

HISTORY OF THE IWGA SENIOR WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

The Senior Women's Tournament began in 1966 as a part of the IWGA Women's State Tournament held at Elmwood Country Club in Marshalltown. The "Committee" for the senior division is listed as Fran Rust, so I am assuming that she was the director of this part of the tournament.

1966 – Senior Champion: Charlotte McConachie

1967 – held at the Cedar Rapids Country Club, Cedar Rapids

Director: Fran Rust (Mrs. J. Bradley)

Senior Champion: Mrs. R. R. (Ann) Griffel, Eldora

1968 – held at the Spencer Golf & Country Club, Spencer

Director: Fran Rust (Mrs. J. Bradley)

Local Committee Chairmen: Marilyn Bertell

Marge Snyder

Senior Champion: Mrs. R. R. (Ann) Griffel, Eldora

1969 – held at the Sioux City Boat Club, Sioux City

Local Committee Chairmen: Honey Thomas

Ruth Maddison

Senior Champion: Mrs. R.R. (Ann) Griffel, Eldora

(There is no mention of the IWGA Director in the 1969 Tournament Booklet nor the Senior Champion.)

1970 – held at the Dubuque Golf & Country Club, Dubuque

Directors: Mrs. J. Bradley Rust

Miss Marion Lichty

Senior Champion: Ann Aschenbrener

(There is nothing in the 1970 Tournament booklet about a Senior Champion or Defending Champion.)

1971 – held at the Westwood Park Golf Course, Newton

Senior Champion: Ann Griffel, Eldora

(There is no information on Senior activities in the 1971 Tournament booklet.)

1972 – held at the Crow Valley Golf Club, Bettendorf

Senior Champion: Ann Griffel, Eldora

(There is no 1972 Tournament booklet in the Historian's records)

1973 – held at the Des Moines Golf & Country Club, West Des Moines

Senior Champion: Ann Griffel, Eldora

This is the year that decided that all seniors must ride in carts.

From this date on, I could go to the IWGA Calendar for the only information that there is in the Historian's records.

1974 – held at the Lakeshore Country Club, Council Bluffs

Senior Champion: Ann Griffel, Eldora

1975 – held at the Mason City Country Club, Mason City

Senior Champion: Ann Griffel, Eldora

1976 – held at the Elmwood Country Club, Marshalltown

Senior Champion: Ann Griffel, Eldora

1977 – held at the Beaver Hills Country Club, Cedar Falls

Senior Champion: Ann Griffel, Eldora

1978 – held at the lake Creek Country Club, Storm Lake

Senior Champion: Ann Griffel, Eldora

1979 – held at the Ottumwa Country Club, Ottumwa

Senior Champion: Rosemary Mueller, Davenport

1980 – held at the Cedar Rapids Country Club, Cedar Rapids

Senior Champion: Rosemary Mueller, Davenport

1981 – held at Oakland Acres, Grinnell

This is the year that the Senior finally grew up and got a tournament of its' own. The field was limited to 120 players, with handicaps under 35. All entrants qualified with 18 holes, and all flights, including Championship played 36 holes. Must be 50 years of age and must ride in carts. The Director of this first "stand alone" tournament was Dee (Mrs. H. W.) Erickson of Algona.

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Entry fee schedule: IWGA Membership required - \$15.00
Individual Entry Fee - \$30.00
(includes banquet)
Individual Social Entry - \$15.00
(includes banquet)

Senior Champion: Corkey Nydle, Cedar Rapids

1982 – held at the Echo Valley Country Club, Des Moines

Director: Mrs. Dee Erickson, Algona

Senior Champion: Eileen Van Horn

Apparently the women were allowed to bring their own carts because the entry blank has a place to designate this.

1983 – held at the Westwood Park Golf Course, Newton

Director: Ann Griffel, Eldora

Entry Fee to \$35.00

Senior Champion: Corkey Nydle, Cedar Rapids

1984 – held at the Elmwood Country Club, Marshalltown

Director: Dee (Mrs. Paul) Niebur, Eagle Grove

Senior Champion: Corkey Nydle, Cedar Rapids

1985 – held at the Burlington Golf Club, Burlington

Director: Betty Thye, Burlington

Senior Champion: Corkey Nydle, Cedar Rapids

The space for bringing your own golf cart is no longer on the entry blank.

1986 – held at the Westwood Park Golf Course, Newton

Director: Carole Belisle, West Des Moines

Senior Champion: Corkey Nydle, Cedar Rapids

1987 – held at the Okobojo Vu Golf Course, Spirit Lake

Director: Pat Hopson, Nevada

Senior Champion: Corkey Nydle, Cedar Rapids

1988 – held at Thunder Hill Country Club, Dubuque

Directors: Pat Hopson, Nevada

Jan Lehr, Grundy Center

Senior Champion: Corkey Nydle, Cedar Rapids

Fee is now \$40.00

1989 – held at the Ottumwa Country Club, Ottumwa

Director: Jan Lehr, Grundy Center

Senior Champion: Corkey Nydle, Cedar Rapids

1990 – held at Elmwood Country Club, Marshalltown

Directors: Roberta Van Fleet, Waterloo

Mary Olson, Cedar Rapids

Bev Sisson, Charles City

Senior Champion: Corkey Nydle, Cedar Rapids

Fee is now \$45.00

1991 – held at St. Andrews Golf Course, Cedar Rapids

Directors: Corkey Nydle, Cedar Rapids

Joan Bane, Iowa City

Senior Champion: Mary Schneider, Sheldon

The Super Senior Division was added this year for women 60 years of age and over.

Super Senior Champion: Eileen Van Horn, Des Moines

1992 – held at the Ottumwa golf & Country Club, Ottumwa

Director: Trudie Higgs, Des Moines

Senior Champion: Corkey Nydle, Cedar Rapids

Super Senior Division: Joan Roewert, Fort Madison

Fee is now \$50.00

1993 – held at Squaw Creek Municipal Golf Course, Marion

Director: Linda Frisch, Cedar Rapids

Senior Champion: Corkey Nydle, Cedar Rapids

Super Senior Champion: Joan Roewert, Fort Madison

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1994 – held at Red Oak Golf & Country Club, Red Oak

Director: Sue Geer, Clarinda

Senior Champion: Mary Schneider, Sheldon

Super Senior Champion: Roberta Van Fleet

There are no records of any of the Super Senior winners in the Historian's box. They may be in the Senior Tournament notebooks. There are no records of any scores for any of the winners nor records of the runners-up.

Compiled by Martha Kemble, Historian, in 1995.

Additional history by Sally Sharp, Historian 2001

In 1991 the Super Senior Division was added for women 60 years of age and over. The winners for those years are as follows:

1991 – Eileen Van Horn, Des Moines, IA

1992 – Marcia Bedell, Spirit Lake

1993 – Joan Rowert, Ft. Madison

1994 – Roberta Van Fleet, Waterloo

1995 – held at the Burlington Golf Club, Burlington – June 27 & 28, 1995

Directors: Jill Blackwood

Senior Champion: Anita Harsch

Super Senior Champion: Joan Rowert, Ft. Madison

1996 – held at the Highland Park Golf Course, Mason City – July 1 & 2, 1996

Director: Jean Petersen

Senior Champion: Anita Harsch

Super Senior Champion: Betty Dunham, Onawa

1997 – held at the Terrace Hills Golf Course, Altoona – June 16 & 17, 1997

Director: Diane Kasdorf

Senior Champion: Anita Harsch

Super Senior Champion: Irene Bellville, Panora

1998 – held at the American Legion Golf Course, Marshalltown – June 22 & 23, 1998

Director: Diane Kasdorf

Senior Champion: Linda Frisch

Super Senior Champion: Betty Dunham, Onawa

1999 – held at the Beaver Hills Country Club, Cedar Falls

Director: Lyn Schumann

Senior Champion: Jean Mowry, Webster City

Super Senior Champion: Lyn Schumann, Waterloo

2000 – held at the Red Oak Country Club, Red Oak

Director: Karon Giles

Senior Champion: Jean Mowry, Webster City

Super Senior Champion: Shirley Pease, Shenandoah

2001 – held at the Panorama National Golf Course, Panora

Director: Karon Giles

Senior Champion: Jean Mowry, Webster City

Super Senior Champion: Irene Bellville, Panora

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2002 – held at the Geneva Country Club, Muscatine, IA

Chairman: Karon Giles

Co-Chairman: Jeri Johnson

Senior Champion: Jean Mowry, Webster City – (78-76)154

Super Senior Champion: Lyn Schumann, Waterloo – (88-87) 175

Medalist: Jean Mowry, Webster City – 78

2003 – held at Elmhurst Country Club, Oskaloosa, Iowa

Director: Karon Giles

Senior Champion: Jean Mowry, Webster City

Super Senior Champion: Judy McCarty, Fort Madison

Senior Medalist: Jean Mowry, Webster City – 78

Super Senior Medalist: Judy McCarty, Fort Madison – 80

2004 – held at Ames Golf and Country Club, Ames Iowa

Director: Karon Giles

Senior Champion: Jean Mowry, Webster City (72-72) 144

Super Senior Champion: Judy McCarty, Fort Madison (86-87) 173

Senior Medalist: Jean Mowry, Webster City – 72

Super Senior Medalist: Judy McCarty, Fort Madison - 86

2005 – held at Hunter's Ridge Golf Course, Marion, Iowa

Director: Karon Giles

Committee: Karen Garbes

Because of rain the second day the field only played nine holes to finish the Championship

Senior Champion: Jean Mowry, Webster City (77-38) 115

Super Senior Champion: Judy McCarty, Fort Madison (78-47) 125

Senior Medalist: Jean Mowry, Webster City – 77

Super Senior Medalist: Judy McCarty, Fort Madison - 78

At the fall of 2005 at the board of directors meeting it was decided to change the overall format of the Senior Women's Championship to one overall field. The current trophy would be used for the overall winner of the tournament; the current trophy for the winner of the Super Senior division (60 and above);

Then give medals for winners of age groups 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s.

2006 – held at Lake Panorama National Golf Course, Panora

Directors: Ruth DeVries, Karon Giles

Senior Champion: Carroll Dethrow, Nevada (78-84) 162

Super Senior Champion: Sara Landstrum, Norwalk (84-85) 169

Super 70's Champion: Joyce Prescott, Sioux City (105-102) 207

Super 80's Champion: Eileen Van Horn, Des Moines (101-107) 208

Senior Medalist: Carroll Dethrow, Nevada – 78

Super Senior Medalist: Sara Landstrum, Norwalk – 84

2007 – held at Atlantic Golf & Country Club, Atlantic

Director: Ruth DeVries

Senior Champion: Barb Svano, Urbandale (79-76) 155

Super Senior Champion: Sara Landstrum, Norwalk (84-77) 161

Super 70's Champion: Jane Christensen, Waterloo (93-91) 184

Super 80's Champion: Eileen Van Horn, Des Moines (100-102) 202

Senior Medalist: Barb Svano, Urbandale – 79

Super Senior Medalist: Judy McCarty, Fort Madison – 81

2008 – held at Brown Deer Golf Club, Coralville

Director: Carroll Dethrow, Linda Laylin, Cindy Reinertsen

Senior Champion: Beth Duenow, St. Ansgar (70-79) 149

Super Senior Champion: Jill Blackwood, Burlington (75-80) 155

Super 70's Champion: Sonia McCunniff, Cedar Falls (90-90) 180

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Super 80's Champion: Eileen Van Horn, Des Moines (97-95) 192

Senior Medalist: Beth Duenow, St. Ansgar – 70

Super Senior Medalist: Jill Blackwood, Burlington – 75

2009 – held at Copper Creek Golf Course, Pleasant Hill

Director: Linda Laylin, Cindy Reinertsen, Yvonne Wernimont

Senior Champion: Kathy Fortune, Rockwell City (77-77) 154

Super Senior Champion: Janis Owens, Creston (79-79) 158

Super 70's Champion: Judy Blank, Cedar Rapids (89-94) 183, Lyn Schumann, Waterloo (92-91) 183

Super 80's Champion: Eileen Van Horn, Urbandale (98-98) 196

Senior Medalist: Barb Svano, Urbandale – 75

Super Senior Medalist: Linda Laylin, Waterloo – 77 and Joan Giese, Dubuque – 77

2010 – held at Ottumwa Country Club, Ottumwa

Director: Linda Laylin, Cindy Reinertsen, Yvonne Wernimont

Senior Champion: Rose Kubesheski, Dubuque (80-80) 160

Super Senior Champion: Carroll Dethrow, Nevada (80-81) 161

Super 70's Champion: Lyn Schumann, Waterloo (103-102) 205

Senior Medalist: Rose Kubesheski, Dubuque - 80

Super Senior Medalist: Carroll Dethrow, Nevada - 80