

HISTORY OF THE I.W.G.A. NATIONAL TEAM PLAY

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The United States Golf Association, USGA, sponsors a State Team Championship Tournament every two years the first being held in 1995 at Lake Buena Vista Club in Florida. The winning team in the inaugural tournament was from Pennsylvania and was made up of Liz Haines of Gladwyne, Judy Oliver of Sewickley, and Carol Semple Thompson, also of Sewickley. Oliver and Thompson have both played for the United States in the Curtis Cup Match. The second (1997) at Kierland Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona, the third (1999) at Golden Horseshoe Golf Club in Williamsburg, Virginia and the fourth at Woodhill Country Club, Wayzata, Minnesota.

The first year that the I.W.G.A. took part in the National State Team tournament was 1997. The Tournament was held at Kierland Golf Club in Scottsdale, AZ. Jill Blackwood, Judy McCarty and Trudy Higgs represented the Iowa Women's Golf Association. The Iowa team finished in 44th place with a total of 510.

At the September 29, 2001 IWGA board meeting it was approved that the hotel accommodations and the shirts for the Iowa team would be paid for by the Iowa Women's Golf Association.

One of the USGA rules is that the State team can be chosen any method they chose except for one restriction: college players are ineligible because of the NCAA bylaws.