Peg Buchanan	104-104-100-308
	Viola Kemp	85-85-90-260		Jody Lyford	103-99-106-308
	Barbara Rondeau	81-89-90-260		Cheryl Paulson	103-100-105-308
20	Jean Sweetser	83-95-84-262	63	Evie Graham	101-103-105-309
21	Michele Davis	87-89-90-266	64	Karen Richardson	103-102-105-310
22	Rosemary Lyons	91-88-91-270	T65	Linda Caprara	102-98-111-311
23	Heidi Haylock	90-93-88-271		Alyssa Lazaro	92-109-110-311
T24	Marie Cates	87-92-96-275	67	Gail Gleason	111-103-100-314
	Pam Johnson	90-90-95-275	68	Mary Ann Fortin	102-102-111-315
	Helen Plourd	90-90-95-275	T69	Jeanne Fifield	101-100-116-317
T27	Prudence Hornberger	86-96-94-276		Norma Michaud	100-107-110-317
	Shirley Kile	92-93-91-276	T71	Nancy Pratt	109-107-102-318
29	Jennifer Durant	88-94-97-279		Bambi Stevens	98-110-110-318
T30	Natalie Graceffa	94-92-94-280	73	Ruth Appleyard	109-104-106-319
	Marlene Viger	90-95-95-280	T74	Pid Rafter	103-107-110-320
32	Diane Herring	98-94-89-281		Susan Wootton	115-103-102-320
33	Donni Witham	91-97-95-283	76	Ewa Prokopiuk	104-110-108-322
34	Kathy Heaton	97-91-96-284	77	Trudy Dorval	110-112-105-327
35	Judy Richard	95-99-91-285	T78	Linda Pearse	103-113-112-328
36	Darby Vigne	95-101-90-286		Anne Pooler	112-112-104-328
T37	Madolin Fogarty	95-100-92-287	80	Bobbi Berry	108-117-107-332
	Darlene Soboleski	94-97-96-287	81	Deb Hart	118-116-116-350
T39	Linda Holmes	97-94-99-290	82	Shirley Fifield	128-139-NC-NC
	Kathy Murphy	100-93-97-290	T83	Margo Audiffred	94-WD--WD
41	Jane Flower	98-100-93-291		Karen Feeney	107-NC-NC
42	Nancy Williams	96-99-97-292			
T43	Sandy Bethanis	90-102-101-293			



## 79th WMSGA Championship at Augusta CC (2)

### Net Scores

1 Heidi Haylock	70-73-68—211	T38 Judy Richard	78-82-74—234
2 Debby Gardner	72-70-72—214	45 Karen Richardson	78-77-80—235
T3 Michele Davis	70-72-73—215	T46 Bobbi Berry	76-85-75—236
Alexa Rancourt	71-72-72—215	Marilyn Rice	77-81-78—236
5 Leslie Guenther	74-70-72—216	Barbara Rondeau	73-81-82—236
T6 Kathi O'Grady	70-75-72—217	Deborah Wiley	77-79-80—236
Donni Witham	69-75-73—217	T50 Lee Barth	74-82-81—237
T8 Linda Cameron	75-68-75—218	Evie Graham	77-79-81—237
Diane Herring	77-73-68—218	52 Darby Vigne	79-85-74—238
Viola Kemp	71-71-76—218	T53 Bern Michaud	74-84-81—239
11 Marlene Viger	70-75-75—220	Helen Plourd	78-78-83—239
T12 Micki Meggison	75-72-74—221	T55 Brenda Berry	74-80-86—240
Norma Michaud	68-75-78—221	Jane Diplock	80-80-80—240
T14 Natalie Graceffa	75-73-75—223	Shirley Kile	80-81-79—240
Jennifer Weiland	74-71-78—223	Wendy Bean	78-79-83—240
T16 Liz Coffin	77-74-73—224	T59 Linda Pearse	74-84-83—241
Pam Johnson	73-73-78—224	Anne Pooler	83-83-75—241
Kristin Kannegieser	67-77-80—224	T61 Marie Cates	76-81-85—242
Darlene Soboleski	73-76-75—224	Jeanne Fifield	76-75-91—242
20 Liz Wiltshire	73-76-76—225	Linda Holmes	81-78-83—242
T21 Stephanie Babin	81-77-68—226	Pid Rafter	77-81-84—242
Mary Brandes	74-78-74—226	Jean Young	80-81-81—242
Jean Sweetser	71-83-72—226	T66 Kathy Heaton	84-78-83—245
24 Juliana Aurie	77-74-76—227	Alyssa Lazaro	70-87-88—245
T25 Prudence Hornberger	70-80-78—228	Vicki Lindquist	82-78-85—245
Kate Merrill	78-75-75—228	Kathy Murphy	85-78-82—245
T27 Whitney Hand	77-81-71—229	Meriby Sweet	81-91-73—245
Dale Hannon	74-76-79—229	T71 Jennifer Durant	77-83-86—246
Ann Probert	75-76-78—229	Mary Ann Fortin	79-79-88—246
T30 Annette Charest	81-73-76—230	Bambi Stevens	74-86-86—246
Madolin Fogarty	76-81-73—230	74 Melanie Chasse	84-88-75—247
Susan Wootton	85-73-72—230	75 Cheryl Paulson	83-80-85—248
33 Charleen Wiseman	78-79-74—231	76 Nancy Pratt	86-84-79—249
T34 Sandy Bethanis	70-82-81—233	77 Ewa Prokopiuk	80-86-84—250
Peg Buchanan	79-79-75—233	78 Gail Gleason	90-82-79—251
Linda Caprara	76-72-85—233	T79 Ruth Appleyard	87-82-84—253
Jody Lyford	78-74-81—233	Nancy Williams	83-86-84—253
T38 Bobbie Andrus	82-73-79—234	81 Deb Hart	87-85-85—257
Marcia Blake	77-79-78—234	82 Shirley Fifield	87-98-NC—NC
Trudy Dorval	79-81-74—234	T83 Margo Audiffred	77-WD—WD
Jane Flower	79-81-74—234	Karen Feeney	90-NC—NC
Rosemary Lyons	79-76-79—234		
Ilse Pfander	80-77-77—234		