



WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION End of Season Newsletter NOVEMBER 2016

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HELEN BERNSTEIN, MATCH PLAY MEDALIST



MICHELLE STELBEN-MURPHY & Adrienne MacLean



SARAH NICKERSON, SANFORD CUP FINALIST

113th Match Play Championship at Woodway Country Club Darien, CT Monday, August 22 - Thursday, August 25

Champion: Michelle Stelben-Murphy (CC of Darien) Finalist: Adrienne MacLean (Somerset Hills)

Sanford Cup Champion: Sarah Cohn (Fresh Meadow) Finalist: Sarah Nickerson (Rockaway Hunting)

Michelle Stelben-Murphy captured her second major title at the 113th Match Play Championship. Her other major title came in 1999 at the Stroke Play Championship at Sleepy Hollow Country Club. Michelle also won the Sanford Cup at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, in that same year.

The road to victory for this second major win, however, was not an easy one. Michelle's first match was against Alicia Kapheim, a former Sanford Cup Champion. Her Quarterfinal match was against Denise Martorana, 2016 WMGA Player of the Year. In an exciting semi-final match, she defeated Helen Bernstein, last year's Match Play finalist, to advance to the 36-hole final, where she faced off with Adrienne MacLean, a previous Match Play and Stroke Play Champion. Just like all the matches throughout the week, the finals faired no differently with a great showing of golf. To close out the first 18 holes of the match, Michelle birdied 4 of the final 5 holes to go 5 up. No one was more proud, however, than her father, Bob, who followed every shot Monday through Thursday, cheering her on the whole way!



PHYLLIS GUSICK, VP OF COMPETITIONS & SARAH COHN, SANFORD CUP CHAMPION



CHAMPION MICHELLE STELBEN-MURPHY AND HER FATHER

Better Ball "B" Championship at Green Brook Country Club North Caldwell, NJ Thursday, July 14

Previous Champions

2015 Theresa Pisacreta & Suzanne Longlade

> 2014 Linda Jenkins & Lee Slattery

2013 Denise King & Joey Baffico What happens when you team Theresa Pisacreta, 2016 Seniors "B" Champion, and Suzanne Longlade, 2016 "B" Stroke Play Champion to compete in the 2016 Better Ball "B" Championship? They reclaim their title. Not a big surprise that these two talented players complement each other so well that they defended their title! Congratulations on all your victories.

<u>CHAMPIONS:</u> Theresa Pisacreta & Suzanne Longlade (Lake Isle) - 85

Low NET WINNERS: Renee Lucania & Lorriane Toaldo (Forest Hill) - 65



THERESA PISACRETA & SUZANNE LONGLADE

Better Ball "A" Championship at Rockaway Hunting Club Lawrence, NY Thursday & Friday, October 13-14

Previous Champions

2015 Denise Martorana & Laura Algiero

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> 2013 Ellen Oswald & Gale Brudner

No strangers to winning, the mother-daughter team of Helen Stovell and Mimi McAndrew captured this year's Better Ball "A" Championship. This dynamic duo has also won the Mother-Daughter Championship three times. Clearly, the apple does not fall far from the tree. Well done!



MIMI MCANDREW & HELEN STOVELL

<u>CHAMPIONS:</u> Helen Stovell (CC of Fairfield) & Mimi McAndrew (Piping Rock) 74+74-148

Low NET WINNERS: Michelle Shifflet (Glen Oaks) & Patti Feldman (Village Club) 68+66-134