

HISTORY OF THE I.W.G.A. FOREVER '39 TOURNAMENT

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1964 is the first year that the I.W.G.A. Forever '39 Tournament was held. They were called the Forever 39ER's. Officers for 1963 when I assume that this tournament was voted to be played were: President, Mrs. R.R. Griffel, Eldora; Vice President, Mrs. Robert Van Horn, Des Moines; and Mrs. Harold O. Skow was Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

The first Forever 39er's Tournament was held at Sunnyside Country Club in Waterloo, Iowa on September 29 and 30th, 1964. It was a 36-hole match play tournament and the entry fee was \$10.00. Chairperson for the tournament was Miss Marion Lichty of Waterloo.

1964 – At Sunnyside Country Club, Waterloo, IA
September 29 and 30th
Chairman: Miss Marion Lichty, Waterloo
Champion: Ann Aschenbrenner, Dubuque
Runner-up: Corrine Sebbert
Consolation: Kate Nelson

1965 – At Elmcrest Golf & Country Club, Cedar Rapids
September 28 and 29th
Chairman: Mrs. Walter Roberts
Champion: Dorris Hotchkiss, Cedar Rapids
Runner-up: Betty McNale
Consolation: Ann Griffel

1966 – At Des Moines Golf & Country Club, West Des Moines
September 27 and 28th
Chairman: Mrs. Paul Lambrecht
Champion: Eileen Van Horn, Des Moines
Runner-up: Tootie Jensen
Consolation: Hazel Scheppele

1967 – At Fort Dodge Golf & Country Club, Fort Dodge
September 26 and 27th
Chairman: Mrs. Bill Hird
Champion: Eileen Van Horn, Des Moines
Runner-up: Pat Ulrich
Consolation: Mrs. Vance Stead

1968 – At Ottumwa Country Club, Ottumwa
September 24 and 25th
Chairman: Mrs. Fred Nydle
Champion: Corkey Nydle, Ottumwa
Runner-up: Eileen Van Horn
Joan Roewert

1969 – At Sunnyside Country Club, Waterloo
September 23 and 24th
Chairman: Mrs. Gordon Houck
Champion: Eileen Van Horn, Des Moines
Runner-up: Ann Griffel
Consolation: Kate Nelson

1970 – At Cedar Rapids Country Club, Cedar Rapids
September 21, 22, and 23rd
Chairman: Fran Rust
Co-Chairman: Ginny Collins
Champion: Eileen Van Horn
Runner-up: Rosemary Mueller
Consolation: Tie: Price and Aschembrener (rained out)

1970 was the only year that a special program was printed for this tournament that can be found in the historian's records. The practice round was held on Monday, September 21 other than that the format wasn't any different than the format of today. This program provided the winners through 1964 – 1969.

1971 – At Ottumwa Country Club, Ottumwa
September 27, 28, and 29th
Co-Chairmen: Mrs. Richard Bauerie and Mrs. J.D. Francis
Champion: Eileen Van Horn
Runner-up: Dorris Hotchkiss
Consolation: Evelyn Brackeueld

1972 – At Porky's Red Carpet Country Club, Waterloo
September 26 and 27th
Chairman: Miss Marion Lichty
Champion: Joan Roewert
Runner-up: Maxine Tomlyanovich

One of the interesting notations for this tournament in 1972 was to make room reservations early because of the Cattle Congress.

1973 – At Sunnyside Country Club, Waterloo
September 17, 18 and 19th
Chairman: Miss Marion Lichty
Co-Chairman: Mrs. Bob Hunerberg
Champion: Ann Griffel
Runner-up: Dorris Hotchkiss
Consolation: Maxine Tomlyanovich

1974 – At Burlington Country Club, Burlington
September 16, 17 and 18th
Chairman: Miss Marion Lichty
Co-Chairmen: Mrs. Richard Wischmeier and Mrs. Gerald Thye
Champion: Ann Griffel
Runner-up: Corkey Nydle
Consolation: Flo Fickee

1975 – At Elmcrest Golf & Country Club, Cedar Rapids
September 15 and 16th
Chairwoman: Miss Marion Lichty
Co-Chairwomen: Mrs. F.G. Johnson and Mrs. Robert C. Young
Champion: Joan Roewert
Runner-up: Corkey Nydle
Consolation: Ann Aschenbrenner

Note that the chairs of these tournaments changed from Chairman to Chairwoman.

1976 - At Atlantic Golf & Country Club, Atlantic
September 16 and 17th
Chairperson: Mrs. Gerald (Jean) Clause
Co-Chairpersons: Mrs. H.N. Lawton and Mrs. Robert Waugh
Champion: Corkey Nydle
Runner-up: Ann Griffel
Consolation: Joan Roewert

Note that the chairs changed this year to chairpersons.

1977 – At Ottumwa Country Club, Ottumwa
September 20 and 21st
Co-Chairpersons: Mrs. Jerry Herriott and Mrs. J.R. Martin
Champion: Corkey Nydle
Runner-up: Ann Griffel
Consolation: Carol Erickson

This is the first year that the registration forms stated that all players were required to ride carts.

1978 – At Sunnyside Country Club, Waterloo
September 18,19 and 20th
Co-Chairpersons: Mrs. C. David Boswell and Mrs. W.D. McCausland
Champion: Carol Erickson
Runner-up: Ann Griffel
Consolation: Joan Roewert
The 1978 Tournament was not completed due to rain.

1979 – At Lacom Golf Club, East Dubuque, Illinois
September 18,19 and 20th
Co-Chairpersons: Mrs. Gordon Cunningham and Mrs. M. Ben Bennett
Champion: Ann Griffel
Runner-up: Ann Genzler
Consolation: Mary Lou Klein

1980 – At Charles City Country Club, Charles City
September 15,16 and 17th
Chairman: Bev (Mrs. Paul) Sisson
Champion: Chris Torgerson
Runner-up: Roberta Van Fleet
Consolation: Jo Hutchcraft

1981 – At Des Moines Golf and Country Club
September 15,16 and 17th
Chairman: Pat McGuiness (Mrs. John)
Champion: Pat McGuiness
Runner-up: Roberta Van Fleet
Consolation: N/A

1982 – At Willow Creek, Des Moines
September 16 and 17th
Chairperson: Kate Nelson
Champion: Tournament was rained out – returned all entry fees

1983 – At Westwood Golf Club, Newton
Champion: Jo Hutchcroft, Oakvill
Runner-up: Ann Griffel
Consolation: N/A

1984 – At Lake Creek Country Club, Storm Lake
September 13 and 14th
Chairperson: not available
Champion: Bev Sisson, Charles City
Runner-up: Helen Vojak
Consolation: Betty Tymason

The 1984 the Forever '39 Tournament was listed as the 21st Annual.

1985 – At Porky's Red Carpet Country Club, Waterloo
September 17 and 18th
Chairperson: not available
Champion: Bev Sisson, Charles City
Runner-up: Roberta Van Fleet

Ann Griffel was President of the I.W.G.A. through 1984. Betty Thye (Mrs. G.C.) was President in 1985.

1986 – At LaComa Golf Club, East Dubuque, Illinois
September 16 and 17th
Director: Roberta VanFleet
Chairperson: Judy Paulson
Champion: Jo Hutchcroft, Oakville, IA
Runner-up: Jill Blackwood
Consolation: Donna Vroom

1987 – At Fort Dodge Country Club, Fort Dodge
September 20,21 and 22nd
Director: Gleni Howard
Champion: Mary Ellen Walgren
Runner-up: Jo Hutchcraft
Consolation: Roberta Van Fleet

1988 – At Pheasant Ridge Golf Course, Cedar Falls
September 18,19 and 20th
Director: Roberta Van Fleet
Champion: Bev Sisson, Charles City
Runner-up: Maxine Tomlyanovich
Consolation: Sara Landstrum

1989 – At Cedar Rapids Country Club, Cedar Rapids
September 17, 18 and 19th
Director: Mary Olson
Champion: Rene Pffner
Runner-up: Joan Roewert
Consolation: Corky Nydle

Gleni Howard (Mrs. C.J.) was President beginning 1989.

1990 – At Hyperion Field Club, Des Moines
September 16, 17 and 18th
Directors: Trudie Higgs and Ann McGrevey
Champion: Maxine Tomlyanovich, Cedar Falls
Runner-up: Pat Tate
Consolation: Lyn Schumann

1991 – At Fort Dodge Country Club, Fort Dodge
September 15,16 and 17th
Directors: Ann McGrevey and Gleni Howard
Champion: Jeanette Callahan, Sherill
Runner-up: Carol Smith
Consolation: Corkey Nydle

1992 – At Echo Valley Country Club, Des Moines
September 20,21 and 22nd
Directors: Diane Kasdorf and Trudie Higgs
Champion: Jeanette Callahan, Sherill
Runner-up: Pat Willett
Consolation: Linda Eldridge

1993 – At Elmwood Country Club, Marshalltown
September 19,20 and 21st
Directors: Diane Kasdorf and Jean Brennecke
Champion: Gleni Howard
Runner-up: N/A
Consolation: N/A

Corkey Nydle was President in 1993.

1994 – At Willow Creek Golf Club, Des Moines
September 18,19 and 20th
Directors: Diane Kasdorf and Jean Brennecke
Champion: Corkey Nydle
Runner-up: Jill Blackwood
Consolation: Jeri Johnson

1995 – At Carroll Country Club, Carroll
September 17,18 and 19th
Director: Diane Kasdorf
Champion: not available
Runner-up: Corkey Nydle
Consolation: Nancy Schmeiser

1996 – At Geneva Golf & Country Club, Muscatine
September 15,16 and 17th
Director: Diane Kasdorf
Champion: Sara Landsturm, Des Moines
Runner-up: Jill Blackwood
Consolation: Lyn Schumann

Trudie Higgs was President in 1996.

1997 – At Lakeshore Golf & Country Club, Council Bluffs
September 22 and 23rd
Director: Julie Lisle
Champion: Corkey Nydle
Runner-up: Beth Dennow

1998 – At Brooks Golf Club, Okoboji
September 21 and 22nd
Director: Gleni Howard
Champion: Katie Blaess, West Des Moines
Runner-up: Joyce Kuehl
Consolation: Barb Hagie

1998 was the first year that soft spikes were mandatory.

1999 – At Fort Dodge Country Club, Fort Dodge
September 20 and 21st
Director: Gleni Howard
Champion: Katie Blaess, West Des Moines
Runner-up: Gleni Howard
Consolation: Jill Blackwood

2000 – At Ames Golf & Country Club, Ames
September 18 and 19th
Director: Elaine Holden
Champion: Katie Blaess
Runner-up: Linda Eldridge
Consolation: Janell Schwartzkopf

Diane Kasdorf was President for 2000.

2001 – At Hyperion Field Club, Johnston
October 1 and 2nd
Director: Trudie Higgs
Champion: Karol Hare, Johnston
Runner-up: Janell Schwartzkopf
Consolation: Barb Bachman

2002 – Lake Panarama

Director: Trudie Higgs
Co-Director: Diane Kasdorf
Champion: Jean Mowry, Webster City
Runner-up: Angie Finzen
Consolation: Karol Hare
Qualifying round medallists:
Front 9 – Jean Mowry, Webster City
Back 9 – Faye Peterson, Panora

2003 – Briggs Woods Golf Course, Webster City
September 21-22, 2003

Director: Trudie Higgs
Co-Director: Diane Kasdorf
Champion: Jean Mowry, Webster City
Runner-up: Julie Davidson, Ankeny
Consolation: Katie Blaess, West Des Moines
Qualifying round medalists:
Front 9 – Jean Mowry, Webster City (38)
Back 9 – Janet Thomas, Cedar Rapids (47)
Sally Sharp, Marshalltown (47)

2004 – Lake Creek CC, Storm Lake
September 20-21, 2004

Director: Ruth DeVries
Committee: Janet Berry, Debbie Fisher, Trudie Higgs
Champion: Janet Berry, Storm Lake
Runner-up: Jean Mowry, Webster City
Consolation: Jill Blackwood, Burlington
Qualifying round medalists:
Front 9 – Kathy Sanky – 41; Jean Mowry – 41; only the front nine was played.

2005 – Lake Panorama National Club, Panora
September 19-20, 2005

Director: Trudie Higgs
Committee: Ruth DeVries, Debbie Fisher, Brenda Samuelson
Champion: Judy McCarty, Fort Madison
Runner-up: Carroll Dethrow, Nevada
Consolation: Janece Schwartzhopf, Stuart
Qualifying round medalists:
Front 9 – Judy McCarty – 39
Back 9 – Rhonda Buchanan, Panora – 45

2006 – Fort Dodge Country Club, Fort Dodge
September 18-19, 2006

Director: Brenda Samuelson
Committee: Trudie Higgs, Stacy Manuel
Champion: Judy McCarty, Fort Madison
Runner-up: Sue Schwarz, Perry
Consolation: Sara Landstrum, Norwalk
Qualifying round medalists:
Front 9 – Judy McCarty – 39
Back 9 – Ann McGrevey – 46

2007 – Indianola Country Club, Indianola
September 24-25, 2007

Directors: Brenda Samuelson, Stacy Manuel
Champion: Jill Blackwood, Burlington
Runner-up: Karol Hare, Johnston
Consolation: Ila Gilbert, Ankeny
Qualifying round medalists:
Front 9 – Pat Rutherford – 36
Back 9 – Annette Hoover – 41

2008 – Centennial Oaks Golf Club, Waverly
September 15-16, 2008

Directors: Brenda Samuelson, Stacy Manuel
Champion: Beth Duenow, St. Ansgar
Runner-up: Linda Laylin, Waterloo
Consolation: Jill Blackwood, Burlington
Qualifying round medalists:
Front 9 – Beth Duenow – 35
Back 9 – Jane Christensen – 47

2009 – Elmwood Country Club, Marshalltown
September 28-29, 2009

Directors: Brenda Samuelson, Stacy Manuel

Champion: Kelly Grimes, Clive

Runner-up: Caroll Dethrow, Nevada

Consolation: Janece Schwartzkopf

Qualifying round medalists:

Front 9 – Elizabeth Marchant - 40

Back 9 – Jennifer St. John - 48